

“Green Congregation”
 Survey Results – Fall, 2007
 From Channing Memorial Church, Newport
 N=29

Question	Subheading	Actual parishioner response (some combining of similar responses only)	No.
In the house, workshop, garage	(this writer’s interpretation)		
	Conserve Electricity		
		Use CFL or LED light bulbs (& fixtures)	18
		Sign-up for ‘Greenstart’/renewable generated E	6
		Use lights only when necessary	5
		No use of A/C (“& use ceiling fans instead” = 1)	5
		Buy/Bought ‘Energy Star’ appliances	4
		Use clotheslines (and “racks”) to dry clothes	4
		Use electrical strips (to ‘turn-off’ standby mode)	3
		Clothes wash full loads	3
		Install ‘Energy Star’ rated windows	3
		Use window fans (for cooling)	2
		Wash clothes in cold water	2
		Dress appropriately (ala Jimmy Carter)	1
	Conserve H ₂ O		
		Low-flow toilet, showerhead, other devices	5
		Use rain barrel	1
	Conserve Resources		
		Lower heat/thermostat	8
		Update/Energy Star heating system	4
		Live in a small home or apartment	2
		Reduce drafts; use wood heat; use green cleaners	1 ea.
In the yard, garden			
	Conserve H ₂ O		
		Use rain barrels, cistern	6
		Use drip irrigation	1
		Mulch (to conserve moisture)	1
	Lawn care		
		Compost food and yard waste	13
		Use reel mower	3
		Use electric mower - powered by green electricity	1
		Mow less frequently, leave grass clippings	1 ea.
		Use organic fertilizers; use less(inorganic) fertilizer	1 ea.
	Growing		
		Food garden, food items (e.g. “herbs, tomatoes”)	7
		Trees; flowers	2 ea.

Shopping, cooking, eating			
	Local products		
		Buy RI produce (mostly), products (a few)	17
		Freeze or store own food	1
		Buy US made products	1
	Conserve resources	Recycle everything, as much as possible	16
		Use canvas or cloth shopping bags	10
		Re-use saved paper shopping bags	3
		Prepare food requiring less cooking, leftovers	3
		Purchase 'more useful' products	2
		Return plastic bags, reuse plastic bags	1 ea.
	Social decisions		
		Donate unused food, items to those who can	2
		Fair-trade coffee, more vegetarian diet	1 ea.
Transportation			
	Collective		
		Use RIPTA when possible	6
		Use RIPTA Ferry to Providence (summer only)	1
	Individual		
		Own fuel efficient car (e.g. "Honda, Toyota")	7
		Own Hybrid car (or hope to buy one next = 2)	6
		Plan car trips better (combining errands)	6
		Walk when possible	4
		Carpool	3
		Use bicycle often or as much as possible	3
		Don't own a car	2
		Own 'bare minimum' # of cars; reduce air travel	1 ea.
		Drive slower/reduce jackrabbit starts; Use Biodiesel	1 ea.
Work or school			
		Recycle	7
		Work at home; turn off lights not being used	1 ea.
Activism			
		Become active on town committees, government	4
		Active member of local non-profits ("NBS")	3
		Outreach to community (including "children")	3
		Member of Channing SAC	3
		Communicate with elected officials	2
		Support or provide Fair Trade Coffee	2
		Support "smart solutions at E Co.; Interfaith P&L	1 ea.
Suggestions (only printed on some of the surveys)			
		Use Natural cleaning products (incl. 7 th Gen = 2)	6
		Sponsor or become members of Comm.Supp.Ag	3
		No plastic/oil-based products at soup kit/coffee hr.	2
		Energy Audit; Green Sanctuary	1 ea.
		Use products made with recycled paper; send <i>Catalyst</i> by email (only)	1 ea.

		Draft "Technical Outreach Team" to ID projects in members houses – insulation, CFLs, appliances	1
		Solar PV and DHW for church properties	1
		Have bicycle rack at church for members to use	1
		Recycle more	1
		Purchase "commercial dishwasher and use silverware	1
		Pay bills by computer; send Ecards	1 ea.
		Use cloth diapers (for infants)	1
		Purchase "Green Start" electricity	1