

SGI-USA PUBLICATIONS WIN AWARDS AT INTERNATIONAL RELIGION COMMUNICATORS CONVENTION

Three SGI-USA publications received an Award of Excellence from the Religion Communicators Council, an interfaith network of more than 500 religion communicators across North America. The awards were presented at the group's convention held in Chicago March 29–April 1.

The DeRose Hinkhouse Memorial Awards are given annually to religion communicators who demonstrate excellence in religious communications and public relations. The entries are judged on overall quality, including aspects such as writing, design, style, use of color, appropriateness of material, etc. The awards were in the categories of national newspapers (*World Tribune*) and for graphic design, art and photography (*Living Buddhism* magazine and the calendar datebook *Dawn of the Century of Life*).

With hundreds of entries submitted annually—450 this year—for these awards, including major national newspapers such as the *Christian Science Monitor* and magazines such as *Christianity Today*, it is significant that the SGI-USA publications were among the 61 awardees acknowledged for their excellence and a tribute to all the SGI-USA volunteers who contribute regularly to them.

This year's theme, Communicating Religious Freedom in a Diverse World, attracted 1,200 religion communicators from 50 countries.

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