

Religion Communicators Council

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1998 Wilbur Awards for work completed in 1997

From Here to Eternity: Putting a Face on Oklahoma Faith by Kelly Crow, Oklahoma Today

The Hidden Pope by Darcy O'Brien, Rodale Press / Daybreak Books

Domestic Violence: A Religious Awakening by Gail Eichenthal, KNX Newsradio, Los Angeles

Religion Section by Diane Connally and Staff, Dallas Morning News-Network

Jewish Stories: From the Old World to the New by Ruth Seymour, KCRW / National Public Radio, Santa Monica

Newspaper Columns by Ed Williams, Charlotte Observer

Children of the Streets by Anne Ryder, Steve Starnes, Brian Mulligan, WTHR-TV Indianapolis

Christians Under Siege by Mark O'Keefe, The Oregonian

Rescuers: Stories of Courage – Two Couples by Jeff Freilich, Showtime Networks & Paramount Network Television

Science Finds God by Sharon Begley and Kenneth Woodward, Newsweek

Surviving Death: Stories of Grief by Elizabeth Murray, National Film Board of Canada

Over the Hedge cartoon strip by Michael Fry and T. Lewis, United Feature Syndicate

Impact of Cuba's Papal Visit by Cecile S. Holmes

The Dalai Lama: A Visit by David Turnley and Robert Wiener, NewsStand: CNN & Time

Talking to God photo spread by P. Kevin Morley, Richmond Times-Dispatch

An Undying Faith by Cynthia Hubert, Sacramento Bee

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly by Bob Abernethy and Gerry Solomon, Thirteen/WNET for PBS

Simon Birch, written and directed by Mark Steven Johnson, Hollywood Pictures / Walt Disney Studios



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.