

Religion Communicators Council

An Interfaith Association of Religion Communicators since 1929

2002 Wilbur Awards for work completed in 2001

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Newspapers: Newspapers, major markets

The Washington Times, Washington, D.C "Pulpits in Peril: The Future of America's Clergy," Larry Witham and Julia Duin, writers; Maya Alleruzzo, photographer

Radio Programs, Series

ABC News, "Matters of Faith," with Peter Jennings, Hank Weinbloom, producer

Books, Non-Fiction

HarperSanFrancisco, Why Religion Matters: The Fate of the Human Spirit in an Age of Disbelief, Huston Smith, writer

Television, News/Local

FOX Television, Philadelphia, "A Gospel Rap Pioneer," Berlinda Garnett, producer, broadcast on "Good Day Philadelphia," August 2, 2001

Newspaper Column

Republican-American, "Sunday Reflections," Waterbury, Connecticut, Tracey O'Shaughnessy

Television: News-Network or National Syndication,

ABC News 20/20, "Sins of the Father," Peggy Wehmeyer, correspondent, Steven Schnee, producer.

Magazines, National Circulation,

Newsweek magazine, "The Changing Face of the Church" Kenneth L. Woodward, writer April 16, 2001, With Anne Underwood in New York, Robert Blair Kaiser in Rome, Sudip Mazumdar in New Delhi, Mahlon Meyer in Hong Kong, Mac Margolis in Rio de Janeiro, Lara Santoro in Nairobi and Uche Ezechukwu in Abuja

Newspapers: Religion Section,

The Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas, Diane Connolly, religion editor in 2001, current editor, Jeff Miller

Television: Documentary

Bullfrog Films, "In the Light of Reverence," Christopher McLeod, director & producer, Malinda Maynor, producer, The Sacred Land Film Project of the Earth Island Institute.

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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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Newspapers: Other Markets

The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Washington, "Laws from Above: The Ten Commandments," Kelly McBride, Paul Turner, and Rebecca Nappi, writers. (Sunday, December 30, 2001) Brian Plonka, photographer; Peggy Kuhr, Scott Sines, managing editors

Still Photography,

The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Washington, "Laws from Above: The Ten Commandments," (Sunday, December 30, 2001) Brian Plonka, photographer; Scott Sines, Managing Editor

Editorial Cartoons,

The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Florida Editorial Cartoons, Ed Gamble

Films, Television

Showtime Networks, New York, "Snow in August," Richard Friedenberg, writer and director, Stephen Rea, actor; Nancy Cooperstein, executive producer

Theatrical Film,

National Film Board of Canada, Toronto, "AFTERMATH: The Remnants of War," Daniel Sekulich, director Donovan Webster, author.

Television: Drama

Warner Brothers Television, The West Wing, "Two Cathedrals" broadcast May 16, 2001, John Wells Productions, Aaron Sorkin, Thomas Schlamme, and John Wells, executive producers; Thomas Schlamme, director; Aaron Sorkin, writer