

NEW! Electric Vehicle Leader category for congregations that have encouraged EV adoption.

This category includes: EVs (Congregants and Staff), Congregational EV Charging Stations, Outreach, Educating and Advocating for EVs. Includes all-electric vehicles, plug-in hybrids, and electric bikes. If your congregation is working on reducing transportation emissions through public transportation or carpooling, apply to the Community Inspiration category. Applications **MUST** be submitted through the online form at coolcongregations.org/the-challenge.

Application Questions (All narrative questions should be 250 words or less)

1. How many congregants have electric vehicles (EVs)?
2. How many congregational staff have EVs?
3. How many EV charging stations has your congregation installed on your congregational property?
4. Tell us about the installations on your congregational property: the level of the charging station(s), financing the installation, managing and paying for the electricity provided in the charger. For instance, are you using a 3rd party to charge a fee for the electricity? or does your congregation have solar panels that provide the electricity? Who will use the charger, and any other pertinent information.
5. OUTREACH - How many charging stations has your congregation installed at another public location such as the library, community center, or low-wealth housing community?
6. OUTREACH - Tell us about the installations on your congregational property: the level of the charging station(s), financing the installation, managing and paying for the electricity provided in the charger. For instance, are you using a 3rd party to charge a fee for the electricity? or does your congregation have solar panels that provide the electricity? Who will use the charger, and any other pertinent information.
7. PLANNING - Has your congregation made plans to install EV charging stations? If so, tell us about the planned installations: what property will they be on, the level of the charging station(s), financing the installation, managing and paying for the electricity provided in the charger. For instance, are you using a 3rd party to charge a fee for the electricity? or does your congregation have solar panels that provide the electricity? Who will use the charger, and any other pertinent information.
8. PLANNING - Is your congregation making plans to purchase an EV for someone in need? Tell us about your plans, who is it for, your fundraising plans, etc.
9. EDUCATION - Has your congregation hosted an educational event promoting the adoption of EVs, such as a film screening and discussion, a speaking event, a test drive event? How did your educational programming include information on the disproportionate impact of transportation pollution on communities of color, or low-wealth communities? Tell us all about it.
10. ADVOCACY - Has your congregation engaged in efforts to call for government policies (local, state, federal) to encourage adoption of EVs? Please explain.
11. What would your congregation do with the award money if you were to win? Contribute to the installation of a charging station at your own congregation or another one in your community, use it to leverage fundraising to purchase an EV for someone in need, conduct an educational event together with partners in your community, etc?
12. Describe the final result, and if appropriate, the type of involvement from congregants or community.
13. Explain what inspired your congregation to do this project, and what about this project others will find inspiring?