

Iowa IPL 2010 Earth Words Contest

Iowa Interfaith Power and Light (Iowa IPL) is pleased to announce its first annual **Earth Words Contest** to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for congregations of all faiths to remember their connection to the Earth and inspire faithful action. In addition, we will be able to celebrate and recognize great clergy and lay leaders.

Goals

The goal of this contest is to:

- To encourage excellence in preaching on the topic of Earth Stewardship within Iowa's faith community.
- To motivate faith communities to get more involved in Caring for Creation.



Prizes

Winning sermons will be shared through Iowa IPL's newsletter and website. In addition:

- The top prize winner will receive up to **\$80 off on purchases from ShopIPL.org** to improve the efficiency of their congregation or favorite low income community project as well as a **\$50 gift certificate from Cokesbury**.
- Two runners-up will receive up to **\$35 off of ShopIPL.org** and **\$25 gift certificates from Cokesbury**.

Qualifications

The sermon, homily, or faith message about creation care must be delivered to a religious community **between April 17th and April 25th** to coincide with Earth Week. Submissions must be made electronically to director@iowaipl.org **by May 1st** to be considered eligible. We will be accepting all forms of media, including documents, audio, and video files. The winners will be determined by a panel of judges assessing pieces based on clarity, creativity, accessibility, eloquence, as well as their theological foundation and call to action.

Please contact Tim Fink at 515-689-1112 or director@iowaipl.org with any questions about this event.