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by Steven Charleston

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FOR:

SEASONAL ARTICLE

PRESENTED TO:

prayer&politiks

Dissonant memories and conflicting mandates:

A meditation on the US Memorial Day

by Ken Sehested

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U.S. Catholic magazine

Soundtrack of the season
by Damian Costello

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BOOKS - NONFICTION

PRESENTED TO:

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

The Beautiful Sermon: Image and the Aesthetics of Preaching
by Dean Nadasdy, Author; David Schmitt, Editor

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FOR:

BOOKS - NONFICTION

PRESENTED TO:

Penguin Random House

Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection
by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

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PRESENTED TO:

Plough Publishing House

Pillars: How Muslim Friends Led Me Closer to Jesus
by Rachel Pieh Jones

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Visual & Audio Communications





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FOR:

MAGAZINE COVER

PRESENTED TO:

Ministry Magazine

In Vain?
by 316 Creative

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FOR:

MAGAZINE COVER

PRESENTED TO:

Gather magazine

The journey of generations
by Cody F. Miller, illustrator; Elizabeth Hunter, editor;
Sarah Carson, managing editor

Celeste Kennel-Shank, President

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FOR:

MAGAZINE COVER

PRESENTED TO:

Geez Magazine

Geez 62: Dismantling White Theology
art director Lucia Wylie-Eggert

Celeste Kennel-Shank, President

Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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FOR:

NEWSPAPER FRONT PAGE

PRESENTED TO:

The Baptist Paper

June 10 cover
by Lauren Grim

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FOR:

NEWSPAPER FRONT PAGE

PRESENTED TO:

The Alabama Baptist

November 4 cover
by Lauren Grim

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FOR:

MAGAZINE / JOURNAL DESIGN
Spread or Story

PRESENTED TO:

Embrace Magazine

Crisis Chronicled
by Em Agency and John Sotomayor

Celeste Kennel-Shank

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Lake Union Herald

Quick to Listen
by Robert Mason

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FOR:

MAGAZINE / JOURNAL DESIGN
Spread or Story

PRESENTED TO:

Concordia Seminary magazine

Meet Concordia Seminary's 11th president: Dr. Thomas J. Egger
by Courtney Koll, Designer; Jayna Rollings, Art Director

Celeste Kennel-Shank

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MAGAZINE / JOURNAL DESIGN
Spread or Story

PRESENTED TO:

In Trust magazine

What your CFO wants you to know
by Carla Frank

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MAGAZINE / JOURNAL DESIGN
Entire Issue

PRESENTED TO:

BROADVIEW

December
by Carol Moskot

Celeste Kennel-Shank

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Gregg Brekke

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MAGAZINE / JOURNAL DESIGN
Entire Issue

PRESENTED TO:

Geez Magazine

Geez 60: Signs of Dawn

by Lucia Wylie-Eggert, art director; Lydia Wylie-Kellermann, editor;
Kateri Boucher, associate editor

Celeste Kennel-Shank, President

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MAGAZINE / JOURNAL DESIGN
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Canadian Adventist Messenger

September
by Aimee Perez, Graphic Designer

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Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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Spread or Story

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Applying the gospel
by Lauren Grim

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Meaningful experience
by Lauren Grim

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FOR:

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Spread or Story

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Set free in Christ
by Lauren Grim

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FOR:

NEWSPAPER / NEWSLETTER DESIGN
Entire Issue

PRESENTED TO:

NAD NewsPoints

NAD NewsPoints Weekly E-newsletter, January 27
by Kimberly Luste Maran, Georgia Damsteegt

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Entire Issue

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The Alabama Baptist

November 11, 2021
by Lauren Grim and other TAB staff

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FOR:

ILLUSTRATION with ARTICLE or CUTLINE

PRESENTED TO:

Catholic Review

On The Road With Joseph
by Sara Travlos

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PRESENTED TO:

Broadview

Kids in Crisis
by Cornelia Li

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Canadian Adventist Messenger

Creation Corner for Kids
by Aimee Perez, Graphic Designer

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FOR:

PUBLICATION WEBSITE

PRESENTED TO:

U.S. Catholic magazine

uscatholic.org

by U.S. Catholic editors

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FOR:

PUBLICATION WEBSITE

PRESENTED TO:

Broadview

broadview.org

by Strategic Content Labs, Emma Prestwich, Brian Vinh Tien Trinh,
Chloe Tejada, and Kristy Woudstra

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FOR:

PUBLICATION WEBSITE

PRESENTED TO:

Lake Union Herald

lakeunionherald.org
by Felicia Tonga

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FOR:

WEBSITE REDESIGN

PRESENTED TO:

Faith & Leadership

faithandleadership.com
by Sally Hicks

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SINGLE PHOTO with ARTICLE or CUTLINE

PRESENTED TO:

Maryknoll Magazine

The resilience of Honduran hurricane survivor, Maria Callea
by Gregg Brekke

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Gregg Brekke

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FOR:

SINGLE PHOTO with ARTICLE or CUTLINE

PRESENTED TO:

The Covenant Companion

Are Young People done with the Church?
by Ugur Taner, photographer; Kristi Schild, designer

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Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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FOR:

SINGLE PHOTO with ARTICLE or CUTLINE

PRESENTED TO:

The Christian Chronicle

Foreign operations: health care in Honduras
by Audrey Jackson

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FOR:

PHOTO SPREAD or ESSAY
Printed Media

PRESENTED TO:

Geez Magazine

Black and Native Hands Light the Fire: Guided through
the Detroit Sugar Bush by Antonio Cosme
by Daniel Wylie-Eggert, photographer; Lucia Wylie-Eggert, art director

Celeste Kennel-Shank

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FOR:

PHOTO SPREAD or ESSAY
Printed Media

PRESENTED TO:

Concordia Seminary magazine

First look

by Courtney Koll, Designer/Photographer; Jayna Rollings, Art Director

Celeste Kennel-Shank

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Printed Media

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Catholic Review

Smiles are Back
by Kevin J. Parks

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FOR:

PHOTO SPREAD or ESSAY
Online Media

PRESENTED TO:

Word&Way

Rallying for Justice
by Brian Kaylor

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FOR:

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Online Media

PRESENTED TO:

The Christian Chronicle

Compassion at capacity and accompanying column
by Audrey Jackson

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Online Media

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Smoke & Fire
by Brian Kaylor

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VIDEO

News Story or Current Event

PRESENTED TO:

PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly

100th Anniversary of Tulsa Race Massacre
by Randy Hobson

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VIDEO

News Story or Current Event

PRESENTED TO:

NAD NewsPoints

Adventist Community Services Provides Shelter in Louisiana
by Pieter Damsteegt, video producer; Kimberly Luste Maran, writer

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FOR:

VIDEO

Documentary Short

PRESENTED TO:

NAD NewsPoints

Breaking Bread, Serving God, Building Community

by Kimberly Luste Maran, director/writer;

Pieter Damsteegt, video producer; Thaise Snyder editor

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VIDEO

Documentary Short

PRESENTED TO:

ELCA/Living Lutheran

The impact of Davey and Goliath
by Will Nunnally, Brett Nelson, and John Potter

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VIDEO

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Catholic Review

The Poetry of Edgar Allan Poe
by Catherine Subrizi

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VIDEO

Educational / Informative / Advocacy

PRESENTED TO:

PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly

Pandemic Stress
by OGA Communications

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VIDEO

Educational / Informative / Advocacy

PRESENTED TO:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Facing the 'unpretty things' about our country's history
by Paul Seebeck

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VIDEO

Editorial / PR / Marketing

PRESENTED TO:

Geez Magazine

The Power of Print Storytelling
by Three Lyons Creative and Geez Staff

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VIDEO

Editorial / PR / Marketing

PRESENTED TO:

ELCA

We're chicken women!
by Will Nunnally and Brett Nelson

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Gregg Brekke

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VIDEO

Editorial / PR / Marketing

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ELCA

Hello, Humble Walk
by Brett Nelson

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FOR:

VIDEO SERIES

PRESENTED TO:

Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

Encouragement Through the Pandemic
by Stephen Richards

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FOR:

VIDEO SERIES

PRESENTED TO:

Gather magazine

Journeys with angels, series of 4 Bible study videos
by Christa Von Zychlin, Bible study author and presenter;
Elizabeth Hunter, editor; Sarah Carson, managing editor

Celeste Kennel-Shank, President

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FOR:

VIDEO SERIES

PRESENTED TO: **Unbound: An Interactive Journal on Christian Social Justice**

Just Talk Live: A Faith and Justice Talk Show
by Destini Hodges and Lee Catoe

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Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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FOR:

PODCAST or AUDIO SERIES

PRESENTED TO:

Unbound and The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program

A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast
by Simon Doong and Lee Catoe

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Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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FOR:

PODCAST or AUDIO SERIES

PRESENTED TO:

The Alabama Baptist

Stories: The Eagles
by Grace Thornton and Hannah Muñoz

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Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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FOR:

PODCAST or AUDIO SERIES

PRESENTED TO:

Everything Happens Initiative

Everything Happens Podcast
by Kate Bowler

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Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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FOR:

INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTED TO:

Cafe (Boldcafe.org) / Women of the ELCA

Boldcafe Monthly Dinner via Zoom
by Elizabeth McBride

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Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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FOR:

INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTED TO:

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Your Word in the Lamp to my Feet, 2021-22 New Academic Year Branding
by Vicki Biggs, CCO; Julia Staggenborg, Jayna Rollings, Creative; Chris Miller,
Web/Video; Melanie Ave, Rebekah Lukas, Communications

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FOR:

INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTED TO:

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Theological Symposium: Whatever is Lovely
by Vicki Biggs, CCO; Courtney Koll, Creative; Chris Miller, Web;
Sarah Maney, Melanie Ave, Communications

Celeste Kennel-Shank, President

Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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Marketing and Public Relations





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FOR:

ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTED TO:

Christian Reformed Church in NA

2021 Ministry Report

by Kristen Vanderberg, Communications Director

Celeste Kennel-Shank, President

Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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FOR:

ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTED TO:

Ursuline Sisters Louisville

Change • Challenge • Creativity
by Kathy Williams

Celeste Kennel-Shank

Celeste Kennel-Shank, President

Gregg Brekke

Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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FOR:

ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTED TO:

**Metropolitan New York Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

2021 MNYS Digital Assembly
by MNYS Communications Team

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Gregg Brekke, Executive Director

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Social Media





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FOR:

SOCIAL MEDIA
Single Posting

PRESENTED TO:

Geez Magazine

I Pledge Allegiance

by Lydia Wylie-Kellermann, editor; Michelle Both, media coordinator

Celeste Kennel-Shank

Celeste Kennel-Shank, President

Gregg Brekke

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FOR:

SOCIAL MEDIA
Single Posting

PRESENTED TO:

The Christian Recorder

TCR Breaking News: Rev. Ratona Stokes-Robinson Preaches First Sermon
in St. James AME Church, Thorofare, New Jersey
by Regina Jackson

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FOR:

SOCIAL MEDIA

Awareness / Advocacy Campaign

PRESENTED TO:

Ursuline Sisters Louisville

God is On Your Side Campaign
by Kathy Williams

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FOR:

SOCIAL MEDIA
Single Posting

PRESENTED TO:

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Giving Tuesday 2021

by Vicki Biggs, CCO; Julia Staggenborg, Beth Hasek, Creative;
Chris Miller, Web; Melanie Ave, Rebekah Lukas, Communications

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FOR:

SOCIAL MEDIA
Single Posting

PRESENTED TO:

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Give Green and Gold Day

by Vicki Biggs, CCO; Julia Staggenborg, Creative; Chris Miller, Web;
Sarah Maney, Melanie Ave, Communications; John Clifton, Video

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Social Media Presence

PRESENTED TO:

Catholic Review

Facebook presence
by Catholic Review Staff

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Social Media Presence

PRESENTED TO:

Geez Magazine

Geez Magazine Has Found Their Community
by Michelle Both, media coordinator

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Social Media Presence

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Baptist Standard Facebook Page
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Video Production

PRESENTED TO: **Unbound: An Interactive Journal on Christian Social Justice**

Unbound YouTube
by Lee Catoe

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Video Production

PRESENTED TO:

ELCA

Best of Video Entry
by Will Nunnally, Brett Nelson, and Jocelyn Fuller

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Blog

PRESENTED TO:

Catholic Review

Best in Class Online Commentary
by Rita Buettner

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Blog

FOR:

PRESENTED TO:

The Network: CRC-RCA Disability Concerns

Disability Concerns (CRC & RCA)

by Mark Stephenson, Chantal Huinink, and Ivan Mulder

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PRESENTED TO:

Catholic Review Media

Open Window
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Independent Website

PRESENTED TO:

The Baptist Standard

by Eric Black, Ken Camp, Kayla Peltoma, and Victoria McCrary

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FOR:

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PRESENTED TO:

Global Sisters Report

by GSR Staff & Contributors

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The Intersections of Faith and Justice
by Lee Catoe

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News Service

PRESENTED TO:

NAD NewsPoints

by Kimberly Luste Maran and Georgia Damsteegt

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FOR:

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News Service

PRESENTED TO:

Religion Unplugged

by Meagan Clark, Managing Editor

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FOR:

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PRESENTED TO:

Religion News Service

by Paul O'Donnell, editor-in-chief

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Newsletter

PRESENTED TO:

Forum Letter

American Lutheran Publicity Bureau
by Richard O. Johnson

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FOR:

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Newsletter

PRESENTED TO:

Breaking Barriers

Breaking Barriers/RCA-CRC Disability Concerns
by Terry DeYoung and Mark Stephenson, co-editors

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FOR:

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Newsletter

PRESENTED TO:

Hunger News & Hope

Seeds of Hope Publishers
by Katie Cook, editor

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Seminary Publication or Journal

PRESENTED TO:

Ministry Magazine

by Ministry Magazine staff and contributors

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FOR:

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Seminary Publication or Journal

PRESENTED TO:

Concordia Seminary magazine

by Vicki Biggs, Executive Editor; Melanie Ave, Managing Editor; Jayna Rollings, XiaoPei Chen, Beth Hasek, Art Directors; Courtney Koll, Designer

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Seminary Publication or Journal

PRESENTED TO:

Reflections journal / Yale Divinity School

by Ray Waddle, editor

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Denominational or Other Special Interest Magazine

PRESENTED TO:

Christian History Magazine

by Jennifer Woodruff Tait, managing editor

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FOR:

Denominational or Other Special Interest Magazine

PRESENTED TO:

Messenger / Church of the Brethren

by Wendy McFadden, Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford, Jan Fischer Bachman,
and Walt Wiltschek, editors; Paul Stocksdales, designer

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FOR:

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PRESENTED TO:

In Trust magazine

by Matt Huffman, vice president for communications

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PRESENTED TO:

The Baptist Paper

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FOR:

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Newspaper

PRESENTED TO:

The Christian Chronicle

by Erik Tryggestad, Bobby Ross Jr., Tonya Patton, Lynda Sheehan, Audrey Jackson,
Melinda Wilson, Joy McMillon, Cheryl Mann Bacon, Hamil R. Harris, Jeremie Beller,
Calvin Cockrell, and Chellie Ison

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National or International Magazine

PRESENTED TO:

Broadview

by Jocelyn Bell, editor and publisher

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National or International Magazine

PRESENTED TO:

Sojourners

by Jim Rice, Julie Polter, Rose Marie Berger, Da'Shawn Mosley, Christina Colón
and Sandi Villarreal, editors; Candace Sanders and Ed Spivey Jr., art directors

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National or International Magazine

PRESENTED TO:

The Christian Century

by The Christian Century Staff

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Celeste Kennel-Shank, President

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Best Emerging Journalist





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BEST EMERGING JOURNALIST

PRESENTED TO:

Cassidy Klein

Publication: Sojourners

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PRESENTED TO:

KC Hoard

Publication: Broadview

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FOR:

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PRESENTED TO:

Audrey Jackson

Publication: The Christian Chronicle

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