**Eco-congregation Scotland Bronze 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) |  |

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| Church website  | (for background info) |

**Your contact person for this application**

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| Application date |  |

**Section 1: General Aspects**

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| 1.1 | The congregation has used the “church check-up” to identify the congregation’s environmental strengths and weaknesses. |
| *Describe briefly how you used the church check-up, and what you discovered about your congregation’s strengths and areas that could be developed.* |

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| 1.2 | A number of people from across the congregation are involved in initiating and coordinating eco activities. |
| *Describe briefly who (individuals, groups) is involved in initiating and co-ordinating eco activities.* |

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| 1.3 | There is regular communication on eco issues and activities **within** the congregation eg newsletters, internal noticeboards |
| *Describe briefly how you communicate on eco issues and activities within your congregation.* |

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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 | Church leaders (deacons, elders, vestry etc) discuss the role of eco activity in the spiritual life of the church. |
| *Describe briefly how and when eco activities are discussed within your church leadership.* |

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| 2.2 | Aspects of creation care are sometimes reflected in worship, prayers and sermons. |
| *Describe briefly examples of how care for creation is reflected in worship, prayers 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:** Basic practical steps to reduce energy use and waste by individual members in their own lives are being encouraged. |
| *Describe briefly how individual members are being encouraged to take practical action to reduce energy use and waste in their own lives.* |

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| 3.2 | **Action in church buildings:** Basic practical steps are being taken to reduce energy consumption and waste (where possible) within the church building(s) |
| *Describe briefly any practical steps your congregation is taking to reduce energy consumption and waste within the church building(s).* |

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| 3.3 | **Biodiversity, wildlife, grounds and gardens:** The congregation has considered and implemented some action to adapt the church grounds (where possible) to be more environmentally friendly. |
| *Describe briefly any practical steps your congregation is taking to adapt the church grounds 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 made aware of local and national eco concerns through church notices, newsletters, meetings, posters etc |
| *Describe briefly examples of how your congregation is made aware of local and national eco concerns.* |

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| 4.2 | **Global and international concerns:** Members of the congregation are made aware of global and international eco concerns through church notices, newsletters, meetings, posters etc |
| *Describe briefly examples of how your congregation is made aware of global and international eco concerns.* |

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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** administrator@ecocongregationscotland.org

**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 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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