

# 2023 Associated Church Press *Best of the Church Press Awards*

## REPORTING AND WRITING

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### 13. Local reporting - Short Format

#### Honorable Mention

The Banner  
Redeemer University Student's Death Affects School  
By Kristen Parker

#### Award of Merit

Catholic Review  
Love to troubled streets  
By GEORGE P. MATYSEK JR.

#### Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle  
Making Jesus more accessible  
By Audrey Jackson

### 14. Local reporting - Long Format

#### Honorable Mention

Faith & Leadership  
Children who grow up in immigrant churches bridge cultures and generations  
By Kate Morrissey, writer; Chris Karnadi, editor

### Award of Merit

SPECTRUM: The journal of the Adventist Forum  
A "Great Controversy" Mailing in Portland Sours Many on Adventists  
By Alex Aamodt

### Award of Excellence

Faith & Leadership  
The brain, the heart and the soul: How three Catholic churches are merging to create a new type of parish  
By Claire Zulkey, writer; Sally Hicks, editor

## **15. National reporting (broader topic or trend) - Short Format**

### Honorable Mention

Religion Unplugged  
Christian Leaders Increase Pressure On Lawmakers In Anti-Death Penalty Fight  
By Clemente Lisi

### Award of Merit

Global Sisters Report  
As shelters squeeze in migrants, sisters in Mexico City offer 'another Nazareth'  
By Rhina Guidos

### Award of Excellence

Sojourners  
Sponsor a Child, Fight Climate Change?  
By Bekah McNeel

## **16. National reporting (broader topic or trend) - Long Format**

### Honorable Mention

National Catholic Reporter  
As Catholic dioceses release new gender policies, grassroots groups demand input  
By Katie Collins Scot

### Award of Merit

U.S. Catholic  
The final frontier  
By Cassidy Klein

### Award of Excellence

Sojourners  
Fully Teen and Fully Mom  
By Bekah McNeel

## **17. International reporting - Short Format**

### Honorable Mention

The Christian Chronicle  
If they go into full-time ministry, they'll go back to poverty  
By Audrey Jackson

### Award of Merit

The Christian Chronicle  
How a Russian immigrant came to serve Ukrainian refugees  
By Bobby Ross Jr.

### Award of Excellence

Religion Unplugged  
Israel Struggling To Identify Many Of The 1,400 Hamas Victims  
By Gil Zohar

## **18. International reporting - Long Format**

### Honorable Mention

Broadview  
Keeping Faith on Death Row  
By David Wilson

### Honorable Mention

Sojourners

Can a Prison Be Good?

By Eléonore Hughes

### Award of Merit

Global Sisters Report

Mexico's sisters accompany youth gang members: 'They make me turn the page'

By Luis Donaldo González; Nuri Vallbona

### Award of Excellence

The Christian Century

Surviving Hillcrest

By Dawn Araujo-Hawkins

## **19. Science writing for the world of faith - Short Format**

### Award of Merit

SPECTRUM: The journal of the Adventist Forum

10 End Runs around Science

By Rich Hannon

### Award of Excellence

Sojourners

Jesus and Artificial Intelligence

By Gretchen Huizinga

## **20. Science writing for the world of faith - Long Format**

### Honorable Mention

Hunger News & Hope

Turning the Tide of Climate Change in Oromia, Ethiopia: Building Livelihoods for Resilience

By Sara Alexander

Award of Merit

Messenger/Church of the Brethren

The bird carrier: A story of ecological knowledge, lament, and hope

By William L. Miller

Award of Excellence

Sojourners

Can Churches Spread the Gospel of Solar in Coal Country?

By Rebecca Randall

**21. Denominational politics - Short Format**

Honorable Mention

Living Lutheran / Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Inside the commission that could restructure the ELCA

By Jim Jones

Award of Merit

SPECTRUM: The journal of the Adventist Forum

General Conference Issues Statement Condemning "Alternative Human Sexuality Lifestyles"

By Alex Aamodt

Award of Excellence

Sojourners

The Afro-Christian Convention

By Julia Speller

**22. Denominational politics - Long Format (more than 1,200 words)**

Honorable Mention

Anabaptist World

Subtractions add up

By Paul Schrag

Award of Merit

SPECTRUM: The journal of the Adventist Forum  
"Southern Accent" Fights Administrator Censorship: A Student Perspective  
By Christina Cannon

Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle  
One hurricane, two churches  
By Cheryl Mann Bacon

**23. News Story - Short Format (1,200 words or fewer)**

Honorable Mention

Religion News Service  
National Cathedral windows shift from themes of Confederacy to racial justice  
By Adelle M. Banks

Award of Merit

National Catholic Reporter  
Pope Francis meets Jeannine Gramick, US sister known for LGBTQ ministry  
By Joshua J. McElwee

Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle  
It's the same Jesus  
By Bobby Ross Jr.

**24. News Story - Long Format (more than 1,200 words)**

Honorable Mention

Global Sisters Report  
Sister in Nicaragua's repression: 'You can't silence the Gospel'  
By Rhina Guidos

### Award of Merit

National Catholic Reporter

Pope's major Vatican summit ends without action on women deacons, mention of LGBTQ Catholics

By Joshua J. McElwee

### Award of Excellence

Religion Unplugged

Mark Driscoll's Safe Space: How The Embattled Pastor Built A New Church

By Chris Moody

## **25. Convention or Meeting Coverage (Newspaper, Newsletter, News Service, Website, or Blog)**

### Honorable Mention

The Christian Chronicle

Coverage of the Luso-Africa Global Gathering in Angola

By Erik Tryggestad

### Award of Merit

Religion News Service

Southern Baptist Convention Debate Over Role of Women Pastors

By Adelle M. Banks

### Award of Excellence

PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly

On the Road to GA

By Angie Stevens, Rick Jones

## **26. Convention or Meeting Coverage (Magazine)**

### Honorable Mention

The Anglican Digest

Reflections on Lambeth

By Dorothy Sanders

Award of Merit

Messenger/Church of the Brethren

Annual Conference 2023

By Jan Fischer Bachman, Wendy McFadden, Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford

Award of Excellence

The Banner

Synod 2023

By Shiao Chong, Editor in Chief

**27. In-Depth Coverage (Newspaper, Newsletter, News Service, Website, or Blog)**

Honorable Mention

Presbyterian News Service

PC(USA)-related camp fosters healing for survivors of school violence

By Darla Carter

Honorable Mention

Global Sisters Report

Sisters in the South

By Dan Stockman

Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist

Dadeville Strong: Ministry in wake of mass shooting

By Jennifer Rash and Grace Thornton

Award of Excellence

Southern Accent

Collegedale Train Derailment Anniversary Coverage

By Lead Writer: Amanda Blake; Contributors: Elyse Deschamps, Alexis Dewey, Hannah Johnson and Jacob Nevis



## **28. In-Depth Coverage (Magazine or Journal)**

### Honorable Mention

Catholic Review  
In depth coverage: Abuse  
By Catholic Review Staff

### Award of Merit

Broadview  
Religion in Canada  
By Andrew Faiz, Julie McGonegal, Sanam Islam, Alison Tedford Seaweed and Ashley Okwuosa

### Award of Excellence

Anabaptist World  
Two Koreas, one war's legacy  
By Tim Huber

## **29. Editorial or Opinion (Single editorial or opinion piece, all media)**

### Honorable Mention

The Christian Century  
Bearing witness to multiple stories  
By the Century editors

### Honorable Mention

Ministry, International Journal for Pastors  
From Gutenberg to GPT: The church's need for technological adaptation  
By Jonathan Walter

### Honorable Mention

Anabaptist World  
Blessing at the parting of ways  
By Paul Schrag

### Award of Merit

The Baptist Standard

Editorial: Religious freedom calls for rejecting Abbott's 'ask'

By Eric Black

### Award of Excellence

A Pastor's Musings/Patheos

The "Father of Modern Gynecology," the "Mothers of Gynecology," and the Challenge of History

By Dorothy Sanders Wells

## **31. Theme Issue, Section, or Series (Newspaper or Newsletter)**

### Honorable Mention

The Christian Chronicle

No Limits

By Bobby Ross Jr. and Audrey Jackson

### Honorable Mention

The Christian Chronicle

Sacred Calling

By Bobby Ross Jr., Audrey Jackson, Cheryl Mann Bacon and Calvin Cockrell

### Award of Merit

National Catholic Reporter

Amid record chronic homelessness, advocates and experts say there is a solution; Programs to address chronic homelessness need more funding, support, say advocates

By Katie Collins Scot

### Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle

United Nations of Faith

By Bobby Ross Jr. and Audrey Jackson

### **32. Theme Issue, Section, or Series (News Service, Website, Blog, or Social Media)**

#### Honorable Mention

Faith & Leadership  
Explaining research relevant to Christian leaders  
By Shari Finnell, writer; Chris Karnadi, editor

#### Award of Merit

Church Anew  
The Story of Abraham and Family Trauma - Part I and Part II  
By Dorothy Sanders Wells

#### Award of Excellence

Global Sisters Report  
Hope Amid Turmoil: Sisters in Conflict Areas  
By GSR Staff & Contributors

### **33. Theme Issue, Section, or Series (Magazine or Journal)**

#### Honorable Mention

Concordia Seminary Magazine  
His in Community, Spring 2023  
By Melanie Ave

#### Award of Merit

Ministry, International Journal for Pastors  
July 2023 issue on leadership  
By Ministry Magazine staff and contributors

#### Award of Excellence

Presbyterian Outlook  
Stop Gun Violence  
By Presbyterian Outlook

### **34. Interview - Short Format (1,200 words or fewer)**

#### Honorable Mention

Sojourners

Marza, a Queer Orthodox Artist, Combines Tradition and Street Art to Bring Hope and Beauty to Public Spaces Seeking to 'Make the World an Altar'

By Cassidy Klein

#### Award of Merit

Unbound: The Intersections of Faith and Justice

GRACE IN GLITTER: THE TRANSFORMATIVE SPIRIT OF HEKLINA

By Sam Lundquist

#### Award of Excellence

Word&Way

Wanted: Russian Pastor for Preaching Peace

By Brian Kaylor

### **35. Interview - Long Format (more than 1,200 words)**

#### Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic

Reclaiming ecotheology

By U.S. Catholic editors

#### Honorable Mention

Sojourners

Flipping Omelets for God

By Betsy Shirley

#### Award of Merit

Reflections journal, Fall 2023/Yale Divinity School

Stand Up for Character: An Interview with Philip Gorski

By Ray Waddle, editor and interviewer

Award of Excellence

The Christian Century  
What we think we know about God  
By Ross M. Allen

**36. Biographical Profile**

Honorable Mention

Broadview  
Sun Dancer, Matriarch, Priest  
By Emilie Teresa Smith

Award of Merit

Canadian Adventist Messenger  
It's Always About God  
By Annie Warner Donnelly, Writer

Award of Excellence

Lake Union Herald  
I Choose to Teach  
By Beverly Matiko

**37. Personal Experience - Short Format (1,200 words or fewer)**

Honorable Mention

Faith & Leadership  
The gospel lived out in the company of friends  
By Shannon Hopkins, writer; Sally Hicks, editor

Award of Merit

The Christian Century  
When rituals leave us full—and then empty  
By Julian DeShazier

Award of Excellence

Sojourners

By 2100, Two-Thirds of the World's Glaciers Will be Lost. Their Meltwater is Both Convicting and  
Baptismal

By Avery Davis Lamb

**38. Personal Experience - Long Format (more than 1,200 words)**

Honorable Mention

Forum Letter/American Lutheran Publicity Bureau  
Closing Ye Olde Theology Shoppe

By Charles Austin

Award of Merit

Broadview

The Last Letters

By Carol Moskot

Award of Excellence

Presbyterian Outlook

We bear the mark

By Ben Weakley

**39. Column**

Honorable Mention

Anabaptist World

Craggy view

By Sarah Kehrberg

Award of Merit

The Christian Century

Brian Bantum

By Brian Bantum

Award of Excellence

The Christian Century  
Julian DeShazier  
By Julian DeShazier

**40. Department**

Honorable Mention

Living Lutheran / Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
I'm a Lutheran  
By John Potter

Award of Merit

Sojourners  
Culture  
By Jenna Barnett, culture editor

Award of Excellence

The Covenant Companion  
Cov Beat  
By Companion Staff

**41. Critical Review**

Honorable Mention

Word&Way  
Are You There, World? It's Me, God  
By Juliet Vedral

Award of Merit

The Banner  
Barbie  
By Lorilee Craker

Award of Excellence

Presbyterian Outlook  
The Book of (More) Delights  
By Rose Schrott Taylor

**42. Letters to the Editor**

Honorable Mention

Broadview  
A Reprieve  
By David Wilson, editor

Award of Merit

The Christian Century  
Letters and Comments  
By edited by Jon Mathieu and Marie Watson

Award of Excellence

Anabaptist World  
Letters & Comments  
By Paul Schrag, editor

**43. Poetry**

Honorable Mention

The Christian Century  
Kénosis  
By Scott Cairns

Honorable Mention

SPECTRUM: The journal of the Adventist Forum  
Suite of Poems for Small Things  
By Smuts van Rooyen



#### Award of Merit

Unbound: The Intersections of Faith and Justice  
eradicate  
By Lucinda Isaacs

#### Award of Excellence

The Christian Century  
Mint Dirge  
By Karen An-hwei Lee

### **44. Service Journalism**

#### Honorable Mention

Gather / Women of the ELCA  
Hope and light  
By Cindy Novak, author and managing editor

#### Award of Merit

Religion News Service  
Preaching to polarized congregations: A responsibility and a challenge, clergy say  
By Adelle M. Banks

#### Award of Excellence

The Christian Chronicle  
A lifeline for people who hurt — all the time  
By Bobby Ross Jr. and Audrey Jackson

### **45. Professional Resource**

#### Honorable Mention

Church Anew  
The Misfortune (Good Fortune) of a Stress Fracture  
By Dorothy Sanders Wells

### Honorable Mention

Presbyterian Outlook  
The perilous and promising pulpit  
By Thomas G. Long

### Award of Merit

The Journal of Adventist Education  
Generative AI in Adventist Education: Opportunities and Ethical Considerations  
By David P. Harris and Fred Armstrong

### Award of Excellence

Faith & Leadership  
10 ways to avoid inadvertent antisemitism during Holy Week  
By Elena Procaro-Foley, writer; Sally Hicks, editor

## **46. Humor, Written**

### Honorable Mention

Sojourners  
Powerlifters for Christ  
By Beth Cooper-Chrismon

### Award of Merit

The Christian Chronicle  
Words I had to look up at the Christian Scholars' Conference  
By Erik Tryggestad

### Award of Excellence

The Covenant Companion  
The Funkhouser Special Sauce  
By Dana Bowman

## **47. Scholarly Article**

### Honorable Mention

Ministry, International Journal for Pastors  
Upholding Scripture in times of ethical relativism  
By Elias Brasil de Souza

### Award of Merit

Reflections journal/Yale Divinity School  
Hospitable Courage in a Divided Church  
By Amy Carr and Christine Helmer

### Award of Excellence

Lake Union Herald  
Blessed are the Wholemakers  
By Ante Jeronic

## **48. Biblical Interpretation or Lectionary Reflection (Short format - 1,200 words or less)**

### Honorable Mention

SPECTRUM: The journal of the Adventist Forum  
What Does Doubt Feel Like?  
By Alexander Carpenter

### Award of Merit

Gather magazine / Women of the ELCA  
I'm a Martha  
By Elise Seyfried, author; Elizabeth Hunter, editor

### Award of Excellence

The Christian Century  
No longer Black or White?  
By Brian Bantum

## **49. Biblical Interpretation or Lectionary Reflection (Long format - more than 1,200 words)**

### Honorable Mention

U.S. Catholic  
Testaments  
By Alice Camille

### Award of Merit

Unbound: The Intersections of Faith and Justice  
With Creation: A Native and Indigenous Lenten Devotional  
By The Native and Indigenous Writers of With Creation

### Award of Excellence

Presbyterian Outlook  
On women pastors and biblical authority: A Presbyterian reflection  
By Frances Taylor Gench

## **50. Theological Reflection (Short format - 1,200 words or less)**

### Honorable Mention

The Christian Century  
IN THE LECTIONARY November 26, Reign of Christ A (Matthew 25:31–46)  
By Dorothy Sanders Wells

### Award of Merit

NAD NewsPoints  
Walking Miracles of God's Amazing Grace  
By Minervino Labrador Jr.

### Award of Excellence

The Christian Century  
Extravagant consumption  
By Melissa Florer-Bixler

## **51. Theological Reflection (Long format - more than 1,200 words)**

### Honorable Mention

The Christian Century  
Discerning the body  
By Melissa Florer-Bixler

### Award of Merit

Sojourners  
Why Black Resurrection Matters  
By Vincent W. Lloyd

### Award of Excellence

Presbyterian Outlook  
Healing desire: Hindu and Buddhist wisdom for our post-truth predicament  
By John Thatamanil

## **52. Devotional / Inspirational (Short format - 1,200 words or less)**

### Honorable Mention

Anabaptist World  
Like rain in its season, the Spirit's work is gentle but sure  
By Lucinda J. Kinsinger

### Honorable Mention

In Trust magazine  
A lesson in bronze  
By Matt Huffman

### Award of Merit

The Christian Recorder  
God Cares: Lament of a Preacher's Widow  
By Wanda C. Henry-Jenkins

Award of Excellence

Word&Way  
Unsettling Advent, Day 4  
By Melissa Bowers

**53. Devotional / Inspirational (Long format - more than 1,200 words)**

Honorable Mention

prayerandpolitiks.org  
Lent's labor in light of Easter's conclusion  
By Ken Sehested

Award of Merit

Sojourners  
All is Calm  
By Julian Davis Reid

Award of Excellence

The Covenant Companion  
Sometimes You Gotta Go to Work  
By Brandi Sanders

**54. Bible Resource**

Honorable Mention

Sojourners  
What Christian Nationalists Get Wrong About the Bible  
By Jacob L. Wright

Award of Merit

Gather magazine / Women of the ELCA  
"Holy places" Bible study series  
By Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, author; Elizabeth Hunter, editor, Cindy Novak, managing editor

Award of Excellence

Gather magazine / Women of the ELCA  
"The Ten Commandments: Reviving the Soul" Bible study series  
By Christa von Zychlin, author; Elizabeth Hunter, editor

**55. Seasonal Article**

Honorable Mention

Broadview  
A Different Mary  
By Anne Thériault

Award of Merit

Gather magazine / Women of the ELCA  
Grounded hope  
By Jennifer Ginn, author; Elizabeth Hunter, editor

Award of Excellence

Sojourners  
All is Calm  
By Julian Davis Reid

**57. Books - Nonfiction**

Award of Excellence

Empowerment Communication Press  
Born Yesterday: The True Story of a Girl Born in the 20th Century but Raised in the 19th  
By Rachel Williams-Smith

## 59. Best Disapproving Letter to the Editor

### Honorable Mention

SPECTRUM: The Journal of the Adventist Forum

very disappointed!

By Lori Tyson

*I know you have many individual, independent contributors which speak for themselves on their own views and opinions, but I have to say how disappointed I am to see so much 'diversity, equity and inclusion' stuff in what I am reading! And NO push back from anybody?! I cannot imagine I am the only one who sees this as the Marxism/communism that it is!*

*Yes, I would like to hear back from somebody, anybody regarding Spectrums take on this! The LAST place I want to live is in a communist hell hole!*

### Award of Merit

Presbyterian Outlook

God created fossil fuels

By Presbyterian Outlook

*The effort to save the plant (sic) is now a religion. Let's start with did God create fossil fuel and the answer is yes. Does God make mistakes and the answer is no.*

*Thanks to God creating fossil fuel the all nations (sic) have benefited even the low economic countries in Africa. The topic is now a religion and everyone is promoting and talking about fossil fuel but I do not hear anyone within the public arena speaking or promoting God.*

### Award of Excellence

Broadview

Carnal Fantasy

By Irma

*As a form of entertainment in the secular world, I understand drag has a range of content including some that in my opinion does not glorify God. In a magazine affiliated with Christianity, I would hope articles would be chosen that promote Christian values.*

*My offence to this article is that it appears to promote carnal fantasy and all that may come with it and I can't find any connection between drag and my faith.*



# VISUAL & AUDIO COMMUNICATIONS

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## 61. Magazine Cover

### Honorable Mention

Lake Union Herald  
Safeguarding Our Children  
By Elennie Ramirez

### Honorable Mention

Sojourners  
December 2023  
By Jocelyn Reiter, illustrator; Candace Sanders, art director

### Award of Merit

The Christian Century  
Cover of June 2023 issue  
By illustration by Dadu Shin, art direction by Daniel Richardson

### Award of Excellence

Presbyterian Outlook  
Stop Gun Violence  
By Presbyterian Outlook

## 62. Newspaper Front Page

### Honorable Mention

The Christian Recorder  
November 2023 Front Page  
By John Thomas III

#### Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist  
60th anniversary of Birmingham church bombing  
By Lauren Grim

#### Award of Excellence

The Baptist Paper  
SBC Annual Meeting front page  
By Lauren Grim

### **63. Magazine/Journal Design, Spread or Story**

#### Honorable Mention

Canadian Adventist Messenger  
Shaped by Hardships: The Story of a Rwandan Genocide Survivor  
By Aimee Perez, Graphic Designer

#### Award of Merit

Sojourners  
Flipping Omelets for God  
By Candace Sanders, art director; Ryan McQuade, illustrator

#### Award of Excellence

Canadian Adventist Messenger  
It's Always About God  
By Aimee Perez, Graphic Designer

### **64. Magazine/Journal Design, Entire Issue**

#### Honorable Mention

The Christian Century  
September 2023 issue  
By Daniel Richardson, art director

Award of Merit

In Trust magazine  
In Trust magazine winter 2023  
By Carla Frank

Award of Excellence

Broadview  
December  
By Carol Moskot

**65. Newspaper/Newsletter Design, Spread or Story**

Honorable Mention

The Alabama Baptist  
Taking Care: Physical and Mental Health  
By Lauren Grim

Award of Merit

The Baptist Paper  
Endangered Youth: How the church can respond to human trafficking  
By Lauren Grim

Award of Excellence

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
What the Blind Man Heard  
By Arlice Davenport

**66. Newspaper/Newsletter Design, Entire Issue**

Honorable Mention

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
February 2023 Newsletter  
By Arlice Davenport

### Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist  
Celebrating 200 years of Alabama Baptist missions and ministry  
By Lauren Grim and The Alabama Baptist staff

### Award of Excellence

The Baptist Paper  
SBC Annual Meeting coverage  
By Lauren Grim and The Baptist Paper staff

## **67. Illustration, With Article or Cutline**

### Honorable Mention

SPECTRUM: The journal of the Adventist Forum  
When Innocence Is Not Enough: Hidden Evidence and the Failed Promise of the Brady Rule

### Award of Merit

Sojourners  
Do Justice Now Opening Spread  
By Thiago Limón, illustrator

### Award of Excellence

Broadview  
A Different Mary  
By Mercedes Debellard

## **68. Print Publication Redesign**

### Award of Excellence

Presbyterian Outlook  
Presbyterian Outlook magazine redesign  
By Presbyterian Outlook

## **69. Publication Website**

### Honorable Mention

The Alabama Baptist  
TheAlabamaBaptist.org  
By James Hammack and The Alabama Baptist staff

### Award of Merit

Catholic Review  
catholicreview.org  
By Catholic Review Staff

### Award of Excellence

The Christian Century  
The Christian Century website  
By Trice Gibbons and Congruity Works

## **70. Website Redesign**

### Honorable Mention

The Good Newsroom  
By Rachel Sheehan

### Award of Merit

The Christian Century  
By Trice Gibbons and Congruity Works

### Award of Excellence

SPECTRUM: The journal of the Adventist Forum  
By ALEXANDER CARPENTER

## **72. Single Photo with Article or Cutline**

### Honorable Mention

The Christian Chronicle  
Kerusso Experience trains high schoolers to fill empty pulpits  
By Audrey Jackson

### Award of Merit

Catholic Review  
Troubled streets  
By Kevin J. Parks

### Award of Excellence

Broadview  
Val Waldron, Unsung Heroes  
By Shlomi Amiga

## **73. Photo Spread or Essay (Printed Media)**

### Honorable Mention

Sojourners  
Can a Prison Be Good?  
By Apolline Guillerot-Malick, photographer; Candace Sanders, art director

### Award of Merit

Catholic Review  
Student pilot  
By Kevin J. Parks

### Award of Excellence

Broadview  
Hope in a War Zone  
By Gregg Brekke

## **74. Photo Spread or Essay (Online Media)**

### Honorable Mention

Word&Way  
Visiting the World's Oldest Colony  
By Brian Kaylor

### Award of Merit

Global Sisters Report  
In spite of a year of war, Ukrainians endure and religious ministry continues  
By Gregg Brekke

### Award of Excellence

Faith & Leadership  
Easter in Ukraine: 'It's pretty humbling to witness and document'  
By Carol Guzy, photojournalist; Aleta Payne, editor

## **75. Video - News Story or Current Event**

### Honorable Mention

The Good Newsroom  
Elizabeth Seton Children's Center Celebrates the Christmas Season with Children's Pageant  
By Patrick Grady

### Award of Merit

The Good Newsroom  
Miles de flores honran a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe - Thousands of flowers honor Our Lady of Guadalupe  
By Elba Fernana Pierorazio

### Award of Excellence

The Good Newsroom  
Rosary and Cannolis: A Sweet Incentive for Students to Join in School Rosary  
By Mary Shovlain

## **76. Video - Documentary Short (Less than 30 minutes)**

### Honorable Mention

ELCA

10 Years of "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday

By Will Nunnally and Brett Nelson

### Award of Merit

The Baptist Paper

Man Cave Ministry: Hope, help & healing

By Pam Henderson

### Award of Excellence

NAD NewsPoints

Oakwood Adventist Academy - "Bigger Than Basketball" Part 2

By Kimberly Luste Maran, Julio Muñoz, Mark Comberiate, Bryan Fowler, Jonathan LaPointe

## **78. Video - Educational / Informative / Advocacy (less than 10 minutes)**

### Award of Excellence

PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly

A Word from the Stated Clerk: Gun Violence

By Randy Hobson, Rick Jones

## **79. Video - Editorial / PR / Marketing (less than 10 minutes)**

### Award of Merit

ELCA

Get ready for the Rostered Ministers Gathering

By Will Nunnally and Brett Nelson

### Award of Excellence

ELCA

Together We Are Called

By Brett Nelson, Allison Beebe and Will Nunnally



## **80. Video - Video Series**

### Honorable Mention

Canadian Adventist Messenger

Canadian Adventist Messenger - Cover Stories

By Evaldo Vicente, Executive Producer, and Ewerton Obadoski, Producer/Director/Editor

### Award of Merit

PC(USA) Office of the General Assembly

The Nelson Legacy

By Randy Hobson, Rick Jones

### Award of Excellence

ELCA

Talks at the Desk Season 2

By Brett Nelson, Nicolette Peñaranda, Mae Helen Jackson and Will Nunnally

## **82. Audio - Podcast or Audio Series**

### Honorable Mention

Broadview

And Also Some Women

By Junia Joplin and Anne Thériault

### Award of Merit

Message Magazine

The Rest of Your Story

By Nick Taliaferro

### Award of Excellence

Thee Quaker Podcast/Thee Quaker Project

Thee Quaker Podcast

By Georgia Sparling and Jon Watts

## **83. Integrated Communications**

### Award of Merit

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis  
2023-24 New academic year branding: We Belong to Christ  
By Melanie Ave

### Award of Excellence

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis  
Theological Symposium 2023: Living by Hope in a Secular Age: Church and Society  
By Melanie Ave

# MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

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## 84. Annual Report (all media)

### Award of Merit

Ursuline Sisters of Louisville  
Walk In Faith/¡Camina Con Fe!  
By Kathy Williams

### Award of Excellence

Christian Reformed Church in NA  
Annual Ministry Report 2023  
By Kristen Vanderberg, Communications Director

# SOCIAL MEDIA

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## 85. Single Posting (social media)

### Honorable Mention

Broadview

Dr. James Makokis Brings Traditional Cree Approaches to Transgender Medicine

By Christina Jung

### Award of Merit

Sojourners

(Instagram) Reconstruct, October 10, 2023, Mae Elise Cannon

By Sojourners Audience Engagement Team

### Award of Excellence

Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

St. Joseph Children's Home Honors the Ursulines and Sister Loretta Guenther

By Kathy Williams

## 86. Awareness / Advocacy Campaign (social media)

### Honorable Mention

Religion News Service

The Top Religion & Spirituality Books of 2023

By RNS Social Media Team

### Award of Merit

Lake Union Herald

Safeguarding Our Children

By Stanton Witherspoon

Award of Excellence

SPECTRUM: The journal of the Adventist Forum  
Pride Month 2023  
By Raquel Mentor

**87. Event, Marketing or Brand Awareness (social media)**

Honorable Mention

Lake Union Herald  
Happy Sabbath  
By Katie Fellows

Award of Merit

Women of the ELCA  
Just Lunch, promotion using Facebook Live for the Just Love Gathering, September 2023  
By Elizabeth McBride

Award of Excellence

Canadian Adventist Messenger  
Messenger Sneak Peek Videos  
By Evaldo Vicente, Producer, and Adrianna Lewis, Host

# OVERALL EXCELLENCE / BEST IN CLASS

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## James Solheim Award for Editorial Courage

### Honorable Mention

Broadview  
Closed Doors  
By Jocelyn Bell

### Award of Merit

Presbyterian Outlook  
Fostering love, not fear  
By Teri McDowell Ott

### Award of Excellence

Sojourners  
Lead Us Not (podcast)  
By Jenna Barnett (writer, host), Betsy Shirley (executive editor), Mitchell Atencio (reporter, producer)

## 12. SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

### Honorable Mention

Lake Union Herald  
By Stanton Witherspoon, Katie Fellows, Felicia Tonga

### Award of Merit

Religion News Service  
By RNS Social Media Team

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic  
By The U.S. Catholic editors

**11. VIDEO PRODUCTION**

Honorable Mention

Lake Union Herald  
Lake Union Herald Best in Class Video  
By Felicia Tonga

Award of Merit

Religion Unplugged  
The Men Behind Violence In The Indian State Of Manipur  
By Vishal Arora

Award of Excellence

ELCA  
Best of Video 2023 Reel  
By Will Nunnally, Brett Nelson and Jocelyn Fuller

**10. PUBLIC RELATIONS OR MARKETING CAMPAIGN**

Award of Excellence

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis  
Multiethnic Symposium 2023  
By Melanie Ave

## **08. BLOG**

### Honorable Mention

The Empathy List  
By Liz Charlotte Grant

### Award of Merit

Boldcafe.org  
By The Rev. Jennifer Hackbarth, Elizabeth McBride

### Award of Excellence

A Pastor's Musings / Patheos  
By Dorothy Sanders Wells

## **07. INDEPENDENT WEBSITE**

### Honorable Mention

SPECTRUM: The journal of the Adventist Forum  
By Alexander Carpenter

### Award of Merit

Global Sisters Report  
By GSR Staff & Contributors

### Award of Excellence

Unbound: The Intersections of Faith and Justice  
By Lee Catoe

## **06. NEWS SERVICE**

### Honorable Mention

NAD NewsPoints  
By Kimberly Luste Maran, Art Brondo



Award of Merit

The Baptist Paper

By James Hammack and The Baptist Paper staff

Award of Excellence

Religion News Service

By RNS Team

**05. NEWSLETTER**

Honorable Mention

Forum Letter

By Richard O. Johnson, editor

Award of Merit

Hunger News & Hope

By Katie Cook, Editor

Award of Excellence

Boldcafe.org

By The Rev. Susan Schneider, The Rev. Ralen M. Robinson, Elizabeth McBride

**04. SEMINARY PUBLICATION OR JOURNAL**

Honorable Mention

Ministry, International Journal for Pastors

By Ministry Magazine staff and contributors

Award of Merit

Concordia Seminary Magazine

By Melanie Ave

Award of Excellence

Reflections journal / Yale Divinity School

By Ray Waddle, editor; Greg Sterling, dean of Yale Divinity School

### **03. DENOMINATIONAL OR OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST MAGAZINE**

Honorable Mention

Presbyterian Outlook

Honorable Mention

Catholic Review

Award of Merit

In Trust magazine

Award of Excellence

U.S. Catholic

### **01. NEWSPAPER**

Honorable Mention

The Fig Tree

Award of Merit

The Alabama Baptist

Award of Excellence

The Baptist Paper

## **02. NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE**

Honorable Mention

Rapt Interviews

Award of Merit

Sojourners

Award of Excellence

Broadview

# BEST EMERGING JOURNALIST

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## Honorable Mention

Richa Karmarkar  
Publication: Religion News Service

## Award of Merit

Mark Ramzy  
Publication: Broadview

## Award of Excellence

Charlotte Alden  
Publication: Broadview