

Greening our Churches.

Suppliers of products and services presently used by St Peters Church

Office Supplies.

Paper. Recycled copy paper, Enviro Copy. Supplier : Office Depot.
Recycle Print Cartridges: M.T recovery. 1703 Dublin Ave

Bathroom -

Toilet Paper: EcoSoft, Zep Manufacturing. Both 100% recycled paper product.
Paper Towel: Bay West also Zep Manufacturing

Cleaning

Floor Wax: Succeed 90, Green Link Floor Finish. Supplied by Zep
Norwex cloths. Microfibre. www.norwex.ca
Industrial dish washing liquid – Zep. In process.

Church Audits. Zep Manufacturing Co of Canada. www.zep.com 450 Provencher
Wpg. *offers audit to churches of “green link” cleaning materials and supplies.*
Ph. Ted Cross 227 – 3346. This could become an educational process for your vestry.

Manitoba Hydro offers “Benchmark energy evaluation” also “Manitoba Hydro
Energy Guide for Energy Efficiency of Religious Buildings” or a more costly
consultation. Terry Silcox Ph 474 4774 tsilcox@hydro.mb.ca

Fair Trade Coffee

Idle Free Parking Lot Signs Ph 943 4836 www.climatechangeconnection.org

Local Winnipeg Stores and Resources

Happy Planet Productions. Waste reduction store. Virtual store @ happyplanetproductions.com
“Doing business by supporting just and sustainable organizations”. Family business here in Wpg. Well
worth a look at the web site for eco friendly stir sticks, recyclable garbage bags and more!

Organza Market 2A-230 Osborne. Wpg Ph. 453-6266 Organic Grocery Store
www.organzamarket.com

Mountain Equipment Co-op. www.mec.ca Store - Everything to do with outdoor living.
Recycling depot for garments, batteries, inkjet cartridges, cellphones. Proceeds to Food Bank.
303 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, Canada (204) 943-4202

Ethical Food Market. 40+ Winnipeg based shops and restaurants where the focus is on local
produced food, often organic. www.aquarianonline.com/guide.htm Including
“Humbolts Legacy” “Prairie Grass Fed Meats” “Cramptons Market” and many more.

Manitoba Eco-Net mbeconetwork.org Shares building with M.E.C., connects people and
groups working for environmental change.

Eco-Office: Resources, Services, information

Source: Faith and the Common Good www.faith-commongood.net

Paper. Conservatree is a thorough online guide to choosing eco-friendly paper products:

www.conservatree.org/paper/PaperGuide.shtml

Cascades is a large North American and European provider of paper products with expertise in recycling and de-inking of fibres:

www.cascades.com

The Green Office offers 100% recycled receipt rolls, ink toner, janitorial products and many other office supplies:

www.thegreenoffice.com

Another source for high quality, recycled paper products, available with matte, gloss or uncoated finishes is:

www.newleafpaper.com

Reusable business-reply envelopes, available in 100% PCW stock are available from:

www.ecoenvelopes.com

The **Greenline Paper Company** sells recycled 3M Post-It Notes, file folders and more:

www.greenlinepaper.com

Green Earth Office Supply also has 100% recycled paper products:

www.greenearthofficesupply.stores.yahoo.net

For recycled laser, inkjet and other paper labels certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, see:

www.rippedsheets.com

Chain stores such as **Grand & Toy** and **Staples** also sell recycled paper products.

Printing for software (PC-only) that disregards pages you don't want to print:

www.printgreener.com

Note: Set your printer (or print software) to draft and double-sided.

Also Note: Check the Environmental Choice Program Guide before buying or replacing our office equipment such as facsimile machines, photocopier:

www.environmentalchoice.com

Environmentally friendly food/beverage supplies

Best to stock your office kitchen with reusable ceramic mugs and dishes, however, some events call for disposable. Greenshift is a Toronto-based company that offers biodegradable cutlery made with natural materials such as corn starch, and recycled paper cups, plates, and napkins made from natural craft paper, and much more:

www.greenshift.ca

Fact: Each year, Americans drink more than 100 billion cups of coffee. Of those, 14.4 billion are served in disposable paper cups (placed end-to-end that is enough to wrap the Earth 55 times) that contain a plastic lining made from petrochemicals that would produce enough energy to heat 8,300 homes.

www.ecocupinfo.com is a U.S. source for biodegradable coffee cups with corn-based (rather than oil-based) lining.

See also: www.mansfieldpaper.com/environmentallysafe.html

Some Eco-Office Facts

*According to The Paper Source 1999 on recycled paper - replacing one tonne of new paper with 1 tonne of recycled can save 20 trees, 27,000 litres of water and 60% less energy than 'virgin' paper

Chlorine, used to make paper shiny white, pollutes our water. An alternative is to ask for oxygen bleaching which biodegrades easily and safely. Often unbleached paper or natural craft paper will do the job.

*The annual per capita consumption of toilet tissue in North America is approx 23 kilograms (50 pounds), versus a mere 1.8 kilograms (4 pounds) in Asia and 0.4 kilograms (less than 1 pound) in Africa, according to the summer 2007 issue of WorldWatch.

*Greenpeace reports that Kimberly-Clark, manufacturers of the Kleenex brand, continues to make toilet paper and tissues out of Canada's ancient Boreal Forest, despite global protests. Change is coming slowly as a result of boycotts, corporate customers beginning to cancel contracts and shareholders demanding change.

Note: Recycled may cost a bit more at this time but by being a leader in the move towards greater sustainability you will impress your clients, inspire staff and help bring prices down by the increase in market demand.

Further links

Guide to energy efficiency of religious buildings in Nova Scotia

<http://www.clean.ns.ca/images/PDF/ChurchEnergyManual.pdf>

Reducing our Footprint – Best Management for Churches

<http://www.bc.anglican.ca/Church%20Best%20Management%20Practices.pdf>

Resources – posters, brochures, study guide. Well worth a good browse.

<http://www.faith-commongood.net/resources/index.asp>

All about renewing the sacred balance locally and globally

<http://www.faith-commongood.net/rsb/index.asp>

Renewing Our Relationship with the Earth. A guide to you and your church. (Anglican)

<http://ottawa.anglican.ca/docs/renewing.pdf>

Sustainable communities – faith, education, worship + education resources (United)

<http://www.united-church.ca/en/ecology/sustainable>

A Creation Care Tool Kit for Churches out of Britain.

<http://www.ecocongregation.org/englandwales/index.html>

Church of England's National Environmental Campaign

http://www.ecocongregation.org/englandwales/downloads/module1_06.doc

<http://www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org/>

Local Manitoba conservation programmes:

Great awareness + community building opportunities locally available

Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre Ph 467-3299 ohmic@ducks.ca

Forte Whyte Alive Field Study Centre. www.fortwhyte.org

Living Prairie Museum 2795 Ness Avenue, Winnipeg, Ph 204-832-0167

A Rocha Field Study Centre, celebrates the wonder of creation in the Pembina Valley, south of Morden. International Christian conservation organization, www.arocha.org

St Leon Wind Farms. 150 Kls south west of Winnipeg. Tours available.