

The United Church **Observer**

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The Observer was recognized in church press competitions with 25 awards for stories and photos published in 2009:

Canadian Church Press First-Place Awards

- **Personal Experience/First Person Account** – Jocelyn Bell, “True unbelievers”
- **Media Reviews** – June, July/August and September 2009
- **Colour Photo** – Kevin Spurgaitis, “Lost and found in Guatemala City”
- **News Story** – Kevin Spurgaitis, “Aid under fire”

Canadian Church Press Second-Place Awards

- **General Excellence** – *The United Church Observer*, June, September and November
- **Biblical Interpretation** – Trisha Elliot, “Decoding the Bible: What is Hell?”
- **In-depth Treatment of a News Event** – Jocelyn Bell, “True unbelievers” and David Wilson, “Observations”
- **Letters to the Editor** – September and November 2009
- **Service Journalism** – Mike Milne, Jocelyn Bell and Sara Jewell, “A few hundred facts about you”

Canadian Church Press Third-Place Awards

- **Editorial** – David Wilson, “Observations”
- **Features** – Paul Fayter, “Rescuing Darwin”
- **Theological Reflection** – David Giuliano, “Into the city with Jesus”
- **Narrative** Ivan Gregan, Keltie van Binsbergen, Donna Sinclair, Allan Reeve, Doug Norris and Sandra Beardsall, “One day”
- **Biographical Profile** – Paul Fayter, “Rescuing Darwin,”
- **Layout and Design of an Edition** – Ross Woolford, designer, June 2009
- **Colour Photo Spread** – Kevin Spurgaitis, “Lost and Found in Guatemala City”

Canadian Church A.C. Forrest Memorial Award, Honourable Mention

- Jocelyn Bell, “True unbelievers”

Associated Church Press (U.S. and Canada) Awards of Excellence

- **Seasonal Article** – David Giuliano, “Into the city with Jesus”
- **News Story** – Kevin Spurgaitis, “Aid under fire”
- **Biographical Profile** – Paul Fayter, “Rescuing Darwin”

Associated Church Press Awards of Merit

- **Feature Article, Short Format** – Jocelyn Bell “True unbelievers”
- **In-Depth Coverage** – Richard Wright, “Miracle or dilemma?”

Associated Church Press Honourable Mentions

- **Photography, With Article or Outline** – Kevin Spurgaitis, photographer “Lost and Found in Guatemala City.”
- **Letters to the Editor** – September and November
- **Theological or Scholarly Article** – Paul Fayter, “Rescuing Darwin.”