

**2018 Associated Church Press
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REPORTING AND WRITING

016. FEATURE ARTICLE: Newspaper/Newsletter

- Honorable Mention

The Alabama Baptist

Rolling Billboard

By Carrie Brown McWhorter

- Award of Merit

Hunger News & Hope

How 2017 Natural Hazards Affected Food Security

By Rachel Boyle

- Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle

18 wheels and a heart to serve

By Bobby Ross Jr.

017. FEATURE ARTICLE: News Service/Website/Blog

- Honorable Mention

Religion News Service

Remembering King's last sermon with renewed hope

By Adelle M. Banks

- Award of Merit

NAD NewsPoints

Samantha's Story

By Kimberly Luste Maran

- Award of Excellence

Sojourners

'This Is Not a Crisis. This Is a Long-Term Disaster': Family Separation Is the Latest Eruption in an Ongoing Story

By Sandi Villarreal

018. FEATURE ARTICLE: Magazine, Short Format (1,200 words or fewer)

- Honorable Mention
Presbyterians Today
Raising Generous Children
By Pam Greer-Ullrich

- Award of Merit
Presbyterians Today - June/July 2018
“Beyond A Bag of Groceries”
By Sherry Blackman

- Award of Excellence
Adventist Review Ministries
Is Facebook Making Us Mean?
By Sari Fordham

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

- Honorable Mention
The United Church Observer
#MeToo in the United Church
By Trisha Elliott

- Honorable Mention
The Living Church
Lazarus and the Resurrection of a Boy with Down Syndrome
By The Rev. Zac Koons

- Honorable Mention
The Banner, Christian Reformed Church in NA
Uncomfortable Conversation
By Chuck DeGroat

- Award of Merit
The Presbyterian Outlook
Serving the world at the truck stop
By Sherry Blackman, The Presbyterian Outlook staff

- Award of Excellence
The United Church Observer Magazine
Angels on Call
By Roberta Staley

020. NEWS STORY: Newspaper/Newsletter

- Honorable Mention
The Christian Chronicle
At the border, a prayer for 'forgotten people'
By Erik Tryggestad

- Award of Merit
The Christian Chronicle
Seeking justice for Botham Jean
By Bobby Ross Jr.

- Award of Excellence
The Christian Chronicle
Tears and fears: Church teen killed by Arkansas police
By Bobby Ross Jr.

021. NEWS STORY: News Service/Website/Blog

- Honorable Mention
Sojourners
From Grassroots to Government: A Climate Assessment Presents a Moral Opportunity
By Christina Colón

- Honorable Mention
NAD NewsPoints
Community Pulls Together After Deadliest Fire in California's History Burns Through Towns
By Kimberly Luste Maran

- Award of Merit
Presbyterian News Service
After synagogue shooting, Presbyterians share shock, grief; stand in solidarity with neighbors
By Paul Seebeck and Mike Ferguson

- Award of Excellence
Global Sisters Report (NCR)
Sisters applaud adoption of UN migration compact
By Chris Herlinger

022. NEWS STORY: Magazine

- Honorable Mention
Presbyterians Today
Rural Realities: Hunger in the Heartland
By Donna Frischknecht Jackson

- Honorable Mention
Word&Way

HLGU Invite to Hawley Breaks 'Johnson Amendment'
By Brian Kaylor

- Award of Merit
Presbyterians Today
Finding Homes for the Homeless
By Heidi Worthen Gamble

- Award of Excellence
The United Church Observer
Jehovah's Witnesses Cover-Up
By Kristy Woudstra

023. CONVENTION OR MEETING COVERAGE: Newspaper/Newsletter

- Honorable Mention
The Alabama Baptist
Alabama Baptist State Convention Report
By The Alabama Baptist staff

- Award of Merit
The Christian Chronicle
Fear and hope in Europe
By Erik Tryggestad

- Award of Excellence
PC(U.S.A.) Communications
General Assembly 223 News
By PC(USA) Communications

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

- Honorable Mention
The Christian Chronicle
'Love Wins' at same-sex conference
By Bobby Ross Jr.

- Award of Merit
Global Sisters Report
Leadership Conference of Women Religious - 2018
By Soli Salgado, Brittany Wilmes, Dan Stockman

- Award of Excellence
Unbound
Renewing the Vision: Issues of Social Justice before the 223rd General Assembly (St. Louis)
By Henry Koenig Stone

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

- Honorable Mention

The Christian Index

The Nigeria National Young Adult Convention: Highlights

By Ore L. Spragin, Jr.

- Award of Merit

In Trust

New Vatican document describes spiritual apprenticeship for Catholic seminarians

By Christa R. Klein, writer

- Award of Excellence

The Catholic Review

Archbishop Lori Reflects on Completed Bishops' Meeting

By Christopher Gunty

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

- Honorable Mention

Word&Way

Baptist World Alliance Coverage

By Brian Kaylor, Editor

- Award of Merit

The United Church Observer

Meet the Nominees

By Mike Milne

- Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer

General Council Special Report

By Trisha Elliott, Mike Milne, Christopher White

027. IN-DEPTH COVERAGE: Newspaper/Newsletter

- Honorable Mention

Hunger News & Hope

Special Report: Water Issues at Home and Abroad

By Linda Freeto

- Award of Merit

The Christian Chronicle

Seeking justice for Botham Jean
By Bobby Ross Jr., Erik Tryggestad and Chellie Ison

- Award of Excellence
The Alabama Baptist
A look at mass incarceration in Alabama
By Martha Simmons

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

- Honorable Mention
Religion News Service
Remembering King's last sermon with renewed hope
By Adelle M. Banks

- Honorable Mention
Sojourners
Can We Afford Economic Justice in the United States?
By Daniel José Camacho

- Award of Merit
National Catholic Reporter/Global Sisters Report
Cubans, US exiles connect to help rebuild Cuba's Catholic Church
By Gail DeGeorge and Soli Salgado

- Award of Excellence
Baptist Standard
Paige Patterson controversy
By Ken Camp

029. IN-DEPTH COVERAGE: Magazine/Journal

- Honorable Mention
Presbyterians Today - November/December 2018
"Rural Realities: Hunger in the Heartland"
By Donna Frischknecht Jackson

- Award of Merit
The United Church Observer
Jehovah's Witnesses Cover-Up
By Kristy Woudstra

- Award of Excellence
The Covenant Companion
Finding Refuge

By Companion Staff

030. EDITORIAL OR OPINION: News Service/Website/Blog

• Honorable Mention

Baptist Standard

Do we really want an impartial media?

By Eric Black

• Award of Merit

NAD NewsPoints

A Quiet Witness

By Kimberly Luste Maran

• Award of Excellence

Baptist Standard

Why Paige Patterson's comments on abuse are dangerous

By Meredith Stone

031. EDITORIAL OR OPINION: Newspaper/Newsletter/Magazine/Journal

• Honorable Mention

Ministry, International Journal for Pastors

Are you drinking yet?

By Jeffrey O. Brown

• Award of Merit

US Catholic

Money talks

By Meghan Murphy-Gill

• Award of Excellence

Sojourners

A Combination of Cruelty and Ineptitude

By Jim Wallis

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

• Honorable Mention

Word&Way

We Clearly Have a Problem

By Brian Kaylor, Editor

• Award of Merit

The Covenant Companion

Who Do You Say That I Am?

By Companion Staff

- Award of Excellence
Presbyterian Outlook
Renouncing white Jesus
By Jill Duffield

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

- Honorable Mention
The Christian Chronicle
50 Years: Racial Reconciliation and the Church
By Bobby Ross Jr., Hamil R. Harris and Lynn McMillon

- Honorable Mention
Hunger News & Hope
From Water Crisis to Water Justice
By Katie Cook, editor

- Award of Merit
The Alabama Baptist
The Alabama Baptist: Celebrating 175 Years
By The Alabama Baptist staff

- Award of Excellence
The Christian Chronicle
Big Questions for Churches of Christ
By Erik Tryggstad, Bobby Ross Jr., Chellie Ison

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

- Honorable Mention
Global Sisters Report
Healing Divisions: Working to heal Cities Divided After Incidents of Anti-black Racism
By Dawn Araujo-Hawkins

- Honorable Mention
Presbyterian Outlook
On the border: Faith stories from the front lines of migration
By Leslie Scanlon

- Award of Merit
Religion News Service
America's Preacher: The Life and Legacy of Billy Graham
By Religion News Service

- Award of Excellence
Baptist Standard
Child sexual abuse and the church
By Scott Floyd

035. THEME ISSUE, SECTION, OR SERIES: Magazine/Journal

- Honorable Mention
Reflections Journal/Yale Divinity School
Fall 2018 issue: Sex, Gender, Power: A Reckoning
By Greg Sterling, dean/publisher; Ray Waddle, editor
- Honorable Mention
Living City Magazine
Living City November: Abuse Crisis
By Susanne Janssen and Chiara Catipon
- Honorable Mention
Reformed Worship
Reformed Worship 128: Theme Issue on Mental Illnesses and Worship
By The Rev. Joyce Borger, Editor
- Award of Merit
Ministry, International Journal for Pastors
July 2018 Issue: Chaplaincy
By Various Writers
- Award of Excellence
Presbyterian Outlook
Who is my neighbor?
By Presbyterian Outlook staff

036. THEME ISSUE, SECTION, OR SERIES: Blog or Social Media

- Award of Excellence
Presbyterian Outlook
The sisterhood of the traveling robe
By Jana Blazek, The Presbyterian Outlook staff and bloggers

037. INTERVIEW

- Honorable Mention
NAD NewsPoints
Samantha's Story
By Kimberly Luste Maran

- Honorable Mention
Global Sisters Report (NCR)
Interview with Sr. Rose Pacatte
By Chris Herlinger

- Award of Merit
The Christian Century
How to talk to climate skeptics
By Amy Frykholm

- Award of Excellence
The Covenant Companion
Torn from Home
By Companion Staff

038. BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE

- Honorable Mention
The Christian Chronicle
Profile of Olan Hicks, founder of The Christian Chronicle
By Erik Tryggestad

- Honorable Mention
The United Church Observer
A Good Death
By Pieta Woolley

- Award of Merit
Sojourners
#WomenCrushWednesday: Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Activist and Namesake to a Movement
By Layton E. Williams

- Award of Excellence
Religion News Service
#ChurchToo supporter Karen Swallow Prior builds bridges between the extremes
By Adelle M. Banks

039. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Short Format): Newspaper/Newsletter

- Honorable Mention
Breaking Barriers/RCA-CRC Disability Concerns ministries
A Group Without All the Answers
By Kyle Crist

- Award of Merit
The Christian Recorder

A Season of Reconciliation and Remembrance
By Rev. Sidney Williams, Jr.

- Award of Excellence
The Alabama Baptist
Don't give up on God
By Bob Terry

040. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Short Format): Magazine/Journal

- Honorable Mention
The Covenant Companion
Diagnosis Cancer
By Kelly Johnston

- Honorable Mention
Adventist Review Ministries
Lean In a Little Closer
By Barbara Couden Hernandez

- Award of Merit
Gather Magazine
Changed Hearts
By Judith Roberts, author; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Sarah Carson, associate editor

- Award of Excellence
The United Church Observer
Power in the Blood
By Anne Bokma

041. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Short Format): News Service/Website/Blog

- Honorable Mention
Faith & Leadership
How should the church celebrate the passage into adulthood?
By Gretchen E. Ziegenhals

- Award of Merit
Sojourners
Between Me and My Motherland
By Dhanya Addanki

- Award of Excellence
Faith & Leadership
How I embraced my authority as an African-American woman in ministry
By Natasha Jamison Gadson

042. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Long format): Newspaper/Newsletter/News Service/Website/Blog

- Honorable Mention

Forum Letter

Marked with the cross of Christ forever

By Eileen Smith

- Award of Merit

prayer&politiks

He desired a better country: A remembrance of David McReynolds

By Ken Sehested

- Award of Excellence

Presbyterian Outlook

My mom and me: Theological comfort and the suicide crisis

By Chip Hardwick and The Presbyterian Outlook staff

043. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE (Long format): Magazine/Journal

- Honorable Mention

The Covenant Companion

Addiction and the Church

By Dana Bowman

- Award of Merit

The Christian Century

Stitched-together community

By Amy Frykholm

- Award of Excellence

The United Church Observer

In the Beginning

By Alanna Mitchell

044. COLUMN: Newspaper/News Service/Newsletter/Website/Blog

- Honorable Mention

The Christian Chronicle

Three columns by Erik Tryggestad

By Erik Tryggestad

- Award of Merit

The Christian Recorder

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By Ulysses Burley III, MD

- Award of Excellence
Mennonite World Review
Gathering the stones
By Hillary Watson

045. COLUMN: Magazine/Journal

- Honorable Mention
Adventist Review Ministries
Searching the Obvious
By Dixil Rodriguez
- Award of Merit
Presbyterians Today
A Native American's Thanksgiving Perspective
By Danelle Crawford McKinney
- Award of Excellence
The Covenant Companion
Jelani Greenidge
By Jelani Greenidge

046. DEPARTMENT: Print Publications

- Honorable Mention
Canadian Adventist Messenger
Mamawi Atosketan Native School
By Andrew McChesney and Lynn McDowell
- Honorable Mention
Breaking Barriers/RCA-CRC Disability Concerns ministries
Editor's note
By Terry A. DeYoung and Mark Stephenson, co-editors
- Award of Merit
The Covenant Companion
Arts & Culture
By Companion Staff
- Award of Excellence
Sojourners
CultureWatch
By Julie Polter

047. DEPARTMENT: Online Publications

- Honorable Mention

Baptist Standard

Baptists Preaching

By Rev. Mary Whitehurst, Rev. Dr. Elmo Johnson, Matt Snowden, Eric Black

- Award of Merit

Sotomayor Media Creations LLC

Breaking Bread

By John Sotomayor

- Award of Excellence

Baptist Standard

Texas Baptist Voices

By Meredith Stone, Zac Harrel and Jake Raabe

048. CRITICAL REVIEW

- Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer

Beyond Cliches

By Chelsea Temple Jones

- Honorable Mention

The Christian Century

Names of the lynched

By Pete Candler

- Award of Merit

The Cresset

Two Old Friends Hanging Together Again: The Rediscovery of Takuichi Fujii's Art

By John Ruff

- Award of Excellence

The Cresset

Our Sentimental Poet? Mary Oliver in an Age of Excess

By Debra Dean Murphy

049. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

- Honorable Mention

Mennonite World Review

Letters & Comments

By Paul Schrag, editor

- Award of Merit
The United Church Observer
Letters
By Patricia Clarke, editor

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

050. POETRY

- Honorable Mention
The Christian Century
Determinism on a summer morning in the Midwest
By Jeff Gundy

- Award of Merit
The Cresset
Let Go and Let God
By Tania Runyan

- Award of Excellence
Sojourners
An Outline for a Service Acknowledging War Crimes
By Rose Marie Berger

051. SERVICE JOURNALISM

- Honorable Mention
Adventist Review Ministries
Anxiety Hacks
By Jennifer Jill Schwirzer

- Honorable Mention
US Catholic
Go on a journey
By Christine Valters Paintner

- Award of Merit
The Journal of Adventist Education
The Tragedy of Child and Adolescent Suicide
By Brad Hinman

- Award of Excellence
Alliance Life

Why Am I So Angry?
By Wanda Walborn

052. PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE

- Honorable Mention
Forum Letter
Suffer the little children
By Johanna K. Rehbaum

- Award of Merit
The United Church Observer
Pregnant in the Pulpit
By Trisha Elliott

- Award of Excellence
The Cresset
The Unknowable More: Contemplation, Creativity, and Education
By Stephanie Paulsell

053. HUMOR, WRITTEN

- Honorable Mention
Sojourners
I Could Stick My Head in the Sand
By Ed Spivey Jr.

- Award of Merit
The Covenant Companion
The Alpaca in the Manger
By Dana Bowman

- Award of Excellence
Gather Magazine
Pray for the spiders
By Susan Sparks, author; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Sarah Carson, associate editor

054. THEOLOGICAL OR SCHOLARLY ARTICLE

- Honorable Mention
The Cresset
Can Two Walk Together Unless They Be Agreed?: Traditions, Vocations, and Christian Universities in the Twenty-First Century
By Caroline J. Simon

- Award of Merit
The Cresset
Joyce Carol Oates and the Springs of Belief
By David Heddendorf

- Award of Excellence
The Cresset
The Unknowable More: Contemplation, Creativity, and Education
By Stephanie Paulsell

055. BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

- Honorable Mention
The Christian Century
Blessed Jael
By Sarah Jobe

- Award of Merit
The Cresset
Deuteronomy 22: A Tale of Two Cities
By Ashleigh Elser

- Award of Excellence
Baptist Peacemaker
Naboth's Vineyard & Flint, Michigan
By Deborah DeMars Conrad

056. THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION: Short format (1,200 words or less)

- Honorable Mention
The Christian Recorder
On the Revolutionary Hope of Alice Thurman
By Joi Orr

- Award of Merit
The Christian Century
Guns and baptism
By Kyle Childress

- Award of Excellence
The Christian Century
Holy Gaze
By Isaac Villegas

057. THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION: Long format (more than 1,200 words)

- Honorable Mention

Sojourners

Stepping Off the Merry-Go-Round

By J. Dana Trent

- Award of Merit

The Living Church

Silence, Sound, and the Power of God

By The Rev. Ephraim Radner

- Award of Excellence

Reflections/Yale Divinity School

#MeToo Confronts the Patriarchy

By Marie Fortune

058. DEVOTIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL: Short format (1,200 words or fewer)

- Honorable Mention

Cafe (Boldcafe.org)

Sacred Spaces that require no words

By Ralen M. Robinson

- Honorable Mention

Hunger News & Hope

The Real Sermon

By Robert Darden

- Award of Merit

prayer&politiks

Getting soaked: A meditation on the recovery of baptismal integrity

By Ken Sehested

- Award of Excellence

Adventist Review Ministries

When Failure Is (Not) an Option

By Martin Klingbeil

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

- Honorable Mention

The Banner

Prayers of the Infertile: Longing, Hope, and Solidarity

By Cory Wilson

- Award of Merit

The United Church Observer

Last Words
By Various authors

- Award of Excellence
Canadian Adventist Messenger
My Starbucks Squad: A Love Story
By Josue Sanchez

060. BIBLE RESOURCE

- Honorable Mention
Gather Magazine
Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance
By Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, author; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Sarah Carson, associate editor

- Award of Merit
The Banner
Why Read the Bible?
By Benjamin Lappenga

- Award of Excellence
The Christian Century
The Bible's #MeToo stories
By Ruth Everhart

061. SEASONAL ARTICLE

- Honorable Mention
Gather Magazine
Alleluia! Hallelujah!
By Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, author; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Sarah Carson, associate editor

- Award of Merit
The Mennonite
Advent Manifesto
By John Paul Lederach

- Award of Excellence
The United Church Observer
The Complex History of the Huron Carol
By Will Pearson

063. BOOKS: NONFICTION

- Honorable Mention
The Cathedral Foundation

Go, and Do the Same
By Rodrigue Mortel, M.D.

- Award of Merit
American Lutheran Publicity Bureau
Changing World, Changeless Christ: The American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, 1914-2014
By Richard Johnson

064. BOOKS: DEVOTIONAL

- Award of Merit
Gather Magazine
Advent words: A devotional coloring book
By Elizabeth Hunter, Sarah Carson, Hannah Hawkinson, authors and editors

066. BEST DISAPPROVING LETTER TO THE EDITOR

- Honorable Mention
Word&Way
“Please cancel my subscription and I will recommend to my fellow God-fearing brothers in Christ to cancel theirs!”
- Award of Merit
Canadian Adventist Messenger
“It's a sad state of affairs...”
- Award of Excellence
The Covenant Companion
“Your new version and new design are in my opinion very unattractive. It is dark and uninviting.”

ART, DESIGN, VISUAL and AUDIO

067. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: MAGAZINE COVER

- Honorable Mention
Gather Magazine
Gather cover - June issue
By Ceres Lau, artist; 2Communique, designers; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Sarah Carson, associate editor
- Award of Merit
US Catholic
May 2018 and September 2018

By US Catholic editors

- Award of Excellence
Ministry, International Journal for Pastors
December 2018 cover
By 316 Creative

068. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: NEWSPAPER FRONT PAGE

- Award of Excellence
Mennonite World Review
Mennonite World Review, April 23
By Paul Schrag, editor

069. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: MAGAZINE/JOURNAL DESIGN, SPREAD OR STORY

- Honorable Mention
Sotomayor Media Creations LLC
Spiritual Journey of a Different Kind
By Joe Deleon and John Sotomayor

- Award of Merit
The Covenant Companion
Who Do You Say That I Am?
By Companion Staff

- Award of Excellence
VISION Vocation Guide
Divine design: The holiness of place
By Alice Camille, Anne Marie O'Kelley, Carol Schuck Scheiber, and Jennifer Tomshack

070. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: MAGAZINE/JOURNAL DESIGN, ENTIRE ISSUE

- Honorable Mention
Reformed Worship
Reformed Worship 128
By Dean Heetderks, Art Director; Frank Gutbrod, Graphic designer

- Award of Merit
Word&Way
March 2018: Faith And Sports
By Brian Kaylor, Editor; Holly Hyde, Designer

- Award of Excellence
Sotomayor Media Creations LLC
Elevate Magazine: January 2018

By Joe Deleon and John Sotomayor

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

- Honorable Mention
The Christian Chronicle
The Christian Chronicle's 75th anniversary
By Erik Tryggestad

- Award of Excellence
The Journal of Adventist Education
The Tragedy of Child and Adolescent Suicide
By Harry F. Knox

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

- Award of Excellence
The Alabama Baptist
The Alabama Baptist: December 13, 2018
By The Alabama Baptist staff

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

- Honorable Mention
The United Church Observer
Bloody Expensive
By Jeannie Phan

- Award of Merit
Gather Magazine
Most merciful God
By 2Communique, designers; Elizabeth Hunter and Sarah Carson, editors

- Award of Excellence
Sojourners
Seeing the World As It Should Be
By Jon Krause

074. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: PRINT PUBLICATION REDESIGN

- Award of Merit
The Banner
The Banner
By Dean R. Heetderks, Art Director

- Award of Excellence
Adventist Review Ministries
Adventist World
By Types & Symbols

075. ONLINE MEDIA: PUBLICATION WEBSITE

- Honorable Mention
The Alabama Baptist
The Alabama Baptist
By The Alabama Baptist staff

- Award of Merit
Concordia Journal
Concordia Theology
By Charles Arand, executive editor; Travis Scholl and Erik Herrmann, editors; Melanie Appelbaum, assistant editor; Ken Kogler, technology; Dale Ward, video production

- Award of Excellence
The United Church Observer
<https://ucobserver.org/>
By The United Church Observer staff

076. ONLINE MEDIA: WEB SITE REDESIGN

- Award of Merit
PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly
223rd General Assembly of the PC(USA)
By Angie Stevens
- Award of Excellence
The Banner, Christian Reformed Church in NA
The Banner
By Dean R. Heetderks

077. ART/DESIGN/GRAPHICS: FREE-STANDING HUMOR ILLUSTRATION

- Award of Excellence
The Mennonite
Loaves and Fishsticks
By Steve Edwards

078. PHOTOGRAPHY: SINGLE PHOTO WITH ARTICLE OR OUTLINE: Newspaper/News Service/Newsletter

- Honorable Mention
PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly Communications
Closing Cuban Churches
By Randy Hobson

- Award of Merit
NAD NewsPoints
Samantha's Story
By Dan Weber

- Award of Excellence
ACT Alliance
Joseph P. S. plays the violin in the ruins of his home
By Gregg Brekke

079. PHOTOGRAPHY: SINGLE PHOTO WITH ARTICLE OR CUTLINE: Magazine/Journal

- Honorable Mention
Adventist Review Ministries
Telling the Truth
By Bryan Gray, Types & Symbols

- Award of Merit
Adventist Review Ministries
Confessions of a (Still) Single Pastor
By Bryan Gray, Types & Symbols

- Award of Excellence
The Catholic Review
Barbra Swann
By Kevin J. Parks

080. PHOTOGRAPHY: SINGLE PHOTO WITH ARTICLE OR CUTLINE: Blog/Social Media/Website

- Award of Excellence
Presbyterian Mission Agency Peacemaking Program
Buddhist monks chant outside former North Korean Labor Party headquarters near the DMZ in South Korea
By Gregg Brekke

081. PHOTOGRAPHY: PHOTO SPREAD: Newspaper/News Service/Newsletter

- Honorable Mention
Religion News Service
2019 National Day of Prayer, Capitol Ceremony

By Adelle M. Banks

- Award of Merit
Religion News Service
A.C.T. to End Racism Rally
By Adelle M. Banks

- Award of Excellence
The Christian Chronicle
Everyday Saints
By Chris Reynolds, Jennifer Gerhardt

082. PHOTOGRAPHY: PHOTO SPREAD: Magazine/Journal

- Honorable Mention
Gather Magazine
Finding the rhythm of love
By 2Communique, designers; Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Sarah Carson, associate editor

- Honorable Mention
The United Church Observer
Angels on Call
By Tallulah

- Award of Excellence
Sotomayor Media Creations LLC
In His Corner
By Conan Segrest

083. PHOTOGRAPHY: PHOTO SPREAD: Blog/Social Media/Website

- Honorable Mention
The United Church Observer
For me, the landmark United Church vote on sexual orientation came at a high personal cost
By Bayne Stanley, photographer

084. VIDEO: NEWS STORY, CURRENT EVENT

- Honorable Mention
PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly
Angry Tias and Abuelas
By Randy Hobson

- Honorable Mention
The Catholic Review
Calvert Hall High School Marching Band

By Kevin J. Parks

- Award of Merit
Presbyterian News Service
PDA on continuing Baton Rouge cleanup
By Gregg Brekke

- Award of Excellence
Sojourners
We Asked One Question At The March For Our Lives. Here's How Kids Answered
By JP Keenan

085. VIDEO: DOCUMENTARY SHORT (Less than 30 minutes)

- Award of Merit
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Beyond the Steeple: Common Ground in Reading, Pa.
By Will Nunnally

- Award of Excellence
Sojourners
The Inn Without Borders / La Posada Sin Fronteras
By JP Keenan, Anna Sutterer

086. VIDEO: DOCUMENTARY FEATURE (Longer than 30 minutes)

- Award of Excellence
UCObserver.org
Playing by Heart
By Observer staff

088. VIDEO: EDITORIAL

- Honorable Mention
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
All Christians are Missionaries
By Will Nunnally

- Honorable Mention
In Trust
The gift of black theological education
By Matt Urban, Director/Editor, and Jay Blossom, Publisher

- Award of Merit
Sojourners
Faith Leaders Have a Message for Survivors

By JP Keenan, Jenna Barnett

- Award of Excellence
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
For This Church and For Our Future
By Will Nunnally

089: VIDEO: VIDEO SERIES (Vlog, video podcast, etc.)

- Honorable Mention
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
For This Church and For Our Future
By Will Nunnally

- Award of Merit
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Word & Work: An Intersection podcast
By Dale A. Meyer, Director/President; Vicki Biggs, Senior Vice President, Seminary
Advancement; Melanie Ave, Communications Manager; Dale Ward, Senior Media Producer;
Jayna Rollings, Art Director; John Clifton, Motion Designer; Lewis Mendez, Web Developer

- Award of Excellence
Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Leadership
By Stephen Richards

090. AUDIO: NEWS STORY, CURRENT EVENT

- Award of Excellence
Word&Way
Johnson Amendment
By Brian Kaylor

091. PODCAST/AUDIO SERIES

- Honorable Mention
Adventist Review Ministries
Digging Deeper
By Adventist Review Ministries Staff

- Award of Merit
Faith & Leadership
Can These Bones: A Faith & Leadership Podcast
By Co-hosts: Rev. Laura Everett and Rev. William H. "Bill" Lamar IV; Faith & Leadership
team: Dave Odom, Kelly Ryan, Sally Hicks, Jessamyn Rubio and Bob Wells; Susan Davis,

freelance producer

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

092. INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS

- Honorable Mention
The Catholic Review
Accountability
By The Catholic Review Staff

- Award of Merit
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Here am I! Send me.” 2018-19 academic year theme
By Jayna Rollings, Creative Services Manager; Melanie Ave, Communications Manager;
Michelle Poneleit, Graphic Designer; John Clifton, Motion Designer; Courtney Koll,
Photographer; Lewis Mendez, Web Developer

- Award of Excellence
Religion News Service
MLK50
By Religion News Service

MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

093. ANNUAL REPORT/PRINT OR ELECTRONIC

- Award of Excellence
The Christian Reformed Church in NA
2018 Annual Ministry Report
By Pete Euwema, Graphic Designer

095. ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

- Honorable Mention
Word&Way
Between the Lines

By Ken Satterfield

- Award of Merit

Cafe (Boldcafe.org)

June 2018: Self-care; September 2018: The first day; October 2018: Regret

By Elizabeth McBride

- Award of Excellence

The Banner, Christian Reformed Church in NA

The Banner Update

By Shiao Chong, Editor

096. FUNDRAISING AND SUBSCRIPTIONS: Direct mail fundraising campaign

- Award of Merit

The United Church Observer

190 Years and Going Strong

By Sharon Doran

- Award of Excellence

The Banner, Christian Reformed Church in NA

April 2018 Fundraising Appeal

By Shiao Chong, Editor

097. FUNDRAISING AND SUBSCRIPTIONS: Renewal or subscription acquisition campaign

- Honorable Mention

The United Church Observer

Observer Rep Contest

By Ross Woolford

SOCIAL MEDIA

098. SINGLE POSTING

- Honorable Mention

UCObserver.org

Dear Readers

By Jocelyn Bell

- Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist

Burns family update

By The Alabama Baptist staff

- Award of Excellence
Baptist Standard
A female seminary professor's response to John Piper
By Julie Sorrels, Meredith Stone

099. AWARENESS / ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

- Honorable Mention
PC(U.S.A.) Office of the General Assembly Communications
Spirit of GA
By Randy Hobson, Angie Stevens

100. EVENT PROMOTION / MARKETING CAMPAIGN / BRAND AWARENESS

- Honorable Mention
PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly
Mid Council Leaders Gathering
By Angie Stevens
- Award of Merit
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Theological Symposium 2018
By Melanie Ave, Communications Manager; Jayna Rollings, Creative Services Manager;
Courtney Koll, Graphic Designer; John Clifton, Video Producer; Lewis Mendez, Web Developer
- Award of Excellence

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
Library Grand Opening 2018
By Vicki Biggs, Senior Vice President, Seminary Advancement; Melanie Ave, Communications
Manager; Jayna Rollings, Creative Services Manager; Courtney Koll, Graphic Designer and
Photographer; Michelle Poneleit, Graphic Designer; Lewis Mendez, Web Developer

OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS

015. SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

- Honorable Mention
The Catholic Review
By George Matysek Jr.

- Award of Merit
Baptist Standard
By Julie Sorrels

- Award of Excellence
The Christian Chronicle
By Chellie Ison

014. VIDEO PRODUCTION

- Award of Excellence
PC(U.S.A.) Office of the General Assembly
By Randy Hobson

013. PUBLIC RELATIONS OR MARKETING CAMPAIGN

- Award of Excellence
Concordia Seminary:
Library Grand Opening 2018
By Vicki Biggs, Senior Vice President, Seminary Advancement; Melanie Ave, Communications Manager; Jayna Rollings, Creative Services Manager; Courtney Koll, Graphic Designer/Photographer; Michelle Poneleit, Graphic Designer; Lewis Mendez, Web Developer

012. DIGITAL EDITION/MOBILE PUBLICATION

- Award of Merit
Elevate Magazine
By John Sotomayor, Joe Deleon, Conan Segrest, Alex Sotomayor

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011. BLOG

- Honorable Mention
The Presbyterian Outlook
By Jana Blazek, The Presbyterian Outlook staff and bloggers

- Award of Merit
The Network: Disability Concerns
By Mark Stephenson, Jenna Hoff, Miriam Spies

- Award of Excellence
The Banner, Christian Reformed Church in NA

By Shiao Chong, Editor

010. INDEPENDENT WEBSITE

- Honorable Mention

Cafe (Boldcafe.org) / Women of the ELCA

By Rozella Haydee White

- Award of Merit

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

By Jayna Rollings, Creative Director; Vicki Biggs, Editor; Melanie Ave, Editor; Lewis Mendez, Web Developer; Chris Miller, Web Developer

- Award of Excellence

Faith & Leadership

By Kelly Ryan, senior communications director and executive editor; Sally Hicks, editor; Bob Wells, associate editor; Jessamyn Rubio, interactive media manager

009. NEWS SERVICE

- Award of Merit

NAD NewsPoints

By Kimberly Luste Maran, Georgia Standish

- Award of Excellence

Religion News Service

By Religion News Service

008. NEWSLETTER

- Honorable Mention

Forum Letter

By Richard O. Johnson, editor

- Award of Merit

Hunger News & Hope

By Katie Cook, editor

- Award of Excellence

Breaking Barriers, RCA-CRC Disability Concerns ministry

By Terry A. DeYoung and Mark Stephenson, co-editors

007. JOURNAL

- Honorable Mention

Valparaiso University

The Cresset

By Heather Grennan Gary, Marci Rae Johnson, Gregg Hertzlieb, Ian Roseen, Gabbi Wilcox, Claire Van Wagoner, Grace Biermann

- Award of Merit

Concordia Journal

By Dale Meyer, publisher; Charles Arand, executive editor; Travis Scholl, editor; Melanie Appelbaum, assistant editor; Jayna Rollings and XiaoPei Chen, graphic designers

- Award of Excellence

Reflections Journal / Yale Divinity School

By Gregory Sterling, dean/publisher; Ray Waddle, editor

005. SEMINARY PUBLICATION

- Award of Excellence

Concordia Seminary Magazine

By Vicki Biggs, Executive Editor; Melanie Ave, Managing Editor; Jayna Rollings, Art Director; Michelle Poneleit, Graphic Designer; Courtney Koll, Graphic Designer

002. NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER

- Honorable Mention

The Christian Recorder

By AME Church Publishing House

- Award of Merit

The Christian Chronicle

By Lynn McMillon, Erik Tryggestad, Bobby Ross Jr., Chellie Ison, Tonya Patton, Lynda Sheehan, Joy McMillon, Melinda Wilson, Elise Miller

- Award of Excellence

Mennonite World Review

By Paul Schrag, editor; Tim Huber, associate editor

001. REGIONAL NEWSPAPER

- Award of Excellence

The Alabama Baptist

By The Alabama Baptist staff

004. DENOMINATIONAL OR OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST MAGAZINE (specific focus or target audience)

- Honorable Mention
The United Church Observer Magazine
By Jocelyn Bell, Editor

- Award of Merit
The Presbyterian Outlook
By Jill Duffield, Jana Blazek, Leslie Scanlon

- Award of Excellence
Adventist Review
By Adventist Review Editorial Staff

003. NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE (broad audience)

- Honorable Mention
Living City
By Living City staff

- Award of Merit
Sojourners
By Jim Rice, Ed Spivey Jr., Rose Marie Berger, Julie Polter, Betsy Shirley, Da'Shawn Mosley, Christina Colón, Faith-Marie Zamblé

- Award of Excellence
The Christian Century
By Christian Century staff