



The New Green Leaf Seal for Presbyterian Camp and Conference Centers

The Green Leaf Seal is a program of **PC(USA) Environmental Ministries** in cooperation with the sites of the **Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association (PCCCA)**. Environmental Ministries works to inspire and equip Presbyterians to work for eco-justice for all of God's earth. PCCCA equips leaders for ministries of discipleship, community building and the care of Creation.

The Green Leaf Seal is presented to camp and conference centers that care for God's earth by practicing sustainability and educating guests about environmental stewardship.

To receive a Green Leaf Seal, a camp or conference center must have completed a total of five projects or activities in the areas of facilities, education/program, operations, and outreach. The Green Leaf Seal is valid for the calendar year, and may be applied for at any point during the year. In order to maintain the Green Leaf Seal, sites must demonstrate forward progress on environmental stewardship through a total of five new or progressing projects each year.

Camp and conference centers with the Green Leaf Seal will be recognized with the following items:

- Use of the Green Leaf Seal logo for your publications and website
- Listing as a Green Leaf Seal site on the PC(USA) Environmental Ministries website
- Green Leaf Seal certificate to display at your site
- Book on environmental sustainability

Application Form

Camp/Conference Center: _____ Date: _____

Contact for Green Leaf Seal: _____

Address, City: _____

State/Province, Zip/Postal Code, Country: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

What are your future plans for environmental sustainability practices at your site?

Signature of site director or board/committee chairperson: _____

Please send completed application (2 pages) to PC(USA) Environmental Ministries:
Mail: Environmental Ministries, PC(USA), 100 Witherspoon St., Room 3221, Louisville, KY 40202
Email: environment@pcusa.org
Fax: 502-569-8116 For questions call: 888-728-7228 x5624

Green Leaf Seal Self-Assessment

Please fill out the self-assessment by selecting at least 5 projects or activities that your site has completed in order to receive the Green Leaf Seal. The activities and projects below serve as a guide. Please fill in other environmentally sustainable activities or projects under "Other."

Facilities	Yes
Completed an energy audit of your facilities	
Site uses energy efficient lighting	
Site has lighting with motion sensors	
Site has programmable thermostats	
Water heaters are energy efficient or on-demand	
Site has geo-thermal heating/air conditioning	
Site has solar panels to provide energy	
Site utilizes a rain barrel or cistern to store rain water for later use	
Site has a rain garden or plants native, drought resistant plants	
Site uses environmentally friendly weed control or fertilizers	
Created a forest sustainability plan or ecosystem plan for your site	
Created a storm water management plan	
Put land into a conservation easement	
Other (please explain):	
Education/Program	Yes
Offered a program on an environmental issue	
Created opportunities to discuss your environmental practices at your site, such as conversation starter table tents	
Include educational information on environmental issues in newsletter	
Site has an environmental education center or includes environmental components in summer programming	
Site holds an annual training with year round staff (housekeeping, food service, maintenance, etc.) related to environmental policies of your site	
Other (please explain):	
Operations	Yes
Purchase fair trade coffee	
Purchase locally grown produce/organic food	
Site has a recycling program	
Compost food waste	
Avoid packaging by buying coffee creamers, condiments, etc. in bulk	
Purchase all natural cleaning supplies	
Urge guests to reuse towels	
Use smaller vehicles/electric vehicles to drive on site	
Other (please explain):	
Outreach	Yes
Involve community in gardening	
Host symposium or lecture series on environmental topics	
Partnership with Stewardship of Creation Enabler in your presbytery/ Presbyterians for Earth Care	
Partnership with local church environment committees	
Offer "green" packages for church retreats	
Communicate environmental practices to public through signage, marketing, website, etc.	
Other (please explain):	