Presented during EPA’s 2018 convention, the 2018 Awards of Excellence honor the best work done in EPA publications during the 2017 calendar year.

### Campus

**Award of Excellence:** The Hilltop | Corban University — Ashlynn Rollins, Charlotte Vanwerven.


### Christian Ministry

**Award of Excellence:** Influence Magazine — George P. Wood, Rick Knott, Steve Lopez.

**Award of Merit:** Facts & Trends — Carol Pipes, Lisa Green, Katie Shull.


### Denominational

**Award of Excellence:** Alliance Life — Peter Burgo, Martha Renaud, Kenneth Crane, Stephanie Reindel, Julie Daube, Hilda Maysonet.


### Devotional

**Award of Excellence:** The Brink — David Jones, Katy Fry, Derek Lewis, Stephen Nelson, Rachel Moore, Sondra Blackburn.

**Award of Merit:** Forward — David Jones, Derek Lewis, Katy Fry, Nic Dennis, Sondra Blackburn, Marianne Stewart. *In Touch* — Cameron Lawrence, Sandy Felt, Jamie Hughes, Aline Mello, Dallas Hazeling, Kayla Yerden. *FUSIONext* — Stephen Nelson, David Jones, Danny Conn, Marianne Stewart, Nic Dennis, Sondra Blackburn.

### General

**Award of Excellence:** Christianity Today.

**Award of Merit:** Sojourners.

### Higher Ed

**Award of Excellence:** Wheaton Magazine — Allison Althoff Steinke, Mary Leiser, Katie Alford, Stefanie Enger.


### Missions

**Award of Excellence:** Rev.7 Every Nation People Language — Steve Biggerstaff, Grace Miller, Charity Armstrong, Barbara Alber, Sarah Baer.


### Most Improved

**Award of Excellence:** Teachers of Vision — Dawn Molnar, Lara Busold, Doreen Madere, Natasha Fullard.


### Newsletter

**Award of Excellence:** Church Finance Today — Chris Lutes, Richard R. Hammar, Matthew Branaugh, Louise Ferrebee, Sandra Hoekstra-Lower, Michelle Dowell.

**Award of Merit:** Luke Society News — Dan Stelzer, Chris Neville.

**Award of Excellence:** Illinois Baptist — Eric Reed, Meredith Flynn, Kris Kell, Lisa Sergent, Andrew Woodrow, Leah Hennon.

**Award of Merit:** The Alabama Baptist, Indian Life — Kene Jackson, Jo-Anne Anderson, Jim Uttley, Jeanette Littleton, Robin Black.
AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Newspaper-Online News (Digital)
Award of Excellence: The Pathway, — Theresa Keener.
Award of Merit: Christian News Journal — Ashley Winters.

Organizational
Award of Merit: Light Magazine — Dan Darling, Marie Delph, Lindsay Nicolet, Jason Thacker. Rescue — Brad Lewis, Mike Hames, Kristi Rector. Focus on the Family magazine.

Organizational (Digital)
Award of Excellence: Compassion Magazine Online — Leanna Summers, Willow Welter, Mark Kyle.

Youth
Award of Excellence: Brio.
Award of Merit: Focus on the Family Clubhouse Jr. — Jesse Florea, Joanna Echols, Lexie Rhodes, Kate Jameson, Jim Call. Focus on the Family Clubhouse — Jesse Florea, Stephen O’Rear, Jenny Dillon, Kate Jameson, Jim Call. Young Salvationist — Captain Pamela Maynor, Mariam Aburdeineh, Andrea Martin, Ashley Schena.

Youth (Digital)
Award of Excellence: Compassion Explorer Magazine Online — Leanna Summers, Willow Welter, Ben Lew, Stacey Baxter, Rick Davis.
Award of Merit: Boundless.org — Lisa Anderson, Abby DeBenedittis.

HIGHER GOALS

Presented during EPA’s 2018 convention, the 2018 Higher Goals awards honor the best work done in specific categories during the 2017 calendar year.

Article Series

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**Evangelism Article**
- **First Place:** *Church of God Evangel*, “Witnessing For Christ In Public Schools: What Can Teachers and Students Say and Do?” — Nathan Street.  **Second Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, “In the World, For the World” — Scott Sauls.  **Third Place:** *Christianity Today Online*, “Six Ways to Inspire Confident, Contagious Faith in Your Kids” — Melissa Cain Travis.  **Fourth Place:** *Alliance Life*, “Everyday Evangelism” — Martha Renaud.  **Fifth Place:** *Boundless*, “How to Defend Your Faith Without Being a Jerk” — Drew Dyck.

**Feature Article**
- **First Place:** *Facts & Trends*, “ Catching Some Zen: What the Church Can Do to Reach Generation Z, the Most Connected—and Distracted—Generation in History” — Mark Moring, Katie Shull.  **Second Place:** *Focus on the Family*, “Raising Flexible Thinkers” — Todd Cartmell, Cary Bates, Vance Fry.  **Third Place:** *Answers Magazine*, “Is Noah’s Ark on Mount Ararat?” — Andrew A. Snelling, Dan Stelzer, Chris Neville.  **Fourth Place:** *World Vision Magazine Online*, “Seven Families, Seven Journeys: A Story of Urban Life in India” — Elizabeth Hendley, Eugene Lee, Zack Bryant.  **Fifth Place:** *One Magazine*, “He Has a Gun!” — Eric K. Thomsen, Andrea Young, Sondra Blackburn.

**Fiction**
- **First Place:** *Focus on the Family Clubhouse*, “Sticking to the Truth” — Nancy Rue.  **Second Place:** *Boundless*, “Bullets and Black Eyes at the Manger” — George Halitzka.  **Third Place:** *Explorer’s Guide*, “First Impressions” — Derek Lewis.  **Fourth Place:** *Focus on the Family Clubhouse Jr.*, “Pockets of Joy” — Laura Smetak.

**First-Person Article**
- **First Place:** *In Touch Magazine Online*, “From Grandfather to Classmate” — Tim Rhodes.  **Second Place:** *Christianity Today*, “I Never Became Straight” — Rachel Gilson.  **Third Place:** *The Covenant Companion*, “Fleeing to Bethlehem” — Helen Lee.  **Fourth Place:** *The Chimes*, “Mexican American Identity” — Hailey Zendejas.  **Fifth Place:** *Samaritan Ministries’ Christian Health Care Newsletter*, “Hospital Billed Us $90,000” — Toby Meisenheimer.

**Freelance Article**
- **First Place:** *Joyce Ellis*, “Concentrated Prayer for Wandering Minds.”  **Second Place:** *Jamie Aten*, “A Walking Disaster.”.  **Third Place:** *Claudine Bochant*, “Faith at the Crossroads.”  **Fourth Place:** *Ann-Margret Hovsepian*, “With All Your Mind.”  **Fifth Place:** *Michael Foula*, “Is The Shack a Harmless Story or Utter Heresy?”

**General Article:**
- **Short**
  - **First Place:** *Christian News Journal*, “Dad, I Dreamed about My Birth Mother” — Michael Foula.  **Second Place:** *Sojourners*, “White ‘Heritage’ vs. the Gospel” — Jim Wallis.  **Third Place:** *Focus on the Family*, “Lessons From Lucy” — Diane Stark.  **Fourth Place:** *Boundless*, “Bullets and Black Eyes at the Manger” — George Halitzka.  **Fifth Place:** *Focus on the Family Clubhouse Jr.*, “Pockets of Joy” — Laura Smetak.

- **Medium**
  - **First Place:** *Christianity Today*, “In the Image of Our Choosing” — Nathan Barczi.  **Second Place:** *Answers Magazine*, “What a Tale a Tail Can Tell” — Brooke Nelson.  **Third Place:** *Christian History*, “Paradoxes of Prison” — Dan Graves.  **Fourth Place:** *The Voice of the Martyrs*, “Outcasts for Christ” — Kevin Selders.  **Fifth Place:** *The Brink*, “Says Who?” — Christopher Talbot.

- **Long**
  - **First Place:** *The Voice of the Martyrs*, “The Dangerous Act of Baptism” — Kevin Selders.  **Second Place:** *Christian History*, “A War Story: There is No Pit So Deep God’s Love is Not Deeper Still” — Kaylae Radloff.  **Third Place:** *Outreach Magazine*, “The Unificationists’ Mission: Why Our Mission Calls Us to Be Mystics” — Paul J. Pastor.  **Fourth Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, “Wonderstruck” — Matt Woodley.  **Fifth Place:** *Focus on the Family*, “Adoption in the Empty-Nest Years” — Matt Kaufman.

**Humorous**
- **First Place:** *The Covenant Companion*, “There’s No Crying in VBS” — Dana Bowman.  **Second Place:** *Focus on the Family Clubhouse*, “Pilgrim’s Program” — Bob Smiley.  **Third Place:** *Leading Hearts*, “Choppers and Peanut Butter” — Rhonda Rhea.  **Fourth Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, “To Be Born Again” — Chad Thomas Johnston, Jeff Gregory.  **Fifth Place:** *Teachers of Vision*, “Little Eyes” — Dave Meurer.

**Interview Article**
- **First Place:** *The Living Church*, “Sustainable Housing for the Rest of Us” — Jordan Hydeen.  **Second Place:** *Light Magazine*, “Protestants and Catholics in the Public Square: An Interview with Princeton’s Robert P. George” — Andrew T. Walker.  **Third Place:** *The Covenant Companion*, “Breaking the Silence” — Edward Gibbreath.  **Fourth Place:** *Christianity Today*, “When God Ends His Life” — Morgan Lee.  **Fifth Place:** *PE News*, “Return on Investment” — John Kennedy.

**Original Art:**
- **Digital/Mixed Media**
  - **First Place:** *Sojourners*, “Church Planting and Gentrification” — David Hollenbach.  **Second Place:** *Answers Magazine*, “Noah’s Ark on Ararat” — Chris Neville.  **Third Place:** *Christianity Today*, “Matt Chandler: Multipplied + Divided” — Alexia Sharp, Sarah Gordon, Justin Clemmons.  **Fourth Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, “So That I Might See.”  **Fifth Place:** *Inheritance*, “In Search of Stronger Spells” — James Cheong.

**Original Art:**
- **Traditional**
  - **First Place:** *Focus on the Family*, “Big Scary News” — Pawel Jonca.  **Second Place:** *Christianity Today*, “The Benedict Option” — Dante Terzigni.  **Third Place:** *Answers Magazine*, “What a Fish Knows” — John Hendrix.  **Fourth Place:** *Fuller*, “Shalom City” — Denise Killie.  **Fifth Place:** *Focus on the Family Clubhouse*, “Bible Timeline” — Luke Flowers.

**Personality Article**

**Photo Feature**
- **First Place:** *Cru Storylines*, “How can Art be a Bridge to the World?” — Tom Mills Caroline Colby-Gonzales, Rebecca Kelsall, Rachel Fechak.  **Second Place:** *World Vision Magazine*, “For Want of Water” — Jon Warren, Kathryn Reid.  **Third Place:** *Illinois Baptist*, “Facing the Savior” — Lindsay McDonald, Meredith Flynn, Eric Reed, Kris Kell.  **Fourth Place:** *The Living Church*, “From Captivity to Freedom” — Asher Imtiaz, Mari Reitsma Chevako.  **Fifth Place:** *Pursuit*, “Take a Deep Breath: Student’s Battle with Cystic Fibrosis Results in Newfound Trust” — Lauren Shibley.

**Photography Use**
- **First Place:** *World Vision Magazine*, Jon Warren, Laura Reinhardt, Eugene Lee, Chris Huber, Heather Klinger.  **Second Place:** *Compassion Magazine*, Leanna Summers, Willow Welter, Mark Kyle.  **Third Place:** *In Touch Magazine*.

**Poetry**
- **First Place:** *Cru*, “Simon Hears Tell of the Crucifixion” — Sarah Crowley Chestnut.  **Second Place:** *DTS Student Paper*, “An Imago Dei for Colored People” — Christian Williams.  **Third Place:** *Mutuality*, “A Prayer for Women in 2017: Remember Your Daughters” — Rachel Asproth.  **Fourth Place:** *Sojourners*, “Patmos” — Troy D. Reeves.  **Fifth Place:** *The Banner*, “All Creatures” — Trudy Vanderven.

**Publication Design**
- **First Place:** *In Touch Magazine*, Metaleap Creative.  **Second Place:** *Influence* — Steve Lopez, George O. Wood, Rick Knott.  **Third Place:** *Answers Magazine* — Dan Stelzer, Chris Neville.  **Fourth Place:** *Christianity Today* — Alecia Sharp, Sarah Gordon.  **Fifth Place:** *The Brink* — Stephen Nelson, Sondra Blackburn, Andrea Young, Danny Conn.

**Publication Redesign**
- **First Place:** *Focus on the Family Clubhouse*, Jenny Dillon.  **Second Place:** *Ministry & Leadership*, Bill Henderson, Brad Tisdale, Paul Schwarz, Catherine Bruce, Brian Lynch, Matt McCuaude.  **Third Place:** *Christian Leader* — Mike Ryan, Ashley Walton, Elizabeth Hendley, Kristy O’Hara, Heather Klinger, Phil Manzano.
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