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Editor of Award-winning Religion Section to address August chapter meeting

Bruce Tomaso, editor of the Religion Section for the *Dallas Morning News*, is the feature for the August meeting for the Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of the Religion Communicators Council. The chapter will meet on Thursday, August 25, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at UMR Communications Center, 2400 Lone Star Drive, Dallas.

His presentation will discuss the awarding winning publication, and will offer helpful ideas on how to get your story featured in the Dallas Morning News and other print publications.

Tomaso has been Religion editor at the Morning News since January 2003 although his tenure with the newspaper ranges back to 1984 when he joined the staff as its first full-time environmental editor.

The Morning News' Religion section, created 10 years ago, has been recognized eight times as the best in the country by the **Religion Newswriters Association**, a professional organization of journalists; and seven times by the **Religion Communicators Council**, a professional organization representing churches and denominations. The Religion Section was the first honoree to be presented with the **Norvell Slater Commercial Communicator of the Year Award** by the then Dallas Chapter of RCC. The honor presented for work done in 1996.

Cost is \$15 (includes lunch) and is payable at the door. Reservations are needed. **(Please note change in contact person for this program.)** E-mail Cherrie Graham at cherrie@wt.net to reserve your place by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22.

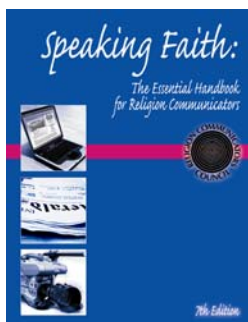
Mark your calendar now for RCC Programs

Thursday, Sept 22

Program to be announced

Thursday, Oct 27

Interfaith Housing Coalition – Dallas, Texas – Cathy King: Communications Director. IHC provides a 90-day temporary housing program for homeless families. Cathy will discuss some of the unique issues involved in finding hundreds of volunteers from area churches and other groups, fundraising and communicating what they do to the general public.



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