FAITH COMMUNITIES GO GREEN

RESOURCES: FACILITIES

FCGG.ORG
On-line Toolkits for Greening Your House of Worship:

Interfaith Power & Light - “Five Steps to Becoming a Cool Congregation”
https://www.coolcongregations.org/
and their startup kit, which can be downloaded:
http://www.coolcongregations.org/start-up-kit/
Both offer simple, easily understood, step by step, suggestions for how to start an effort, and what actions are most worthwhile.

EPA – “EnergyStar Action Workbook for Congregations”
https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/tools-and-resources/energy_star_action_workbook_congregations
This excellent tool kit is lengthier than IPL’s, and more up to date. In addition, EPA has lots of other resources to help congregations including webinars (look under “training”). They also run the excellent “Portfolio Manager” program to track your energy use and compare it to other houses of worship. If you exceed a certain score in this, you are eligible for their prestigious Energy Star Congregation Award.

Energy Audits:

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/faithcommongood/pages/283/attachments/original/1522264704/DIY_Walkthrough-FCG_2018.pdf?1522264704
EPA “Treasure Hunt” (Do it yourself)
https://www.energystar.gov/industrial_plants/treasure_hunt

Professional Home Energy Audits
https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/home-energy-audits/professional-home-energy-audits

Building Performance Institute (Residential)
http://www.bpi.org/

**Denominational Resources:**

Many denominations have programs to encourage their congregations to go green. Some provide funding (grants or loans). If you are aware of other denominational resources, please let Facilities Working Group Leader, Ken Wright, know and we’ll include them. You can reach Ken at Facilities@fcgg.org

Catholic “Laudate Si’ Community Recognition”
https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/catholic-social-action/catholic-social-teaching/care-for-creation/laudato-si-communities and
https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/laudato-si-summary-action-steps

Conservative Judaism
There are some partnerships that may help with financing or discounts for congregations.
https://uscj.org/leadership/cost-savings
Disciples of Christ
Green Chalice program there are two stages of the Green Chalice program the second being a “certified” where a congregation is required to take more steps towards creation care.
[https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/green-chalice/](https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/green-chalice/)

Episcopal Church
Main page for Creation Care they have many resources for churches
[https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/)
Carbon Tracker for individuals, churches & diocese within the Episcopal Church: [https://www.sustainislandhome.org/](https://www.sustainislandhome.org/)
They have a section for grants and scholarships pertaining to Creation Care. However, there are none listed at this time.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Mission Investment Fund states that it loans to churches for capital projects and "green" projects. [https://www.mif.elca.org/](https://www.mif.elca.org/)

Islam
Green Muslims that have a green Ramadan calendar and a poster for a different type of Iftar.
[https://www.greenmuslims.org/](https://www.greenmuslims.org/)
Lutherans Restoring Creation
This website has information on how to start with an action plan and a page that is for buildings and grounds.
https://lutheransrestoringcreation.org/building-and-grounds-ideas/

Mennonite
Net Zero Grant -Mennonite Church USA congregations willing to craft and execute an ongoing plan that will move them toward net zero energy.
https://mennocreationcare.org/green-energy-grants/
Resources on their buildings page
https://mennocreationcare.org/resources/church-buildings/

Presbyterian Church USA “Earth Care Congregation Audit”
https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/environment/docs/churchnamecityst2013eccfirst_year_form.pdf and
https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/

UCC “Green Church Inventory Evaluation and Action Plan”
National task force devoted to the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy. The resolution further calls upon conferences to establish task forces dedicated to climate justice through the work of educating and organizing congregants as well as listening to congregants.”
and
Unitarian Universalist Association
They do have a Green Sanctuary 2030 program.
https://www.uua.org/environment/green-sanctuary

United Church of Christ
Has a few grants available that may be helpful.
https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-we-give/scholarships-grants/program-grants/
Website that walks them through becoming a Creation Justice Church

United Methodist Church
They have loans that could be used for renovations of churches
https://www.wesleyaninvestive.org/loans