



# RESOURCE GUIDE

to promoting environmental stewardship through a spiritual lens

## ENERGY, AUDITS, & RETROFITS

### ENERGY STAR

#### Action Workbook for Congregations

- Planning guide to increase energy and water efficiency



### KAIROS

#### Energy Workbook for Religious Buildings

- Worksheets and information to implement energy retrofits



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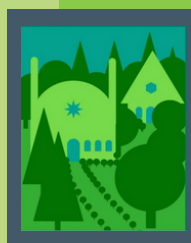
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## Faith & the Common Good

- **DIY Faith Building Energy Audit Guide**
  - Guide that walks you through conducting your own energy audit of your faith space
- **Retrofit and Microfit Action in Faith Communities**
  - Case study examples on how faith communities in the GTA became more energy efficient
- **Solar in Faith Communities**
  - Case studies about how ten Ontario faith communities implemented solar energy
- **Energy Benchmarking Case Studies in Toronto-Hamilton**
  - Examples of greening actions in the GTA: 
- **10 Mission Per Square Foot Case Studies**
  - Case studies from Ottawa area that explore how diverse faith communities sustainably utilize their buildings
- **Green Audits 2014: Anglican Church of Canada and Greening Sacred Spaces**
  - Report on the audits done by Anglican Churches in Canada
- **St. James Carp Audit Report**
  - Case study on the audit of three sanctuaries in Carp

## NATURE, BIODIVERSITY, & GARDENING



- **Native Plant Garden Guide**
  - Guide that outlines how to go about implementing garden spaces with native plant species
- **Outdoor Greening Fact Sheets**
  - Useful tips on gardening practices to better your green spaces
- **Edible Community Garden Guide**
  - Guide that outlines how to create an edible garden
- **Gardens Built by Love: Faith-Based Community Gardens**
  - Study on community garden examples from 10 faith communities



- **10 Outdoor Greening Case Studies**
  - Study that showcases examples of faith community gardening projects in Ottawa
- **Pollinator Support Sheet**
  - Tips on how to better support & sustain biodiversity in your environment

## Greening Sacred Spaces Ottawa

- **Tip Sheets on Improving Building Energy Efficiency and Greening**
  - Series of infographics with tips & tricks for energy saving
- **Ottawa Faith-Building Energy Benchmarking Program**
  - Case studies on the faith communities that took part in this energy benchmarking program

## TRCA

## Green Churches Network

- **Maintaining Your Pollinator Garden**
  - Guide with tasks and information on how to encourage pollinators in your gardens
- **Action Activity: "Let's Plant Flower Bulbs"**
  - Workbook on how to organize planting activities in your congregation
- **Education Activity: Our Endangered Birds**
  - Workbook on how to lead a workshop on Canadian birds



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## FOOD & WASTE

### Green Churches Network

- **Composting Chart**
  - Infographic to understand the do's and don'ts of composting

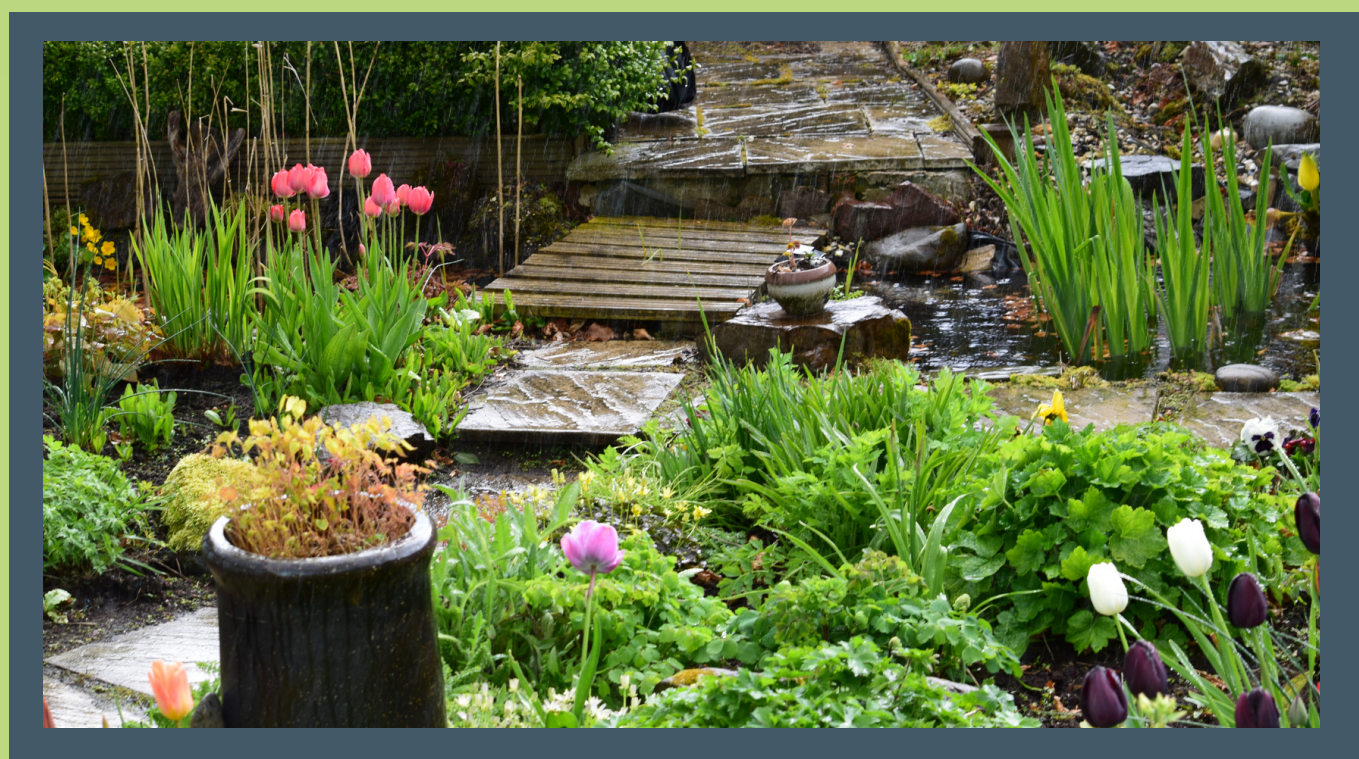
### EarthHub Ottawa

- **'Items to Keep Out of the Landfill' Program**
  - The Ottawa Chapter of EarthHub, an environmental organisation that accepts and collects plastic items as part of their waste diversion system

## WEATHER & STORMWATER

### Faith & the Common Good

- **Extreme Weather Tool Kit**
  - Guide to understanding extreme weather and achieving emergency preparedness
- **Extreme Weather Resilience Hub Case Studies**
  - Study with examples on how faith communities have prepared for extreme weather
- **Stormwater Management**
  - Guide that outlines ways to manage rain water in order to reduce pollution in our waterways



### Tamarack Institute

#### Strengthening the Role of Faith-Based Organizations to Support Emergency Preparedness

- Project that evaluates community weather resilience



### Ottawa Riverkeeper



#### Urban Rain Gardens Poster Set



### Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

#### Reducing Your Runoff Poster

## COMMUNITY ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

### ICLEI Collaborative Implementation Groups (CIG)

- **Public Engagement Through Existing Faith-Based Organization Network**
  - Case study on the environmental initiatives of faith communities in Brampton

### Faith & the Common Good & Greening Sacred Spaces



- **A Guide to Developing a 'Green Team' in Your Faith Community**
  - Guide to starting and running an environmental team
- **Faith and the Environment Toolkit**
  - Guide that aims to empower and engage faith communities in building a safe, healthy and sustainable future
- **Greening in Faith Communities: Ten Community Profiles**
  - Case studies on the community actions of 10 Ontario faith communities
- **Youth Voices Outreach Manual**
  - Guide on how to organize an interfaith youth group
- **Regeneration Works Case Studies**
  - Reports on how faith groups in Ontario have enhanced their community spaces



### Green Churches Network

- **Take Action Tools**
  - Directory of resources to take action on specific themes
- **Green Tips**
  - List of year round tips based off of Bible passages
- **Green Churches Library**
  - Collection of books, DVDs, and files that discuss ecology and creation within the Church
- **Education Activity: How Big is Your Ecological Footprint?**
  - Worksheet to organize a reflection on one's environmental footprint
- **Action Activity: Cleaning a Nearby Green Space**
  - Worksheet to organize a cleanup
- **Action Activity: Car Free Sunday**
  - Worksheet to alleviate the detriments of car use

### Financing Options for Greening Your Sacred Space

- Overview of funding opportunity options for green initiatives, such as information on loans and grants

### Catholic Eco-Investment Accelerator Toolkit

- Guide to help faith institutions align their investments with their mission, vision, and the climate crisis

