

Join a growing community
of media professionals.

About EPA

The Evangelical Press Association is the world's largest professional organization for the evangelical periodical publishing industry, both print and digital. Our heart is to provide members with opportunities to build relationships and strengthen professionalism within the community.

EPA puts great focus on serving God through the written word, whether print or digital. Members of EPA share a commitment to excellence. Together, we strive to cultivate a vibrant community that strengthens the publishing industry.



I first learned about the Evangelical Press Association when I was a student at Wheaton Grad School in the mid 1980s. From my first job out of college at Prison Fellowship to my present position with Focus on the Family, I've tapped into and very much appreciated a variety of EPA member services.

Dean Ridings

EPA President, 2011-2013

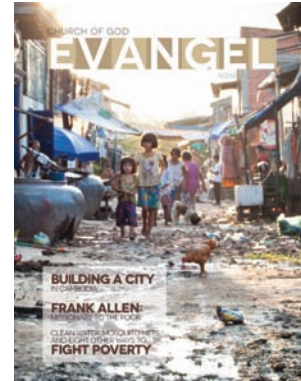
Editorial Director, Focus on the Family



EPA is the best way to stay connected to the evangelical publishing community and to meet and interact with your peers. It is indispensable to us.

Ken Horn

Editor, Pentecostal Evangel
General Council of the Assemblies of God



Why Join ?

Teaming up with the Evangelical Press Association is your opportunity to become much more than a credentialed member of a national press organization. You can also become an integral part of the influential and closely knit Christian publishing community.

As members of EPA, writers, editors, designers, publishers and web developers unite behind a shared vision of strengthening the Christian publishing industry. It is an environment that fosters instruction, respect, professionalism and faith. Staff members are inspired to reach higher, go deeper and become more as they embrace the greater calling of influencing the world around them.





Who are we?

Most of our membership is made up of Christian **PUBLICATIONS** — magazines, newspapers and newsletters, published in both print and digital formats. We even have content-rich websites and news portals.

Our member publications are quite diverse in content and audience. They include alumni, campus, Christian ministry, community, denominational, devotional, missions, organizational, youth and a variety of other general market Christian publications.

Some of our members are **ASSOCIATES** — freelance writers, designers and bloggers as well as other individuals associated with Christian publishing.

Others are **AFFILIATES** — businesses and organizations that work with the Christian publishing industry.





Reach Higher



Members of the EPA community are inspired to reach out and grasp new opportunities. They are empowered to take their work to greater heights than ever before.

THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION INSPIRES ITS MEMBERS TO REACH HIGHER BY OFFERING:

- A community of excellence that finds its ultimate expression at the annual EPA convention. The convention is the premier gathering of evangelical editors, writers, designers and publishers in North America. Here each member is able to gain educational insight and encouragement from fellow members and decision-makers within the industry.
- The opportunity to receive recognition and professional critique by entering published material into the Awards of Excellence and Higher Goals contests. The contests honor the best work of the year by EPA publications.
- Access to EPA's ever growing online library of writer's guides, theme lists and multimedia resources. The library is a valuable instructional and inspirational resource for anyone in the publishing industry.
- The ability to access the "members only" section of the EPA website. Here, members are able to post classified ads, access additional resources, submit news and collaborate in a multitude of ways.
- Opportunities to strengthen the Christian publishing community through journalism scholarship programs and support for international Christian publishing efforts.

Go Deeper

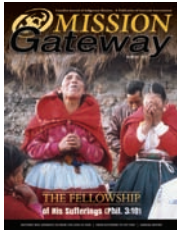


EPA provides a wealth of experience and knowledge, enabling members to overcome obstacles and excel in ways they never thought possible.



EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ARE ENABLED TO GO DEEPER BY EXPLORING:

- Mentoring, a program that unites newer members with experienced professionals to gain insight, ongoing critique and training.
- The Directory provides a comprehensive contact list for all EPA members, facilitating stronger ties to the community.
- Individual peer evaluations, a one-on-one program that is conducted by experienced EPA editors and staffers. The evaluation provides an in-depth critique and review of publications during the annual EPA convention.
- “Members only” digital resources, including interviews with leading Christian professionals, links to photo and editorial sources, a guide to freelancers, industry-specific classified ads and more.
- Collaborative online forums that enable members to ask questions and to discuss key industry and organizational topics with peers from their segment of the Christian periodical publishing industry.



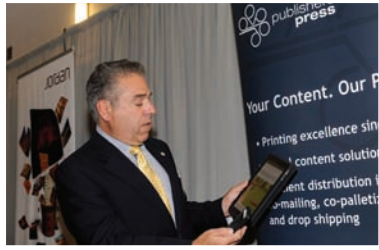
Become More



Joining EPA makes you part of a professional community. Here leaders, innovators and emerging talent gather to build meaningful relationships that strengthen the industry and change the world.

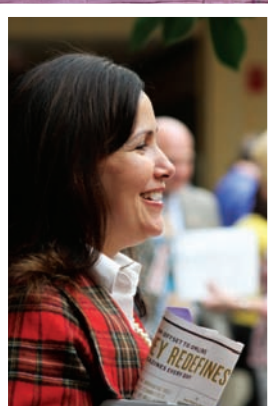
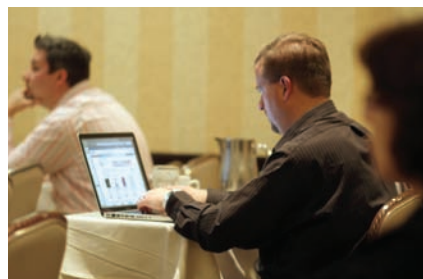
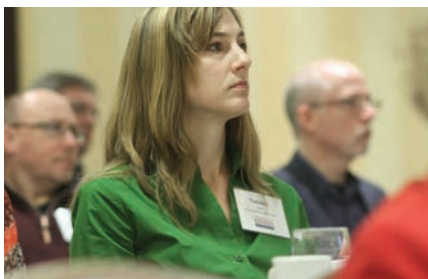
THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION EMPOWERS ITS MEMBERS TO BECOME MORE BY OFFERING A COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDES:

- Fellowship, support and career-building relationships with professionals who join together in one accord to strengthen the industry and each other.
- Access to EPA online forums, which facilitate easy communication between all members.
- Access to view member job openings, internship opportunities, freelance needs and more.
- Regular access to the online membership directory.
- Access to the EPA standing ethics committee. While most members hope they will never need to use this service, when legal concerns arise it is a beneficial alternative to court-based resolution of disputes.



“One of the benefits we receive being a member of EPA is that the association is highly respected by both the Christian and secular media which, in turn, gives credence to our publication.”

Judy Turpen
Contributing Editor
Teachers of Vision magazine



Conventions

GROW. CREATE. LAUNCH. ENGAGE.

The annual EPA convention is a source of new ideas and creative innovations. It provides an intense time of professional learning, networking and inspiration.

The annual convention is your chance to step away from daily activities to engage and interact with the EPA community. Members join together to explore new ideas and learn from one another through powerful seminars, workshops, discussions and presentations.

EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS TAKE PART IN AN INVALUABLE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE THAT INCLUDES:

- The opportunity to build relationships with fellow editors, writers, designers, publishers and influential personalities from across the industry.
- The chance to enter contests where authors and publications are recognized with highly esteemed Awards of Excellence and Higher Goals Awards.
- The opportunity to develop their own instructional seminars that can be used as tools to launch or introduce new innovations within the community.



Convention activities include:

- Instructional seminars
- Training discussions
- Educational workshops
- Presentations from influential keynote speakers
- Member banquet and awards ceremony
- Roundtable discussions
- Group outings
- Late-night casual discussions
- Professional networking





Contests

As a member of EPA, your strongest efforts have a platform where they can receive recognition from the entire industry. The annual EPA Awards of Excellence and Higher Goals contests honor the very best in Christian periodical publishing.

Members who enter the annual contest have the opportunity to receive recognition for their exceptional work. In addition, they also receive valuable insight, feedback and professional recommendations from EPA's panel of expert judges.

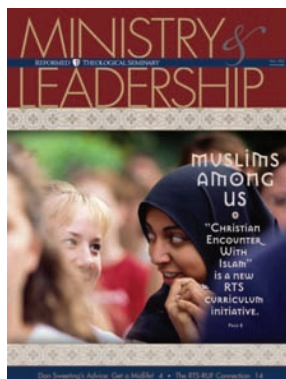
Members and staff hold themselves to the highest standards of excellence in order to honor God and the publishing community. Receiving awards and recognition from EPA indicates superior contributions made by a publication or article that has had an influence on the entire evangelical publishing industry.

The Awards of Excellence contest honors overall achievement in print and digital publications, in categories including denominational, youth, missions, campus, organizational, newspaper, devotional and more. The Higher Goals contest honors achievement in specific elements of a publication, such as news writing, design, critical review, photography and many more.



To anyone who has not been to a convention, I'd tell them it is a great environment to network with others in the media industry and to learn about some of the latest trends in technology that are shaping change in our industry. It is also a great place to meet people who share your conviction and passion for ministry.

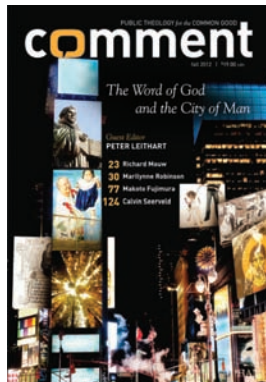
Kristen Youngblood Archer
Media Relations Specialist
Bread for the World





Freelance writing can be tough, but membership in EPA has supplied a fantastic support system. A private Facebook page gives us a place to ask questions, share prayer needs, frustrations, joys, and triumphs. All year I look forward to seeing these cherished friends at the convention!

Patti Townley-Covert
Freelance Writer



EPA conventions are invaluable to someone new to the world of Christian publishing. While I've written on a freelance basis for various Christian publications and have copies of Christian freelance guidebooks, nothing trumps seeing the writers, publishers and publications in one place. The wealth of publishing samples and the intensity of networking opportunities are as vital as the seminars. Thanks also for the great food, worship opportunities and wonderful freebies.

Diana Chandler
Staff Writer
Baptist Press



**Joining EPA presents you with exceptional opportunities
to Reach Higher, Go Deeper and Become More.**

From writers to designers, editors to publishers and seasoned veterans to emerging talents, the Evangelical Press Association provides an opportunity to grow and become something greater. This is not just an association, but rather a unique and tightly woven community focused on professionalism, respect and commitment to God. EPA members do not just meet with Christian periodical publishing leaders — they become them.

Apply for membership today at evangelicalpress.com.



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