DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards
The Religion Communicators Council (RCC), founded in 1929, is a professional association whose mission is to provide opportunities for networking and professional development for people working in communications for a wide variety of faith-based organizations. RCC recognizes and cultivates excellence in communications of religious faith and values, as well as advances the public’s religious literacy.

Members represent a variety of communications disciplines, including: editors, writers and designers, photographers, videographers, broadcasters, social media managers, web developers, marketers, fundraisers, project managers and, of course, students.

The DeRose-Hinkhouse Award

The annual DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards are given to active members of the RCC who demonstrate excellence in religious communication and public relations.

The awards are named in honor of the late Victor DeRose and the late Paul M. Hinkhouse, leading lithographers in New York City, and longtime friends of the RCC. Both men shared a strong interest in, and concern for excellence in communications.

The Judging

This year, RCC received nearly 200 entries. Each entry was judged on overall quality, including concept, writing, design, creativity, style, use of color, appropriateness of material for intended audience, creative use of resources, and effectiveness in achieving its purpose. This year’s panel of judges included professionals from educational institutions, religious organizations, and private advertising and marketing teams.
Award of Merit:
Terry Lackey, Interchange, 
Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Newsletter, Local or Regional
Award of Excellence:
Mark Thomson, Post, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

E-Newsletter
Award of Excellence:
Joyce Litoff, U.S. Bahá’í News, U.S. Bahá’í National Center
Award of Merit:
Carrie Harris, Aaron Weaver, Fellowship! Weekly, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Newspaper, National
Award of Excellence:

Newspaper, Local or Regional
Award of Excellence:

E-Newsletter
Award of Excellence:

Class C—Writing for Publication

Newspaper or Magazine News
Award of Excellence:
Brian Kaylor, Churches Receiving Taxpayer Money in Aftermath of Missouri Case, Word&Way

Award of Merit:
Rick Jones, A Night of ‘Trepidation and Enlightenment’ Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Newspaper Feature
Award of Excellence:
Rick Jones, Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico Continue Long Road to Recovery One Year After Hurricanes, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Award of Merit:
Rick Jones, Hundreds of Presbyterians Join March to St. Louis’ Justice Center, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Magazine Article, Single Published Article
Award of Excellence:

Class B—Periodicals, Single Issue

Magazine, National
Award of Excellence:

Award of Merit:
Donna Frischknecht Jackson, Jeffrey Lawrence, Mark Thomson, Karen Bosc, Jennifer Cash, Presbyterians Today (U.S.A.), Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Magazine, Local or Regional
Award of Excellence:
Katherine Branch, Pathways Magazine, 2018, Green Gate Marketing

Award of Merit:
Brian Kaylor, Word&Way - June 2018, Word&Way

E-Magazine
Award of Excellence:
Megan Anderson, Interfaith Responses to Our Environmental Crisis, The Interfaith Observer
Award of Merit:
Donna Frischknecht Jackson and Paul Seebeck, Presbyterian Today, "Senior Sings Birthday Greetings to All" October 2018, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Donna Frischknecht Jackson and Paul Seebeck, Presbyterian Today (February/March 2018) "Faith and Sports", Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Magazine Article, Series by a Single Writer

Award of Excellence:

Award of Merit:
Thomas Mennillo, Through a Lens of Oneness, The American Bahá’í

Editorial Article

Award of Excellence:
Brian Kaylor, News You Can’t Quote in Church, Word&Way

Award of Merit:
Donna Frischknecht Jackson, Presbyterians Today "God's Kingdom: Close, Yet So Far" August/September 2018, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Donna Frischknecht Jackson, Presbyterians Today "Not Quite Easter People" April/May 2018, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

John Thomas III, Keeping the Momentum in 2019, The Christian Recorder

Web Written for Online Publication

Award of Excellence:
Chris Herlinger, Humanitarian Writing for Global Sisters Report, National Catholic Reporter / Global Sisters Report

Award of Merit:
Tom Whittle, Unanswered Questions About Jonestown, STAND League

Broadcast Script Written for Audio or Video

Award of Excellence:
Joyce Litoff, A Model of Spiritually-based Elections, U.S. Bahá’í National Center

Design, Overall Publication

Award of Excellence:
Sean Engelhardt, Pathways 2018-2019, Green Gate Marketing

Emily Saçewska, Adlai Amor, Working for the World We Seek for 75 Years: FCNL Annual Report 2017-2018 Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

Award of Merit:
Richard Doering, 2019 Annual Report of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of the United States, U.S. Bahá’í National Center

Design, Publication Cover

Award of Excellence:
Sean Engelhardt, Pathways 2018-2019 Cover, Green Gate Marketing

Award of Merit:
Sarah Carson, Elizabeth Hunter, Karli Pawlak, Kelly McMurray, Gather Magazine May 2018 Issue Cover, Gather Magazine

Illustration

Award of Excellence:
Doug Puller, The Holy Family Illustration, Bread for the World
Illustration, Publication Cover

Award of Excellence:
C. Aaron Kreader, Brilliant Star, “Wonders of Creativity,” Brilliant Star/Bahá’í National Center

Photography, Single Photo

Award of Excellence:
Jennifer Davis Rash, Snowy, The Alabama Baptist

Photography, Series of Photos

Award of Excellence:
Brian Kaylor, North East India, Word&Way

Radio Program or Series

Award of Excellence:
Jennifer Davis Rash, TAB News, The Alabama Baptist

Broadcast/Cable TV Series

Award of Excellence:
Quyana Barrow, Making a Difference: The Jabez Project, AIB Network

Video, Documentary/Educational

Award of Excellence:
Steven D. Martin, #ThatDay, National Council of Churches USA

Award of Merit:
Garinda Burton, GCORR, Vital Conversations 4: Race, Culture, the Church, and Human Sexuality, General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church

Video, Promotional/Informational

Award of Excellence:
Susan Gottshall, America for Christ 2019: Partners in Mission, American Baptist Home Mission Societies

Cherilyn Crowe and Ilana Ostrin, Working in Coalition, Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty

Poul Seebeck, Michael Fitzger, JuJu/Skateboard Ministry, Presbyterian Mission Agency

Award of Merit:
Susan Gottshall, America for Christ 2019: Healing Communities Ministries ... A Conversation, American Baptist Home Mission Societies

Video, Entertainment/Inspirational

Award of Excellence:
Christina Fleming, A Bold New Love: Christmas Eve with Middle Collegiate Church on CBS, Middle Collegiate Church

Award of Merit:
Katherine Branch, 2018 Annual Council Theme Video, Green Gate Marketing

Poster

Award of Excellence:
Margaret Hall Boone, Pentecost Offering, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Brochure

Award of Excellence:
Joyce Litoff and Kari Carlson, The Bahá’í Faith an Introduction, US Bahá’í National Center

Award of Merit:
Joseph Edwards and Kurt Gwartney, Choosing the Ministry Training Program, Phillips Theological Seminary
Booklet 

Award of Excellence: 
Joyce Litoff, Bahá’í Prayers, U.S. Bahá’í National Center

Award of Merit: 
Mark Thomson, Mission Mosaic, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Annual Report

Award of Excellence: 
Thomas Murphy, James Humphrey and Richard Doering, 2019 Annual Report of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of the United States, US Bahá’í National Center

Special Print Material

Award of Excellence: 
William Nunnelley, Samford University School of the Arts Event Brochure, Samford University

Special Issue Publication

Award of Excellence: 
Donna Frischknecht Jackson and Mark Thomson, God Lifts the Lowly, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

William Nunnelley, Samford University Beeson Magazine, Samford University

Award of Merit: 
Jennifer Davis Rash, The Alabama Baptist: Celebrating 175 Years, The Alabama Baptist

Advertisement, Single Issue

Award of Excellence: 
Sarah Carson and Elizabeth Hunter, Gather Magazine ad for Living Lutheran, Gather Magazine

Advertisement, Series

Award of Excellence: 
Teresa Mader and Bryce Wiebe, 2018-2019 Presbyterian Giving Catalog Print Advertising, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
**Best Display or Exhibit**

**Award of Excellence:**
Elizabeth McBride, *Women of the ELCA Human Trafficking Exhibit* at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Award of Merit:**
Sarah Carson and Elizabeth Hunter, *Gather Magazine Tabletop Display*, Gather Magazine

**Website**

**Award of Excellence:**
Andrew Adebayo and Kari Carlson, *The Bahá’ís of the United States* Website: “We Are One,” US Bahá’í National Center

Amenthel Parel-Sewell, C. Aaron Kreader, Amy Renshaw and Heidi Parsons, *Brilliant Star Online*, Brilliant Star/Bahá’í National Center

**Award of Merit:**

**Blog**

**Award of Excellence:**
Bari Berger, *STAND League Blog*, STAND League


**Individual Blog Entry**

**Award of Excellence:**
Tom Whittle, *John Trudell: Rising Above Violence, He Stood for Freedom*, STAND League

Wayne Hanson, *My Friend, the Jehovah’s Witness*, STAND League

Laurie Bartilson, “*Cult* Defined: Any Religion Practiced By Others*, STAND League

**Podcast Series**

**Award of Excellence:**
Andy Hale, Aaron Weaver and Carrie Harris, *CBF Podcast*, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Jennifer Davis Rash, *TAB News*, The Alabama Baptist

**Individual Podcast Episode**

**Award of Excellence:**
Andy Hale, Aaron Weaver and Carrie Harris, *CBF Podcast - Michael Wear, Author and Former Faith Advisor to President Barack Obama*, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

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