Welcome, and thank you

Dear United Methodist Communicators,

Welcome to the annual Awards Gala of the United Methodist Association of Communicators. We are grateful you are here, and we celebrate your strong work for the Kingdom of God.

The United Methodist Association of Communicators is a voluntary, professional organization designed to provide recognition, fellowship and vocational enrichment for professional and volunteer communicators of the church; plan, participate in and support training and continuing education events; develop standards and seek to enhance the professional quality of the work by United Methodist communicators; and assist in keeping members informed about developments in the communications industry and in promoting dialogue and discussion on technology and communication advocacy issues.

Each year, UMAC recognizes excellence in communication through an extensive awards program, United Methodist Association of Communicators Awards Contest. The Awards Contest recognizes excellence in print publications, digital publications, writing, internet communications, video production, audio, photography, visual design, publicity/advertising and media presentations.

High-quality work from United Methodist communicators across the nation is submitted to the contest and judged by a panel of first-rate judges. Those honored at the Awards Gala are the best of the best, and we applaud their fine work, as well as the strong work of the rest of the communicators who have entered this contest. Competition is fierce, and we are grateful for the excellent work of so many writers, photographers, videographers and other communications professionals who dedicate their lives and their work to the Lord.

In addition to the work of United Methodist communicators, we also celebrate this evening two other significant contributions: the UMAC Hall of Fame Award winner and the United Methodist Communicator of the Year. The Hall of Fame honors the work of a retired United Methodist communicator with at least 10 years of experience in the industry (see this year’s winner, Page x). The Communicator of the Year is an active professional currently serving in a communications role who has made recent striking achievements in communication with broad impact, often breaking new ground for the church (see this year’s winner, Page x).

Please join us in celebrating the work of all of these communicators and the passion each of us collectively brings to communications ministry as the body of Christ.

Sincerely,
The Executive Leadership Team of the United Methodist Association of Communicators

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Thanks to the 2019 Judges

The UMAC Executive Leadership Team thanks the following communications professionals who gave many hours of their talents and skills serving as judges of the 2019 United Methodist Association of Communicators Awards Contest:

Leon Alligood
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About the Awards Contest

The spirit of this competition is to recognize the achievements of UMAC members who played a key role in the creative process (writing, designing, producing, etc.).

This year’s UMAC Awards Contest considered communication material completed Nov. 1, 2017, to Oct. 31, 2018.

All entries were judged on meeting their stated purpose; content; creativity; execution; and regard for target audience, using a 50-point scale. Awards go to first, second and third place winners of each category in each division, with one Best of Class award given per class.

There are two divisions:
A. Annual Conference or Local Church
B. General Church Agency or Jurisdictional Area

There are 10 classes with multiple categories per class:
• Print publications
• Digital publications
• Writing
• Internet communications
• Video production
• Audio
• Photography
• Visual design
• Publicity and advertising
• Media presentations
2019 UMAC Award Winners

Listed by Class
Class 1 Print Publications

Best in Class 1, The Robert F. Storey Award of Excellence:

40 Days of Reflection: A Coloring Book Supporting North Carolina Disaster Response
Derek Leek, Julie Brown and Hannah Koch
North Carolina Conference

Category A, Newsletter, Division A:

1st Place (Tie)

Faith & Money Fall 2018, Summer 2018 and Winter 2018 Newsletters
Diana Durie
Georgia United Methodist Foundation

Breakthroughs newsletter
Christa Meland and Karla Hovde
Minnesota Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

Category A, Newsletter, Division B:

1st Place

Junaluska Weekly
Allison Melrose, Mary Bates and Rachel Watkins
Lake Junaluska

2nd Place

GBHEM’s Division of Higher Education Stays ConnectED
Beth Neil and Office of Communications
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

3rd Place

Henderson Settlement Hollers Newsletter
Casey Smith, Brittaney Patterson, Jim Knight and Mike Feely
Henderson Settlement
Category B, Newspaper, Division A:

1st Place  *South Carolina United Methodist Advocate*
Jessica Brodie and Allison Trussell
South Carolina United Methodist Advocate

2nd Place  *The Reporter*
Anne Marie Gerhardt and Natalie Rowe
Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church

Category B, Newspaper, Division B:

No entries

Category C, Magazine, Division A:

1st Place  *Arkansas United Methodist: Living Our Faith*
Caleb Hennington and Stephen Gideon
Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church

2nd Place  *Virginia United Methodist Advocate*
Madeline Pillow, Cathryn Huff, Forrest White and Brenda Capen
Virginia Annual Conference

3rd Place  *The Missouri Methodists*
Fred Koenig
The Missouri Conference

Category C, Magazine, Division B:

1st Place  *New World Outlook*
Christie House and Christopher G. Coleman
General Board of Global Ministries

2nd Place  *response*
Tara Barnes, Tanya Krawciw and Paul Jeffrey
United Methodist Women

Category D, Special Publication, Division A:

1st Place  *40 Days of Reflection: A Coloring Book Supporting North Carolina Disaster Response*
Derek Leek, Julie Brown and Hannah Koch
North Carolina Conference

2nd Place  *Mission Passport*
Joe Webb, Pat Mick and Deborah Coble
West Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church
3rd Place  Texas Recovers, Hurricane Harvey Response
Shannon W. Martin, Brant Mills, Sherri Gragg and Sydnie Mares
Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

Category D, Special Publication, Division B:

1st Place  Prayer Calendar 2019
Praveena Balasundaram and Rae Grant
United Methodist Women

2nd Place  Sisterhood of Grace: United Methodist Women Program Book 2018-2019
Praveena Balasundaram and Rae Grant
United Methodist Women

3rd Place  Discover Magazine
Mary Bates, Liz Boyd, Evangeline Wilds and Susannah Brinkley
Lake Junaluska
Class 2 Digital Publications

Category A, eNewsletter, Division A

1st Place  *Short Circuit*
Joe Webb, Jim Minutelli, Ken Willard, Deborah Coble, Judy Pysell, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball and Cheryl George
West Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church

2nd Place  *connections*
Derek Leek, LeeAnne Thornton, Chris Daniel and Linda Smith
North Carolina Conference

3rd Place  *Mondays @ Dakotas*
Doreen Gosmire and Dave Stucke
Dakotas UMC

Category A, eNewsletter, Division B

1st Place  *GBHEM eNewsletter*
Beth Neil and the Office of Communications
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

2nd Place  *The GCFA Collaborator*
Sharon Dean, Brandy Bivens, Melissa Jackson and Teresa Suarez
GCFA

Best in Class 2:  
*response Magazine Assembly Comic Book*  
Tara Barnes, Chavah Billin and Margaret Wilbur  
United Methodist Women
3rd Place  
Lake Junaluska E-Newsletter  
Liz Boyd and Mary Bates  
Lake Junaluska

Category B, Electronic Publication, Division A

1st Place  
Arkansas United Methodist: Living Our Faith  
Caleb Hennington and Stephen Gideon  
Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church

2nd Place  
The Missouri Methodists  
Fred Koenig  
The Missouri Conference

Category B, Electronic Publication, Division B

1st Place  
Hark  
Lisa Drew, Kristina Lynch, Carmine Calabrese, Nancy Gruenke, Beth Molina, Antonio Chavez, Kelly Donlea, Raquel Pichardo, Michelle Rapaport, Jim Hilgenberg, Jim Mikoda and Dana Savocchi  
Wespath Benefits and Investments

Category C, Electronic Special Publication, Division A

1st Place  
2019 Missions and Service Book  
LeeAnne Thornton, Derek Leek and Julie Brown  
North Carolina Conference

Category C, Electronic Special Publication, Division B

1st Place  
response Magazine Assembly Comic Book  
Tara Barnes, Chavah Billin and Margaret Wilbur  
United Methodist Women

2nd Place  
Great Place to Work®, 2018 Annual Report  
Janet M. Carrato, Dennis Degnan, Michelle Ercolani, Inside Out Booth, Cindy Jacques, Pamela Joyce, Jeff Lisk, Regina Printing, Jackie Santonastaso and Roberta Voloshin  
United Methodist Communities

3rd Place  
response Magazine Special Bright Lights Edition  
Tara Barnes and Margaret Wilbur  
United Methodist Women
Best in Class 3, The Donn Doten Award of Excellence:

His Struggle Made Him Who He Is: ‘God Wastes Nothing’
Annette Spence
Holston Conference

Category A, Nonfiction Story, Division A

1st Place  Welcome to a Church Where the Bread is Fresh, the Coffee is Hot, and the Waves are Epic
Sherri Gragg
Texas Annual Conference

2nd Place  The Interns Speak Out: On Our Church, The Church in General, Their Calling and The Future
Melissa McGill, Ken Garfield, Bill Walton and Christine Long
Myers Park United Methodist Church

3rd Place  A Pastor Doesn’t Leave His People
Sherri Gragg
Texas Annual Conference

Category A, Nonfiction Story, Division B

No Entries
Category B, News Article, Division A

1st Place  Ready to Respond
Jessica Brodie
South Carolina United Methodist Advocate

2nd Place  O’Neill
David Burke
Great Plains United Methodist Conference

3rd Place  Advent Strong
Jessica Brodie
South Carolina United Methodist Advocate

Category B, News Article, Division B

No Entries

Category C, Feature Article, Division A

1st Place  His Struggle Made Him Who He Is: ‘God Wastes Nothing’
Annette Spence
Holston Conference

2nd Place  In Mercer County, Hunger Knows No Religion
Josh Kinney and Carolyn Conover
United Methodists of Greater New Jersey

3rd Place  Blessing Boxes
Jessica Brodie
South Carolina United Methodist Advocate

Tie  When We Don’t Limit God: Church’s 150th Anniversary Focuses on Community
Karla Hovde
Minnesota Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

Category C, Feature Article, Division B

1st Place  Director, Soldier, Athlete and Friend
Janet M. Carrato and Matt Weinbaum
United Methodist Communities
Class 3 Writing

2nd Place  Home Stage Advantage
Tie          Liz Boyd and Mary Bates
                Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

      Five Realities of Building a Healthy, Religiously Diverse Campus
      Beth Neil
                General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Category D, Article Series, Division A

1st Place  Bishop’s Leadership Columns
                Josh Kinney, Bishop John Schol and Carolyn Conover
                United Methodists of Greater New Jersey

2nd Place  ICE Raid in Bean Station
                Annette Spence
                Holston Conference

3rd Place  Town Halls
                David Burke
                Great Plains United Methodist Conference

Category D, Article Series, Division B

1st Place  Honoring Our United Methodist Vows
                Julie Dwyer
                United Methodist Communications
Class 4 Internet Communication

Best in Class 4:
Lake Junaluska Instagram and Lake Junaluska Facebook
Liz Boyd and Mary Bates
Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

Category A, Website, Division A

1st Place  
MichiganUMC.org  
Mark Doyal, Kay DeMoss, Bishop David Bard, John Boley, Benton Heisler, Kristen Gillette, Valerie Mossman Celestin, Paul Reissmann, Paul Perez, Karin Orr, Jack Harnish, Paul Donelson and Jack Harnish  
Michigan Conference

2nd Place Tie  
Wvumc.org  
Deborah Coble, Joe Webb, Ken Willard, Bonnie MacDonald, Shea James and Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball  
West Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church

Common Good Radio Website  
Dr. Robin Blair, Cass Medcalf and Rev. Della Ludwig  
Common Good Radio

3rd Place  
Great Plains Website  
Todd Seifert, David Burke, Eugenio Hernandez, Jayna McFarland and Lisa Soukup  
Great Plains United Methodist Conference
Category A, Website, Division B

1st Place  
Lake Junaluska Website
Mary Bates and Liz Boyd
Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

Tie  
UMC Foundation Investment Management New Website
Brandy Bivens, Sharon Dean and Melissa Jackson
GCFA

2nd Place  
Expert Resources
Janet M. Carrato, Robbie Voloshin, Matt Weinbaum, Lawrence Carlson, Carol McKinley, Cindy Jacques, Steven Ang, Donna Willmann, Jared Willmann, Samantha Gill and Richard Carlson
United Methodist Communities

3rd Place  
Henderson Settlement Website
Casey Smith, Brittaney Patterson, Matt Sanchez and Jim Knight
Henderson Settlement

Category B, Blog, Division A (Annual Conference or Local Church):

1st Place  
Perspectives: Calls from Camp
Stephen J. Hustedt, Mary Dalglish, Shannon Hodson, Shelby Winchell
UNY Communications

2nd Place  
Homewords Bound: Care Daily
Mark Doyal and the Rev. Benton Heisler
Michigan Conference

3rd Place  
In Layman’s Terms
Todd Seifert
Great Plains United Methodist Conference

Category C, Social Media Online Content, Division A

1st Place  
Pathways Social Media Campaign
Katie McKay Simpson and Todd Rossnagel
Louisiana Conference

2nd Place  
Ash Wednesday Instagram Campaign
Melissa McGill
Myers Park United Methodist Church

3rd Place  
Upper New York on Facebook
Stephen J. Hustedt, Mary Dalglish, Shannon Hodson and Shelby Winchell
UNY Communications
Category C, Social Media Online Content, Division B

1st Place  
Lake Junaluska Instagram  
Liz Boyd and Mary Bates  
Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

Lake Junaluska Facebook  
Liz Boyd and Mary Bates  
Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

2nd Place  
The United Methodist Church Snapchat  
Steven Adair and Diane Degnan  
United Methodist Communications

3rd Place  
Henderson Settlement Big Show Live  
Casey Smith, Brittaney Patterson, Jerry Lambdin and Mike Feely  
Henderson Settlement

Category D, Mobile Apps, Division A

1st Place  
UNY Annual Conference Mobile App  
Stephen J. Hustedt, Mary Dalglish, Shannon Hodson and Shelby Winchell  
UNY Communications

2nd Place  
GPUMC Mobile App  
Todd Seifert and Jayna McFarland  
Great Plains United Methodist Conference

WVUMC Annual Conference 2018 Mobile App  
Kerry Bart, Deborah Coble, Joe Webb, Judi Kenaston, Cheryl George and Judy Pysell  
West Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church

Category D, Mobile Apps, Division B

1st Place  
UMC Meet App  
Sharon Dean, Brandy Bivens and Melissa Jackson  
GCFA
Class 5 Video

Best in Class 5, The Hilly Hicks Award of Excellence:
Agape Pastries
Kelsey Johnson
St. Paul’s UMC, Houston

Category A, Video Production Less than $500, Division A

1st Place  Agape Pastries
            Kelsey Johnson
            St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, Houston

            The Hope Center
            Chris Daniel and Derek Leek
            North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

            Yahweh Yoga
            Chris Daniel and Derek Leek
            North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

2nd Place  Apex Outreach Service Project
            Chris Daniel
            North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

3rd Place  The Fresh Comm Report
            Chris Daniel and Derek Leek
            North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

Category A, Video Production Less than $500, Division B

No entries
### Category B, Video Production $500-$2,000, Division A

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<td><em>Miércoles de Ceniza—Ash Wednesday for All</em></td>
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3rd Place 2018 Great Plains Annual Conference (Wichita, KS)
Eugenio Hernandez
Great Plains United Methodist Conference

Category C, Video Production $2,000 and Up, Division B

1st Place We Still Believe: Celebrating 50 Years of The United Methodist Church
Steve Horswill-Johnston, Fred Day and Harry Leake
Discipleship Ministries

2nd Place Seniors Try Fidget Spinners
Janet M. Carrato
United Methodist Communities

3rd Place The Wesleys Take the Web series
Fran Coode Walsh, Joe Iovino, Lilla Marigza and Chris Fenoglio
United Methodist Communications

Category D, TV Ad or Promotion, Division A

1st Place Holy Land Invitation
Todd Rossnagel, Van Stinson and Dean Harvey
Louisiana Conference

2nd Place The Gathering 2019 promo
Ed Chapman
The Mississippi United Methodist Conference

3rd Place Called: One Word, Many Ways
Doreen Gosmire, Dave Stucke and Gavin Wiggs
Dakotas UMC

Category D, TV Ad or Promotion, Division B
No entries

Category E, Streaming, Division A

1st Place WVUMC Annual Conference 2018 - Streaming
Brad Bennett, Scott Mayberry, Deborah Coble, Joe Webb and GNTV
West Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church

2nd Place 2018 Great Plains Annual Conference in Wichita, Kansas
Eugenio Hernandez
Great Plains United Methodist Conference

Category E, Streaming, Division B
No entries
Category F, Video News Story, Division A

1st Place  A CO-OPerative Kingdom Movement
Levi McKay and Angie Brokaw
Northwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

2nd Place  Glory Sighting: The Great Day of Service
Nicholas Ruxton and Madeline Pillow
Virginia Annual Conference

3rd Place  2018 VBS Shipwreck—Horizon’s UMC (Lincoln, NE)
Eugenio Hernandez
Great Plains United Methodist Conference

Category F, Video News Story, Division B

No entries
Class 6 Audio

Best in Class 6:
Meet the Bishops: Get Your Spirit in Shape
Joe Iovino and Fran Walsh
United Methodist Communications

Category A, Radio Spot or Interview
No entries

Category B, Podcast or Internet Stream, Division A
Honorable Mention for all four pieces submitted by the Rev. Dr. Robin Blair of Common Good Radio
The Peace Project: Florida Kids Respond to School Shooting
Married to the Media: A Wrinkle in Time (movie review)
The Peace Project: LGBTQ Justice in Hawaii
The Peace Project: Anatomy of a Lockdown

Category B, Podcast or Internet Stream, Division B
1st Place Meet the Bishops: Get Your Spirit in Shape
Joe Iovino and Fran Walsh
United Methodist Communications
Class 7 Photography

Best in Class 7:
The Donald B. Moyer Award of Excellence
Paths Collide for Immigrants, Border Agents
Mike DuBose
UMNS

Category A, Photojournalism, Division A

1st Place  Women Who Lead
Caleb Hennington
Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church

2nd Place  Deacon Commissioning
Connie Offutt
Kentucky Annual Conference

3rd Place  I Know Who Holds the Future
Mary Catherine Phillips and Luke Lucas
Alabama-West Florida Conference
Category A, Photojournalism, Division B
No entries

Category B, Portrait, Division A

1st Place  
*Honduran Grandmother*
Connie Offutt  
Kentucky Annual Conference

2nd Place  
*The Joy of Belonging*
Nicholas Ruxton  
Virginia Annual Conference

Category B, Portrait, Division B
No entries

Category C, Commercial Product or Staged Shot
No entries

Category D, Photo Series, Division A

1st Place  
*Bar Mitzvah at the Western Wall*
Todd Rossnagel  
Louisiana Conference

2nd Place  
*Ash Wednesday*
Kelsey Johnson  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Houston

3rd Place  
*Honduras Mission Trip*
Connie Offutt  
Kentucky Annual Conference

Category D, Photo Series, Division B

1st Place  
*Paths Collide for Immigrants, Border Agents*
Mike DuBose  
United Methodist News Service

2nd Place  
*Sweet Serenade - Photo Essay*
Mary Bates, Evangeline Wilds, Steven McBride, Margaret Hester, Ashley Evans and Steve Yocom  
Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center
Class 8 Visual Design

Best in Class 8:
Michigan Conference Website
Mark Doyal
Michigan Conference

Category A, Artwork
No entries

Category B, Print and Electronic Design, Division A

1st Place  Reach event brochure
Karla Hovde
Dakotas-Minnesota Area of The United Methodist Church

2nd Place  Comm Con ‘18
Stephen Gideon
Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church

3rd Place  October Arkansas United Methodist: Living Our Faith Cover/Back Cover
Stephen Gideon
Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church
Category B, Print and Electronic Design, Division B

1st Place  United Methodist Women: Program Book  
Rae Grant, Heidi Younger and Praveena Balasundaram  
United Methodist Women

2nd Place  Marked: A Mission Journey With Jesus in the Gospel of Mark/A Children’s Study  
Rae Grant, Heidi Younger and Praveena Balasundaram  
United Methodist Women

3rd Place  Who Do You Say That I Am? Meeting Jesus through the Eyes of God  
Rae Grant and Praveena Balasundaram  
United Methodist Women

Category C, Website Visual Design, Division A

1st Place  Michigan Conference Website  
Mark Doyal  
Michigan Conference

2nd Place  Dakotas Conference Website  
Doreen Gosmire and Dave Stucke  
Dakotas UMC

3rd Place  Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church Website  
Jacob Turner  
Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church

Unyumc.org  
Stephen J. Hustedt, Mary Dalglish, Shannon Hodson and Shelby Winchell  
UNY Communications

Northwest Texas Conference Website  
Angie Brokaw and Levi McKay  
Northwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

Category C, Website Visual Design, Division B

No entries

Category D, Motion Graphics, Division A

1st Place  Therefore Go: 2018 Great Plains Annual Conference  
Eugenio Hernandez  
Great Plains United Methodist Conference

2nd Place  Matthew 25:35-40  
Mark Doyal, Khalid Ibrahim, Ethan Painter, Cinemagraph Photography  
Michigan Conference
Category D, Motion Graphics, Division B

No entries

Category E, Branding/Logo Design, Division A

1st Place  CREATE: 2018 NWTX Annual Conference
Angie Brokaw and Levi McKay
Northwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

2nd Place  Hope of the World
Mary Catherine Phillips and Karla Merritt
Alabama-West Florida Conference

3rd Place  New Faith Communities Branding/Logo
Stephen Gideon
Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church

Category E, Branding/Logo Design, Division B

1st Place  UMC Support - GCFA Rebranding
Sharon Dean, Brandy Bivens and Melissa Jackson
GCFA

2nd Place  Lambuth Inn Logo
Mary Bates, Liz Boyd and Mercy Ehrler
Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

Tie  GBHEM Connects Anew to Meet the Leadership Needs of The Church
Beth Neil and the Office of Communications
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
Best in Class 9:
The Leonard M. Perryman Award of Excellence
*United Methodist Women’s Assembly 2018*
James J. Rollins, Evelyn Warren, Sarah Brockus, Yvette Moore and Rae Grant
United Methodist Women

Category A, Campaign/Strategic Planning, Division A

**1st Place**  *Hurricane Harvey (Texas Recovers)*  
Shannon W. Martin, Brant Mills, Sherri Gragg, Sydnie Mares and Sam Hodges  
Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

**2nd Place**  *Revive Capital Campaign*  
Kelsey Johnson and Biddie Webb  
St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, Houston
3rd Place  
*Miracles Everywhere Campaign*
Carolyn Conover, Brittney Reilly, James Lee and Brent Donaway
United Methodists of Greater New Jersey

Category A, Campaign/Strategic Planning, Division B

1st Place  
*United Methodist Women’s Assembly 2018*
James J. Rollins, Evelyn Warren, Sarah Brockus, Yvette Moore and Rae Grant
United Methodist Women

2nd Place  
*Summer Youth Events Campaign*
Mary Bates and Liz Boyd
Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

3rd Place  
*GBHEM: Evolving to Meet the Leadership Needs of The Church*
Beth Neil and the Office of Communications
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Category B, Single Piece, Division A

1st Place  
*2017-2018 Missional Report*
Christa Meland and Karla Hovde
Minnesota Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

2nd Place  
*IGNITE Youth Event Booklet*
Brittney Reilly, Carolyn Conover and Josh Kinney
United Methodists of Greater New Jersey

*Emerging Leaders Endowment Brochure*
Shannon W. Martin and Sydnie Mares
Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

*Camp Minnesota 2018 Catalog*
Karla Hovde
Minnesota Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

3rd Place  
*Vibrant Church Initiative Brochure*
Shannon W. Martin and Sydnie Mares
Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

Category B, Single Piece, Division B

1st Place  
*GBHEM Executive Summary*
Beth Neil, Office of Communications, and Donnie Reed
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

2nd Place  
*Personal Retreats Booklet*
Mary Bates, Liz Boyd and Mercy Ehrler
Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center
Class 10 Media Presentation

Best in Class 10:
Town Hall Presentation
Todd Seifert
Great Plains United Methodist Conference

Category A, Slide Show, Division A
1st Place  Town Hall Presentation
            Todd Seifert
            Great Plains United Methodist Conference

2nd Place  Who are We? Communications Mapping 2018
            Shannon W. Martin
            Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church

Category A, Slide Show, Division B
No entries

Category B, Multimedia, Division A
No entries

Category B, Multimedia, Division B
1st Place  Virginia Church’s Hiker Ministries on the Appalachian Trail
            Mike DuBose and Joey Butler
            United Methodist News Service

Category C, Display Table
No entries
2019 UMAC Special Awards

Hall of Fame
&
Communicator of the Year
The Rev. Dr. Daniel R. Gangler of Indianapolis, 72, is the former director of communications for the Indiana United Methodist Conference and is now retired after 38 years in pastoral and communication ministries.

He serves in retirement as advisor and past president of the Religion Communicators Council, chair of the United Methodist Reconciling Ministries Network of Indiana, as a volunteer social justice advocate for Tobacco Free Hendricks County and president of the Clermont Lakes Home Owners Association. Currently, he is also working with the Religion Communicators Council and the Associated Church Press as co-chair of their 2019 RCC-ACP Convention in Chicago, April 10-13.

A native of Peoria, Illinois, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from Illinois State University at Normal (1968); a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary at Evanston, Ill. (1974) and a Doctor of Ministry in Christian Social Ethics from the Saint Paul School of Theology at Leawood, Kan. (1994).
Gangler was named UMAC Communicator of the Year in 1996.

Before entering seminary, he was a high school art teacher for three years in Peoria, Illinois. After seminary, he was director of print media at a small advertising agency in Lincoln, Nebraska.

He was ordained by Nebraska Conference of The United Methodist Church in 1976 and served as a pastor for eight years in Nebraska before becoming the communication officer for the Nebraska Conference in 1983. Since then, he also has served as associate editor of *The United Methodist Reporter* based in Dallas, Texas and as managing editor of *The Disciple Magazine*, magazine of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) based in Indianapolis.

Gangler is the father of three adult sons, Matthew (married to Carla), Mark (married to Rachel), James (married to Laura), and three grandchildren all who live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He is married to Enid Gangler, who also is retired and a volunteer at area museums and the Indianapolis 500 Festival. His past-times are traveling, camping and photography.

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Members of the Hall of Fame Award are selected based on these criteria:

- A minimum of 10 years experience as a United Methodist communicator, retired from full-time work at least three years. (May be living or deceased.)
- Emphasis is placed on the significance of a nominee’s contribution to the communication ministry of the church and a record of excellence. Individual’s background may include multiple communication disciplines and also communication service beyond the job/church.
Communicators of the Year

UMAC’s 2019 Recipients
Mary Catherine Phillips & Tim Tanton

Mary Catherine Phillips
Director of Communications
The Alabama West Florida Conference
for The United Methodist Church

Tim Tanton
Chief News & Information Officer
United Methodist Communications

About the UMAC Communicator of the Year:

The Communicator of the Year is selected based on these criteria: active professional, currently serving in a communications role (at least three years of communication-related employment within the denomination); UMAC member (nominations are made by UMAC members for UMAC members); recent striking achievements in communication (i.e., previous/current year); broad impact of the contribution; and vision-thinking beyond the present/immediate demands of the job, breaking new ground.
Communicator of the Year
Mary Catherine Richardson Phillips

Mary Catherine Richardson Phillips was born and baptized in Birmingham, Alabama. After later moving to Montgomery, Alabama, she attended public schools before enrolling in Saint James School, a nonsectarian school which had its early connection with Saint James United Methodist Church.

During middle school she was elected Student Government Association president. She graduated from Saint James High School in 1994, where she was a cheerleader, played varsity basketball and was on the journalism staff. She participated her senior year in the Montgomery County Junior Miss Competition.

She was active in children’s and youth ministries at Aldersgate United Methodist Church before joining First United Methodist Church in Montgomery when she was 11 years old.

She graduated from Birmingham-Southern College in 1998 where she was a cheerleader, a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and the President’s Council, and majored in marketing. She served on the journalism staff and while taking photography courses, her love of this art developed as her expertise in marketing flourished.

In 2011, Phillips became Director of Communications for The Alabama West Florida Conference for The United Methodist Church, where she remains in that position. In addition to working closely with Bishops Paul Leeland and David Graves, she has led workshops throughout the conference, and has helped grow and maintain the conference’s various digital outlets.

As an active member of First United Methodist Church in Montgomery, Phillips has served on numerous committees, been a member of Joseph’s Ministry and has served in a leadership role in her Sunday school class. She has been a leader in her neighborhood organization and has spoken out against crime and violence in an effort to create positive change. She is a member of the Junior League of Montgomery, as well as other civic groups.

Among her hobbies are using her creative talents in decorating, traveling, reading and spending time with her husband, Scott, and six-year-old daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.
Communicator of the Year

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Tim Tanton

Tim Tanton is chief news officer for United Methodist Communications. He works with the News and Information Team, comprising Ask The UMC (InfoServ) and United Methodist News Service. The team serves the church’s “world parish” in multiple languages.

Tanton is a longtime member of East End United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee.
Communicator of the Year

Tim Tanton