

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Presented during EPA's 2016 convention, the 2016 Awards of Excellence honor the best work done in EPA publications during the 2015 calendar year.

Campus

Award of Excellence: *The Echo* / Taylor University — Chris Yingling, Julia Oller.

Awards of Merit: *Pursuit* / Cal Baptist University. *Liberty Champion* / Liberty University — Nate Haywood. *The Hilltop* / Corban University — Sophia Walz, Katrina Delamarter. *The Banner* / Cal Baptist University.

Campus (Digital)

Award of Excellence: *The Banner* / Cal Baptist University.

Awards of Merit: *readmybeacon.com* / Palm Beach Atlantic University — Sierra Darville, Celeste Brown, Jeremiah Sater, Katie Forsythe, David Williams, Amanda Higgins. *Hilltop News* / Corban University — Sarina Girangaya, Olivia Heisey.

Christian Ministry

Award of Excellence: *Leadership Journal* — Marshall Shelley, Drew Dyck, Doug Fleener.

Awards of Merit: *Outreach* — James Long, Tim Downs, Marcus Torres, Meredee Berg, Taylor Bird. *Facts & Trends* — Carol Pipes, Katie Shull, Lisa Green, Aaron Earls, Marty King, Ed Stetzer. *Church Law & Tax Report* — Matthew Branaugh, Mary Bellus, Richard Hammar, Louise Ferrebee, Sandra Hoekstra-Lower.

Christian Ministry (Digital)

Award of Excellence: *ManagingYourChurch.com* — Samuel Ogles, Michelle Dowell, Matthew Branaugh.

Awards of Merit: *SmallGroups.com* — Amy Jackson, Todd Watermann, Terumi Echols. *ChurchLawAndTax.com* — Samuel Ogles, Michelle Dowell, Matthew Branaugh, Louise Ferrebee. *Leading Hearts* — Linda Evans Shepherd, Amber Weiland-Buckley.

Denominational

Award of Excellence: *The Covenant Companion*.

Awards of Merit: *Alliance Life Magazine* — Peter Burgo, Melinda Lane, Daron Short, Christer Tschamler, Julie Daube, Martha Krienke. *Reporter* — David L. Strand, Joe Isenhower. *War Cry* — Allen Satterlee, Roger Selvage, Jeff McDonald. *SACnects* — Lt. Col. Cheryl A. Maynor, Warren L. Maye, Robert Mitchell, Hugo Bravo, Reginald Raines, Lea La Notte Greene.

Denominational (Digital)

Award of Excellence: *Baptist Press* — Shawn Hendricks, Art Toalston, Diana Chandler, David Roach, Laura Erlanson, Marcia Knox

Awards of Merit: *Wesleyan Life* — Kerry Kind, Kory Pence, Wayne MacBeth, Tricia Rife, Ron McClung, Julia Sprow. *EFCA Today* — Journey Group, Diane McDougall, Matt Pamer, Josh Bryant, Rae Phillips, Brian Cole. *The Covenant Companion Online* — Stan Friedman. *Light and Life Magazine Online* — Jay Cordova, Douglas Britt, Jeff Finley, Mark Crawford, Kelly Holt, Jacob Blythe.

Devotional

Award of Excellence: *In Touch* — Cameron Lawrence, Tom Sabonis-Chafee, Sandy Feit, Jamie Hughes, Joseph Miller, Metaleap Creative.

Awards of Merit: *Forward* — David Jones, Derek Lewis, Stephen Nelson, Katy Fry, Nic Dennis, Andrea Young. *The Brink* — David Jones, Jonathan Yandell, Stephen Nelson, Katy Fry, Sondra Blackburn, Andrea Young. *Fusion* — Jonathan Yandell, David Jones, Stephen Nelson, Danny Conn, Marianne Stewart, Andrea Young.

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General

Award of Excellence: *Christianity Today* — Mark Galli, Katelyn Beaty, Alecia Sharp.

Awards of Merit: *Sojourners. Books & Culture* — John Wilson, Jennifer McGuire. *Answers Magazine* — Dan Stelzer, Michael Matthews, Doug Rumminger, Dale Mason. *Light Magazine* — Russell Moore, Daniel Darling, Lindsay Swartz, Marie Delph, Jason Thacker, Jacob Blaze.

General (Digital)

Award of Excellence: *Christianity Today Online* — Mark Galli, Ted Olsen, Katelyn Beaty, Terumi Echols, Jacob Walsh.

Awards of Merit: *Today's Christian Woman* — Kelli B. Trujillo, Jillian Hathaway, Natalie Lederhouse, Joy Beth Smith, Kristen Cloyd. *In Touch Magazine Online. Sojourners Online* — Sandi Villarreal, Catherine Woodiwiss, Bob Sabath, JP Keenan, Ryan Stewart, Ryan Hammill. *The Behemoth* — Ted Olsen, Jennifer McGuire.

Missions

Award of Excellence: *Co:Mission* — Jim Killam, Colin Wilson, Barbara Coots, Kim Farr, Jesse Lane, Jan Matthews.

Awards of Merit: *Message Magazine* — Lauren Farr, Paul Luce, Ingela Hartman, Leah Pickard. *Word Alive* — Dwayne Janke, Alan Hood, Cindy Buckshon. *On Mission* — Joe Conway, Shawn Elledge, Joshua Harrelson, K. Faith Morgan, Meredith Yackel, John Swain. *ANM World Missions* — Heather Kirk, Andrew Needham, John Lindner.

Most Improved

Award of Excellence: *Light and Life* — Jay Cordova, Jeff Finley, Erin Eckberg, Mark Crawford, Kelly Holt, Marvin Gray.

Awards of Merit: *Illinois Baptist* — Eric Reed, Lisa Sergent, Kris Kell, Meredith Flynn, Morgan Jackson. *Alliance Life Magazine* — Peter Burgo, Melinda Lane, Daron Short, Christer Tschamler, Julie Daube, Martha Krienke.

Newsletter

Award of Excellence: *The Voice of the Martyrs*.

Award of Merit: *Church Finance Today* — Chris Lutes, Samuel Ogles, Matthew Branaugh, Richard Hammar, Louise Ferrebee, Sandra Hoekstra-Lower.

Newsletter Email (Digital)

Award of Excellence: *NRB Today* — Kenneth Chan, Mary Montemayor, Linda Smith, Anne Dunlap, Melissa Sturgis, Aaron Mercer.

Newspaper

Award of Excellence: *Illinois Baptist* — Eric Reed, Lisa Sergent, Kris Kell, Meredith Flynn, Morgan Jackson.

Awards of Merit: *The Alabama Baptist* — Bob Terry, Jennifer Davis Rash, Lauren Grim, Neisha Roberts, Maggie Walsh. *Indian Life* — Jim Uttley, Robin Black. *Arkansas Baptist News* — Tim Yarbrough, Jessica Vanderpool, Caleb Yarbrough.

Newspaper-Online News (Digital)

Award of Excellence: *Christian News Journal* — Theresa Keener.

Award of Merit: *The Pathway*.

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Organizational

Award of Excellence: *Fuller* — Lauralee Farrer, Mark Labberton, Joel B. Green, Brandon Hook, Michael Wright, Irene Neller.

Awards of Merit: *Worldwide Challenge* — Mark Winz, Amber Wiley, Guy Gerrard, Greg Breeding, Ashley Walton, Journey Group. *World Vision Magazine* — Jane Sutton-Redner, Nathalie Moberg, Elizabeth Hendley, Jon Warren. *Command* — Michael Edwards, Karen Fliedner, Josh Jackson. *Southern Seminary Magazine* — Stephen Watters, James A. Smith Sr., Eric Jimenez, S. Craig Sanders, Daniel Carroll, Emil Handke.

Organizational (Digital)

Award of Excellence: *Fuller* — Lauralee Farrer, Tamara Johnston, Becky Still, Brandon Hook, Michael Wright, Irene Neller.

Awards of Merit: *World Vision Magazine* — Jane Sutton-Redner, Nathalie Moberg, Elizabeth Hendley, Jon Warren. *Compassion Magazine* — Leanna Summers, Willow Welter, Mark Kyle, Kendra Doss, Tim Glenn.

Youth

Award of Excellence: *Adventures in Odyssey Clubhouse* — Jesse Florea, Stephen O'Rear, Jenny Dillon, Jim Cail.

Awards of Merit: *Compassion Explorer Magazine* — Leanna Summers, Willow Welter, Mark Kyle, Michelle Dana, Paul Moede, Tim Glenn. *Clubhouse Jr.* — Jesse Florea, Joanna Echols, Lexie Rhodes, Jim Cail. *Adventure Guide* — Janiece Waldrop, Katie Greenwood, Katy Fry, Jessica Swindol, Andrea Young, Nic Dennis. *Explorer's Guide* — Derek Lewis, Katie Greenwood, Janiece Waldrop, Jessica Swindol, Sondra Blackburn, Andrea Young.

Youth (Digital)

Award of Excellence: *Compassion Explorer Magazine* — Leanna Summers, Willow Welter, Mark Kyle, Kendra Doss, Tim Glenn, Paul Moede.

HIGHER GOALS

Presented during EPA's 2016 convention, the 2016 Higher Goals awards honor the best work done in specific categories during the 2015 calendar year.

Article Series

First Place: *Christianity Today Online*, "Ponder Christian Soldiers" — Logan Isaac. **Second Place:** *Inheritance*, "An Unexpected Advocate: One Pastor's Calling to Love Openly Gay Christians" — Ken Uyeda Fong. **Third Place:** *The Living Church*, "Drawing Hope from Pope Francis, Pope Buys Environmentalists, Anticipation for Pope Francis, Destination: Papal Mass" — G. Jeffrey MacDonald. **Fourth Place:** *ManagingYourChurch.com*, "Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting Roundtable Series" — Ashley Emmert, Samuel Ogles, Michelle Dowell, Tim Gioia. **Fifth Place:** *Sojourners Online*, "Troubling Texts: Domestic Violence in the Bible" — Elaina Ramsey, Catherine Woodiwiss, Sandi Villarreal, Ryan Stewart, Ryan Hammill, JP Keenan.

Biblical Exposition

First Place: *Today's Christian Woman*, "3 Lies We Believe About the Bible" — Joy-Elizabeth Lawrence, Kelli B. Trujillo, Natalie Lederhouse. **Second Place:** *The Banner*, "The Good News About Election" — Leonard J. Vander Zee. **Third Place:** *Sojourners*, "Testing Jesus" — Reta Halteman Finger. **Fourth Place:** *The Living Church*, "Self-Control: The Neglected Fruit of the Spirit" — Matthew A. Gunter. **Fifth Place:** *The Lutheran Witness*, "Judging Others" — Adriane Heins, Alan Ludwig.

Blog: Single post

First Place: *Christianity Today Online*, "How We Made Too Much of Gender" — Leslie Leyland Fields. **Second Place:** *ManagingYourChurch.com*, "Violence at Church" — Samuel Ogles. **Third Place:** *EFCA Today*, "An Autobiography of My Calling" — Naomi Smith, Diane McDougall, Matt Pamer, Josh Bryant, Rae Phillips, Brian Cole, JourneyGroup. **Fourth Place:** *The Voice of the Martyrs*, "Hat On the Box" — Dr. Jason Peters. **Fifth Place:** *Paul Asay*, "Spotlight: The Importance of Being Honest."

HIGHER GOALS

Blog: Website

First Place: *Christianity Today Online*, "Her.meneutics" — Kate Shellnutt. **Second Place:** *ManagingYourChurch.com* — Samuel Ogles, Michelle Dowell, Matthew Branaugh. **Third Place:** *EFCA Today*, "EFCA Now" — Diane McDougall, Matt Pamer, Rae Phillips, Brian Cole, JourneyGroup. **Fourth Place:** *Wheaton Magazine Online*, "#MyWheaton" — Allison Althoff Steinke, Kevin Schmalandt, Whitney Bauck, Katherine Braden, Natasha Zeng. **Fifth Place:** *Luke Society News*, "Luke Society News Blog" — Dan Breen.

Cartoon

First Place: *Adventures in Odyssey Clubhouse*, "Captain Absolutely" — Dennis Edwards, Jenny Dillon, Stephen O'Rear. **Second Place:** *Clubhouse Jr.*, "Friends Out Back" — Crystal Bowman, Kevin Zimmer, Jesse Florea, Joanna Echols, Lexie Rhodes. **Third Place:** *Answers Magazine*, "Kids Answers: The Promised Lamb" — Jon Seest, Dan Stelzer. **Fourth Place:** *Arkansas Baptist News*, "And Stay Out!" — Gary Thomas. **Fifth Place:** *The Threefold Advocate*, "Inform Your Vote" — Becky Ramirez.

Cause of the Year: International Religious Persecution

First Place: *Leadership Journal*, "Healing the Horrors of Boko Haram" — Matt Woodley, Stewart Ruch III. **Second Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, "Sound Across the Sea" — John Greco, Audra Melton, Metaleap Creative. **Third Place:** *Christianity Today Online*, "How Libya's Martyrs Are Witnessing to Egypt" — Jayson Casper. **Fourth Place:** *In Touch Magazine Online*, "Free Indeed" — Jamie A. Hughes. **Fifth Place:** *Sojourners*, "Songs Before the Cataclysm" — Kimberly Burge.

Cover

First Place: *War Cry* — Roger Selvage, Allen Satterlee. **Second Place:** *In Part* — Natalie Robb, Devin Manzullo-Thomas, William Teodori. **Third Place:** *In Touch Magazine* — In Touch Editorial Staff, Metaleap Creative. **Fourth Place:** *Christianity Today* — Sarah Gordon, SHOUT. **Fifth Place:** *Facts & Trends* — Katie Shull, Carol Pipes.

Critical Review

First Place: *Reporter Online*, "Movie Review: 'American Sniper'" — Paula Schlueter Ross, Ted Giese. **Second Place:** *Mutuality*, "Vulnerability Makes the Man: A Review of Man Enough: How Jesus Redefines Manhood by Nate Pyle" — Tim Krueger, Mimi Haddad. **Third Place:** *The Banner*, "Tuned In" — Robert N. Hosack, Kristy Quist, Leonard J. Vander Zee. **Fourth Place:** *Sojourners*, "Devils We Know" — Stephanie Sandberg. **Fifth Place:** *Christianity Today*, "Our Forgotten Pro-Life History" — Robert Tracey McKenzie.

Department

First Place: *ANM World Missions*, "Challenges & Victories" — Andrew Needham, John Lindner, Heather Kirk. **Second Place:** *Answers Magazine*, "Creation on Display" — Stephanie McDorman, Gordon Wilson, Donna O'Daniel, Doug Rumminger, Dan Stelzer. **Third Place:** *Outreach Magazine* — James Long, Tim Downs, Marcus Torres, Meredee Berg, Taylor Bird. **Fourth Place:** *World Vision Magazine*, "Life Frames" — Jon Warren, Eugene Lee, Laura Reinhardt. **Fifth Place:** *Alabama Baptist*, "Faith and Family."

Devotional

First Place: *The Covenant Companion*, "Broken" — Dana Bowman. **Second Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, "Empty of Platitudes" — Carol Barnier, Tiffany Forrester. **Third Place:** *Refreshed*, "Stumbling in the Dark" — Tim Walker. **Fourth Place:** *ANM World Missions*, "Life Isn't Fair—or Is It?" — John Lindner, Heather Kirk. **Fifth Place:** *Ministry & Leadership*, "The Best Way to End One Year and Start Another" — Dr. Don Sweeting.

Editorial

First Place: *Christianity Today Online*, "Breaking News: 2 Billion Christians Believe in Traditional Marriage" — Mark Galli. **Second Place:** *The Banner*, "Holy Catholic Church" — Leonard J. Vander Zee. **Third Place:** *Illinois Baptist*, "Sad Truth: Pastors Are Sinners Too" — Eric Reed. **Fourth Place:** *Sojourners*, "Hearts & Minds: Hate Breeds Hate" — Jim Wallis. **Fifth Place:** *Alabama Baptist*, "Alabama Needs 1 Definition of Illegal Gambling" — Bob Terry.

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Evangelism Article

First Place: *Today's Christian Woman*, "How to Love an Atheist" — Alicia Britt Chole, Kelli B. Trujillo, Natalie Lederhouse. **Second Place:** *DTS Magazine*, "A Place at the Table" — Sandra Glahn, Barry Jones. **Third Place:** *In Touch Magazine Online*, "Just Pass the Broccoli" — Patricia Raybon. **Fourth Place:** *One Magazine*, "What in the Worldview?" — Ruth McDonald, Eric K. Thomsen. **Fifth Place:** *Christianity Today Online*, "The Apologist Mom" — Andrea Palpant Dilley.

Feature Article

First Place: *Sojourners*, "Nukes and the Pro-Life Christian" — Karen Swallow Prior, Atsuyoshi Fujiwara, Tyler Wigg-Stevenson, Ed Spivey Jr. **Second Place:** *Message Magazine*, "Soul Food" — Lauren Farr-Miller, Ingela Hartman, Leah Pickard, Paul Luce. **Third Place:** *World Vision Magazine*, "South Sudan's Tattered Dreams" — Kari Costanza. **Fourth Place:** *Wheaton Magazine*, "21 Innovators in the 21st Century" — Allison Althoff Steinke, Adrianna Wright, Whitney Bauck, Metaleap Creative. **Fifth Place:** *Wesleyan Life*, "Charles Wesley: Hearts of Praise" — Patrick Eby, Kory Pence.

Fiction

First Place: *The Banner*, "Yet in My Flesh" — James Calvin Schaap. **Second Place:** *Refreshed*, "Christmas Through the Fog" — Mary Moody. **Third Place:** *Adventures in Odyssey Clubhouse*, "I Don't Want to be a Snowman" — Stephen O'Rear, Jesse Florea, Tim Shoemaker

First-Person Article

First Place: *In Touch Magazine*, "Just Pass the Broccoli" — Patricia Raybon, Iain Bagwell, Metaleap Creative. **Second Place:** *Christianity Today*, "When Islands of Meaning Sink Beneath Us" — Douglas Groothuis. **Third Place:** *Leadership Journal*, "When HotChurch Came to Town" — Keith Mannes. **Fourth Place:** *The Covenant Companion*, "Jesus, Take This Cup From Me" — Dana Bowman. **Fifth Place:** *The Banner*, "A Luminous Mystery" — J. Todd Billings.

Freelance Article

First Place: *Steve Rabey*, "Beyond Crime and Punishment: Restorative Justice Offers Healing to Colorado Victims, Communities." **Second Place:** *Claudean Boatman*, "Beyond the Walls: Sharing Grief and Growing Community." **Third Place:** *Patti Townley-Couvert*, "A Chance at Life." **Fourth Place:** *Michael Foust*, "Will I Love My Biological Child as Much as My Adopted Ones?" **Fifth Place:** *Chris Maxwell*, "You Need Solitude, But You Don't Need Isolation."

General Article: Long

First Place: *Facts & Trends*, "Searching for a Savior" — Aaron Earls, Carol Pipes. **Second Place:** *Outreach Magazine*, "Courageous Leadership" — James Long, Tim Downs, Marcus Torres, Meredee Berg, Taylor Bird. **Third Place:** *ANM World Missions*, "China's New 'Fire Bible'" — Daniel Wen, Heather Kirk, Andrew Needham, John Lindner. **Fourth Place:** *Mennonite Brethren Herald*, "How Will I Engage the Bible" — Angelina Schellenberg. **Fifth Place:** *Alliance Life*, "A Flood of Compassion" — Janet Root, Daron Short, Peter Burgo, Melinda Lane.

General Article: Medium

First Place: *Boundless*, "Where Have All the Beautiful Women Gone?" — Joshua Rogers. **Second Place:** *Christianity Today Online*, "Why Boko Haram and ISIS Target Women" — Katelyn Beaty. **Third Place:** *Illinois Baptist*, "When War Comes Home" — Kayla Rinker. **Fourth Place:** *Decision*, "Biblical Anchors, Aweigh?" — Jerry Pierce, Bob Paulson. **Fifth Place:** *The Behemoth*, "Oh, How He Smells Us" — Kate Shellnutt.

General Article: Short

First Place: *Answers Magazine*, "The Opossum—Survival of the Generalist" — Stephanie McDorman, Doug Rumminger, Dan Stelzer. **Second Place:** *Compassion Magazine*, "Value Beyond Words" — Leanna Summers, Willow Welter, Mark Kyle, Michelle Dana, Tim Glenn, Paul Moede. **Third Place:** *New Frontier Chronicle*, "Salvation Army Online Auction Site Now Live" — Christin Davis. **Fourth Place:** *Refreshed*, "Bread winner: Provoking Harmony with an Act of Kindness" — Dean Nelson. **Fifth Place:** *The Voice of the Martyrs*, "Why I Haven't Left Syria."

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Humorous

First Place: *Sojourners*, "First World Problems..." — Ed Spivey Jr. **Second Place:** *The Covenant Companion*, "Confessions of a Not So Cheerful Giver" — Dana Bowman. **Third Place:** *Refreshed*, "Hello, My Name Is..." — Joanne Brokaw. **Fourth Place:** *Leading Hearts*, "A Hairy Situation" — Torry Martin. **Fifth Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, "Thanks for Taking My Stuff" — Matt Woodley, Jeff Gregory, Metaleap Creative.

Interview Article

First Place: *Crux*, "We Are Still Near the Beginning: A Conversation with Wendell Berry" — Chad Wriglesworth, Wendell Berry. **Second Place:** *Books & Culture*, "Every Single Thing in You Has to Bow Down" — Jane Zwart. **Third Place:** *Decision*, "Combatting a Culture of Death" — Richard Greene. **Fourth Place:** *The Living Church*, "Gospel as Counter-narrative" — G. Jeffrey MacDonald. **Fifth Place:** *Leadership Journal*, "The Secret of Strategic Neglect" — Marshall Shelley, Drew Dyck.

Original Art: Digital/Mixed Media

First Place: *Southern Seminary Magazine*, "Religious Liberty Imperiled" — Eric Jimenez. **Second Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, "Called to the Cubicle" — Daniel Darling, Darren Braun, Metaleap Creative. **Third Place:** *Christianity Today*, "Comet of Wonder" — Sarah Gordon. **Fourth Place:** *Message Magazine*, "Candidate Class 2015" — Leah Pickard, Ingela Hartman, Lauren Farr-Miller, Paul Luce. **Fifth Place:** *Thriving Family*, "The Weight of Words" — Michael Ridgeway, Andrea Gutierrez, Cary Bates, Jody Reiner, Michael Heath.

Original Art: Traditional

First Place: *In Touch Magazine*, "A Fool's Errand" — Tony Woodlief, Keith Negley, Metaleap Creative. **Second Place:** *Fuller* — Denise Louise Klitsie. **Third Place:** *Clubhouse Jr.*, "The Hot, Hot Picnic" — Andy Elkerton, Lexie Rhodes. **Fourth Place:** *Wheaton Magazine*, "To Invest or Not to Invest?" — Dan Matutina, Metaleap Creative, Allison Althoff Steinke. **Fifth Place:** *Christianity Today*, "Our Forgotten Pro-Life History" — Alecia Sharp, Joey Guidone.

Personality Article

First Place: *The Living Church*, "'Go to Galilee'" — G. Jeffrey MacDonald. **Second Place:** *Christianity Today*, "Moore on the Margins" — Sarah Pulliam Bailey. **Third Place:** *The Baptist Standard*, "Diana Garland, Social Work Educator & Bridge Builder, Dies" — Marv Knox. **Fourth Place:** *The Covenant Companion Online*, "Breaking Through the Sound of Silence" — Dana Bowman. **Fifth Place:** *The Covenant Companion*, "True Blue" — Bob Smietana.

Photo Feature

First Place: *World Vision Magazine Online*, "A Day in the Life: Gift Catalog Cover Girl" — Jon Warren. **Second Place:** *World Vision Magazine*, "Shining Their Own Light" — Eugene Lee. **Third Place:** *Worldwide Challenge*, "Safe Haven" — Guy Gerrard, Ashley Walton, JourneyGroup. **Fourth Place:** *On Mission*, "Send North America Conference" — John Swain, Susan Whitley, Shawn Elledge, Steve Beaver, Joe Conway, K. Faith Morgan. **Fifth Place:** *The Covenant Companion*, "School of (Solid) Rock" — Sarah Swanson.

Photography Use

First Place: *On Mission* — Shawn Elledge, Steve Beaver, Joe Conway, K. Faith Morgan, Meredith Yackel, John Swain. **Second Place:** *Worldwide Challenge* — Guy Gerrard, Tom Mills, Ted Wilcox. **Third Place:** *World Vision Magazine* — Jon Warren, Eugene Lee, Laura Reinhardt. **Fourth Place:** *Word Alive* — Alan Hood, Natasha Schamle, Dwayne Janke. **Fifth Place:** *Compassion Magazine* — Leanna Summers, Willow Welter, Mark Kyle, Michelle Dana, Tim Glenn, Paul Moede.

Poetry

First Place: *Books & Culture*, "Prayer Before Reading St Mark's Gospel" — Brett Foster. **Second Place:** *Sojourners*, "This is Praying" — Lisa Dordal. **Third Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, "At Spofford Lake" — Dave Harrity, Metaleap Creative. **Fourth Place:** *Reformed Presbyterian Witness*, "Sermon Notes for Psalm 8" — Andrew Schep. **Fifth Place:** *Crux*, "California Quail" — Sarah Crowley Chestnut.

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Publication Design

First Place: *In Touch Magazine* — In Touch Editorial Staff, Metaleap Creative.
Second Place: *Adventures in Odyssey Clubhouse* — Jenny Dillon. **Third Place:** *Christianity Today* — Alecia Sharp, Sarah Gordon. **Fourth Place:** *Explorer's Guide* — Derek Lewis, Katie Greenwood, Janiece Waldrop, Jessica Swindol, Sondra Blackburn, Andrea Young. **Fifth Place:** *On Mission* — Shawn Elledge, Steve Beaver, Joe Conway, K. Faith Morgan, Meredith Yackel, Makayla Sykes.

Publication Redesign

First Place: *Wheaton Magazine* — Allison Althoff Steinke, Metaleap Creative.
Second Place: *The Covenant Companion*. **Third Place:** *Inheritance* — John Eng Cheng, Daniel Chou. **Fourth Place:** *DTS Magazine* — Sandra Glahn, Keith Yates.
Fifth Place: *Church Finance Today* — Chris Lutes, Samuel Ogles, Ashley Emmert, Mary Bellus, Phil Marcelo, Richard Hammar.

Reporting

First Place: *World Vision Magazine*, “Peru’s Moving Past” — Jane Sutton-Redner.
Second Place: *Morning Star News*, “Religious Tensions Simmer Across Pakistan following Church Bombings” — Asher John. **Third Place:** *Christianity Today Online*, “I Am Called a Cult Leader. I Really Don’t Care.” — Bob Smietana. **Fourth Place:** *Christianity Today*, “Flip This Church” — Bob Smietana. **Fifth Place:** *Sojourners*, “Wearing the White Hats” — Anna Lekas Miller.

Single Photo: Candid

First Place: *The Voice of the Martyrs*, “Pakistani Christians Mourn Large Scale Attack.” **Second Place:** *Refreshed*, “Born Dead: Baby Defies Odds After Traumatic Delivery” — Heather K. Photography. **Third Place:** *Message Magazine*, “Ministry on the Frontline” — Ingela Hartman, Lauren Farr-Miller. **Fourth Place:** *Alabama Baptist*, “Baptismal Waters” — Neisha Roberts. **Fifth Place:** *Word Alive*, “CUSCO Quechua Sunday School Class in Peru” — Alan Hood, Dwayne Janke.

Single Photo: Controlled

First Place: *World Vision Magazine* — Jon Warren. **Second Place:** *Worldwide Challenge*, “Boy in Soldier Uniform” — Ted Wilcox. **Third Place:** *Pursuit*, “Victory” — Jared Overstreet. **Fourth Place:** *World Vision Magazine Online*, “Mongolia Night Sky” — Jon Warren. **Fifth Place:** *Compassion Explorer Magazine* — Leanna Summers, Willow Welter, Mark Kyle, Michelle Dana, Tim Glenn, Paul Moede.

Single-Theme Section or Issue

First Place: *In Touch Magazine* — In Touch Editorial Staff, Metaleap Creative.
Second Place: *Facts & Trends*, “Mental Health and the Church” — Bob Smietana, Amy Simpson, Art Greco, Thom S. Rainer, Ed Stetzer, Carol Pipes. **Third Place:** *Compassion Magazine* — Leanna Summers, Willow Welter, Mark Kyle, Michelle Dana, Tim Glenn, Paul Moede. **Fourth Place:** *World Vision Magazine*, “Special Report: Fragile Childhoods” — Sevil Omer, Elizabeth Hendley, Jane Sutton-Redner, Nathalie Moberg. **Fifth Place:** *The Voice of the Martyrs*, “Iraq & Syria Special Field Report.”

Standing Column

First Place: *Refreshed*, “In Plain Sight” — Dean Nelson. **Second Place:** *The Covenant Companion*, “Jelani Greenidge” — Jelani Greenidge. **Third Place:** *Sojourners Online*, “Sojourners” — Jim Wallis. **Fourth Place:** *In Part*, “Parting Words” — Perry Engle, Devin Manzullo-Thomas, Dulcimer Brubaker. **Fifth Place:** *One Magazine*, “First Glimpse” — Eric K. Thomsen, Andrea Young, Sondra Blackburn.

Student Writer of the Year

First Place: *Africanus Journal*, “Diet and Cross-Religious Witness” — Cristina Richie. **Second Place:** *Mutuality*, “Blood and Water Flowed: Becoming New Through the Feminine Imagery of Redemption” — Valerie Geer. **Third Place:** *The Living Church*, “A Radical Call: Kierkegaard’s Concept of Church Reform for Every Age” — Cassandra Swick. **Fourth Place:** *Sojourners*, “A ‘Radical’ Response to Islamophobia” — Ken Chitwood. **Fifth Place:** *Message Magazine*, “Growing up Different” — Abby Farran.

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Titles

First Place: *EFCA Today*, “Guilty or Not Guilty? Broken Hearts and Bold Faith; Throw Out Your Vision Statement” — Diane McDougall, Matt Pamer, Josh Bryant, JourneyGroup. **Second Place:** *Clubhouse Jr.*, “New Dog in Town; No Fear Headgear; Baby on Board” — Jesse Florea, Joanna Echols. **Third Place:** *Answers Magazine*, “Alternate Flight Plan; Yaks—Living the High Life; Wishing Away God’s Design” — Michael Matthews, Doug Rumminger, Dan Stelzer. **Fourth Place:** *Christianity Today Online*, “Pastor Exposed as Faithful to Wife of 17 Years; Moses and Jesus Didn’t Have Their Dream Jobs By 30, Either; I Don’t Want Your Good Vibes. I Want Prayer” — Kate Shellnutt. **Fifth Place:** *Sojourners Online*, “When the NRA Writes Your Theology; Rejecting Refugees, Rejecting Christ; When There Is No Justice in Scripture: The Rape of Tamar” — Elaina Ramsey, Ryan Hammill, Ryan Stewart, Sandi Villarreal, Catherine Woodiwiss, JP Keenan.

Two-Page Spread Design

First Place: *Wheaton Magazine*, “From Communism to Christ” — Metaleap Creative. **Second Place:** *Inheritance*, “More Than What You See” — Daniel Chou, Wonho Frank Lee. **Third Place:** *Answers Magazine*, “Was the United States Really Founded as a Christian Nation?” — Joseph Alessio, Dan Stelzer. **Fourth Place:** *Worldwide Challenge*, “Now Showing” — Ashley Walton, JourneyGroup. **Fifth Place:** *Alliance Life*, “Team Spirit” — Daron Short, Martha Krienke, Peter Burgo, Melinda Lane.

Typography and Lettering

First Place: *Answers Magazine*, “Alternate Flight Plan” — Dan Stelzer. **Second Place:** *Wesleyan Life*, “Charles Wesley: Hearts of Praise” — Kory Pence, Julia Sprow. **Third Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, “From Heaven to Mirth” — Winn Collier, Metaleap Creative. **Fourth Place:** *Message Magazine*, “Soul Food” — Ingela Hartman, Lauren Farr-Miller. **Fifth Place:** *Christianity Today* — Alecia Sharp.

Website design

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JUDGES

Awards of Excellence

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Michael Longinow
Michael R. Smith

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