

# COOL CONGREGATIONS Challenge



Interfaith Power & Light

## What is the Cool Congregations Challenge?

The Cool Congregations Challenge is a contest hosted by Interfaith Power & Light that awards prizes to congregations that are becoming energy efficient and sustainable role models in response to global warming. Cash prizes of \$1,000 will go to the winning contestants in each category. All winners will receive a frameable certificate.

Top cash prize of \$1,000 dollars, plus ten additional cash prizes will go to winning contestants in each category:

**Cool Congregations Planner**

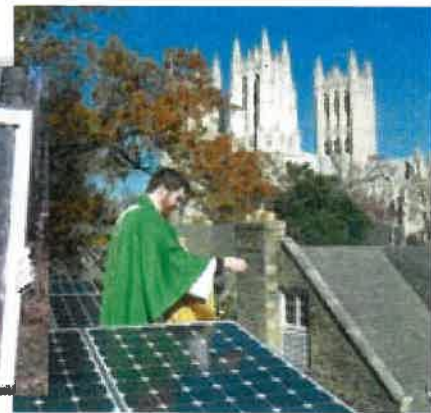
**Energy Saver**

**Renewable Role Model**

**Sacred Grounds Steward**

**Community Inspiration**

Projects completed by **December 15, 2018** qualify. It's the perfect time to start or complete a project. Join in the fun!



Cool Congregations Challenge is a program of Interfaith Power & Light. More info at [coolcongregations.org](http://coolcongregations.org).

**First place prizes for each category (\$1000 each)  
Runners-up and honorable mentions will receive certificates**

## **FIVE ENTRY CATEGORIES**

### **Cool Congregations Planner**

Audits • Planning Reports • Fundraising

### **Energy Saver**

Lighting • Insulation • Windows & Doors • Heating & Cooling Systems

### **Renewable Role Model**

Solar • Wind • Geothermal • Solar Water Heating

### **Sacred Grounds Steward**

Native Landscaping • Organic Gardening • Water Conservation • Bike Racks • Wildlife Habitats • Recycling & Composting

### **Community Inspiration**

This includes congregations that inspire congregants to save energy at home.  
It may also include congregations working within their communities to assist in adapting to and coping with climate change.

## **Judging Criteria**

Winners will be chosen by an interfaith panel of faith and lay-leaders, including others with expertise in congregational energy efficiency and sustainability. Each entry will be judged on a combination of factors:

- 40% — A well-defined project, measurable objectives for climate benefit
- 20% — Creativity and resourcefulness in executing the project
- 20% — Congregant and/or community engagement in project
- 20% — Inspiration factor.

The percentage awarded in each category will serve as a guideline and the judges will apply their knowledge and experience to evaluate and select the finalists and winners.

All entrants will receive an email notice around the end of February 2019.

Entry questions not answered here can be sent to [info@interfaithpowerandlight.org](mailto:info@interfaithpowerandlight.org). Please allow up to 48 hours for an answer.

The contest is open to congregations of any size or denomination interested in becoming more energy efficient and sustainable.

Projects can take place anywhere as long as they are run through a congregation. That means inside the sanctuary or other buildings, on the grounds, in congregants' homes, or in the community.

Prize money will be awarded to congregations only, and not to individuals.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Cool Congregation.