



**Building an Effective *Green Certification Team*  
for participation in the  
Seminary Environmental Certification Program**

Your institution's Green Certification Team is the foundation upon which all your *Seminary Environmental Certification* efforts are built. This Green Certification Team is responsible for creating the strategy, planning, and overall organization for your school's involvement in the *Seminary Environmental Certification Program* and serves as a motivational force for the entire seminary community.

Before joining your Green Certification Team, individuals should be aware of the time and work that is required, and agree to the 3-year commitment. Exceptions to this include graduating students who can serve shorter terms but the school should fill those vacancies as soon as they are able in order to ensure student involvement. **All members must sign the Green Team commitment form, which should be submitted with the application.**

Diversity, a range of experiences, and institutional influence are important characteristics of effective Green Certification Teams. The team should include:

- Faculty
- Staff
- Students
- Administration
- Representation from segments of the seminary which will be affected or have influence according to which focus areas are selected for certification.

**The Green Team's Responsibilities**

- Completing the Institutional Audit
  - Creating and assisting with implementation of the Action Plan Participating in Program webinars, discussions and other engagements virtually
  - Ensuring the completion of the Program requirements
  - Consistently promoting and publicizing the seminary's environmental certification program efforts
- Submitting progress reports to GSI every four months during Action Plan period of certification process