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# Greening Sacred Spaces

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Seeking Common Ground for the Common Good



**A national interfaith network for dialogue and action on issues related to our common good.**

**As peoples of differing faiths and cultures,  
we affirm common values of  
*justice, peace, participation, human rights  
ecological inter-relationship, and compassion*  
as cornerstones of a healthy society.**



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- **Conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gases**
- **Learn about the spiritual and practical opportunities for becoming more *green***
- **Develop reuse, recycle, & rethink programs**
- **Access information about available funding**
- **Locate skilled professionals and technical experts**
- **Save money that can be applied to other good causes**
- **Be better community leaders and Earth stewards**



# Why green sacred spaces?

## Green faith communities:

- **Role model for members and community**
- **Reduce eco-footprint**
- **Inspire and attract young people**
- **Healthier building environment**
- **Significant cost savings**



# What is a Green Team?

- **Greening group or committee within your place of worship that focuses on greening efforts**
- **Greening a place of worship takes the conscious, committed and organized actions of people to accomplish meaningful change**



# What does a Green Team do?

- **Greening in worship and faithful practice**
- **Greening through education of community members**
- **Greening through modeling a sustainable building and practices**



# Steps to Greening





# Renewable Energy for Faith Communities

- **This project has just been launched by Greening Sacred Spaces. It involves:**
  - a) educating faith communities about the development of renewable energy facilities**
  - b) encouraging faith community investment in renewable energy by increasing awareness and best practices within the faith sector**
  - c) to promote diverse technology types that would be appropriate to faith communities**





# Resources & Workshops

- **Solar case studies resource**
- **Guide for going solar**
- **15 educational workshops across the province (Ottawa, Waterloo, Durham, Toronto, North Bay, York, and other regions)**
- **Contact GSS for more info!**



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