

BREAKING BARRIERS



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Summer 2018 Extra

Disability Concerns Receives 5 Awards

The Associated Church Press (ACP) awarded CRC and RCA Disability Concerns ministries five awards for their communications.

The Disability Concerns Network blog received ACP's "Award of Excellence" (first place) in their "Overall Excellence/Best in Class Blog" category, and Breaking Barriers received the "Award of Merit" (second place) for "Overall Excellence/Best in Class Newsletter."

Regarding Mark Stephenson's Disability Concerns Network blog entries, the ACP judge wrote: "Well written entries cover timely, important and diverse topics of disability concerns. Nice mix of writers and perspectives make each entry seem fresh, yet with overall consistency of approach. Nicely done."

The "Best in Class Newsletter" judge said about Breaking Barriers: "Appealing design is easy to visually navigate. Use of graphics and images, along with highlight boxes, contribute to the overall well written and edited content of this fine newsletter."

The Winter 2017 Breaking Barriers also received an honorable mention for a theme issue ("Disability and Spiritual Practice"), and articles by Jenna Hoff and Stacey Midge likewise received honorable mentions.

Commenting on Hoff's "An Outward Shift in Focus," the ACP judge wrote: "I love reading short, impassioned first-person narratives."

Midge's article, "Trusting in God, Relying on Others," received these comments from the ACP judge: "Exploring key tenets of a lived faith—caring community and trust in the divine—Midge shares her experience as an epilepsy sufferer while pointing to the strength she's found in relying on others. Spiritual and practical."