**Eco-congregation Scotland Silver Award Application**

This award is open to any congregation registered as an eco-congregation with Eco-congregation Scotland.

Please complete each section of the form, **briefly** describing how your congregation meets the criteria given for each section. If you wish, you may also submit **relevant** supporting evidence (for example, photographs, newsletter articles, posters, press coverage). It is helpful to the assessor is you can reference any supporting evidence at appropriate places within your responses.

**Eco-Congregation details**

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| Name of church |  |

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| Denomination |  |

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| Church address (including postcode) |  |

**Your contact person for this application**

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**Section 1: General Aspects**

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| 1.1 | The congregation has an “action plan” of eco activities, and monitors its progress. |
| *Describe briefly (or submit) your action plan, and how you monitor progress.*  |

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| 1.2 | The congregation has an established group which has responsibility for initiating and coordinating eco activities, and is supported by the leadership of the congregation. |
| *Describe briefly who is involved in initiating and co-ordinating eco activities, and how it is supported by the leadership of the congregation.* |

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| 1.3 | The congregation communicates about eco issues both in and **beyond** the congregation eg public noticeboards, website, local media |
| *Describe briefly how you communicate on eco issues and activities both in and beyond your congregation.* |

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| 1.4 | Members of the congregation actively support local network events, and contribute ideas for sharing with other congregations. |
| *Describe briefly your involvement in local network events.* |

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| ***For assessor use only:*** *(check one statement, and add comment if required)**The congregation has* ***exceeded*** *the criteria for section 1* [ ] *The congregation has* ***met fully*** *all the criteria for section 1* [ ] *The congregation has* ***made significant progress towards*** *meeting all the criteria for section 1* [ ] *The congregation* ***falls well below*** *the criteria for section 1* [ ] *Comment:* |

**Section 2: Spiritual Living**

**Helping the whole congregation to make the link between their Christian faith and environmental concerns.**

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| 2.1 | There are opportunities for leaders and members of the congregation to meet to discuss environmental issues. |
| *Describe briefly examples of how environmental issues are discussed within your congregation.* |

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| 2.2 | Care for creation is regularly reflected in worship, prayers, bible studies and sermons. |
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| ***For assessor use only:*** *(check one statement, and add comment if required)**The congregation has* ***exceeded*** *the criteria for section 2* [ ] *The congregation has* ***met fully*** *all the criteria for section 2* [ ] *The congregation has* ***made significant progress towards*** *meeting all the criteria for section 2* [ ] *The congregation* ***falls well below*** *the criteria for section 2* [ ] *Comment:* |

**Section 3: Practical Living**

**Taking practical action in individual lives, the church and/or church grounds.**

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| 3.1 | **Individual members taking action:** Members of the congregation are being challenged and supported to find ways of significantly reducing their own impact on the environment, by considering issues such as energy use, recycling, travel and finance. |
| *Describe briefly how individual members are being challenged and supported to take practical action to reduce their own impact on the environment.* |

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| 3.2 | **Action in church buildings:** The congregation is developing and beginning to implement a strategy for the church as an organisation to significantly reduce its impact on the environment by considering issues such as energy use, recycling, travel and finance. |
| *Describe briefly your congregation’s strategy to significantly reduce its impact on the environment by considering issues such as energy use, recycling, travel and finance, and the steps you have already taken.* |

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| 3.3 | **Biodiversity, wildlife, grounds and gardens:** Members are being encouraged to take practical steps in and around both the church grounds and their own properties to be more environmentally friendly. |
| *Describe briefly any practical steps your congregation is taking to adapt the church grounds and members’ own properties to be more environmentally friendly.* |

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| ***For assessor use only:*** *(check one statement, and add comment if required)**The congregation has* ***exceeded*** *the criteria for section 3* [ ] *The congregation has* ***met fully*** *all the criteria for section 3* [ ] *The congregation has* ***made significant progress towards*** *meeting all the criteria for section 3* [ ] *The congregation* ***falls well below*** *the criteria for section 3* [ ] *Comment:* |

**Section 4: Global Living**

**Having a positive impact on and/or working with national and global environmental justice concerns**

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| 4.1 | **Local and national concerns:** Members of the congregation are actively involved in supporting positive environmental initiatives in the local area or the UK. |
| *Describe briefly examples of how members of your congregation are actively involved in supporting positive environmental initiatives locally or in the UK.* |

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| 4.2 | **Global and international concerns:** The congregation is actively involved in supporting FairTrade, and charities working in parts of the world impacted by climate change. |
| *Describe briefly examples of how your congregation is actively involved in supporting FairTrade, and charities working in parts of the world impacted by climate change.* |

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| ***For assessor use only:*** *(check one statement, and add comment if required)**The congregation has* ***exceeded*** *the criteria for section 4* [ ] *The congregation has* ***met fully*** *all the criteria for section 4* [ ] *The congregation has* ***made significant progress towards*** *meeting all the criteria for section 4* [ ] *The congregation* ***falls well below*** *the criteria for section 4* [ ] *Comment:* |

**End of application form.**

Please send the completed form (including the “assessor use only” pages), by e-mail if possible, along with any supporting material, to:

**Email** coordinator@ecocongregationscotland.org

 **Post** Eco-Congregation Scotland, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN

**For assessor use only:**

Taking into account:

* the capacity and context of the congregation,
* the activities/initiatives they have undertaken with a spiritual, practical and global/local dimension,
* the information you have learned both from the application form, supporting evidence and assessment visit,

**do you consider that the congregation has met the criteria for this Eco-Congregation Award?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes:

List any initiatives / activities that merit particular **commendation**:

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List any **recommendations** for future work:

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If no:

Make **recommendations for further action** that will enable the congregation to fulfil the award criteria:

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