

**December 2007**

**Lunch, networking, celebration, and planning for 2008 on Thursday, Dec. 13, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at Juliette Fowler Homes campus (1234 Abrams Rd, Dallas). Lunch is on the chapter. Email for reservations: Deb Christian, [dchristian@umr.org](mailto:dchristian@umr.org). Gifts! Celebrate! Pitch Ideas!**

## **Opportunities**

### **Wilbur Watch**

Continue to note TV, radio, newspapers, movies, magazines, books in the secular media for those that best communicate religious issues, values and themes and could be possible nominees for RCC's Wilbur Awards. Send your ideas/nominations to Wilbur Award Chairperson, Scott Collins, [sacollins@buckner.org](mailto:sacollins@buckner.org).

### **DeRose-Hinkhouse Awards**

One of the many benefits of RCC membership is the opportunity to enter this competition and win awards and recognition for your work. Chair of the awards, Karen Drummond, notes the entry information is available on the national website, [www.religioncommunicators.org](http://www.religioncommunicators.org) and will also arrive in your mailbox.

### **Membership Renewal:**

It's that time again. Watch your mailbox (postal and electronic) in the next few weeks or go to the RCC website, [www.religioncommunicators.org](http://www.religioncommunicators.org) for your opportunity to renew your membership for 2008. Membership is a requirement to enter the DeRose-Hinkhouse Award competition.

## **National Convention**

Come visit our nation's capital at the 2008 RCC Convention on April 3-5. You won't want to miss a special edition plenary panel with the following D.C.-based reporters. They'll be discussing the theme of the convention: Faith and Freedom: The Intersection of Faith and Politics - a hot topic, especially in an election year.

- **Martin Marty**, religious scholar, noted columnist and author of more than 5,000 articles
- **Kevin Eckstrom**, editor of Religion News Service
- **Michelle Boorstein**, religion reporter for The Washington Post
- **David Brody**, Christian Broadcasting Network  
Capitol Hill correspondent
- **Barbara Bradley Hagerty**, religion correspondent for  
National Public Radio

Registration is \$375 per person.

### **Accommodations:**

Westfields Marriott  
14750 Conference Center Dr  
Chantilly, VA 20151

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RCC rate is \$139 single or double plus 9% tax.

For more information about the convention, contact Claudia Sans at 202-383-7870 or e-mail her **at** [Claudia.Sans@religionnews.com](mailto:Claudia.Sans@religionnews.com)

