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BEST IN CLASS

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OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS
001. REGIONAL NEWSPAPER

Award of Excellence
The Alabama Baptist
By The Alabama Baptist Staff

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OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS
002. NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER

Award of Merit
Mennonite World Review
By Paul Schrag, editor; Tim Huber, associate editor; Rachel Stella, assistant editor

Award of Excellence
The Christian Chronicle: An international newspaper for Churches of Christ
By Erik Tryggestad, editor

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OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS
003. NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE

Honorable Mention
The Christian Century
By The Christian Century editors

Award of Merit
Living City Magazine
By Living City staff

Award of Excellence
Sojourners
By Jim Rice, Ed Spivey, Rose Marie Berger, Julie Polter, Betsy Shirley, Da'Shawn Mosley, Jasper Vaughn, Faith Zamblé, Christina Colon
OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS
004. DENOMINATIONAL OR OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST MAGAZINE

Honorable Mention
Adventist Review
By Editorial Staff, Adventist Review Ministries

Award of Merit
Alliance Life Magazine
By Peter Burgo, Editor-in-Chief

Award of Excellence
The Covenant Companion
By Companion Staff

OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS
005. SEMINARY PUBLICATION

Award of Excellence
Concordia Seminary Magazine - Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
By Jeff Kloha, Executive Editor; Vicki Biggs, Managing Editor; Melanie Ave, Editor; Jayna Rollings, Art Director; Michelle Poneleit, Designer; Susan Klein-Shelton, Designer

OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS
007. JOURNAL

Honorable Mention
The Cresset at Valparaiso University
By Heather Grennan Gary, Editor; Marci Rae Johnson, Poetry Editor; Gregg Hertzlieb, Art Editor; Ian Roseen, Copy Editor; Michele Strachota, Assistant Editor; Gabbi Wilcox, Office Manager

Award of Merit
Concordia Journal
By Charles Arand, executive editor, Travis Scholl, editor, Melanie Appelbaum, assistant editor, Jayna Rollings, creative director, XiaoPei Chen, graphic designer, Lewis Mendez, web developer

Award of Excellence
Reflections journal, Yale Divinity School
By Reflections Journal staff
OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS

008. NEWSLETTER

Honorable Mention
Forum Letter of the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau
By Richard O. Johnson

Award of Merit
RCA-CRC Disability Concerns - Breaking Barriers
By Terry A. DeYoung and Mark Stephenson, co-editors

Award of Excellence
Seeds of Hope Publishers - Hunger News & Hope
By Katie Cook

OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS
009. NEWS SERVICE

Award of Merit
Presbyterian News Service
By PC(USA) News and Communication Staff - Gregg Brekke, editor

Award of Excellence
Religion News Service
By Jerome Socolovsky, editor-in-chief

OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS
010. INDEPENDENT WEBSITE

Honorable Mention
Global Sisters Report website
By Gail DeGeorge & Global Sisters Report Staff & Contributors

Award of Merit
Sojourners website
By Sojourners staff and contributors

Award of Excellence
Faith & Leadership website
By Faith & Leadership staff
OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS

011. BLOG

Honorable Mention
The Catholic Review - Open Window
By Rita Buettner

Award of Merit
The Presbyterian Outlook - Outlook Outpost blog
By Jana Blazek, Emma Nickel, Jeffrey A. Schooley, and Alex Becker

Award of Excellence
CRC-RCA Disability Concerns - The Network: Disability Concerns
By Mark Stephenson

OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS

012. DIGITAL EDITION/MOBILE PUBLICATION

Award of Excellence
Adventist World Online
By Editorial Staff, Adventist Review Ministries

OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS

014. VIDEO PRODUCTION

Honorable Mention
Catholic Review Video Production
By Kevin J. Parks

Award of Excellence
PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly Communications videos
By Office of the General Assembly Communications staff

OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS

015. SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Award of Merit
The Catholic Review
By George Matysek Jr. and Alexandra Danter
Award of Excellence
Baptist Standard social media
By Julie Sorrels

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REPORTING AND WRITING

016. FEATURE ARTICLE: Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention
The Alabama Baptist - *Road to redemption*
By Grace Thornton

Award of Merit
Hunger News & Hope - *The Perfect Storm: How Aid Cuts, Drought & War Will Kill 20 Million People This Year If We Don't Help*
By Chelle Samaniego

Award of Excellence
The Christian Chronicle - In Canada, Syrian refugees find love and hope
By Bobby Ross Jr.

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REPORTING AND WRITING

017. FEATURE ARTICLE: News Service/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention
Baptist Standard - Mineral Wells couple felt God’s calling to foster parenthood
By Ken Camp

Award of Merit
Global Sisters Report / National Catholic Reporter - Sister finds that faith sustains when institutions fail
By Dan Stockman

Award of Excellence
The Covenant Companion - Redemption Song
By Stan Friedman

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REPORTING AND WRITING

018. FEATURE ARTICLE: Magazine, Short Format (1,200 words or fewer)
Honorable Mention
The Catholic Review - Spirit Speaks Volumes
By Paul McMullen

Honorable Mention
United Church Observer - The Sound of Silence
By Bertrand Marotte

Award of Merit
Adventist Review - Fleeing Kuwait
By Wilona Karimabadi

Award of Excellence
Presbyterians Today - Christian Values: Muslims and Christians share a meal - and more
By Paul Seebeck

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REPORTING AND WRITING
019. FEATURE ARTICLE: Magazine, Long Format (more than 1,200 words)

Honorable Mention
Sojourners - Robert E. Lee Worshipped Here
By Betsy Shirley

Award of Merit
Alliance Life - Freely Forgiven
By Emmy Houk

Award of Excellence
United Church Observer - Trump Country
By David MacFarlane

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REPORTING AND WRITING
020. NEWS STORY: Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention
Mennonite World Review - MB pastor a leader but not 'the lead'
By Tim Huber

Award of Merit
The Christian Chronicle - A rescue mission: Church-planting team in Colombia serves the suffering in nearby Venezuela
By Erik Tryggestad

Award of Excellence
The Christian Chronicle - Coverage of mass shooting at Tennessee church
By Bob Smietana and Bobby Ross Jr.

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REPORTING AND WRITING
021. Website/News Service/Blog

Honorable Mention
Presbyterian News Service - With only faith for protection Rev. Peter Tibi engages in shuttle diplomacy in South Sudan
By Kathy Melvin

Award of Merit
Religion News Service - Catholic faith moves Houston’s ‘Mattress Mack’ to shelter Hurricane Harvey victims
By Bobby Ross Jr.

Award of Excellence
Religion News Service - In dramatic turnabout, Southern Baptists condemn white supremacy
By Adelle M. Banks

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REPORTING AND WRITING
022. NEWS STORY: Magazine

Honorable Mention
The Living Church - Second Battle for St. James
By Kirk Petersen

Award of Merit
Sojourners - After ISIS
By Anna Lekas Miller

Award of Excellence
United Church Observer - Resisting Genocide
By Sally Armstrong

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REPORTING AND WRITING
023. CONVENTION OR MEETING COVERAGE: Newspaper/Newsletter
Honorable Mention
Mennonite World Review - Mennonite World Review, July 17, 2017
By Paul Schrag, editor

Award of Merit
By Erik Tryggestad

Award of Excellence
The Alabama Baptist - ABSC annual meeting coverage
By The Alabama Baptist staff

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REPORTING AND WRITING
024. CONVENTION OR MEETING COVERAGE: News Service/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention
Global Sisters Report / National Catholic Reporter - Grief, Change, Contemplation Marks 2017 Leadership Conference of Women Religious Assembly
By Soli Salgado

Award of Merit
Religion News Service - Southern Baptist Convention 2017
By Adelle M. Banks

Award of Excellence
PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly Communications - Mid Council Leaders Gathering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
By Jerry Van Marter, Eva Stimson and Gregg Brekke

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REPORTING AND WRITING
025. CONVENTION OR MEETING COVERAGE: Magazine, Short Format (1,200 words or fewer)

Honorable Mention
The Banner - Do Justice, Love Mercy - But When and How?
By Gayla R. Postma

Award of Excellence
Catholic Extension - Catholic Extension Pilgrimage/Vatican Consistory (Extension magazine, Spring 2017)
By Catholic Extension staff

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REPORTING AND WRITING
026. CONVENTION OR MEETING COVERAGE: Magazine, Long Format (more than 1,200 words)

Honorable Mention
The Banner - Synod 2017
By Shiao Chong (Editor), Gayla Postma, Peter Euwema, Karen Huttenga

Award of Merit
Alliance Life - Special Issue: Council 2017
By Peter Burgo, Editor-in-Chief

Award of Excellence
The Mennonite - Love inward and outward: Stories and photos from Orlando 2017
By The Mennonite, Inc.

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REPORTING AND WRITING
027. IN-DEPTH COVERAGE: Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention
The Christian Chronicle - Mass shootings at church
By Bob Smietana and Bobby Ross Jr.

Award of Merit
By Linda Freeto

Award of Excellence
The Christian Chronicle - Coverage of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma
By Bobby Ross Jr. and Chellie Ison

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REPORTING AND WRITING
028. IN-DEPTH COVERAGE: News Service/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention
Global Sisters Report / National Catholic Reporter - Haiti one year after hurricane
By Chris Herlinger

Award of Merit
Baptist Standard - Hurricane Harvey coverage
By Ken Camp

Award of Excellence
PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly Communications - Immigration/DACA
By Jerry Van Marter, Eva Stimson, Randy Hobson, Amanda Craft, Teresa Waggener, J. Herbert Nelson II and Jim Nedelka

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REPORTING AND WRITING
029. IN-DEPTH COVERAGE: Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention
Sojourners - When the Spirit Comes Down
By Wonsuk Ma

Award of Merit
United Church Observer - Trump Country
By David MacFarlane

Award of Excellence
Adventist Review - The Many Faces of Emotional Health
By Editorial Staff, Adventist Review Ministries

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REPORTING AND WRITING
030. EDITORIAL OR OPINION: News Service/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention
Baptist Standard - Pence, propriety and devaluing half the American population
By Meredith Stone

Award of Merit
Justice Unbound - Choosing Vulnerability in the Wake of #MeToo
By Henry Koenig Stone

Award of Excellence
Baptist Standard - Could Jesus get elected dog-catcher here?
By Marv Knox

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REPORTING AND WRITING
031. EDITORIAL OR OPINION: Newspaper/Newsletter/Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention
The Christian Century - Together in the Risk Pool
By The Christian Century editors
Award of Merit
United Church Observer - Culture thieves
By Pieta Woolley

Award of Excellence
Sojourners - Defending an Independent Press
By Sandi Villarreal

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REPORTING AND WRITING

032. EDITORIAL OR OPINION: James Solheim Award for Editorial Courage

Honorable Mention
Word&Way - The Myth of Amazing Grace
By Brian Kaylor

Award of Merit
Sojourners - Just As I Am
By Austen Hartke (author), Jim Rice (Editor), Ed Spivey Jr. (Art Director), Rose Marie Berger (Senior Associate Editor), Julie Polter (Senior Associate Editor), Betsy Shirley (Associate Editor), Jasper Vaughn (Editorial Assistant)

Award of Excellence
The Covenant Companion - Breaking the Silence
By Edward Gilbreath

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REPORTING AND WRITING

033. THEME ISSUE, SECTION, OR SERIES: Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention
RCA-CRC Disability Concerns - Breaking Barriers (Winter 2017)
By Terry A. DeYoung and Mark Stephenson, co-editors

Honorable Mention
Hunger News & Hope - How the Federal Budget Will Affect People in Poverty
By Katie Cook

Award of Merit
The Christian Recorder - Women's March
By Various Authors

Award of Excellence
The Christian Chronicle - Faith and opioids
By Bobby Ross Jr., Chellie Ison and Lynn McMillon

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REPORTING AND WRITING
034. THEME ISSUE, SECTION, OR SERIES: News Service/Website

Religion News Service - Honorable Mention
Museum of the Bible
By Adelle M. Banks

Award of Merit
Faith & Leadership - How should Christian leaders respond to gun violence?
By Faith & Leadership staff

Award of Excellence
Global Sisters Report / National Catholic Reporter - War in South Sudan
By Chris Herlinger

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REPORTING AND WRITING
035. THEME ISSUE, SECTION, OR SERIES: Magazine

Honorable Mention
Adventist World - Back to Basics
By Editorial Staff, Adventist Review Ministries

Honorable Mention
The Banner - The Five Solas
By James R. Payton, Dr. Stephen Martin, Shiao Chong, Sarah Schreiber, Reginald Smith

Award of Merit
United Church Observer - From far and wide
By Paul Herridge, Trisha Elliott, Josiah Neufeld, Wanda Schmöckel, Pieta Woolley, Alison Brooks-Starks, Sara Jewell, Bertrand Marotte, Mario Toneguzzi

Award of Excellence
U.S. Catholic - Welcome to the table: Where food meets faith
By U.S. Catholic Editors

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REPORTING AND WRITING
036. THEME ISSUE, SECTION, OR SERIES: Journal

Award of Merit
The Journal of Adventist Education - Educating for Eternity
By The Journal of Adventist Education

Award of Excellence
Reflections journal, Yale Divinity School - God and Money: Turning the Tables, Spring 2017
By Yale Divinity School

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REPORTING AND WRITING
037. THEME ISSUE, SECTION, OR SERIES: Blog or Social Media

Honorable Mention
TrueQuest Communications / VISION Vocation Guide - Questions Catholics Ask
By Alice Camille

Award of Merit
United Church Observer - My Year of Living Spiritually
By Anne Bokma

Award of Excellence
The Presbyterian Outlook - Parental grief (blog series)
By Jana Blazek

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REPORTING AND WRITING
038. INTERVIEW

Honorable Mention
The Living Church - Sustainable Housing for the Rest of Us
By Jordan Hylden

Award of Merit
U.S. Catholic - A beloved community: An interview with Catherine Meeks
By Catherine Meeks and U.S. Catholic Editors

Award of Excellence
Religion News Service - Like father, like son: Black activists tag-team preach on Father’s Day
By Adelle M. Banks

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REPORTING AND WRITING
039. BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE

Honorable Mention
The Covenant Companion - A Shot at Redemption
By Jill Riley

Award of Merit
Global Sisters Report / National Catholic Reporter - A journey marked by pain: Maryknoll Sr. Melinda Roper celebrates life in Central America
By Tracy L. Barnett

Award of Excellence
United Church Observer - Fall from grace
By Justin Dallaire

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REPORTING AND WRITING
040. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Short Format): Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention
Breaking Barriers/RCA-CRC Disability Concerns - An Outward Shift in Focus
By Jenna C. Hoff

Award of Merit
Mennonite World Review - The sun, the moon and truth
By John E. Sharp

Award of Excellence
The Christian Recorder - A Letter to Donald Trump from a Boy Scout
By Jacob Cuthbert III

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REPORTING AND WRITING
041. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Short Format): Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention
Adventist Review - Suffering in Silence
By Abigail Beaven

Award of Merit
The Covenant Companion - Population 1,500
By Elisabeth Fondell

Award of Excellence
The Cresset - The Tree Killers
By Rebekah Curtis
REPORTING AND WRITING
042. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Short Format): News Service/Website

Honorable Mention
prayer&politiks - Hope Remains: A story from prison
by Nancy Hastings Sehested

Award of Merit
Sojourners - The Skin We’re In
By Dhanya Addanki

Award of Excellence
Faith & Leadership - Push too hard and the flame goes out
By Sue DiMaggio

REPORTING AND WRITING
044. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Long format): Newspaper/Newsletter

Award of Excellence
Forum Letter of the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau - On Holy Ground
By Richard O. Johnson

REPORTING AND WRITING
045. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Long format): Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention
Church Health Reader – Sharing the End-of-Life Sojourn
By Tracy Hilts

Honorable Mention
Sojourners - Skin in the Game
By Ruth Everhart

Honorable Mention
The Covenant Companion - American Lessons
By Mark Won

Award of Merit
The Christian Century - A Pastor’s #MeToo Story
By Ruth Everhart
Award of Excellence
The Presbyterian Outlook - Pastoring a purple church
By Jill Duffield, Jana Blazek, and Christopher Edmonston

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REPORTING AND WRITING
047. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Long format): Blog

Award of Excellence
United Church Observer - My Year of Living Spiritually
By Anne Bokma

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REPORTING AND WRITING
048. COLUMN: Newspaper/News Service/Newsletter/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention
The Christian Recorder - Q. B. Driskell
By Quadricos Bernard Driskell

Honorable Mention
Mennonite World Review - Cramer avenue
By Sarah Kehrberg

Award of Merit
The Christian Chronicle - Inside Story: Columns by Erik Tryggestad
By Erik Tryggestad

Award of Excellence
The Christian Recorder - Shakira Sanchez
By Shakira Sanchez Collins

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REPORTING AND WRITING
049. COLUMN: Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention
CommonCall: The Baptist Standard Magazine - Edgewise
By Marv Knox

Honorable Mention
Sojourners - Moving Mountains
By Lisa Sharon Harper
Award of Merit
Canadian Adventist Messenger - Creation Corner for Kids
By Editor: Stan Jensen  Designer: Joan Tanasiychuk  Author: Tammie Burak

Award of Excellence
The Christian Century - On Media
By Kathryn Reklis

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REPORTING AND WRITING
050. DEPARTMENT: Print Publications

Honorable Mention
The Covenant Companion - Arts and Culture
By Companion Staff

Award of Merit
Catholic Extension - Gallery (Spring, Summer, Winter)
By Rich Kalonick (photos) Liz Boo and Meinrad Scherer-Emunds (text), Elio Leturia (layout)

Award of Excellence
Sojourners - CultureWatch
By Julie Polter

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REPORTING AND WRITING
051. DEPARTMENT: Online Publications

Honorable Mention
PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly Communications - re:RE (Regarding Ruling Elders)
By Diana Nishita Cheifetz, Rodger Nishioka, Rhonda Myers and Jane Rogers Vann

Award of Merit
Faith & Leadership - News & Ideas: Daily headlines about the church and the world
By Bob Wells

Award of Excellence
Baptist Standard - Texas Baptist Voices
By Meredith Stone, Craig Nash, and Jake Raabe

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REPORTING AND WRITING
052. CRITICAL REVIEW
Honorable Mention
National Catholic Reporter - Review of Syrian war memoir
By Chris Herlinger

Honorable Mention
In Trust - The chaos that makes American higher education -- including theological education -- so powerful
By Edwin Woodruff Tait, writer, and Jay Blossom, publisher

Award of Merit
Sojourners - Hidden Racism
By Da'Shawn Mosley

Award of Excellence
The Christian Century - Deep Roots, Open Doors
By Steve Thorngate

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REPORTING AND WRITING
053. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honorable Mention
Ministry, International Journal for Pastors - Letters to the Editor
By Various

Award of Merit
The Covenant Companion - Readers Write
By The Companion Staff

Award of Excellence
United Church Observer - Letters
Edited by Patricia Clarke

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REPORTING AND WRITING
054. POETRY

Honorable Mention
Sojourners - In Search of Thomas Merton
By E. Ethelbert Miller

Award of Merit
U.S. Catholic - Seeds
By Jeannine Pitas
Award of Excellence
Baptist Peacemaker - *don't say a word*
By Jenuine Poetess

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REPORTING AND WRITING
055. SERVICE JOURNALISM

Honorable Mention
Adventist Review - Confronting Human Trafficking
By Ashley Eisele

Award of Merit
Gather magazine - Wearing our faith
By Rebecca Ballard, writer; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Sarah Carson, associate editor

Award of Excellence
The Journal of Adventist Education - Helping Children to Be Effective Partners in Their Own Health Care
By Leslie R. Martin

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REPORTING AND WRITING
056. PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE

Honorable Mention
In Trust - The impact of seminary on the spiritual lives of students
By Jo Ann Deasy, writer, and Jay Blossom, publisher

Award of Merit
Ministry, International Journal for Pastors - Seven rules for pastoral interns
By Stanley E. Patterson

Award of Excellence
Gather magazine - Confronting our comfort: What is a privileged person to do?
By Judith Roberts, writer; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Sarah Carson, associate editor

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REPORTING AND WRITING
057. HUMOR, WRITTEN

Honorable Mention
The Cresset - Al Spangler
By Thomas C. Willadsen

Award of Merit
The Covenant Companion - There's No Crying in VBS
By Dana Bowman

Award of Excellence
The Christian Century - Trading in my narrative
By Gordon Atkinson

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REPORTING AND WRITING
058. THEOLOGICAL OR SCHOLARLY ARTICLE

Honorable Mention
Reflections journal, Yale Divinity School - Simplicity, Balance, Wisdom, Generosity: A New Economy
By Bob Massie

Award of Merit
Concordia Journal - Modern Science, Contemporary Culture, and Christian Theology
By Joel Okamoto

Award of Excellence
The Cresset - Christ in the University: Edmund Schlinck's Vision
By Matthew L. Becker

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REPORTING AND WRITING
059. BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Honorable Mention
Alliance Life - True Confession
By Russell Huizing

Award of Merit
The Christian Century - Permeable Savior
By Julie Morris

Award of Excellence
Sojourners - Truth in the Face of Power
By Reta Halteman Finger

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REPORTING AND WRITING
060. THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION: Short format (1,200 words or less)

Honorable Mention
Adventist Review - Fear Not
By Stephen Chavez

Honorable Mention
United Church Observer - Conundrums (why pray?)
By Christopher Levan

Award of Merit
The Banner - The Disabled Savior
By Shiao Chong

Award of Excellence
Church Health Reader - Yelling at God
By Tracy Hilts

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REPORTING AND WRITING
061. THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION: Long format (more than 1,200 words)

Honorable Mention
Church Health Reader - Learning to Throw a Spiritual Practice Punch
By Tara Owens

Honorable Mention
United Church Observer - When neurons meet prayer
By Trisha Elliott

Award of Merit
Adventist Review - Neither to the Right Nor to the Left
By Don McFarlane

Award of Excellence
The Christian Century - Bodies in the Vernacular
By Brian Bantum

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REPORTING AND WRITING
062. DEVOTIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL: Short format (1,200 words or fewer)

Honorable Mention
The Christian Recorder - The Truth is the Light
By Charles Watkins

Honorable Mention
Breaking Barriers/RCA-CRC Disability Concerns - Trusting in God, Relying on Others
By Stacey Midge

Award of Merit
Adventist Review - Turning the Wait Into an Adventure
By Kristina Penny

Award of Excellence
Cafe (Boldcafe.org) - Faith in Challenging times" by Collette Broady Grund
By Collette Broady Grund, writer; Elizabeth McBride, editor; Audrey Riley, copyeditor

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REPORTING AND WRITING

063. DEVOTIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL: Long format (more than 1,200 words)

Honorable Mention
The Covenant Companion - Fleeing to Bethlehem
By Helen Lee

Award of Merit
United Church Observer - Involuntary Pilgrim
By David Giuliano

Award of Excellence
The Covenant Companion - American Lessons
By Mark Won

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REPORTING AND WRITING

064. BIBLE RESOURCE

Honorable Mention
Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) - Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews
By Melissa Bane Sevier, author/Betsy Ensign-George, editor

Award of Merit
The Banner - Reading the New Testament with Jewish Eyes
By Shiao Chong

Award of Excellence
Sojourners - Living the Word
By Jim Rice (editor), Ed Spivey (Art Director), Rose Marie Berger (Senior Associate Editor), Julie Polter (Senior Associate Editor), Betsy Shirley (Associate Editor), Jasper Vaughn (Editorial Assistant)

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REPORTING AND WRITING
065. SEASONAL ARTICLE

Honorable Mention
The Banner - Ashes at the Airport
By Valerie Van Kooten

Award of Merit
The Covenant Companion - Fleeing to Bethlehem
By Helen Lee

Award of Excellence
U.S. Catholic - Winter together
By Annemarie Scobey

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REPORTING AND WRITING
067. BOOKS: Nonfiction

Award of Merit
Corita Kent: Gentle Revolutionary of the Heart
By Sr. Rose Pacatte

Award of Excellence
The Alabama Baptist: Celebrating 175 Years of Informing, Inspiring and Connecting Baptists"
By Grace Thornton and Elizabeth Wells

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REPORTING AND WRITING
068. BOOKS: Devotional

Award of Merit
Thirty-Three Breaths: A Little Book on Meditation
By the Rev. John J. Lombardi

Award of Excellence
Hope for Caregivers: A 42-Day Devotional in Company with Henri J. M. Nouwen
REPORTING AND WRITING
070. BEST DISAPPROVING LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Award of Excellence
Gather magazine - You Liberal Leftists

“Boy, you liberal leftists just cannot get over your hatred of President Donald Trump, can you? Even in your ‘religious’ magazine there is the contempt for him that you feminist leftys have for our wonderful president. I love it that you reveal in every emotional, poorly written article in your little mag the disdain you feel in your ignorant, pathetic hearts. Can’t stand it that there are intelligent, godly people in this country, can you? You don’t even let the laws of the U.S. stand in your way, do you? It’s time for your pack of writers to read the Bible for a change.”
[Name Redacted] Los Angeles, California

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VISUAL AND AUDIO COMMUNICATIONS

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
071. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: MAGAZINE COVER

Honorable Mention
Catholic Extension - Blessed Stanley Rother, pray for us
By Jen Norton (illustration), Elio Leturia (design)

Award of Merit
Ministry, International Journal for Pastors - October 2017 cover
By 316 Creative

Award of Excellence
United Church Observer - May Cover
By Ross Woolford

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
072. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: NEWSPAPER FRONT PAGE

Award of Merit
The Alabama Baptist - February 2 front page
By Lauren Grim
Award of Excellence
Mennonite World Review - February 13 front page
By Paul Schrag

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
073. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: MAGAZINE/JOURNAL DESIGN, SPREAD OR STORY

Honorable Mention
Sojourners - Church Planting and Gentrification
By Ed Spivey Jr. (Art Director), David Hollenbach (illustrator)

Award of Merit
United Church Observer - Many faces, one humanity
By Wade Davis

Award of Excellence
Alliance Life - My Husband Shot John Lennon
By Kenny Crane, Illustrator/Designer

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
074. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: MAGAZINE/JOURNAL DESIGN, ENTIRE ISSUE

Honorable Mention
Church Health Reader - Fall 2017: Model for Healthy Living
By Rachel Davis, editor in chief; Susan Martins Miller, managing editor; Lauren Hales, assistant editor; Lizy Heard, art director; Terri Scott, illustrator

Honorable Mention
Sojourners - July 2017: There Goes the Neighborhood
By Ed Spivey Jr.

Award of Merit
Alliance Life - November/December Issue
By Kenny Crane, Illustrator/Designer

Award of Excellence
Gather magazine – December 2017
By Karli Pawlak, Kelly McMurray, 2Communique, designers; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Sarah Carson, associate editor

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Award of Excellence
The Alabama Baptist - Communicating the gospel through storytelling
By Lauren Grim

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Award of Excellence
Mennonite World Review - March 13, 2017
By Paul Schrag, editor

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Honorable Mention
United Church Observer - Yearning
By Sandra Dionisi

Award of Merit
Alliance Life - My Husband Shot John Lennon
By Kenny Crane, Illustrator/Designer

Award of Excellence
Sojourners - Church Planting and Gentrification
By David Hollenbach

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Honorable Mention
Gather magazine - Gather 2017 Redesign
By Karli Pawlak, Kelly McMurray, 2Communique, designers; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Sarah Carson, associate editor

Honorable Mention
Word&Way - Word&Way Redesign
By Brian Kaylor, Holly Hyde, and Ken Satterfield
Award of Merit
The Mennonite - The Mennonite Redesign
By Hannah Gerig Meyer

Award of Excellence
The Presbyterian Outlook - Presbyterian Outlook 2017 Redesign
By Jill Duffield, Jen Jones, and Jana Blazek

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
079. ONLINE MEDIA: PUBLICATION WEBSITE

Honorable Mention
Adventist World - Adventist World Online
By Editorial Staff, Adventist Review Ministries

Award of Merit
The Christian Century - christiancentury.org
By The Christian Century editors

Award of Excellence
United Church Observer - UCOObserver.org
By Kevin Spurgaitis

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
080. ONLINE MEDIA: WEB SITE REDESIGN

Honorable Mention
Baptist Standard - Baptist Standard Website Redesign
By RBMM and Baptist Standard

Honorable Mention
Cafe (Boldcafe.org) - Cafe (boldcafe.org) redesign
By Elizabeth McBride, editor, Orbit Media Studios, website developers

Award of Merit
The Christian Chronicle - The Christian Chronicle Website Redesign
By Chellie Ison, Stephen Bell, Cara Bell

Award of Excellence
Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) - Presbyterian Women Website Redesign
By Sharon Dunne Gillies, content/Stephanie Morris, Store/Laura Lee, art director
VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
082. PHOTOGRAPHY: SINGLE PHOTO WITH ARTICLE OR CUTLINE: Newspaper/News Service/Newsletter/Website

Honorable Mention
The Christian Chronicle - A believer carries his mother to baptism
By Michael E. Brooks

Award of Merit
The Christian Chronicle - A pilgrimage of sadness in South Sudan
By Simon Yope

Award of Excellence
Mennonite World Review - Not stuck in the past
By Dale D. Gehman

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
083. PHOTOGRAPHY: SINGLE PHOTO WITH ARTICLE OR CUTLINE: Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention
Catholic Extension - Mass in chile field in Hatch, NM
By Rich Kalonick

Award of Merit
United Church Observer - May cover
By Ross Woolford

Award of Excellence
Concordia Seminary Magazine - First look: Prayer
By Jill Gray, Photographer; Jayna Rollings, Art Director; Michelle Poneleit, Designer

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
085. PHOTOGRAPHY: PHOTO SPREAD: Newspaper/News Service/Newsletter/Website

Honorable Mention
Religion News Service - Rise Up Prayer Rally Washington 2017 Photo Spread
By Adelle M. Banks

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
086. PHOTOGRAPHY: PHOTO SPREAD: Magazine/Journal
Honorable Mention
United Church Observer - Trump country
By Nigel Dickson

Award of Merit
The Living Church - From Captivity to Freedom
By Asher Imtiaz, Mari Reitsma Chevako

Award of Excellence
United Church Observer - Many faces, one humanity
By Wade Davis

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
088. VIDEO: NEWS STORY, CURRENT EVENT - with article

Honorable Mention
Presbyterian News Service - Making a digital dream come true
By Paul Seebeck

Award of Merit
Presbyterian News Service - Brain of an artist, heart of a pastor
By Paul Seebeck

Award of Excellence
Sojourners - Robert E. Lee Worshipped Here
By JP Keenan and Betsy Shirley

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
089. VIDEO: NEWS STORY, CURRENT EVENT - stand alone

Honorable Mention
Sojourners - Christians Arrested Reading Scripture In Senate Office Building
By JP Keenan

Award of Merit
PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly Communications - Untold Dreams: DACA Recipients Weigh Uncertain Future
By Randy Hobson

Award of Excellence
Presbyterian News Service - The Porch at Faith Chapel, PC(USA) New Worshiping Community
By Paul Seebeck

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
090: VIDEO: DOCUMENTARY SHORT (Less than 30 minutes)

Honorable Mention
Level Visual, Inc. - Held by God
By Tommy Grevlos & Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Award of Merit
United Church Observer - My Year of Living Spiritually
By Kevin Spurgaitis

Award of Excellence
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - Beyond the Steeple: New Life in Dripping Springs, Texas
By Will Nunnally

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
091. VIDEO: DOCUMENTARY FEATURE (Longer than 30 minutes)

Award of Excellence
PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly Communications - The Genesis of Exodus
By Randy Hobson, Teresa Waggener and Amanda Craft

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
092: VIDEO: EDUCATIONAL/INFORMATIVE

Honorable Mention
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - ELCA Advocacy: Set Free to do Justice
By Will Nunnally

Award of Merit
Presbyterian News Service - Presbyterian Financial Aid Programs
By Paul Seebeck

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
094: VIDEO: VIDEO SERIES (Vlog, video podcast, etc.)

Honorable Mention
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis - Reformation500
By Erik Herrmann, Director; Melanie Ave, Communications Manager; Dale Ward, Senior Media Producer; Jayna Rollings, Art Director; Mark Duerr and Anthony Fields, Motion Designers

Award of Merit
Living Lutheran - Beyond the steeple
By Editors, Megan Brandsrud and Will Nunnally

Award of Excellence
Presbyterian News Service - PC(USA) 1001 New Worshiping Communities
By Paul Seebeck

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
095. AUDIO: NEWS STORY, CURRENT EVENT (stand alone or with article)

Award of Excellence
Sojourners - Does the Incarceration of This 14-Year-Old Girl Make Us Safer?
By JP Keenan and Jenna Barnett

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AUDIO
096. PODCAST/AUDIO SERIES

Honorable Mention
The Mennonite The Peace Lab Podcast
By The Mennonite, Inc, and the Peace and Justice Support Network

United Church Observer - Award of Merit
The Observer Podcast
By Kevin Spurgaitis

Award of Excellence
Square Core Media - Homebrewed CultureCast
By Christian Piatt / Square Core Media

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VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
097. INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS

Honorable Mention
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis - Concordia Theology and Concordia Journal Rebrand
By Jayna Rollings, Creative Director; XiaoPei Chen, Designer; Lewis Mendez, Web Developer; Mark Duerr, Motion Designer
Award of Merit
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis - Faith ... Living, Daring Confidence in God's Grace 2017-18
Academic Year Theme
By Melanie Ave, Communications Manager; Jayna Rollings, Creative Services Manager; Lewis Mendez, Web Developer; Michelle Poneleit, Designer; Dale Ward, Senior Media Producer

Award of Excellence
By Vicente Guna, Randy Hobson, Teresa Waggener and Amanda Craft

MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

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098. ANNUAL REPORT/PRINT OR ELECTRONIC

Award of Merit
The Banner - Annual Ministry Report
By Kristen deRoo VanderBerg, Pete Euwema

Award of Excellence
By Virginia Sara, Laura Coyle and Catholic Extension staff

MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
100. MARKETING / PUBLIC RELATIONS VIDEO

Award of Excellence
United Church Observer - A tale of two cancers
By Catherine Gordon and Kevin Spurgaitis

MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
101. ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Honorable Mention
In Trust - In Trust Now e-newsletter
By Shannon Beaudry, e-newsletter editor, and Jay Blossom, publisher

Award of Merit
The Christian Chronicle - Email newsletter of The Christian Chronicle, an international newspaper for Churches of Christ
By Chellie Ison and Tonya Patton

Award of Excellence
The Catholic Review - The Catholic Review Electronic Newsletter
By George Matysek Jr.

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MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
102. Best direct mail fundraising campaign

Honorable Mention
Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) - 2017 Thank Offering
By Kathy Reeves, author; Betsy Ensign-George, editor; Stephanie Morris, designer

Award of Merit
United Church Observer - The Observer fall fundraising appeal
By United Church Observer staff

Award of Excellence
Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) - Birthday Offering 2017
By Stephanie Morris

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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108. SINGLE POSTING

Honorable Mention
The Alabama Baptist - Editor Bob Terry challenges biblical reference Twitter post
By Bob Terry, Brian Harris

Award of Merit
VISION / TrueQuest Communications - Proud family watches sister's first steps
Photo by Noel Marcantel; Text by Carol Schuck Scheiber

Award of Excellence
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - PC(USA) Responds to U.S. Refugee Ban (January 28, 2017)
By Mari Graham, Social Media Manager

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SOCIAL MEDIA
110. EVENT PROMOTION

Award of Excellence
The Christian Chronicle - The Christian Chronicle's #GivingTuesday campaign 2017
By Chellie Ison

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SOCIAL MEDIA
111. MARKETING CAMPAIGN / BRAND AWARENESS

Award of Excellence
Baptist Standard - Baptist Standard Website Relaunch
By Julie Sorrels