



Associated Church Press

Serving religious publishers since 1916

Best of the Christian Press Awards 2012

Presented in Indianapolis on April 4, 2013

Communicating at the Speed of Life



GENERAL EXCELLENCE: BEST IN CLASS

1. Best in Class: Regional Newspaper

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Sun
The Catholic Sun staff

Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist
The Alabama Baptist staff

Award of Excellence

Word & Way
Bill Webb, Vicki Brown, Ken Satterfield

2. Best in Class: National/International Newspaper

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal
Kristin Jenkins, editor
Saskia Rowley, art director

Award of Merit

Mennonite World Review
Paul Schrag, editor

Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle
Lynn McMillon, Bobby Ross Jr. and Erik Tryggestad,
editors

3. Best in Class: Special Interest Magazine

Honorable Mention

Church Health Reader Magazine
Sarah Ranson, editor

Award of Merit

Horizons Magazine
Susan Jackson-Dowd, communications coordinator
Sharon Dunne Gillies, associate editor
Betsy Ensign George, associate editor
Laura Lee, art director

Award of Excellence

Cathedral Age
Richard M. Weinberg, editor
Mimi McNamara, designer
Craig Stapert, contributing editor and photographer
M. Leigh Harrison, contributing editor

4. Best in Class: Denominational Magazine

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic
Rev. John Molyneux, C.M.F. and U.S. Catholic
editors

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer
David Wilson, editor

Award of Excellence

Presbyterians Today
Jeffrey Lawrence, publisher
Eva Stimson, editor
Shellee Jones, art director

Award of Excellence

Dialog: The Texas Episcopalian
The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, publisher
Carol E. Barnwell, editor
LaShane K. Eaglin, designer
Luke Blount, staff writer

5. Best in Class: General Interest Magazine

Award of Excellence

Sojourners
Jim Rice, editor

6. Best in Class: Journal

Honorable Mention

Concordia Journal
Dale Meyer, publisher and president of Concordia
Seminary; Jeffrey Kloha, executive editor; Travis
Scholl, editor; Melanie Appelbaum, editorial
assistant; Jayna Rollings, graphic designer

Award of Merit

Lutheran Forum
Sarah Hinlicky Wilson, editor; Paul Robert Sauer,
associate editor

Award of Excellence

Reflections journal, Yale Divinity School
Ray Waddle, editor; The 35 contributing writers;
John Lindner, editorial director; Gus Spohn,
managing editor; Constance Royster, senior advisor;
Peter W. Johnson, designer; Dean Harold Attridge
and Dean Gregory Sterling, publishers

GENERAL EXCELLENCE: BEST IN CLASS

7. Best in Class: Newsletter

Honorable Mention

Nuestra Parroquia

Carmen Aguinaco, Elisabeth Román, Sandra Navarro, John Rodríguez

Award of Merit

Forum Letter

Richard O. Johnson, editor

Award of Excellence

At Home with Our Faith

Annemarie Scobey, Catherine O'Connell-Cahill, Tina Herman

8. Best in Class: News Service

Honorable Mention

Presbyterian News Service

Jerry L. Van Marter and Bethany Furkin Daily

Award of Merit

Disaster News Network

Award of Excellence

Religion News Service

Kevin Eckstrom, Editor-in-Chief

12. Editorial or Opinion Piece: Newspaper/ News Service/Newsletter

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for "Youthview: More than Crumbs" by Andrew Stephens-Rennie

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Sun for "Opposed to the Death Penalty" by Robert DeFrancesco

Award of Merit

Episcopal Journal for "Reconciliation Must Begin in our own House" by Gordon Graham

Award of Excellence

Mennonite World Review for "War Made Easy" by Paul Schrag

9. Best in Class: Independent Website or E-Zine

Honorable Mention

Faith & Leadership

Kelly Gilmer, Jessamyn Rubio, Bob Wells and Sally Hicks

Honorable Mention

Prepare the Word

Joel Schorn, editor

Anne Marie O'Kelley, production editor

Alice Camille, Daniel Grippo, Larry Janowski, Ann

O'Connor, Joel Schorn, Patrice J. Tuohy, and Julie

Vieira, contributors

ideaPort LLC, web designer

Award of Merit

Café — Stirring the Spirit Within, *boldcafe.org*

Elizabeth McBride and Kate Elliott, editors

Award of Excellence

United Methodist Communications

Cindy Caldwell, Lladale Carey, Lane Denson, Corey

Jones, Julie Jordan, Shelia Mayfield, Fran Coode

Walsh

10. Best in Class: Blog

Honorable Mention

The Christian Century's "In the World"

Steve Thorngate

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic (blog section)

Scott Alessi, Liz Lefebvre, Bryan Cones

Award of Excellence

Sojourners' God's Politics Blog

Sojourners Web Department

11. Best in Class: Mobile Publication

Award of Merit

The Lutheran Witness

James H. Heine, executive editor

Vicky Schaeffer, senior designer

Adriane Dorr, managing editor

Award of Excellence

Faith & Leadership Mobile

Jessamyn Rubio, Kelly Gilmer

REPORTING & WRITING

12. Editorial or Opinion Piece: Newspaper/News Service/Newsletter

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for “Youthview: More than Crumbs” by Andrew Stephens-Rennie

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Sun for “Opposed to the Death Penalty” by Robert DeFrancesco

Award of Merit

Episcopal Journal for “Reconciliation Must Begin in our own House” by Gordon Graham

Award of Excellence

Mennonite World Review for “War Made Easy” by Paul Schrag

13. Editorial or Opinion Piece: Magazine

Honorable Mention

Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought for “Charles Colson and the Cancer of Incarceration” by James Bratt

Honorable Mention

Presbyterian Record for “West Bank Boycott” by Barry Mack

Award of Merit

Baptist Peacemaker for “Does the Killing of Bin Laden Make Peacemaking Obsolete” by Paul Hayes, edited by Katie Cook

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic for “My Friend the Abuser” by Bryan Cones

14. The James Solheim Award for Editorial Courage

Honorable Mention

The Presbyterian Outlook for “Tough Questions” by Jack Haberer, editor; Stann Bailey, art designer

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer for “Handmaids No More,” by Laurel Walton

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic for “A Good Fit” by Bryan Cones

15. Feature Article: Newspaper

Honorable Mention

Metro Lutheran for “Burnt Blessing” by Marc Hequet, lead author and Bob Hulteen, sidebar author, editor and photographer

Honorable Mention

Mennonite World Review for “Communion of Saints” by Laurie Oswald Robinson

Award of Merit

Mennonite World Review for “Light of a Life” by Kelli Yoder

Award of Excellence

The Catholic Sun for “Scars Remain: Mother Rebuilds Life after Domestic Violence” by J.D. Long-Garcia

16. Feature Article: News Service/Newsletter/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

Reporter for “Pioneering Housing in Brooklyn Continues to Open Doors” by Kim Plummer Krull

Honorable Mention

Sojourners' God's Politics Blog for “Drone Watch: Death from Above” by Duane Shank

Award of Merit

Reporter for “Asperger's Awareness Tour Includes Cities Nationwide” by Paula Schlueter Ross

Award of Excellence

Religion News Service for “Till death (or illness or dementia) us do part?” by Adelle M. Banks

17. Feature Article: Magazine, Short Format

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic for “Headed Home” by Elizabeth Lefebvre

Award of Merit

Sojourners for “The Book Smugglers” by Belinda Acosta

Award of Excellence

Cathedral Age for “For the Ages: All Hallows Guild at Work” by M. Leigh Harrison, author; Mimi McNamara, designer and Joe Luebke, photographer

18. Feature Article: Magazine, Long Format

Honorable Mention

Canadian Adventist Messenger for “A Church of Their Own” by Royson James

Honorable Mention

The Journal of Adventist Education for “Providing Our Youth with Access and Opportunity to Attend Adventist Colleges” by Vinita Sauder

Honorable Mention

Horizons magazine for “Gun Violence: A Faithful, Grassroots Answer to Aggression” by Katie Day; Sharon Dunne Gillies, editor

Honorable Mention

Faith & Leadership for “Dinner – and the Gospel – is served at St. Lydia’s” by Ansley Roan; Bob Wells, editor

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer for “Bernadette’s Secret” by Chelsea Temple Jones

Award of Merit

The Banner for “The Art of Lament” by Nicholas Wolterstorff, author; Bob De Moor, editor; Dean Heetderks, art director

Award of Excellence

G. Jeffrey MacDonald for “A New Age of Faith” (Published in the Christian Science Monitor and edited by Scott Armstrong)

19. News Story: Newspaper

Honorable Mention

Reporter for “Church’s Neighborhood-Renewal Role Earns Honor” by Kim Plummer Krull

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Sun for “Family Matters: Fear Lingers in Wake of Supreme Court SB 1070 Decision” by J.D. Long-Garcia

Award of Merit

Christian Chronicle for “Black, White and Gray” by Bobby Ross, Jr.

Award of Excellence

Christian Chronicle for “Fear and Faith in Kenya” by Erik Tryggestad

20. News Story: News Service/Newsletter/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

Baptist Press for “Platt Explains Position on 'Sinner's Prayer'” by Michael Foust; Art Toalston, editor

Honorable Mention

Reporter for “Symposium: 'Relationships' Can Lead to Multi-ethnic Congregations” by Paula Schlueter Ross

Award of Merit

United Methodist News Service for “Fluke Reacts to Limbaugh Comment,” by Kathy L. Gilbert

Award of Excellence

Religion News Service for “Crystal Cathedral Downfall Offers Cautionary Tale” by Adelle M. Banks

21. News Story: Magazine

Honorable Mention

The Banner for “Why Being a Binational Church Is So Important” by Gayla R. Postma; Bob De Moor, editor; Dean Heetderks, art director

Honorable Mention

The Presbyterian Outlook for “Court Clears Way for Larges Ordination” by Leslie Scanlon; Jack Haberer, editor; and Stann Bailey, art designer

Award of Merit

The Covenant Companion for “Faith in Karawa” by Stan Friedman

Award of Merit

The Lutheran for “Agnes Would Have Said Yes” by Julie B. Sevig, author and editor; Michael D. Watson, art director/designer; photography by Studio T Imagery

Award of Excellence

Sojourners for “Standing Up to Death Squads” by Elizabeth Palmberg
Award of Excellence
The United Church Observer for “Sisters Under Fire” by Alicia Von Stamwitz

22. Convention or Meeting Coverage: Newspaper

Honorable Mention

Metro Lutheran for “Lutheran Groups Hold Conventions in Twin Cities” by Mark Granquist; Bob Hulteen, editor

Award of Merit

The Christian Chronicle for “‘Little youth rally’ draws 12,000” by Bobby Ross Jr. and Erik Tryggestad

Award of Excellence

Presbyterian News Service for “General Assembly News” by Presbyterian News Service staff

23. Convention or Meeting Coverage: News Service/Newsletter/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice for “The Backstory of General Assembly Social Witness” by Rev. Patrick David Heery and Rev. Dr. Chris Iosso, editors; Patrick Heery, designer

Honorable Mention

Reporter for “Conference Addresses Rural Challenges, Opportunities” by James H. Heine

Award of Merit

Presbyterian News Service for “Coverage of 220th General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)” by Jerry L. Van Marter and Bethany Furkin Daily

Award of Merit

Religion News Service for “Coverage of 2012 Southern Baptist Convention” by Adelle M. Banks

Award of Excellence

UMCom/United Methodist News Service for “General Conference 2012” by General Conference Newsroom Team

24. Convention or Meeting Coverage: Magazine

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for “General Council 2012” by Brian Platt, Mike Milne, David Wilson and Trisha Elliott

Award of Merit

The Presbyterian Outlook for “A wonderfully difficult GA” by Jack Haberer, editor; Leslie Scanlon, national reporter; Michael Jennings, associate editor; Stann Bailey, art designer

Award of Excellence

The Banner for “Synod 2012” by Bob De Moor, editor; Dean Heetderks, art director; Gayla R. Postma, news editor

25. In-Depth Coverage: Newspaper/News Service/Newsletter/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

Alabama Baptist for “Commemorative Issue” by the Alabama Baptist staff

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for “Special Report: Communication and Human Rights” by Diana Swift

Award of Merit

Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice for “Seven Sins Against Democracy – And What's Faith Got To Do With It” by Rev. Dr. Chris Iosso; Rev. Timothy F. Simpson, Managing Editor of Political Theology; Rev. Bob Edgar, President of Common Cause; Rev. Michael Livingston, Director of Public Policy at Interfaith Worker Justice; Rob Richie, Executive Director of FairVote; James Calvin Davis, Professor of Ethics and American Religion at Middlebury College. Edited and designed by Rev. Patrick David Heery

Award of Excellence

Word & Way for “Faith and Politics” by Vicki Brown, Word & Way Associate Editor

26. In-Depth Coverage: Magazine

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic for “Take It to the Board; Needs Improvement; We Can Do Better” by Bob Smietana, Scott Alessi, and Nicholas Cafardi

Award of Merit

Adventist Review for “Shut In and Left Out” by Kimberly Luste Maran

Award of Excellence

Dialog: The Texas Episcopalian for “Human Trafficking: In Plain Sight” by The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, publisher; Carol E. Barnwell, editor; LaShane K. Eaglin, designer; and Luke Blount, staff writer

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for “Life and Death Decisions, Right and Wrongs on the Edges of Life, Gloria's Choice, End-of-Life Ethics Roundtable” by David Wilson, editor; Pieta Woolley, Richard Wright, Trisha Elliott, Chelsea Temple Jones, Ruth Bonneville, writers; Shaun Bos, photographer

**27. Theme Issue, Section, or Series:
Newspaper/News Service/Newsletter/Website/Blog**

Honorable Mention

The Alabama Baptist for “Organ Donation package,” by Alabama Baptist staff

Honorable Mention

The Christian Century for “The Gospel in 7 Words” by David Heim, editor

Award of Merit

Sojourners' God's Politics Blog for “Meet the Nones” by Sandi Villarreal and other 'Meet the Nones' contributors

Award of Excellence

Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice for “Hope for Eco-Activists: Discovering an Environmental Faith” by Rev. Patrick David Heery, editor; with guest content editors, Diane Waddell and Sue Smith

28. Theme Issue, Section, or Series: Magazine

Honorable Mention

Reflections journal: Yale Divinity School for “Seize the Day: Vocation, Calling, Work” by Ray Waddle, editor; Dean Harold Attridge, publisher and dean of Yale Divinity School; John Lindner, editorial director; Peter W. Johnson, designer

Honorable Mention

Presbyterian Outlook for “The Text Generation” by Jack Haberler, editor; Leslie Scanlon, reporter; Wayne Meisel, Mark D. Hines, Matthew A. Rich, Charlotte Nance Albright, writers; and Stann Bailey, art director

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer for “Rights and Wrongs on the Edges of Life” by David Wilson, Jane Armstrong, Richard Wright, Trisha Elliott and Pieta Woolley

Award of Excellence

Friends Journal for “Membership and the Generation Gap” by Martin Kelley, editor; and Barbara Benton, art director

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic for “Vatican II Series” by Scott Appleby, Julie Hanlon Rubio, Kenneth Himes, O.F.M., Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, Megan Sweas, Phyllis Zagano, John Wilkins, Bishop Dom Erwin Kräutler, Father Bénézet Bujo, Father Myles Sheehan, S.J., Gemma Tulud Cruz and Edmund Chia, Verity A. Jones, Father Anthony Ruff, O.S.B.

29. Interview

Honorable Mention

The Lutheran Witness for “10 Minutes with Colonel Bud Day” by Jeni Miller; James H. Heine, executive editor; Vicky Schaeffer, senior designer; Adriane Dorr, managing editor

Honorable Mention

The Christian Chronicle for “No Secret to Their Success” by Kim Mauck

Award of Merit

Sojourners for “The Face of Hate” by Joanie Eppinga

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic for “A Jewish Take on Jesus” by Amy Levine and U.S. Catholic Editors

30. Biographical Profile

Honorable Mention

Adventist Review for “An Accomplished Life” by Mark A. Kellner

Honorable Mention

Adventist Review for “I Give You My Life” by Lael Caesar

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer for “Bernadette’s Secret” by Chelsea Temple Jones

Award of Excellence

Baptist Press for “Fred Luter’s Trailblazing Life Rich with Trials, Blessings” by Diana Chandler; Art Toalston, editor

31. Personal Experience/1st Person Account: Short Format

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for “Learning to Speak Anglican” by Michelle Hauser

Honorable Mention

Church Health Reader for “The Last Shift” by Susan Palwick

Award of Merit

The Covenant Companion for “Walking in a New Direction” by Bob Smietana

Award of Excellence

Adventist Review for “Burdens to Carry” by Sudha Khristmukti

32. Personal Experience/1st-Person Account: Long Format

Honorable Mention

The Covenant Companion for “Scars of Hospitality” by Devyn Chambers Johnson

Honorable Mention

Gather for “Six Lessons I Learned on the Road” by Christa von Zychlin; Kate Sprutta Elliott and Terri Lackey, editors

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic for “A Year in the Promised Land” by Cathleen Chopra-McGowan

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer for “Collared” by Michael Webster

Award of Merit

National Catholic Reporter for “Sandy Reflection” by Chris Herlinger

Award of Excellence

Sojourners for “Can These Bones Live?” by Emilie Teresa Smith

33. Column

Honorable Mention

The Lutheran Magazine for “Elements of the Lord’s Day” by Peter Marty; Daniel J. Lehmann, editor; Michael D. Watson, art director

Award of Merit

Anglican Journal for “Come and See” by Archbishop Fred Hiltz

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for “Observations” by David Wilson

34. Department

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for “First Look” by Kate Spencer, Caley Moore and Renee Francoeur

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic for “Eye of the Beholder” by Jerry Bleem, O.F.M.

Honorable Mention

Envision Magazine for “Intern Tales” by Nancy Mitchell

Award of Merit

Canadian Adventist Messenger for “The Connected Church” by Rajkumar Dixit

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic for “Catholic Tastes” by Elizabeth Lefebvre

Award of Excellence

Church Health Reader for “CH Bulletin” by Sarah Ranson, John Shorb and Lizy Heard

35. Media Review Section

Honorable Mention

The Banner for “Tuned In” by Bret Lott, Greg Veltman, H. David Schuringa and Kristy Quist, Tuned In, editor; Bob De Moor, editor; Dean Heetderks, art director

Honorable Mention

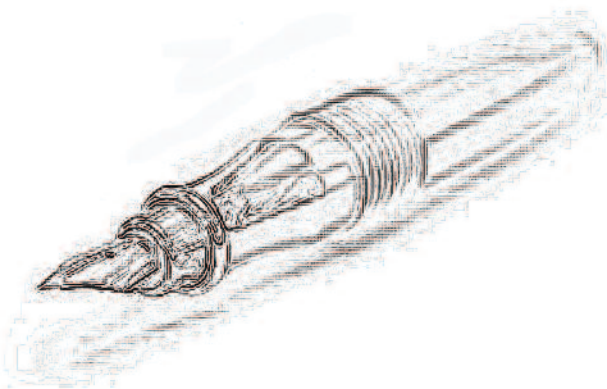
The United Church Observer for “A House of Dark Mirrors/Watchlist” by Lisa Van De Ven

Award of Merit

Sojourners for “Culture Watch” by Julie Polter

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic for “Zombie Economics, The Do-It-All Damsel, and reviews” by Patrick McCormick, Danny Duncan-Collum, Catherine O’Connell-Cahill, Jerry Bleem, Kathleen Manning, Mark Meade and Michael Cahill



36. Critical Review

Honorable Mention

The Christian Century for “A Hopeful Universalism” by Paul Dafydd Jones

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic for “Culture in Context” by Patrick McCormick

Award of Merit

Mennonite World Review for the book review of “Infinite — and sacred — jest” by Shirley Hershey Showalter

Award of Merit

Sojourners for “Nothing but the Blood? Vampires and Consumerism” by Kathryn Reklis

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for “Made for You and Me” by Muriel Duncan

37. Letters to the Editor

Honorable Mention

The Lutheran Witness for “December Letters” James H. Heine, executive editor
Vicky Schaeffer, senior designer
Adriane Dorr, managing editor

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic for “You May Be Right” U.S. Catholic Editors

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for “Letters to the Editor” Patricia Clarke, editor

38. Poetry

Honorable Mention

Spirit of St. Bart’s for “Pakistan” by Chris Herlinger

Honorable Mention

Sojourners for “Reading Ayn Rand at the Hospital” by Mark Hiskes

Award of Merit

Friends Journal for “Fixing Nitrogen” by Tony Martin

Award of Excellence

The Christian Century for “Mrs. Job” by Brian Doyle

39. Personally Useful Article

Honorable Mention

Envision Magazine for “Intern Tales” by Nancy Mitchell, author and Kevin Naitram, photographer

Honorable Mention

Faith & Leadership for “No More Excuses: Nonprofits Give Social Media a Try” by Edie Gross, writer and Bob Wells, editor

Award of Merit

The Lutheran Magazine for “Don’t Just Plan a Mission Trip, Build an Experience” by Kathryn Sime, author; Julie B. Sevig, editor; Michael D. Watson, art director/designer

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic for “The 25 Year Itch” by Wendy Donahue

Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle for “Is your church visitor-friendly?” by Bobby Ross Jr. and Erik Tryggestad

40. Professional Resource

Honorable Mention

In Trust for “The Road Best Traveled: Mapping the Board’s Journey Toward Shared Governance” by Rebekah Burch Basinger and Randall G. Basinger, authors; Jay Blossom, editor; Geoffrey Isley, designer

Award of Merit

Church Health Reader for “The Longest Night” by Stacy Smith

Award of Excellence

The Christian Century for “Fit for Ministry” by Amy Frykholm

41. Humor, Written

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic for “The Road to Hell is Paved with Smart Alecks” by David Benjamin

Honorable Mention

Presbyterian Record for “Pretty Nice Grace” by Kevin McCabe

THEOLOGICAL

42. Theological or Scholarly Article

Honorable Mention

Journal of Adventist Education for “A Biblical Foundation for Integrating Faith and Learning” by John Wesley Taylor, V

Honorable Mention

Sojourners for “The Way of Peace and Grace” by Derek Flood

Honorable Mention

The Lutheran Magazine for “Deeper Understandings: What is Sin?” by Kristin Johnston Largen and Theodore F. Peters, authors; Daniel J. Lehmann, editor; Michael D. Watson, art director/designer

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer for “How Green is Thy Faith?” by Pieta Woolley

Award of Excellence

The Christian Century for “The New Black Theology” by Jonathan Tran

43. Biblical Interpretation

Honorable Mention

Church Health Reader for “We Teach Our Children” by Kira Dault; Sarah Ranson, editor

Honorable Mention

Gather for “Everything She Had” by Peter Marty; Kate Sprutta Elliott and Terri Lackey, editors; On Track, designers

Award of Merit

The Covenant Companion for “All Glory, Laud, and Leiros” by Lindsay Small

Award of Merit

Presbyterians Today for “Jesus, Bread of Life” by David Gambrell, author; Eva Stimson, editor

Award of Excellence

The Lutheran Magazine for “Keeping Jesus Safe” by Mary C. Lindberg, author; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Michael D. Watson, art director/designer

Award of Excellence

Ministry, International Journal for Pastors for “Shedding Light on the Outer Darkness: A Fresh Look at the Language of Hell” by Kim Papaioannou

44. Theological Reflection: Short Format

Honorable Mention

Presbyterians Today for “Why Christians Like Science” by Ronald Cole-Turner; Eva Stimson, editor

Honorable Mention

The Presbyterian Outlook for “Christmas Complexity” by Jack Haberer, editor; Stann Bailey, art designer

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for “Embracing Our Exile” by Trisha Elliott

Award of Merit

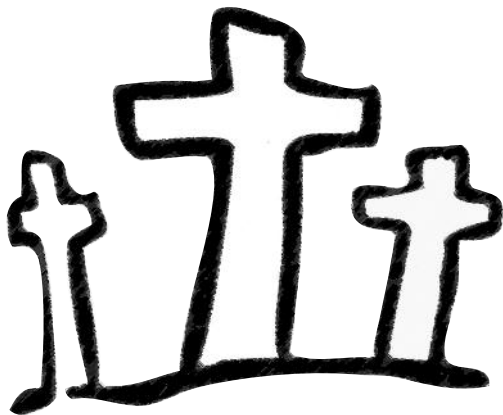
Catholic Review for “Marylanders face critical decision on marriage” by Archbishop William Lori

Award of Merit

Sojourners for “Into the Dark Wood” by Rose Marie Berger

Award of Excellence

The Covenant Companion for “Manna in the Margin” by Jelani Greenidge



45. Theological Reflection: Long Format

Honorable Mention

Concordia Journal for “From the Margins to the Table: An Anglo Lutheran’s Journey into North American Hispanic-Latino Theologies” by Douglas R. Groll

Honorable Mention

Baptist Peacemaker for “The Path of Moral Leadership” by David P. Gushee

Award of Merit

The Covenant Companion for “New Birth and the Realities of Race” by Brian Bantum

Award of Excellence

Adventist Review for “Present Truth in Music” by Herbert Blomstedt

46. Devotional/Inspirational: Short Format

Honorable Mention

Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought for “Lucky 13” by Jennifer L. Holberg

Honorable Mention

Alliance Life Magazine for “Lure” by John Stumbo, author; Beryl Glass, designer

Honorable Mention

Church Health Reader for “Making Room for Yoga” by Darian Duckworth

Honorable Mention

The Banner for “The Beauty of Belonging” by Harold Hiemstra, author; Bob De Moor, editor; Dean Heetderks, art director; Frank Gutbrod, graphic design; Pete Euwema, graphic design

Award of Merit

Church Health Reader for “Spinning in the ICU” by Susan Palwick

Award of Excellence

Reflections journal, Yale Divinity School for “Learning and Praying to Do Right” by Sen. Chris Coons

47. Devotional/Inspirational: Long Format

Honorable Mention

Adventist Review for “The Most Dangerous Prayer” by Willie Edward Hucks II

Honorable Mention

Gather for “Six Lessons I Learned on the Road” by Christa von Zychlin; Kate Sprutta Elliott and Terri Lackey, editors; On Track, designers

Award of Merit

The Christian Century for “Stripped Bare” by Richard Lischer

Award of Excellence

Gather for “Nothing Shall be Lost” by Heidi Neumark; Kate Sprutta Elliott and Terri Lackey, editors; On Track, designers

48. Bible Resource

Honorable Mention

The Covenant Companion for “Witnesses of the Word” by Ginny Olson; Paul H. De Neui; Rajkumar Boaz Johnson; Scot McKnight; Klyne Snodgrass; Greg Clark; Joel Willitts

Award of Merit

Gather for “Along the Way: Summer 2012 Bible Study” by Julie Kanarr; Kate Sprutta Elliott and Terri Lackey, editors; On Track, designers

Award of Excellence

Horizons Magazine for “Dispatches to God’s Household: The General Epistles” by Nancy Benson-Nicol, author; Susan Jackson-Dowd, publisher; Betsy Ensign-George, editor; Laura Lee, art director; Debbie Paris, designer

49. Seasonal Article

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for “Christmas, After All” by Jennifer Thompson, Douglas Norris, Rose Burke, Donna Sinclair, David Giuliano, authors

Award of Merit

The Covenant Companion for “I’m Dreaming of a White Space Christmas” by Rachel Hamann

Award of Excellence

Sojourners’ God’s Politics Blog for “War on Christmas?” by Mark Sandlin

ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS

50. Magazine Cover

Honorable Mention

The Christian Century for “Why We Can Hope Everyone Will Be Saved (June 2012)” by Daniel Richardson

Honorable Mention

Sojourners for “America the Exceptional (January 2012)” by Ken Davis, Ed Spivey Jr.

Award of Merit

Presbyterian Record for “Life on the Farm (April 2012)” by Caroline Bishop, designer; Tim Zeltner, illustrator

Award of Excellence

Adventist Review for “Women and their Words” by Bryan Gray

51. Newspaper Front Page

Honorable Mention

Mennonite World Review for “November 26, 2012” by Paul Schrag, editor

Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist for “Commemorative Issue, Front Page” by Jennifer Davis Rash and Lauren C. Grim

Award of Excellence

Anglican Journal for “April 2012, Front Page” by Saskia Rowley



52. Magazine Design, Spread or Story

Honorable Mention

Presbyterian Record for “Life on the Farm” by Caroline Bishop and Salina Vanderhorn, designers; Tim Zeltner, illustrator

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic for “Though the Mountains May Fall” by Tom Wright and Paul Corbit Brown

Award of Merit

Adventist World for “100 Years of Mission Giving” by Dever Designs

Award of Excellence

United Church Observer for “Brave New Babies” by Pieta Woolley

53. Magazine Design, Entire Issue

Honorable Mention

Cathedral Age for “Midsummer 2012 Issue: Faith and the Election” by Mimi McNamara, designer

Honorable Mention

Envision Magazine for “Fall 2012” by Diane Myers, Victor Mills, Ivan Ruiz, Lindsey Weigley, Katerina Adamos, Hannah Schooler, Sam Estrella-Boyland, Rob Oxley and Tyler Dooks

Honorable Mention

In Trust for “Spring 2012” by Geoffrey Isley, designer; Jay Blossom, editor

Award of Merit

Adventist Today for “November-December 2012” by J. David Newman, editor; Chris Komisar, designer

Award of Merit

Adventist Review for “Summer Special” by Bryan Gray

Award of Excellence

Dialog: The Texas Episcopalian for “Human Trafficking: In Plain Sight” by LaShane K. Eaglin

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic for “August 2012” by Tina Herman, Tom Wright, U.S. Catholic editors

54. Newspaper/Newsletter Design, Spread or Story

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for “Archbishop of Canterbury” by David Shaw

Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist for “Every Day is a Gift” by Julie Payne, Neisha Fuson and Lauren C. Grim

Award of Excellence

Catholic Review for “Stewardship of Creation” by April Hornbeck

55. Newspaper/Newsletter Design, Entire Issue

Honorable Mention

The Alabama Baptist for “Commemorative Edition” by the Alabama Baptist staff

Honorable Mention

Adventist Review for “Kid’s View, February 2012” by Perle Poirier

Honorable Mention

Catholic Review for “Review in the Pew” by April Hornbeck, art direction and design; Catholic Review editorial staff

Award of Merit

At Home with Our Faith for “May 2012” by Tina Herman, Catherine O’Connell-Cahill

Award of Excellence

Mennonite World Review for “May 14, 2012” by Paul Schrag, editor

56. Illustration with Article or Outline

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for “Christmas, After All” by Ross Woolford, illustrator

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for “Cold Comfort” by Marco Cibolla, illustrator

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic for “The 25 Year Itch” by Tim Foley

Award of Excellence

The Mennonite for “Now-Millennialism” by Tim Kauffman, artist

57. Photography, with Article or Outline Newspaper/News Service/Newsletter/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

UMCom/United Methodist News Service for “Bishop Power” by Kathleen Barry

Honorable Mention

The Catholic Sun for “Daughters with Undocumented Fathers” by J.D. Long-Garcia

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for “Students from Haiti” by Simon Chambers

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic for “How I Met Your Father” by Tom Wright

Award of Merit

UMCom/United Methodist News Service for “Hope and Despair at the Border” by Mike DuBose

Award of Excellence

Sojourners for “Fading Obama” by Heather Wilson

58. Humor, Graphic

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic for “Let Them Eat Cupcakes” by Tim Foley

59. Publication Redesign

Honorable Mention

Adventist World by Dever Designs, Stephen Chavez, Kimberly Luste Maran

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic by Tina Herman, Tom Wright, U.S. Catholic editors

Award of Merit

Mennonite World Review by Paul Schrag

Award of Excellence

Anglican Journal by Kristin Jenkins, editor and Saskia Rowley, art director

ONLINE/NEW MEDIA

60. Publication Website

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer (www.ucobserver.org) by Kevin Spurgaitis, online editor

Award of Merit

Anglican Journal (www.anglicanjournal.com) by Kristin Jenkins, editor and Saskia Rowley, art director

Award of Excellence

Concordia Journal (www.concordiatheology.org) by Jeffrey Kloha, executive editor; Travis Scholl, editor; Ken Kogler, technology; Dale Ward and Shannon Wiseman, video production

61. Website Redesign

Honorable Mention

Friends Journal for <http://www.friendsjournal.org> by Gabriel Ehri, executive director; Martin Kelley and Jana Llewellyn, editors; Barbara Benton and Alla Podolsky, designers; Matt Slaybaugh, Web manager

Award of Merit

Catholic Review for www.catholicreview.org by Catholic Review staff

Award of Excellence

Cafe (boldcafe.org) for www.boldcafe.org by Elizabeth McBride, editor and creative director; Orbit Media Studio, website designer



62. Social Media

Honorable Mention

Catholic Review by Catholic Review staff

Award of Merit

Reclaim Christmas (social media Advent campaign) by Dale Mumma, SKSW; Todd Prather, SKSW; Jennifer Rodia, UM Communications/RethinkChurch; Sophia Agtarap, UM Communications/RethinkChurch; Susan Crawford, UM Communications/RethinkChurch; Diane Degan, UM Communications

Award of Excellence

Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice, designed and administered by Rev. Patrick David Heery

63. Video

Honorable Mention

Catholic Review for “Hancock Pilgrims Launch 100-mile Trek to Baltimore” by Tom McCarthy

Honorable Mention

UMCom/UMTV for “Border Separates Families at Christmas” by Fran Coode Walsh and Kim Griffis

Award of Merit

UMCom/UMTV for “Deacon of Doom” by Fran Coode Walsh and Lilla Marigza

Award of Excellence

epicenter.org for “Kids 4 Peace: A Glimpse into the Possible” by Luke Blount

Thank you to this year's ACP Best of the Christian Press judges:

Erik Alsgaard, Deb Bogaert, John Brooks, Richard Brunson, Brian Cleveland, Cathy Cobbs, Bryan Cones, Jim Davis, John Glenn Freeman, Kit Fullenlove, Rev. Isabel Hughes, Susan Jacobson, Liz

Joss, Laura Kelly Hurley, Keith W. Kohn, Catherine Kohn, Jeff Kunerth, Linda Lawson Still, Cary McMullen, Kristen Miller, Randy Noles, Kathryn Palen, Mark Pinsky, Sarah Pulliam Bailey, Heidi Schlumpf, Mark Seibel, Bob Smietana, Kimberly Wilmot Voss, Rebecca Bowman Woods, Robert Wyatt