



# Religion Communicators Council

*An Interfaith Association of Religion Communicators since 1929*

## 1997 Wilbur Awards for work completed in 1996

**Presented April 1, 1997 in Boston, Massachusetts**

### Television Films (or Films, Television)

- Hallmark Entertainment, Captive Heart: The James Mink Story," Dorothea Petrie, Michael Spivak, executive producers; Wendy Grean, producer; Bryon White, writer, Bruce Pittman, director

### Newspapers: Other Markets

- News & Record, Greensboro, North Carolina, "And Remember Their Sin No More," Sunday, April 7, 1996, Lex Alexander, staff writer; Joseph Rodriguez, photographer; Ed Williams, editor

### Magazines: National Circulation

- The Atlantic Monthly, "Welcome to the Next Church," Charles Trueheart, writer, (photo-various)
- Life, "The Mystery of Mary," Robert Sullivan, writer; Cynthia Fox, reporter; Mimi Murphy and Josh Simon, additional reporting, December, 1996 (photos—various)

### Television: News, Local

- KTTV, Los Angeles, Fox News 11, , "Tyndale Bible Exhibit," 10 O'Clock News, November 17, 1996, Sam Hall Kaplan, reporter/Producer, Videographer
- KOTV-TV, Tulsa Oklahoma, "The Long Journey Home," February 10, 11, 12, 1996, Catherine Curtin, Charlene Shirk, Michael Jenkins, creative staff reporter/Producer, Videographer

### Magazines: Local/Specialized Circulation

- O.C. Metro, "Viewpoint Column," Hugh Hewitt, writer

### Television: Documentary, National

- Public Affairs Television, "The Wisdom of Faith With Huston Smith," Bill Moyers, Pamela Mason Wagner, writer, producer; , videographer; , editor.



The council has presented Wilbur Awards annually since 1949.

They honor excellence by individuals in secular media – print and online journalism, book publishing, broadcasting, and motion pictures – in communicating religious issues, values and themes. Winners receive a stained-glass trophy.

The award is named for the late **Marvin C. Wilbur**, a pioneer in religious public relations and longtime council leader.

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- WTHR-TV, Indianapolis, IN, "In the Arms of Mother Teresa," Anne Ryder, reporter/writer/field producer; Steve Starnes, photographer/editor. Bill Reagan, photographer

**Newspapers: Column**

- Chicago Sun-Times, Religion Reporting ("Blessed by his Presence," "Event Lives Up to Its Promise,") Andrew Herrmann, writer; John H. White, Ellen Domke, photographers

**Radio Programs: National Syndication**

- WAMU-FM,, Washington, D.C. for NPR, "The Diane Rehm Show: Interview with former President Jimmy Carter," broadcast 11/20/96; Diane Rehm, executive producer; Darcy Bacon, Carol Beach, Sandra Pinkard, Dorothy Buchhagan, producers

**Still Photography, local**

- News & Record , , "The Faces of Faith," Jerry Wolford and James Parker, photographers; Penny Wofford layout; Al Spicer, photo editor

**Still Photography, national**

- Life, , "A Light in the Desert," Tony O'Brien, photographer; Barbara Baker Burrows, picture editor; Marie Schumann, associate picture editor

**Television: Children's Programs**

- National Film Board of Canada, "Children Speak," Bozenna Heczko and Georgine Strahy, directors; Marcy Page, producer

**Distinguished Wilbur Award (for Pioneering and Extensive Religion Section in Dallas Morning News)**

- Dallas Morning News, Sharon Grigsby, religion editor, staff: Christine Wicker, Debbie Caldwell, Jeff Weiss, Marcus Stewart, Paul Buckley, Olivia Casey, Kate Seago photographer

**Newspapers: Religion Section**

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- Dateline NBC, "Hidden Past," Neal Shapiro, executive producer; Diane Masciale, Senior Producer; Aretha Marshall, producer; Jane Pauley, anchor

**Books: Non-Fiction**

- Riverhead Books/Putnam Publishing, Kitchen Table Wisdom: Stories that Heal,, Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D., Author

**Television: Drama**

- New York Undercover,, "A Time of Faith," Wolf Films for Universal Studios and NBC, Dick Wolf, producer

**Comic Strip**

- Creators Syndicate,, "B.C., Ask Me No Questions" published 08-25-96, Johnny Hart, cartoonist

**Editorial Cartoon**

- Florida Times-Union / King Features Syndicate,, Jacksonville, FL, "Editorial Cartoon," Ed Gamble, cartoonist

**Television: Drama**

- ABC, NYPD Blue, "He's Not Guilty, He's My Brother," Steven Bochco Productions (aired May 21, 1996) Steven Bochco, David Milch, Mark Tinker, Executive producers; co-executive producer, Michael M. Robin, Gardner Stern, producer; Michael M. Robin, director

**Radio: Local Release**

- WAMU-FM,, Washington, D.C., WAMU's Metro Connection, "New Church Traditions," broadcast 06/28/96, Laura Womack reporter/producer, Richard Paul, production; Kathy Merritt, editor

**PR Campaign, Local**

- The Washington Times,, "Capital Pulpit: Spiritual Voices in a Secular Culture," Wesley Pruden, editor-in-chief; Josette Shiner, managing editor; Larry Witham, religion reporter; Kathy Vance, executive assistant



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- Los Angeles Times, "Losing Their Religion," Roy Rivenburg, staff writer
- Detroit Free Press, "Special Report: The Church Fires, False Crisis Creates Hope," September 3, 1996. David Crumm, writer

**Television: Commercials/PSA's/National**

- Arnold Communications/Volkswagen, "Holy Trinity," Ron Lawner, Lance Jensen, Alan Pafenbach, creative staff
- Dennis Quinn Communications, "Gangs," Dennis Quinn, creative staff

**Theatrical Films:**

- Miramax Films, Marvin's Room, Jerry Zaks, director; Scott McPherson, writer; Scott Rudin, Jane Rosenthal, Robert De Niro producers
- Gregory Productions/Castle Rock Entertainment, The Spitfire Grill, Lee David Zlotoff, Director/screen writer; Forrest Murray, producer; Roger Courts, producer