



Religion Communicators Council
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Wilbur Awards

2011 Wilbur Award Winners for work completed in 2010

National newspapers: G. Jeffrey McDonald, *The Christian Science Monitor*, “Raised in Faith: Parents Take a Stronger Role in Helping Children Forge Religious Beliefs.”

Other newspapers: Peter Smith, *The Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal*, “Mennonites, Amish Preach and Practice.”

Top 15 Magazines: Writer Christopher Hitchens, *Vanity Fair*, “The New Commandments.”

Magazines, editorial: Chris Mooney, *Playboy*, “The Born-Again Scientist.”

Books, fiction: Richard Paul Evans, *The Walk*, published by Simon & Schuster.

Books, nonfiction: Robert D. Putnam and David E. Campbell, *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us*, also published by Simon & Schuster.

Television and cable, drama: “Amish Grace” produced by Kyle A. Clark and Marta M. Mobley and executive producer Larry A. Thompson; directed by Gregg Champion; and written by Sylvie White and Teena Booth.

Television and cable, national news: “Ruby Bridges,” *CBS Evening News with Katie Couric* – Michelle Miller, correspondent; Rick Kaplan, executive producer; Kim Godwin, Jack Renaud and Mike Cesario, producers, Max Stacy, photographer, Darrall Johnson, sound: and Katie Couric, anchor and managing editor.

Television and cable, local news: “Pathways of Prayer,” KSPR-TV, Springfield Mo. – Joe Daues and Paul McReynolds, producers.

Television and cable, documentary: “The Calling,” Kindling Group, Danny Alpert, series director and executive producer.

Television and cable, documentary: “Haiti: Religion’s Response to Disaster,” *CBS Religion and Culture Series* – Elizabeth Kineke, producer, and John T. Blessington, executive producer.



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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Radio, series: “Sacred Ground,” *Tapestry*, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation – Nicola Luksic and Erin Pettit, producers; and Mary Hynes, host.

Radio, single program: “Patients and Healers” and “Faith in the Aftermath,” *Under the Sun* on WLRN, Miami, Fla. – Dan Grech and Alicia Zuckerman, cohosts and senior producers; and Ruth Morris and Kenny Malone, producers.

Feature film, documentary: “Rainbow Town,” Lauren Selmon Roberts, director/video/editor; Will Roberts, audio; and Amy Elrod, still photography. The documentary is a true story of a Liberian orphanage.