

**2017 Associated Church Press
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BEST IN CLASS

OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS

001. REGIONAL NEWSPAPER

Award of Excellence

The Alabama Baptist

By The Alabama Baptist Staff

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

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

REPORTING AND WRITING

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

The Christian Chronicle - African Christian College's Golden Jubilee

By Erik Tryggestad

Award of Excellence

The Alabama Baptist - ABSC annual meeting coverage

By The Alabama Baptist staff

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

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

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.

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

Hunger News & Hope - Special Report: US Poverty, Food Security & the Federal Budget

By Linda Freeto

Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle - Coverage of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

By Bobby Ross Jr. and Chellie Ison

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

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

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

Created by the Henri Nouwen Legacy Trust and Church Health Center of Memphis, Inc. | Edited by Susan Martins Miller; Stephen Lazarus, editorial advisor, Henri Nouwen Society; Lizy Heard, designer; Matt Chapman, painter

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

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

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

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

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

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

075. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: NEWSPAPER/NEWSLETTER DESIGN, SPREAD OR STORY

Award of Excellence

The Alabama Baptist - Communicating the gospel through storytelling

By Lauren Grim

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

076. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: NEWSPAPER/NEWSLETTER DESIGN, ENTIRE ISSUE

Award of Excellence

Mennonite World Review - March 13, 2017

By Paul Schrag, editor

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

077. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: ILLUSTRATION, WITH ARTICLE OR OUTLINE

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

VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

078. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: PRINT PUBLICATION REDESIGN

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

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 - UCObserver.org
By Kevin Spurgaitis

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 OUTLINE: 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 OUTLINE: 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly Communications - Story Map: The Genesis of Exodus
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

Catholic Extension - Annual Report 2016

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.

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

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

110. EVENT PROMOTION

Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle - The Christian Chronicle's #GivingTuesday campaign 2017

By Chellie Ison

SOCIAL MEDIA

111. MARKETING CAMPAIGN / BRAND AWARENESS

Award of Excellence

Baptist Standard - Baptist Standard Website Relaunch

By Julie Sorrels