

Greening Niagara Committee 2016 Synod Report

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

Greening Niagara has now completed its 8th year; bi-monthly meetings held at the Cathedral. New members are welcome.

2016 Highlights of our ministry:

Sustainability Grants and Green Audit program – This is the 3rd and final year for parishes to have applied for a Green Audit and a follow up Sustainable Capital Improvement Grant. This year 4 parishes have completed a Green Audit and 3 parishes have received sustainable capital improvement grants. This brings the total, since 2013, to 11 parishes having done a green audit and 9 having applied for a sustainability grant.

2016 Green Parish Awards: the parishes of Holy Trinity, Hamilton; St. Paul's, Glanford; St. Andrew's, Grimsby; and St. George's, Lowville; achieved their Bronze Accreditation this year and St. James, Dundas their Gold. Congratulations to these 5 parishes

Green Parish Accreditation Program: to date 46 bronze, 17 silver and 4 gold accreditations have been achieved by our parishes.

Green Facilitators: Nearly 60 parishes now have a Green Facilitator (GF) appointed.

The Niagara Home Challenge was slightly updated - check the web site for changes.

<http://niagaraanglican.ca/green/docs/accreditation/Niagara%20Home%20Challenge%20-%202016.pdf>

Thanks to the committee: Susan Curran, John Dennis, Michael Edwards, Bill Mous (ex-officio), Norm Newbery, Michael Skafel, Leslie Gerlofs and new members Anne Young and Fran Darlington. We send a special thank you to Emily Green for her work on the committee and good wishes to her as she moves to Victoria.

Respectfully submitted,

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