

Eco Synod status will be given to your Synod when it has achieved and can demonstrate evidence of the following:

*Please provide* ***dates*** *where applicable and copies of materials to support the application*

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| 1. Registered its intent to become an Eco Synod
 | A Rocha UK Office Use: Y / N |
| 1. Commissioned an individual or group
 | Name and contact details for individual or group:  |
| 1. Written an environmental policy
 | Attach a copy or provide a web link to agreed policy[[1]](#endnote-1) |
| 1. Gained the appropriate levels of local church registrations and Awards for Eco Church
 | Provide details in the separate application form |
| 1. Achieved the relevant Eco Church Award level ‘In relation to its Synod Office (where appropriate) and Land (where appropriate)’
 | Address of Synod Office and date when Award made:  |
| 1. Embedded environmental issues ‘Within the curricula of its ongoing ministerial education’
 | Provide evidence (dates & brief details) for e.g. Education for Ministry Phases, Continuing Ministerial Development days, Post Ordinand Trainee days.  |
| 1. Managed Synod investments ethically ‘In line with the ethical policies of the United Reformed Church’[[2]](#endnote-2)
 | Provide evidence of ethical investment |
| 1. Worked with other Synods and Denominations and / or faith groups ‘To encourage greater environmental action, including promoting Eco Church as a helpful tool’
 | Evidence of joint meetings, events, and initiatives  |
| 1. Established the habit of recording and celebrating individual environmental initiatives
 | Evidence of Synod news, website, social media, local media articles, promotional videos etc. |

1. **Environmental** **Policy.** The United Reformed Church is committed to caring for creation and adopted a new [Environmental Policy (PDF)](https://urc.org.uk/images/mission/church_and_society/Resources/201905_URC_Environmental_Policy.pdf) in 2016, which was updated in 2019. Evidence can be in the form of a signed and adopted policy or an e-mail from the Synod Moderator acknowledging and supporting the policy. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. The General Assembly in 2010, adopted the ['Ethical investment principles for the use of](https://urc.org.uk/images/2019_version_Ethical_Investment_Policy.pdf)

[the United Reformed Church](https://urc.org.uk/images/2019_version_Ethical_Investment_Policy.pdf)', with amendments made by The Mission Council in 2019, for the guidance of those responsible for making investment decisions. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)