

## Iowa Interfaith Power & Light 2012 Earth Words Sermon Contest

Iowa Interfaith Power & Light is pleased to announce its annual Earth Words Sermon Contest to coincide with the national Interfaith Power & Light Preach-in, the weekend of February 10-12, 2012. This is an opportunity for faith leaders of all religious traditions to remember their connection to the Earth and to inspire their congregations to faithful action on environmental stewardship.

### The goals of the Earth Words Sermon Contest are:

1. To encourage excellence in preaching in the area of caring for creation or earth stewardship
2. To motivate faith communities to become more engaged in environmental stewardship



### Prizes:

Winning sermons will be shared through Iowa IPL's newsletter and website. In addition, prizes will be awarded for the top three sermons, including carbon offsets in the form of [Oneota Tags](#), and theological resources on Earth stewardship. Our top prize winner will be awarded the Ray Heinicke Award for Excellence in Preaching, in honor of one of our Iowa IPL founders and visionaries.

### Qualifications:

**The sermon must be delivered to a religious community between February 10– 12, 2012** to coincide with the national Preach-in. **Submissions must be made electronically to [director@iowaipl.org](mailto:director@iowaipl.org) by March 1<sup>st</sup>** 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.

To register for the sermon contest, click here.

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Contact Susan Guy at [director@iowaipl.org](mailto:director@iowaipl.org) with any questions about this event.

Please share this message with your faith leader and anyone you think might be interested!

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