

## **UUA Green Sanctuary 2030: Mobilizing for Climate Justice**

### **A Roadmap for Congregations to Rise to the Crisis**

#### **2.1.1 Opportunity Assessment Guidelines**

These guidelines are intended first and foremost to help GS teams ensure their opportunity assessments are effective in:

1. Identifying and describing opportunities and challenges to:
  - a) Achieving the greatest impacts with respect to:
    - Congregational transformation
    - Mitigating climate change
    - Adapting and building resilience to the impacts of climate change
    - Securing justice for marginalized communities most impacted by but least responsible for climate change
  - b) Working in collaboration with a marginalized community to address that community's identified needs.
2. Guiding development of an action plan to achieve those impacts and engage in that collaborative work.
3. Establishing baselines to measure and describe impacts and collaborative work.

Additionally, the guidelines will be used by the GS review-team to provide consistent feedback to congregations. Please include a completed copy of these guidelines when submitting the Opportunity Assessment to [<GSdocuments.Hughes@gmail.com>](mailto:GSdocuments.Hughes@gmail.com).

GS teams are encouraged to discuss the opportunity assessment and assessment resources with Rev. Karen Brammer, Green Sanctuary Program Manager, [<kbrammer@uua.org>](mailto:kbrammer@uua.org).

The guidelines use four quality definitions:

1. **Impactful (I)**
  - a) Assessment data from multiple sources
  - b) Those data are sufficient to:

- Identify both opportunities and challenges.
  - Establish a baseline for impact assessment.
- c) Both opportunities and challenges are:
- Identified based on the data.
  - Discussed.

**2. Needs Improvement (NI)**

- a) Assessment data from limited sources
- b) Those data are insufficient to:
- Identify both opportunities and challenges.
  - Establish a baseline for impact assessment.
- c) Either opportunities or challenges, but not both, are:
- Identified
  - Discussed

**3. Missing (M)**

**4. Not Applicable (NA)**

Given the congregation’s context, the GS team has determined that this component is not important.

Green Sanctuary teams should conduct their opportunity evaluations such that each component that the congregation has chosen to study in the table below can be checked as Sufficient (S), which is the standard that will be used by the review team. Congregations are not expected to evaluate every component, but must have enough data and analysis to develop robust campaigns for each of the goals.

Component Assessed	Quality			
	I	NI	M	NA
<b>Congregational Transformation</b>				
a) Awareness and commitment	✓			
b) Current and recent work	✓			

c) Worship and celebration	✓			
d) Religious education/exploration	✓			
e) Congregational Life	✓			
<b>Mitigation</b>				
a) Facility emissions	✓			
b) Members' and friends' emissions	✓			
c) Activism	✓			
d) Community education and engagement	✓			
<b>Adaptation and Resilience</b>				
a) Human systems	✓			
b) Natural systems	✓			
<b>Justice</b>				
a) Understanding and awareness	✓			
b) Collaboration	✓			

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