

Earth Words:

Recognizing Faith Messages that Inspire Change

Deadline Extended to July 15 2009

“Religious leaders should make concern for the environment one of the two or three top issues. If we do not survive, we do not do anything else, either. And "we," our descendants, will not survive on our present course.” Martin Marty, Historian, author, professor emeritus at the University of Chicago (The Washington Post, 2/11/07)

The deadline for the *Earth Words Contest* has been extended to July 15. Nominate yourself (don't be shy) or someone you know for an inspirational sermon, homily or other faith message on Earth care that has been given this year.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns and the Oregon Interfaith Power and Light project are pleased to announce the second *Earth Words* contest. This is a wonderful opportunity for congregations of all faiths to remember their deep faith connections to Earth and inspire sustainable living. In addition, as interfaith community we will be able to celebrate and recognize our great clergy and lay speakers.

The Invitation and Prizes: Laity or clergy are invited to nominate a sermon, homily or other written and spoken faith message on care for creation given at their congregation this year. The faith messages will be judged on clarity and focus of the entire sermon; aesthetic appeal; theological foundation; call to action; and creativity

Top Prize: Six items from ShopIPL.org for your congregation or your favorite low-income community project \$50 gift certificate at Powell's Books.

Two Runners-up Prizes: Three items from ShopIPL.org for your congregation or your favorite low-income community project

Special Prize: Free Oregon Interfaith Power and Light walk-through energy audit and report will be awarded for a faith message on the topic of green jobs and climate change

How to Enter: Please send a paragraph or two on why you are nominating the sermon, a written version of the sermon and, if available, an audio or audio visual version by mail or email to.

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Make sure to include the date the message was given, the name of the congregation, and your contact information as well as that of the person giving the message.

If you have any questions call (503) 221-1054, ext. 210

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