

REPORT OF THE GREENING NIAGARA COMMITTEE

Synod Report 2014

Greening Niagara has now completed its 6th year and meets bi-monthly at the Cathedral.

The Earth Day event, April 26th held at St. John's, Ancaster, was attended by over a 100 people and was deemed a great success. There were 6 workshops and a lunch time speaker offering ideas on local food, recycling hazardous waste, Fair Trade and Creation Walks.

Sustainability Grants and Green Audit program started in May. Two parishes each received \$5,000 for capital improvements and two have completed their Green Audit. The program will continue until October 2016, with proposals being considered each May and October. Application forms are available on the web site www.niagara.anglican.ca/green

Accreditation Program: 38 bronze, 10 silver and 2 gold awards have been achieved. The parishes of St. Paul's, Shelburne, St. Simon's, Oakville, St. James and St. Brendan, Port Colborne and St. John's, Ancaster received their bronze this year.

Green Facilitators: 56 parishes have a Green Facilitator (GF) and they are contacted with ideas on how to prepare for Earth Day, Earth Hour and St. Francis of Assisi Day, as well as other environmental events or suggestions to implement at parish level. Involving the remaining 30+ parishes still continues to be one of our goals.

Liaison occurs with other Diocesan ministries including Bishop's Advisory Committee on Church Buildings(BACCB) and Prophetic Social Justice Making vision group.

Communication encouraged with other local and national Environmental groups such as KAIROS, 350.org, Greening Sacred Spaces, Faith and the Common Good and other Ontario Diocesan representatives.

Thanks to all members of the committee:

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Respectfully submitted,

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