



Religion Communicators Council

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2001 Wilbur Awards for work completed in 2000

Presented April 28, 2001 in Minneapolis, MN

Newspapers: Newspapers, major markets

The Washington Times, Washington, D.C “Seeking the Spirit: America’s Churches in the 21st Century” Larry Witham

Radio Programs, Series

WGBH, Boston, Sound and Spirit, program #531, “Gardens,” 58:48
Ellen Kushner, host; Helen Barrington, producer, week of July 30, 2000

Books, Non-Fiction,

Crown Publishers, New York, Ordinary Resurrections - Children in the Years of Hope, Jonathan Kozol, writer.

Television, News/Local

WVEC Television, Norfolk, Virginia “Keeping the Faith” Bonita B. Harris, producer

Newspaper Columns,

Deseret News, Salt Lake City, Utah. “Ideally Speaking,” Jerry Johnston.

Newspapers: Other Markets

The Virginian-Pilot, Norfolk, Virginia, “On Man’s Mission: A Church Struggles to Integrate.” Sunday June 25, 2000 Liz Szabo, writer; Vicki Cronis, photographer

Television local documentary

WTTW Television, Chicago, Illinois, “A Justice That Heals” Jay Shefsky, producer

Magazines, National Circulation

Newsweek Magazine, “Visions of Jesus” March 27, 2000, Kenneth L. Woodward, writer with Anne Underwood and Heather Won Tesoriero.

Television: Drama

Warner Brothers Television, The West Wing, “Take This Sabbath Day” broadcast February 9, 2000, Season 1, episode 14, Aaron Sorkin, writer; Thomas Schlamme, director.

Television: Documentary

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Toronto, Canada “Man Alive - Transformations, Dancing in the Spirit” Roma Andrusiak, producer & director



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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Still Photography,

Syracuse Newspapers, Syracuse, New York, “The Footsteps of Jesus” (dates)
John Berry photographer

Newspapers: Religion Section,

The Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas, Diane Connolly, religion editor

Editorial Cartoons

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

Films, Television

NFP-teleart, Berlin. “Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace,” Christian Stehr, Producer, PBS, June 14, 2000,

Television: News-Network or National Syndication,

ABC News 20/20, “The Search for Mary” Bob Brown, correspondent; Joanna Breen, producer

Theatrical Films

Miramax Films New York “Chocolat” David Brown Productions Lasse Hallstrom, Director; producers,
David Brown, Kit Golden, Leslie Holleran