

Greening Niagara Committee - Synod Report 2015

Care for creation is an important part of who we are as a faith community.

Greening Niagara has now completed its 7th year; bi-monthly meetings held.

2015 Highlights

- **Caring for Creation Vestry Motion:** 30 parishes passed a Vestry Motion supporting Bishop Michael's letter to the Minister of the Environment. His letter was sent Earth Day, April 2015 and a reply received from The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq in June
- **Vestry Motion Action:** Many of the above 30 parishes agreed to take further environmental steps in their parishes this year
- **Accreditation Program:** to date 39 bronze, 13 silver and 3 gold awards achieved
- **2015 awards:** the parishes of St. Paul's, Shelburne and St. John's, Cayuga achieved their silver this year and St. Paul's, Jarvis their Gold. Congratulations to these 3 parishes
- **Changes to Accreditation Program:** some slight changes have been made. Check our website for details: <http://niagaraanglican.ca/green/accreditation>
- **Sustainability Grants and Green Audit program –** second year. To date 3 parishes have received capital improvement grants and 9 parishes have completed a Green Audit. The program will continue until October 2016. Application forms are available on the web site: www.niagaraanglican.ca/green
- **Green Facilitators:** Nearly 60 parishes now have a Green Facilitator appointed

Thanks to our committee: Donald Brown, John Dennis, Michael Edwards, Bill Mous (ex-officio) Norm Newbery, Nancy Pellerin, Michael Skafel (past co-chair); and new members Leslie Gerlofs and Emily Bruch. A special thank you to Max Woolaver for all his work as he steps down from the committee

Respectfully submitted, Sue Carson and Susan Curran - co-chairs