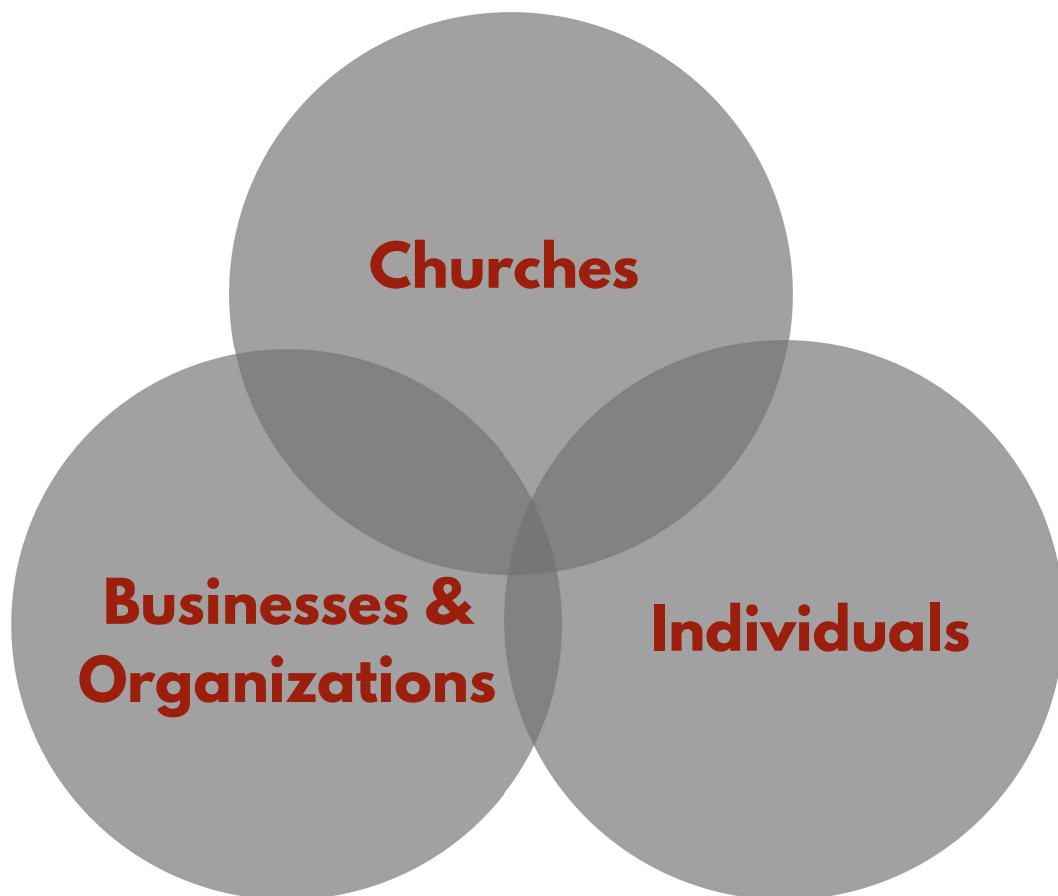




# C3 Certification

C3 Certification is a practical means to create self-regulating accountability for churches, businesses/organizations, and individuals.

Please utilize this certification process to do your part to care for God's creation and practice environmental sustainability.



**Churches**  **Businesses & Organizations**  **Individuals**

# Certification for Individuals

Would you like to receive C3 Certification as an individual?

Would you like your community, neighbors and social media friends to know that you are committed to caring for creation? C3 certification is a practical tool to strengthen your ability to structure your care for creation and earth sustainability. It can be an important instrument of influence as you live as a catalyst for change in our world.

## What is C3 Certification for Individuals?



C3 certification is a practical tool measuring the ABC's of creation care:

**A**dvocating for Creation

**B**eing Informed

**C**ultivating Lifestyle

By receiving at least 5 points in each category you will receive C3 certification which entitles you to:

-  Use the C3 logo on your social media platforms
-  Your name listed on our C3 Certification page on our website: [christianscaringforcreation.org](http://christianscaringforcreation.org).

You will grade yourself based on your commitment for the coming 12 months.

# Certification for Individuals-continued

## Why is C3 Certification Important?

The opening story of creation in the Bible reveals that humankind was given the responsibility to care for the earth (Gen 1:26). Jesus himself taught the Law of God could be fulfilled by loving God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and then loving our neighbor as ourselves. Obedience to God and love for God calls us to care for God's creation and to love our neighbors, especially our most vulnerable neighbors. Caring for creation is an act of obedient discipleship. Following the commands of Jesus Christ is not merely a ticket to heaven, it is a roadmap for earth. A C3 certification formal recognition that these elements of the Christian faith are important to you and you are committed to this expression of Christian discipleship. It will serve as a trending catalyst for more friends as they see your commitment to this growing global movement.

## C3 Assessment Tool

### ADVOCATING FOR CREATION

-  **Vote your conscience. Research candidates and proposals to determine positions on creation care (land usage, water conservation, humane treatment of animals, science awareness)**  
**3 points**
  
-  **Start an organization in your community or church to discuss and address environmental issues**  
**10 points**
  
-  **Vote with your finances at stores. Buy organic and recycled products as much as possible. Look for "free range," "grass fed," and "humanely raised" labels on meat products.**  
**5 points**
  
-  **Buy local as much as possible. Support local farmers markets. In other words, if you live in North Carolina buy your strawberries in season, rather than paying for them to be shipped from Argentina.**  
**2 points**

# Certification for Individuals-continued

## C3 Assessment Tool

### ADVOCATING FOR CREATION-continued

-  Join the most local group you can to support their efforts for environmental sustainability

**3 points**

-  Publish social media posts or share others' posts about environmental issues

**2 points**

### BEING INFORMED

-  Read a book about creation care on your own, in your book club or a small Bible study group. Suggestions include:

- Stewards of Eden: What Scripture Says About the Environment and Why it Matters, by Sandra Richter
- God Green, Save Green: A Simple Guide to Saving Time, Money and God's Green Earth, by Nancy Sleeth
- From Nature to Creation: A Christian Vision for Understanding and Loving our World, by Norman Wirzba.
- Serving God, Saving the Planet, 12 part DVD Bible Study, by Matthew and Nancy Sleeth and others are listed on the C3 website

**3 points**

-  Join a responsible environmental group. Commit to them financially. Suggestions include:

- C3-Christians Caring for Creation
- Sierra Club
- The Nature Conservancy

**3 points**

-  Connect with a blogger, podcast or website about creation issues. (3 points) Suggestions are:

[christianscaringforcreation.org](http://christianscaringforcreation.org); [creationcare.org](http://creationcare.org); [blessedearth.org](http://blessedearth.org)  
[plantwithpurpose.org](http://plantwithpurpose.org)

# Certification for Individuals-continued

## C3 Assessment Tool

### CULTIVATION OF LIFESTYLE

-  Walk more. Walk for errands and shopping as much as possible  
2 points
-  Fly Less. Use Restraint: Choose local vacation sites/destinations  
5 points
-  Eat lower on the food chain. Eat more vegetarian meals.  
2 points
-  Recycle paper, plastic and other materials when possible.  
2 points
-  Purchase less clothing, purchase more recycled clothing  
2 points
-  Drive more gas efficient automobiles  
3 points
-  Conduct an energy audit for your home-see how to save energy  
3 points
-  Stop using pesticide and other chemicals in your lawn and house, replacing them with natural products. See [gardensalive.com](http://gardensalive.com).  
3 points
-  Compost with table scraps-diminish your garbage/enhance your soil  
2 points
-  Plant a tree at your home. Give a tree as a birthday or Christmas present. Support a tree-planting initiative locally or globally  
4 points
-  Save water. Water vegetation at night. Use a rain barrel for the collection of water  
3 points