

Sources

For information on saving energy:

- Obtaining Comfort and Fuel Economy with your Thermostat; www.muextension.missouri.edu, search for "GH4860"
- "Putting Energy into Stewardship", U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; www.energystar.gov (Click "reduce building and facility energy use"; then "congregations")
- www.webofcreation.org
- www.interfaithenergy.com
- www.nccecojustice.org/resources.html, see "Bottom Line Ministries that Matter"

For information on raising funds:

- Abitibi Recycling: 913-722-9022, www.paperretriever.com
- Deffenbaugh Recycling: 913-441-9660
- Equal Exchange: 774-776-7400, www.equalexchange.com (click on "interfaith programs" then "how to order" to buy fair trade coffee)
- Inkjet Collect: 800-494-9100, www.inkjetcollect.com
- Mid-America Regional Council: 816-474-TEAM, www.RecycleSpot.org. (search for metro-wide recycling information, including a list of can & scrap metal recycling sources)
- *Once Upon a Garage Sale* by Lisa Rogovin Payne; or other books on successful garage sale events at your public library



What difference does it make?

Religious buildings use two percent of the total amount of energy consumed by all commercial buildings in the U.S.

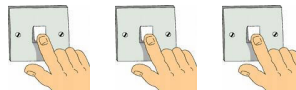
Houses of worship can model financial stewardship while providing loving care for all of God's creation.

Most congregations can save thousands of dollars in energy bills by investing in energy efficiency. Congregations can invest money in clean technologies, such as solar power, that are direct investments in creation and human health. The savings may in turn be directed toward the mission of the congregation.

Did you know...

- Congregations that commit to substantially reducing energy use can cut utility costs by 25-30 percent and make significant contributions to a cleaner environment.
National Council of Churches' "Bottom Line Ministries that Matter"
- Paper products make up the largest part of our trash (about 40%).
- Enough energy is saved by recycling one aluminum can to run a television set for 3 hours or to light a 100 watt (incandescent) bulb for twenty hours.
- Every day, U. S. citizens buy 62 million newspapers, yet only recycle 18 million.
- In a lifetime, the average U.S. citizen will throw away 600 times his or her adult weight in garbage.
- Citizens of the United States make up less than 5% of the earth's population, yet currently consume over 30% of its resources.
Jackson County Resource Conservation Guide

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Ways for Faith Communities to Steward Earth's Resources while

Reducing Costs & Raising Funds

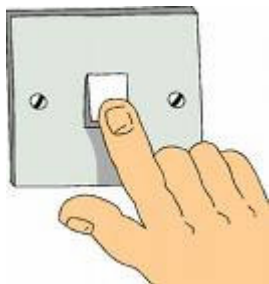


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No-cost ways for congregations to reduce energy use... and save money:

- Turn the thermostat down in winter and up in summer.
 - Savings of 10% can be achieved by a three degree temperature change.
 - A temperature of 65-68°F during winter should be sufficient for daytime activity; 78°F, for cooling in summer.
- When a building is not in use, set the thermostat to
 - 55-60°F in winter.
 - 80-85°F in summer.
- Make your congregation aware of the expense of heating and cooling.
- Turn the hot water heater down to 110-115°F.
- Turn off equipment, e.g., lights, computers, and copiers, when not in use.
- Make use of passive solar heat in winter by opening southern-facing drapes and blinds.
- Block solar heat in summer by closing any drapes or blinds with a southern or western exposure.



Environmentally-sustainable ways for congregations to raise funds:

- Recycle newspapers, magazines, and office paper. In the Kansas City metropolitan area, Abitibi Recycling and Deffenbaugh Recycling pay for paper collected in large bins that they furnish.
Testimonial: St. Paul United Methodist Church in Independence has been recycling paper for 6 years with Abitibi. Its average annual earnings for two bins are \$2,032.
- Recycle aluminum cans. Create can deposit collection areas for congregational members and neighbors. The best prices are for quantities over 100 pounds, so find a storage area and stockpile. Crushing the cans also helps conserve space.
Testimonial: Grace Covenant Church in Olathe recycles aluminum cans. It has earned about \$2000 from Galamet Inc. in the last 3 years.
- Recycle inkjet and toner cartridges. Ask congregational members to bring them in. Companies often furnish mailing boxes and pay 50 cents to \$3 per cartridge.
- Recycle old cell phones. Inkjet Collect in Lenexa, KS offers prices from 50¢ to \$9.
- Sell fair trade coffee, cocoa, and chocolate bars as a fund raiser. Since these items are acquired through fair and just price agreements with the growers, you are not only buying an organic, shade-grown product, but also promoting justice and fairness around the world.

- Sell compact fluorescent light bulbs and switch & outlet covers. Find sources that will furnish discount prices for fund raising purposes. Earn money while saving customers money!
- Sponsor a "second time around" sale—also known as a garage or rummage sale. Sell gently used household or clothing items of good quality that have plenty of life left in them. Not only does your group make full profit from the donations, but your customers benefit from reasonably priced merchandise, and the items do not end up in the landfill.



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