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BEST IN CLASS

1. Regional Newspaper

Honorable Mention

Metro Lutheran

Bob Hulteen, Editor and the Metro Lutheran staff

Honorable Mention

Word & Way

Bill Webb, Editor; Vick Brown, Associate Editor; Ken Satterfield, Marketing Coordinator

Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist

The Alabama Baptist staff

Award of Excellence

The Catholic Review

The Catholic Review staff

2. National/International Newspaper

Honorable Mention

The Christian Chronicle
Lynn McMillon, Editor

Honorable Mention

Mennonite World Review

Paul Schrag

Award of Merit

Episcopal Journal

Solange De Santis, Editor; Linda Brooks, Art Director

Award of Excellence

Anglican Journal

Paul Feheley and the Anglican Journal staff

quality content coverage

3. National/International Magazine

Honorable Mention

Cathedral Age

Richard M. Weinberg, Director of Communications; Craig W. Stapert, Associate Director of Online Strategies; Mimi M. McNamara, Senior Graphic Designer; M. Leigh Harrison, Communications Manager

Honorable Mention

The Christian Century

David Heim, Executive Director

Award of Merit

Sojourners

The Sojourners staff

Award of Excellence

Christian Science Monitor

Clayton Collins, Weekly Edition Editor; Owen Thomas, Deputy Editor; John Kehe, Design Director; Alfredo Sosa, Director of Photography; Scott Armstrong, Clara Germani, Greg Lamb, senior editors; Amelia Newcomb, Cheryl Sullivan, world and U.S. news editors; Kendra Nordin, Staff Editor; Heather Ehmke, Casey Fedde, Copy Editors; Joanne Ciccarello, Assistant Photo Editor; Lily Mui, Operations Manager; Rich Clabaugh, Julie Fallon, Patti Carter, graphics and layout

4. Denominational/Special Interest Magazine

Honorable Mention

Friends Journal

Gabriel Ehri, Executive Director; Martin Kelly, Senior Editor; Alla Podolsky, Art Director

Award of Merit

Interpreter

The Rev. Larry Hollon, Publisher; The Rev. Kathy Noble, Editor; Matthew McVane, The Guildhouse Group, Designer

Award of Merit

The Presbyterian Outlook

Jack Haberer, Editor; Jana Blazek, Associate Editor; Leslie Scanlon, National Reporter; Roy Howard, Book Editor; Stann Bailey, Art Designer

BEST IN CLASS

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer David Wilson, Editor

5. Journal

Honorable Mention

Concordia Journal

Dale A. Meyer, Publisher; Charles Arand, Executive Editor; Travis Scholl, Editor

Award of Merit

Lutheran Forum

Sarah Hinlicky Wilson and Paul Robert Sauer, editors

Award of Excellence

Reflections journal, Yale Divinity School

Ray Waddle, Editor-in-Chief; Gregory Sterling, Dean of Yale Divinity School and Publisher; John Lindner, Editorial Director; Constance Royster, Senior Advisor; Peter W. Johnson, Designer

6. Newsletter

Honorable Mention

Quarterly News for Presbyterian Women Yvonne Hileman

Award of Merit

Hunger News & Hope Katie Cook, Editor

Award of Merit

Breaking Barriers

Terry A. Young and Mark Stephenson, Editors; Reformed Church in America Production Services, Designer

Award of Excellence

At Home with Our Faith
Annemarie Scobey, Catherine O'Connell-Cahill and
Angela Cox

7. Online: News Service

Honorable Mention

Epicenter Communications

LaShane Eaglin, Web Administrator/Designer; Carol E. Barnwell, Director of Communication; Luke Blount, Staff Writer

Award of Merit

Presbyterian News Service Jerry Van Marter and Bethany Daily, Editors

Award of Excellence

Religion News Service RNS Staff

8. Online: Independent Website

Honorable Mention

Boldcafe.org

Elizabeth McBride, Editor and Graphic Designer; Kate Elliott, Editor; Orbit Media Studio, Website Designer

Award of Merit

LCMS Communications

Becky Cummings, Rudy Blank and Sam Ambrose, Designers; LCMS Communications staff writers

Award of Excellence

ECF Vital Practices

Nancy Davidge, Editor; Miguel Escobar, Strategy and Editorial Input; Brendon Hunder, Strategy and Issue Design (Vestry Papers)

writing editing design

BEST IN CLASS

9. Online: Blog

Honorable Mention

Breaking Barriers
Mark Stephenson

Honorable Mention

Faith & Leadership

Kelly Gilmer, Executive Editor; Bob Wells, News & Ideas; Nancy James, Nathan Kirkpatrick, Alaina Kleinbeck, David L. Odom and Gretchen E. Ziegenhals, blog contributors

Award of Merit

Christian Century
Steve Thorngate, Web Editor

Award of Excellence

Catholic Review Ritta Buettner

Award of Excellence

Sojourners Sojourners Web Staff

10. Online: Digital Edition/Mobile Publication

Honorable Mention

The Lutheran Witness
Concordia Publishing House, Designer
Adriane (Dorr) Heins, Managing Editor

Award of Merit

ECF Vital Practices

Nancy Davidge, Editor; Miguel Escobar and Rebecca McDonald, Episcopal Church Foundation, interface with site designer; Mike Wu, Bandwidth Productions, mobile site design

Award of Excellence

Envision Magazine Kenty Ramdatt, Web Developer

11. Public Relations/Marketing Campaign

Honorable Mention

LCMS Communications
Vicki Biggs, Director of Public Relations, The
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Award of Merit

Adventist World
Bryan Gray, Designer; Claude Richli, Marketing
Director

Award of Excellence

Rethink Church Jennifer Rodia, Sophia Agrarap and SKSW



EDITORIAL OR OPINION

12. News Service/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for "A time to be born, and a time to die" by Paul Feheley

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic for "When profiling is 'reasonable,' injustice becomes excusable" by Father Bryan Massingale

Award of Merit

Religion News Service for "Jonathan Merritt on Faith and Culture" by Jonathan Merritt

Award of Excellence

The Baptist Standard for "Get ready for all those babies" by Marv Knox

13. Newspaper/Newsletter/Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention

Presbyterian Record for "A mausoleum to Christendom" by Andrew Faiz

Honorable Mention

Mennonite World Review for "The right to marry" by Paul Schrag

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for "Malignant metaphor" by Alanna Mitchell

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer for "The right kind of trouble" by Mardi Tindal

Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist for "A threat to religious liberty" by Bob Terry

Award of Excellence

Adventist Review for "Reclaiming the Library" by Bill Knott

14. James Solheim Award for Editorial Courage: All Media

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for "Becoming Ruth Wood" by Trisha Elliott

Award of Merit

The Baptist Standard for "Get ready for all those babies" by Marv Knox

Award of Excellence

Baptist Peacemaker for "A proposal to Christian peacemakers about guns" by Bob Tiller

REPORTING & WRITING

15. Feature Article: Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention

Episcopal Journal for "Cancer survivors climb the Himalayas" by Jerrold Hames, writer and Solange De Santis, editor

Award of Merit

Anglican Journal for "My little residential school suitcase" by Marites N. Sison

Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle for "Camp Shamrock" by Erik Tryggestad

16. Feature Article: News Service/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

Presbyterian News Service for "Living water: Water purification system fuels Cuban congregation's outreach" by Jerry L. Van Marter

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for "Salvadoran activist takes her case to Canada" by Leigh Anne Williams

Award of Merit

Religion News Service for "Children conceived through rape open new front in abortion culture wars" by Adelle M. Banks

Award of Excellence

UMConnections for "Wedding bells sound challenge for church" by Kathy L. Gilbert

17. Feature Article: Magazine, Short Format

Honorable Mention

The Lutheran Magazine for "Lutheran trump cards" by Dave Daubert, writer; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Michael D. Watson, art director

Award of Merit

Lutherans Engage the World for "A light in the darkness" by Katie Schuermann, writer; Erica Schwan, designer

Award of Excellence

The Banner for "Cyber bullying: What parents and schools can do" by Ron De Boer, writer; Bob De Moor, editor

Award of Excellence

Envision Magazine for "Uncalled For?" by Melodie Roschman

18. Feature Article: Magazine, Long Format

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for "Making amends with Malawi" by Pieta Woolley

Award of Merit

The Christian Century for "Racked by fracking" by Amy Frykholm

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for "Losing the hooded grebe" by Alanna Mitchell

19. News Story: Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention

Mennonite World Review for "Abuse victims' stories told" by Kelli Yoder

Award of Merit

The Christian Chronicle for "Mandela legacy in South Africa: All worship freely" by Bobby Ross Jr.

Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle for "God put his hand on us" by Erik Tryggestad

20. News Sevice/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

United Methodist News Service for "What does Obamacare mean for churches?" by Heather Hahn

Honorable Mention

epicenter.org for "West explosion leaves Episcopalians dazed, but ready to help" by Luke Blount

Award of Merit

UM Connections for "Bishop Talbert performs Alabama wedding for two men" by Kathy L. Gilbert

Award of Merit

Adventist News Network for "First in a Series: Monteiro says judge told him he was innocent" by Ansel Oliver

Award of Excellence

Reporter "Moore, Oklahoma pastor relates tornado nightmare" by Melanie Ave

21. News Story: Magazine

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for "The gospel of secularism" by Samantha Rideout

Award of Merit

Sojourners for "Nonviolence and the drug war" by Margaret Regan

Award of Excellence

United Church Observer for "Did Canadian oil poison this town?" by May Warren

Award of Excellence

United Church Observer for "Standing up to big gold" by Roxana Olivera

22. Convention or Meeting Coverage: All Media

Honorable Mention

Adventist News Network for "Annual Council 2013 — full coverage of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's meeting of the International Executive Committee" by Elizabeth Lechleitner, Ansel Oliver, Edwin Manual Garcia and Mark A. Kellner

Honorable Mention

Reporter for "LFL conference: Share God's love on life issues" by Paula Schlueter Ross

Award of Merit

The Christian Chronicle for "Homosexuality and the church" by Bobby Ross Jr.

Award of Merit

Reporter for "Man-made tragedies a focus of Disaster Response Conference" by Kim Plummer Krull

Award of Excellence

Religion News Service for "Southern Baptist Convention 2013" by Adelle M. Banks

Award of Excellence

The Mennonite for "Walls will fail" by Everett J. Thomas, Gordon Houser, Anna Groff and Dee Birkey

23. In-Depth Coverage: Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for "Archbishop of Canterbury's installation" by Marites N. Sison

Honorable Mention

Word & Way for "Communication breakdown" by Vicki Brown, Associate Editor

Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist for "Human trafficking" by Kristen Padilla

Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle for "Coverage of Oklahoma, Texas tornadoes" by Erik Tryggestad, Bobby Ross Jr., Murray Evans and Ted Parks

24. In-Depth Coverage: News Service/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

The Mennonite for "Unfinished business with John Howard Yoder" by Anna Groff

Honorable Mention

The Baptist Standard for "Loving West: Coverage of disaster recovery efforts in West Texas" by Leah Allen, writer; Ken Camp, managing editor

Award of Merit

Adventist News Network for "500 days of injustice: The case of Pastor Antonio Monteiro — Jailed for 500 days without evidence or trial" by Ansel Oliver

Award of Excellence

Religion News Service for "Boy Scouts' policy change" by Adelle M. Banks

25. In-Depth Coverage: Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention

Adventist Review for "Cats, Kids — and Jesus?" by Kimberly Luste Maran, editor

Honorable Mention

The Lutheran for "The Shrinking Church" by Nicole Radziszewski and Robert C. Blezard, writers; Julie B. Sevig, editor; and Michael D. Watson, art director

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer for "Imagine your church in 2025: The 2013 Observer survey" by Samantha Rideout and David Wilson, writers and David Turnbull, photographer

Award of Merit

The Christian Science Monitor for "A Middle East Without Christians?" by Christa Case Bryant

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic for "Voting block" by Kristen Hannum

Award of Excellence

Sojourners for "Climate Change Issue" by Sojourners staff

26. Theme Issue, Section or Series: Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention

The Christian Chronicle for "Rural redemption series" by Bobby Ross Jr., Erik Tryggestad and David Chenault

Award of Merit

Anglican Journal for "Children's ministry" by Leigh Anne Williams

Award of Excellence

The Alabama Baptist for "Human trafficking" by Kristen Padilla

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

Honorable Mention

Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Social Justice for "Trayvon's verdict on us" by Rob Moore, designer and Tricia Lloyd-Sidle, editor

Honorable Mention

Order of Carmelites/McG Media for "Christmas conversion — A Carmelite Advent practice inspired by Therese of Lisieux" by Bill McGarvey and David Genders

Award of Merit

Adventist Review for "Route to roots: Tracking Adventist pioneers" by Gerald A. Klingbeil

Award of Excellence

Faith & Leadership for "Six-part series in behavioral theology" by Ken Evers-Hood

28. Theme Issue, Section or Series: Magazine

Honorable Mention

Cathedral Age for "Gun violence in America" by Richard M. Weinberg, director of communications; Craig W. Stapert, associate director for online strategies; Mimi M. McNamara, senior graphic designer; M. Leigh Harrison, communications manager

Honorable Mention

Friends Journal for "Outside the Quaker bubble" by Martin Kelley, senior editor; Alla Podolsky, art director and Gabriel Ehri, executive director

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic for "Special issue on homelessness/poverty" by Paula Lomanzzi, Meghan Murphy-Gill, Laura Fletcher, Roberto Goizueta, Ronald Raab C.S.C., U.S. Catholic editors

Award of Merit

Presbyterians Today for "War beyond the battlefield" by Patrick Heery, editor; Jeffrey Lawrence, publisher; Mark Thomson, Designer; Derek Keefe, copyeditor; Kathleen Cannon, production manager

Award of Merit

The Christian Science Monitor for "Healing Newtown" by G. Jeffrey McDonald

Award of Excellence

Interpreter for "The Advance — Alternative giving captures spirit of season" by The Rev. Larry Hollon, publisher; The Rev. Kathy Noble, editor; Ben Rhodes, Melissa Hinnen, James Rollins, collaborators; Matthew McVane, Designer; Carrie Madren, The Rev. Erik Alsgaard, Tom Gillem, Sandra Brands, Heather Peck Travis, Julia Kayser, Christine Kumar, Tita Parham, Emily Snell, writers; Mike DuBose, Paul Jeffrey, Kathleen Barry, photographers; Hal Sadler, illustrator

Award of Excellence

Reflections journal: Yale Divinity School for "Test of time: The art of aging" by Ray Waddle, editor-in-chief; Gregory Sterling, Dean of Yale Divinity School and publisher; John Lindner, editorial director; Peter Johnson, designer

29. Theme Issue, Section or Series: Journal

Award of Excellence

The Journal of Adventist Education for "Special section on mathematics" by Wil Clarke, coordinator and Harry Knox, art director

30. Interview: All Media

Honorable Mention

The Lutheran for "Friday night lights..." by Shawn Windsor, writer; Julie B. Sevig, editor; Michael D. Watson, art director/designer

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for "Holocaust survivor offers message of hope" by Marites N. Sison

Award of Merit

Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice for "Mandela, dignity, and divestment for South Africa: An interview with Douglas J. Tilton" by Chris Iosso, writer; Ginna Bairby, editor and designer

Award of Excellence

Church Health Reader for "Let us laugh! Finding joy in the face of cancer: Q&A with the Rev. Susan Sparks" by Stacy Smith

31. Biographical Profile: All Media

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for "I just followed my path. I knew it was the right one." by Gary Stephen Ross

Honorable Mention

Religion News Service for "C.T. Vivian adds Presidential Medal of Freedom to a lifetime of activism" by Adelle M. Banks

Award of Merit

Sojourners for "Faith to the utmost" by Ronald Osborn

Award of Excellence

Adventist Review for "Carlton Byrd takes New York by storm" by Celeste Ryan Blyden

32. Personal Experience, Short Format: Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention

Chris Herlinger for "Church World Service humanitarian fought hunger, poverty at home and abroad" in the National Catholic Reporter

Award of Merit

Breaking Barriers for "On a journey toward wholeness" by a former RCA pastor living with PTSD

Award of Excellence

The Alabama Baptist for "Today I am grieving" by Bob Terry

33. Personal Experience, Short Format: Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention

The Covenant Companion for "The flight home" by Douglas W. Johnson

Honorable Mention

Horizons Magazine for "What goes missing?" by Anitra Kitts, writer; Sharon Dunne Gillies, editor

Award of Merit

The Christian Century for "The Protestant" by Brian Doyle

Award of Excellence

Adventist Review for "Do I need a gun?" by Claude Richlil

34. Personal Experience, Short Format: News Service/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

Presbyterian News Service for "A revolutionary response in a revolutionary time: A U.S. Presbyterian living in Cairo shares a perspective on recent developments in Egypt" by a writer whose name is withheld for security reasons; Jerry Van Marter, editor

Award of Merit

Church Health Reader for "The unplugged pastor" by Darian Duckworth

Award of Excellence

Order of Carmelites/McG Media for "Resurrection in a Kansas backyard" by Gregory Houck, writer; Bill McGarvey, McG Media; David Genders, Order of Carmelites

35. Personal Experience, Long Format: Newspaper/Newsletter

Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist for "50 Years after 'The Movement" by John L. Cantelow III; The Alabama Baptist staff

Award of Excellence

Forum Letter for "Retirement reflections" by Richard O. Johnson

36. Personal Experience, Long Format: Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention

Baptist Peacemaker for "Rosa Parks goes to Tutti Island" by Lee McKenna, writer

Honorable Mention

Friends Journal for "We think he might be a boy" by Su Penn, writer; Martin Kelley, senior editor

Honorable Mention

The B Yhfor "Living on the Ragged Edge"

Honorable Mention

United Church Observerfor "All work and no pay"

Award of Merit

The Banner for "Grace in times of evil" by James Boldenow, writer; Bob De Moor, editor

Award of Excellence

Gather for "Please, God" by S.K.O.; Kate Sprutta Elliott and Terri Lackey, editors; On Track, designers

Award of Excellence

Sojourners for "Friends without borders" by Shane Claiborne

37. Personal Experience, Long Format: News Service/Website/Blog

Award of Merit

Presbyterian News Service for "Not a SNAP: Linda Valentine chronicles her week's Food Stamp Challenge" by Linda Valentine, writer; Jerry Van Marter, editor

Award of Excellence

Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Social Justice for "My feet are tired, but my soul's rested" by Rev. Maurice 'Bojangles' Blanchard, writer; Patrick Heery, editor and designer

38. Column: Newspaper/News Service/Newsletter/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

Mennonite World Review for "World neighbors" by Richard Showalter

Honorable Mention

The Alabama Baptist for "Rashional thoughts" by Jennifer Davis Rash

Award of Merit

Anglican Journal for "Come and see" by Archbishop Fred Hiltz

Award of Excellence

Metro Lutheran for "Grace notes" by Jean Johansson

39. Column: Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention

Canadian Adventist Messenger for "Connected church" by Dr. Rajkuman Dixit, writer; Stan Jensen, editor; Joan Tanasiychuk, designer

Award of Merit

Common Call: The Baptist Standard Magazine for "Edgewise" by Marv Knox

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for "Observations" by David Wilson

40. Department: Print Media

Honorable Mention

Gather for "Playing for Keeps" by Elyse Nelson Winger, writer; Kate Sprutta Elliott and Terri Lackey, editors; On Track, designers

Honorable Mention

Forum Letter for "Omnium gatherum" by Richard O. Johnson

Award of Merit

The Banner for "Tuned In" by Kristy Quist, editor for Tuned In; Bob De Moor, editor

Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist for "Faith and family" by The Alabama Baptist staff

Award of Excellence

Sojourners for "Culture watch" by Julie Polter

41. Department: Online Media

Award of Excellence

Faith & Leadership for "News and ideas" by Bob Wells

42. Critical Review: All Media

Honorable Mention

The Christian Century for "Making Jesus look good" by Katherine Willis Pershey

Award of Merit

Sojourners for "Can you hear my song?" by Shefa Siegel

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic for "Unexplained mysteries" by Meghan Murphy-Gill

Award of Excellence

Chris Herlinger for "Exposing the fine lines" in the Harvard Divinity Bulletin

43. Letters to the Editor: All Media

Honorable Mention

The Covenant Companion for "Letters." Thomas Ek, editor

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic for "You may be right." Scott Alesi and Caitlyn Schmid, editors

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for "Letters to the Editor." Patricia Clarke, editor

44. Poetry: All Media

Honorable Mention

Sojourners for "They will kill you" by Ewuare X. Osayande

Award of Merit

Chris Herlinger for "50 years later, three sonnets" in Spirit of St. Barts

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic for "Newtown" by Brian Doyle

45. Personally Useful Article: All Media

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for "Death" by Trisha Elliott

Honorable Mention

Adventist Review for "Cats, Kids — and Jesus?" by Kimberly Luste Maran

Award of Merit

Envision Magazine for "Don't follow your dreams" by Melodie Roschman

Award of Merit

Presbyterian Record for "Best practices" by John-Peter Smit

Award of Excellence

Church Health Reader for "Model for healthy living" by Church Health Reader editors

Award of Excellence

The Alabama Baptist for "Thinking of going?" by Grace Thornton

46. Professional Resource: All Media

Honorable Mention

The Alabama Baptist for "How to deal with a shooter" by Grace Thornton

Honorable Mention

The Presbyterian Record for "The Haynes Report" by Gordon Haynes, writer; Caroline Bishop, designer

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic for "When Father has a drinking problem" by Wendy Donahue

Award of Merit

Faith & Leadership for "Resource pages" by Sally Hicks and Bob Wells, editors

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for "Imagine your church in 2025" by Samantha Rideout, David Wilson, writers; David Turnbull, photographer

Award of Excellence

Presbyterian Women of the PC(USA) for "Practicing radical hospitality" by Teresa Chavez Sauceda, writer; Unzu Lee, editor; Yvonne Hileman, assistant editor; Laura Lee, designer

47. Humor, written: All Media

Honorable Mention

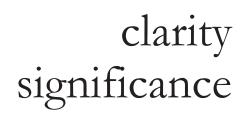
Sojourner for "Be nice (They're listening and taking notes.)" by Ed Spivey Jr.

Award of Merit

The Covenant Companion for "The very first Christmas letter ever" by Thomas Ek

Award of Excellence

The Banner for "Church history highlights" by Lloyd Rang, writer; Bob De Moor, editor



THEOLOGICAL

48. Theological or Scholarly Article: All Media

Honorable Mention

The Journal of Adventist Education for "Eschatological living: A call to restore God's justice" by Zack Plantak, writer; Harry Knox, art director

Award of Merit

Concordia Journal for "Called to milk cows and govern kingdoms: Martin Luther's teaching on the Christian's vocations" by Robert Kolb

Award of Excellence

Reflections journal, Yale Divinity School for "How to (not) retire theologically" by Stanley Hauerwas

49. Biblical Interpretation: All Media

Honorable Mention

Ministry, International Journal for Pastors for "Another Gospel? (Galatians 1:1-10)" by Marguerite Shuster **Honorable Mention**

Church Health Reader for "Mustard seeds" by Susan Palwick

Award of Merit

The Lutheran for "Even prophets get the blues" by Frank Honeycutt, writer; Daniel J. Lehmann, editor; Michael D. Watson, art director/designer

Award of Merit

Gather for "A wild and crazy guy" by Julie A. Kanarr, writer; Kate Sprutta Elliott and Terri Lackey, editors; On Track, designers

Award of Excellence

Adventist World for "The Waiting Womb" by Faminu Imabong

50. Theological Reflection, Short Format: All Media

Honorable Mention

Diolog, The Texas Episcopalian for "Gratitude" by Curtis Almquist

Honorable Mention

Faith & Leadership for "Why Easter needs Christmas" by C. Kavin Rowe

Honorable Mention

The Covenant Companion for "Shaped to be welcoming" by Karl Helvig

Award of Merit

Anglican Journal for "The Lord's Prayer" by The Rev. Mal Malton

Award of Merit

The Banner for "Tomorrow's theology" by Edwin Walhout, writer; Bob De Moor, editor

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for "Why is the universe so big?" by James Christie

Award of Excellence

Church Health Reader for "The seventh-inning stretch" by David Waters

51. Theological Reflection, Long Format: All Media

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for "Death" by Trisha Elliott

Honorable Mention

Faith & Leadership for "Six-part series in behavioral theology" by Ken Evers-Hood

Award of Merit

Sojourners for "Finding God in the depths of silence" by Richard Rohr

Award of Excellence

Cathedral Age for "Why gun violence is a religious problem" by The Very Rev. Gary Hall, writer; Richard Weinberg, editor

52. Devotional/Inspirational, Short Format: All Media

Honorable Mention

Sojourners for "At the river we stand" by Rose Marie Berger

Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer for "Unexpected gifts" by John T. Harries

THEOLOGICAL

Honorable Mention

The Lutheran for "Love letter" by Frank G. Honeycutt, writer; Daniel J. Lehmann, editor; Michael D. Watson, art director

Award of Merit

Church Health Reader for "Live. Laugh. Love." by Ashley-Anne Masters

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic for "We were called Sister" by Joan Sauro, C.S.J.

Award of Excellence

Alliance Life Magazine for "You're me... I'm you" by Anonymous Alliance International Worker, writer; Peter Burgo, editor; Melinda Lane, managing editor

53. Devotional/Inspirational, Long Format: All Media

Honorable Mention

Alliance Life Magazine for "A glorious church" by Duane Guisinger, writer; Peter Burgo, editor; Melinda Lane, managing editor

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic for "Keeping it real" by Alice Camille

Award of Excellence

Gather for "Wilderness journey" by Julie A. Kanarr, writer; Kate Sprutta Elliott and Terri Lackey, editors; On Track, designers

54. Bible Reference: All Media

Honorable Mention

The Christian Century for "R-rated: How to read the Bible with children" by Sarah Hinlicky Wilson

Honorable Mention

Sojourners for "Preaching the Word" by the Sojourners staff

Award of Merit

Church Health Reader for "Advent Devotional resources" by the Church Health Reader staff

Award of Excellence

The Alabama Baptist for "January Bible Study" by Fisher Humphreys and The Alabama Baptist staff

55. Seasonal Article: All Media

Honorable Mention

The Covenant Companion for "When the light comes sideways" by Erik Johnson

Award of Merit

The Mennonite for "When God became a baby" by Gordon Houser

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for "The Upper Room" by Gary Paterson

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for "Unexpected gifts" by John T. Harries

ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS

56. Magazine Cover

Honorable Mention

Diolog The Texas Episcopalian for "Music, September issue" by LaShane K. Eaglin

Award of Merit

Ministry, International Journal for Pastors for "Another Gospel?" September issue by 316 Creative

Award of Excellence

Adventist Review for "The Color of Freedom" December issue by Daniel Anez

57. Newspaper Front Page

Honorable Mention

Episcopal Journal for "December front page" by Linda Brooks, art director; Solange De Santis, editor

ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS

Award of Merit

The Catholic Review for "From death to life" by April Hornbeck

Award of Excellence

Anglican Journal for "Summer 2013" by Saskia Rowley

58. Design, Spread or Story: Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention

Envision Magazine for "From fear to eternity" by Kristiana Mitacek

Award of Merit

Presbyterian Record for "Lutherland" by Caroline Bishop and Salina Vanderhorn, designers; Martin O'Neill, illustrator

Award of Merit

Alliance Life Magazine for "A glorius church" by Daron Short, graphic designer; Duane Guisinger, writer

Award of Excellence

Lutherans Engage the World for "A light in the darkness" by Erica Schwan

59. Design, Entire Issue: Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention

Cathedral Age for "Standing for equality. Standing through time." by Richard M. Weinberg, director of communications; Craig W. Stapert, associate director for online strategies; Mimi M. McNamara, senior graphic designer; M. Leigh Harrison, communications manager

Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic for "August issue" by Angela Cox and U.S. Catholic editors

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer for "September issue" by Ross Woolford, designer

Award of Merit

Sojourners for "January issue" by Ed Spivey Jr., designer

Award of Excellence

Diolog The Texas Episcopalian for "Music, September issue" by LaShane K. Eaglin, graphic design and layout

60. Design, Spread or Story: Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention

The Alabama Baptist for "How to cope with grief" by The Alabama Baptist staff; Lauren C. Grim

Award of Merit

The Christian Chronicle for "Camp Shamrock" by Erik Tryggestaad

Award of Excellence

Anglican Journal for "Childen's ministry" by Saskia Rowley

61. Design, Entire Issue: Newspaper/Newsletter

Honorable Mention

Kids View/Adventist Review for "March issue" by Merle Poirier

Award of Merit

Anglican Journal for "April issue" by Saskia Rowley

Award of Excellence

At Home with Our Faith for "December issue" by Angela Cox

62. Illustration with Article or Cutline: All Media

Honorable Mention

Adventist Review for "The color of freedom" by Daniel Anez

Honorable Mention

The Lutheran for "Keeping it legal" by Michael D. Watson, illustrator/art director; Julie B. Sevig, editor

Honorable Mention

The Banner for "Just for kids" by Dean Heetderks, art director; Pete Euwema and Frank Gutbrod, graphic design; Bob De Moor, editor

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer for "New chapter, old tragedy" by Kim Stewart, illustrator; Ross Woolford, designer

Award of Merit

Anglican Journal for "Team Cranmer meets Team Luther" by David Shaw



ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS

Award of Excellence

Alliance Life Magazine for "Lord of Heaven and Earth" by Kenny Crane, design intern; Wendell Grout, writer

63. Single Photo with Article or Cutline: Newspaper/News Service/ Newsletter/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for "Praying on Parliament Hill" by Marites N. Sison

Honorable Mention

Reporter for "Tornadoes damage two Illinois LCMS congregations" by Dan Gill

Award of Merit

The Catholic Review for "Dunking for dollars" by Tom McCarthy, photographer; April Hornbeck, art director

Award of Excellence

Reporter for "Disaster team surveys typhoon damage, brings aid: Members of the LCMS Disaster Response team pray" by Erik M. Lunsford

64. Single Photo with Article or Cutline: Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention

Sojourners for "Land rites" by Ryan Roderick Beiler

Honorable Mention

The Lutheran for "A joyful beginning" by Michael D. Watson, photographer and art director

Award of Merit

The United Church Observer for "Six days in Vancouver" by David Turnbull, photographer; Ross Woolford, designer

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic for "When Father has a drinking problem" by Tom A. Wright

65. Photo Spread with Article or Cutline: Newspaper/News Service/ Newsletter/Website/Blog

Honorable Mention

Order of Carmelites & McG Media for "God's Garden" by David Genders, Order of Carmelites, photography; Bill McGarvey, series concept

Award of Merit

United Methodist News Service for "Typhoon Haiyan" by Mike DuBose

Award of Excellence

LCMS Communications for "LCMS disaster response" by Erik M. Lunsford

Award of Excellence

The Catholic Review for "He is risen" by Tom McCarthy, photographer; April Hornbeck, art director

66. Photo Spread with Article or Cutline: Magazine/Journal

Honorable Mention

The Christian Century for "God ran with us: Caught between two Sudans" by Paul Jeffries

Award of Merit

Sojourners for "Gaza: The persistent paradox" by Ryan Roderick Beiler

Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer for "Six days in Vancouver" by David Turnbull, photographer; Ross Woolford, designer

Award of Excellence

Cathedral Age for "Unexpected intimacies" by Colin Winterbottom

67. Print Publication Redesign

Honorable Mention

At Home with Our Faith by Angela Cox

Award of Merit

Friends Journal by Alla Podolsky, art director

Award of Excellence

The Alabama Baptist by the Alabama Baptist staff

creativity composition

ONLINE/NEW MEDIA

68. Publication Website

Honorable Mention

Concordia Theology.org (Concordia Journal) by Charles Arand, executive editor; Travis Scholl and Erik Herrmann, editors; Ken Kogler, technology; Dale Ward and Shannon Wiseman, video production

Honorable Mention

AR Online (Adventist Review) by Carlos Medley, webmaster/editor; Clayton Kinney, web designer

Award of Merit

Sojourners by Sojourners staff

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic by U.S. Catholic editors

69. Website Redesign

Honorable Mention

The Baptist Standard by Toolbox Studios, Marv Knox, Ken Camp, John Rutledge and Julie Sorrels

Award of Merit

Order of the Carmelites/McG Media by Bill McGarvey, McG Media and David Genders, Order of Carmelites

Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle by Travis Langley

70. Social Media

Honorable Mention

LCMS Communications for "Tweet Chat with LCMS President Matt Harrison" by Melanie Ave, senior writer and social media coordinator

Honorable Mention

Anglican Journal for "Online social media" by Marites N. Sison and Leigh Anne Williams

Award of Merit

Sojourners for "Sojourners social media" by Sojourners Web staff

Award of Excellence

Rethink Church for "Rethink Church photo-a-day challenge" by Sophia Agtarap; United Methodist Communications, Rethink Church

71. Video

Honorable Mention

Sojourners for "Sojo stories" by Sandi Villarreal, Brandon Hook and Catherine Woodiwiss, producers

Honorable Mention

epicenter.org for "Weekend food program brings 'Shear Blessings' to Houston children" by Jamie Martin-Currie, producer; Luke Blount, videographer and editor; Carol E. Barnwell, videographer

Award of Merit

Faith & Leadership for "Claire Wimbush: Broken people walking toward wholeness" by Kate Rugani and Ed Moore, producers; Steve Mims, filmmaker

Award of Excellence

UMTV for "Service dogs heal troops" by Laurens Glass, producer; Fran Coode Walsh, supervising producer; Tony Cook, editor; Ronny Perry, videographer

72. Integrated Communications

Award of Merit

LCMS Communications for "LCMS launches its first app" by Vicki Biggs, Director of Public Relations

Award of Excellence

Religion News Service for "Project: The March" by Adelle M. Banks, Sally Morrow, David Herrera, Kevin Eckstrom, Corrie Raye Mitchell, Sarah Pulliam Bailey, Lauren Markoe, Yonat Shimron, Omid Safi, Mark Silk, Robert P. Jones

73. Podcasts

Award of Excellence

Order of the Carmelites/McG Media for "The Daily Disconnect" by Bill McGarvey, McG Media and David Genders, Order of Carmelite

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Public Relations/Marketing

BOOKS

74. Student Publications: General Excellence: All Media

Award of Excellence

Envision Magazine by Debbi Michel, editor-in-chief; Janelle Collins, senior editor

75. Public Relations/Marketing: Annual Report: Print or Online

Award of Merit

The Banner for "Annual Ministry Report" by Dean Heetderks, art director; Pete Euwema and Frank Gutbrod, graphic designers

Award of Excellence

Sojourners for "Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2012" by Ed Spivey, Jr., designer

76. Public Relations/Marketing: Traditional News Release

Award of Merit

epicenter.org by Carol E. Barnwell

77. Public Relations/Marketing: PR Video

Award of Excellence

epicenter.org for "Weekend food program brings 'Shear Blessings' to Houston children" by Jamie Martin-Currie, producer; Luke Blount, videographer and editor; Carol E. Barnwell, videographer

78. Public Relations/Marketing: Electronic Newsletter

Honorable Mention

CR News (Catholic Review) by Jennifer Williams

Honorable Mention

In Trust Now by Nettia Shepper, E-newsletter editor; Jay Blossom, Blog editor

Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic e-bulletin, by U.S. Catholic editors

Award of Excellence

The Diolog, Episcopal Diocese of Texas by Luke Blount, editor

80. Printed Book, Fiction

Award of Excellence

The Catholic Review for "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke, writer; Christian Slade, illustrator

Award of Excellence

Charles David Kleymeyer for "YESHU: A Novel for the Open-Hearted"

81. Printed Book, Non-fiction

Award of Merit

Concordia Journal for "Inviting community" by members of the faculty at Concordia Seminary; Robert Kolb and Theodore Hopkins, editors

Award of Excellence

The Catholic Review for "J's Zoo" by James Breig, writer; Brad Tabar, illustrator

82. E-Book, Fiction

Award of Excellence

Charles David Kleymeyer for "YESHU: A Novel for the Open-Hearted"

Our Judges

Erik Aalsgard

Erik Aalsgard is an ordained Elder in The United Methodist Church, serving as editor in the Ministry of Communications for the Baltimore-Washington Conference. He has worked in church communications for the last 20 years. Erik says his passion is telling the stories of the people of faith. He is a native of Michigan, married to Sheila, with two children and two grandchildren.

Leon Alligood

Leon Alligood was a reporter for 30 years, spending most of that time in Nashville before turning to academia. He covered a variety of beats, but was primarily a human interest reporter. In 2002 and 2004, he was embedded with units from the 101st Airborne Division in Afghanistan and Iraq, respectively. Since the fall of 2008 he has been an assistant professor in journalism at Middle Tennessee State University.

Deborah Bogaert

Deborah Bogaert has been an editor, writer, and communications professional for nearly 20 years, first for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago and later for the church-wide office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She holds master's degrees in journalism and theology from the Medill School at Northwestern University and from Catholic Theological Union, respectively. She recently traded the Great Plains for the Blue Ridge Mountains and resides in southwest Virginia, where she is a freelance writer and editor and non-profit communications consultant.

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Susan Clary is the Grants Officer for the Florida Hospital Foundation and "freelance Media Guru, writer and communications consultant." A seasoned journalist with experience in print, radio and television, she has worked on many political campaigns, served as communications director for a large law firm and handled publications for the court system. She has assisted businesses and non-profits as a business development manager. She is a certified investigator, mediator and grant writer. Her work has been published in many newspapers such as the Miami Herald, Tampa Bay Times, Tampa Tribune, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, Palm Beach Post, Chicago Tribune and the Orange County Register.

Brian Cleveland

Brian Cleveland is a multiplatform editor on The Washington Post's universal copy desk. He previously spent seven years at The Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk, Va., where he was the copy desk chief. He also spent several years in Duluth, Minn., at the Duluth News Tribune.

Cathy Cobbs

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George Conger

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Jill Y. Crainshaw

Jill Y. Crainshaw is the Blackburn Professor of Worship and Liturgical Theology at Wake Forest University School of Divinity in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She is the author of three books – Wise and Discerning Hearts: An Introduction to Wisdom Liturgical Theology (Liturgical Press, 2000); Keep the Call: Leading the Congregation without Losing Your Soul (Abingdon, 2007), and Wisdom's Dwelling Place: Exploring a Wisdom Liturgical Spirituality (Order of St. Luke Press, 2010). She is also co-editor of The Encyclopedia of Religious Controversies in the United States, revised edition (ABC-Clio Press, 2013). Dr. Crainshaw is a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and earned her Ph.D. at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

John P. Ferré

John P. Ferré is a professor of communication at the University of Louisville, where he is finishing a two-year appointment as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A scholar of the religious and ethical dimensions of mediated communication, Ferré is the editor, author, or co-author of seven books. He has also written nearly four dozen articles, encyclopedia entries, and book chapters as well as more than 70 book reviews.

Kit Fullenlove

Kit Fullenlove is the publications manager over internal and external communications for a seven-hospital system in Kentucky. She is a frequent judge for high school, college and professional journalism contests. Fullenlove is an award-winning newspaper editor, page designer, columnist, reporter and photographer.

Our Judges

Kathy Helgeson

Kathy M. Helgeson is the media specialist for the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She documents all aspects of campus life, providing editorial images and video for the university. Before that, she spent 15 years as an award-winning photojournalist for the Tampa Tribune/TBO.com/WFLA, The Augusta Chronicle, and Winter Haven News Chief. She is married to Baird Helgeson, who covers state politics and government for the Star Tribune in Minneapolis. They have two boys, ages 6 and 4.

Bob Hurte

Bob Hurt lives in the small hamlet of Stewartsville, New Jersey, located near the Pennsylvania border. He and his wife Barbara have been married for 24 years. Their children were all adopted from Korea, Matthew (deceased), Tegan (19), and Samuel (15). He is a lay minister, Deacon and currently Elder at the Stewartsville Presbyterian Church. He writes a monthly newsletter column called "Praise Be to Godl" Bob has taught Sunday school and is a volunteer with the "Turn a Frown Around" organization, whose goal is to stamp out loneliness in nursing homes through visitation programs. Bob said, "I have always been active in the life of the church, and cannot remember not being a Christian."

Mary Jane Ingui

Mary Jane Ingui has a Ph.D. in American History from Lehigh University. She has teaching and administrative experience in higher education. Her dissertation was published and she authored an American History review book along with several academic articles. Since 2003, she has written for the Sebastian Sun, and then, since 2012, for the Vero Beach News Weekly. Both are Scripps publications. She has lived in Sebastian, FL since 1999.

Reggie Kidd

Reggie Kidd (PhD, Duke; MAR & MDiv, Westminster; BA, William & Mary) is Professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary/Orlando, and Faculty Member at the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies. In addition, he serves as Associate Priest at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando, and as columnist for Worship Leader Magazine. He is author of Wealth and Beneficence in the Pastoral Epistles: A "Bourgeois" Form of Early Christianity? and With One Voice: Discovering Christ's Song in Our Worship. Reggie enjoys playing guitar and piano, cutting tatami with his samurai sword, and helping his wife Sharon raise puppies for Canine Companions for Independence.

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Catherine Kohn is the Associate Director for the ACP. She is a freelance writer, editor and designer with more than 30 years of experience as a journalist. She holds a degree in writing from the University of South Florida and is a certified elementary and secondary teacher. She has held positions as a general assignment reporter, copy editor, special sections editor, education reporter, news editor and features editor. She has numerous awards for design work from Episcopal Communicators, Associated Church Press and Religion Communicators Council.

Keith W. Kohn

Journalist Keith W. Kohn has been in the business 34 years. He is an assistant editor at Newsday on Long Island, N.Y., and has served as managing editor in South Florida, business editor in Albany, N.Y., night local editor in Orlando and has held several other key newsroom positions. He's a member of Investigative Reporters and Editors, the Society of Professional Journalists and holds a Blockbuster movie rental card. He's married to Catherine. They have six adult children and six grandchildren.

Jeff Kunerth

Jeff Kunerth covers religion and minority affairs for the Orlando Sentinel. Kunerth, 62, was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for local reporting in 2013 for his contribution to the paper's stories on the hazing death of FAMU drum major Robert Champion. He is the author of *Trout: A True Story of Teens, Murder and the Death Penalty.*

Rev. Canon J. Gary L'Hommedieu

The Rev. Canon J. Gary L'Hommedieu was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in 1979 and has served congregations in Hartford CT, Albany NY, Philadelphia PA, and now serves as Canon Pastor at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Orlando, FL. In addition to the M.Div. degree Canon L'Hommedieu has earned a certificate in Biblical Counseling from CCEF, Philadelphia, and an M.A. in Applied Sociology from the University of Central Florida, Orlando. He has written extensively for VirtueOnline, recognized by Google as the most influential Anglican News Service worldwide.

Kristen Miller

Kristen Miller is the art director of Cleveland Magazine, a city magazine focusing on personality profiles as well as lifestyle, dining and entertainment coverage in Northeast Ohio. Before joining Cleveland Magazine she was the graphics editor at Crain's Cleveland Business, a weekly business tabloid; and a page designer at the South Bend Tribune in northern Indiana. She is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Our Judges

Randy Noles

Randy Noles has enjoyed a career in writing and publishing for 35 years. He is CEO of Florida Home Media, publisher of Orlando Life and Winter Park Magazine, and Consulting Publisher for Gulfshore Media, publisher of Sarasota Magazine. He has won dozens of local, regional and national editorial awards for hard news, opinion columns and feature writing. He is also the author of two critically acclaimed nonfiction books, one of which, *Fiddler's Curse*, was adapted into a nationally broadcast documentary film.

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Mark Seibel

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Brad Allen Wallace

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Chris J. Zurcher

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