

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

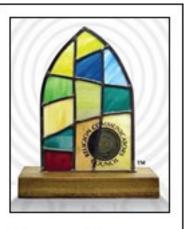
- KTTV, Los Angeles, Fox News 11, , "Tyndale Bible Exhibit," 10
 O'Clock News, November 17, 1996, Sam Hall Kaplan, reporter/ Producer, Videographer
- KOTV-TV, Tulsa Oklahoma, "The Long Journey Home,"
 February 10, 11, 12, 1996, Catherine Curtin, Charlene Shirk,
 Michael Jenkins, creative staff reporter/Producer,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