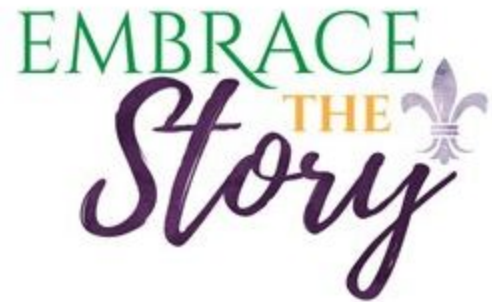


# 2017 Award Winners

2017 Award Winners during the United Methodist Association of Communicators annual banquet in New Orleans, Louisiana.



CLASS I: Print Publications

## **Division A, Category A: Newsletter**

3rd Place

*Faith and Money*

Diana Durie

Georgia UM Foundation

2nd Place

*Breakthroughs*

Christa Meland, Amanda Willis

Minnesota Conference

1st Place (tie)

*Where Miracles Happen*

Kim Halusan

Illinois Great Rivers Conference

*The Cornerstone*

Ken Garfield, Melissa McGill

Myers Park United Methodist Church

## **Division A, Category B: Newspaper**

3rd Place

*UMConnection*

Melissa Lauber, Erik Alsgaard, Alison Burdett, Linda Worthington

Baltimore-Washington Conference

2nd Place

*New Spirit*

John Coleman, Lindsey Cotman

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

1st Place

*South Carolina Advocate*

Jessica Brodie, Allison Trussell

South Carolina Advocate

**Division A, Category C: Magazine**

3rd Place

*The Current*

Paul E. Black, Kimberly Halusan

Illinois Great Rivers Conference

2nd Place

*Intersection Magazine*

Ken Garfield, Christine Long, Melissa McGill

Myers Park United Methodist Church

1st Place

*The Virginia United Methodist Advocate*

Madeline Pillow, Cathryn Huff, Brenda Capen

Virginia Conference

**Division B, Category C: Magazine**

3rd Place

*New World Outlook*

Christie R. House, Chris Coleman, Hal Sadler

General Board of Global Ministries

2nd Place

**response**

Yvette Moore, Tara Barnes, Paul Jeffrey, Tanya Krawciw

United Methodist Women

1st Place

*Interpreter*

Dan Krause, Kathy Noble, Jennifer Rodia, Julie Dwyer, Joey Butler, Mike DuBose, Kathleen Barry, Elsie Cunningham, Tricia Bruckbauer

United Methodist Communications

**Division A, Category D: Special Publication**

Honorable Mention

*2015-2016 Missional Report*

Christa Meland, Amanda Willis

Minnesota Conference

3rd Place

*The Circuit Rider*, Special Annual Conference Edition

Tamica Smith Jeuit, Chris Blount, Amy Thaxton, Jessica Love

Mississippi Conference

2nd Place

*2017 Our Mission Covenant* brochure

Kathy Williams Cathy Bruce, Connie Offutt and Rickelle Nelson

Kentucky Conference

1st Place

*Every Day Grace*

LeeAnne Thornton, Linda Smith, Beverly Elingburg, Mary Andreolli, Derek Leek

North Carolina Conference

**Division B, Category D: Special Publication**

3rd Place

*150th Anniversary Booklet*

Dawn Scott Beth Neil Amos Nascimento Donnie Reed Ebony Lincoln

General Board of Higher Education & Ministry

2nd Place

*A Call to Community: United Methodist Women Program Book 2016-2017*

Praveena Balasundaram

United Methodist Women

1st Place

*Lake Junaluska Discover Magazine*

Mary Bates, Susannah Brinkley

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center

**Class I Best of Class**

**Robert F. Storey Award of Excellence**

*Interpreter*

Dan Krause, Kathy Noble, Jennifer Rodia, Julie Dwyer, Joey Butler, Mike DuBose, Kathleen Barry, Elsie Cunningham, Tricia Bruckbauer

United Methodist Communications

**CLASS II: DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Division A, Category A: E-newsletter**

3rd Place

*NEWSpirit Digest*

John Coleman, Lindsey Cotman,

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

2nd Place (tie)

*The Weekly Digest*

Stephen J. Hustedt, Shannon Hodson, Karen Campolieto, Ashley Riddell, Mary Dalglish

Upper New York Conference

*GPconnect*

Rachel Moser, David Burke, Todd Seifert

Great Plains Conference

*Weekly Update*

Sybil Davidson

North Georgia Conference

1st Place

*MN Connect*

Christa Meland

Minnesota Conference

**Division B, Category A: E-newsletter**

1st Place

*GBHEM eNewsletter*

Beth Neil, Danecia Jones, Ebony Lincoln, Donnie Reed

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

**Division A, Category B: E-publication**

3rd Place

*The Call*

Annette Spence

Holston Conference

2nd Place

*The Missouri Methodists*, iPad (app) version

Fred Koenig

Missouri Conference

1st Place

*The Reporter*

Arthur McClanahan, Liz Winders

Iowa Conference

**Division A, Category C: Electronic special publication**

1st Place

*GC Daily News 2017*

Mark Doyal, Kay DeMoss

Michigan Area

**Division B, Category C: Electronic special publication**

1st Place

*United Methodist Communications Annual Report*

Diane Degnan, Laura Buchanan, Crystal Caviness, Steven Adair

United Methodist Communication

**Class II Best of Class**

*The Reporter*

Arthur McClanahan, Liz Winders

Iowa Conference

CLASS III: WRITING

**Division A, Category A: Nonfiction**

3rd Place (tie)

“Celebration”

Amy Forbus

Arkansas Conference

“It’s OK to hit pause sometimes”

Jessica Brodie

*South Carolina United Methodist Advocate*

2nd Place

"Conard remembered for leadership in Great Plains, Zimbabwe"

David Burke

Great Plains Conference

1st Place (tie)

“The future of the church”

Melissa McGill

Myers Park United Methodist Church

“Hello, my name is ...”

Amy Forbus

Arkansas Conference

**Division B, Category A: Nonfiction**

1st Place

“Staying connected at General Conference”

Diane Degnan

United Methodist Communications

**Division A, Category B: News article**

Honorable Mention

“Fairdale: One year later hope and new beginning”

Anne Marie Gerhardt

Northern Illinois Conference

3rd Place (tie)

“UMC OKs way forward for church amid divide over sexuality”

Jessica Brodie

South Carolina United Methodist Advocate

“Integrity, character key to McKendree coach’s successful run”

Paul Black

Illinois Great Rivers Conference

2nd Place

“Great Plains delegates take lead on debate”

Todd Seifert, Eugenio Hernandez

Great Plains Conference

1st Place

“Flood recovery wraps up”

Kay DeMoss

Michigan Area

**Division B, Category B: News article**

3rd Place (tie)

“After hate, Orlando church offers hope”

Heather Hahn

United Methodist Communications



“Bishop Oliveto: God has been in control”

Kathy Gilbert

United Methodist Communications

2nd Place (tie)

“GBHEM scholarship increases, recipient pursues passion and shares God’s love”

Beth Neil, Danecia Jones

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

"Bidding GBHEM goodbye after 42 years"

Danecia Jones

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

1st Place

“United Methodist Women legislation at General Conference”

Tara Barnes

United Methodist Women

**Division A, Category C: Feature article**

3rd Place (tie)

“New Saint Mark pastor wants to get back to basics”

David Burke

Great Plains Conference

“Mobile food pantry serves student households”

Martha Taylor

Arkansas Conference

2nd Place (tie)

“At 90, Jackie Cecil still leads her church into ministry”

Annette Spence

Holston Conference

“Beds for Kids”

Jessica Brodie

South Carolina United Methodist Advocate

1st Place (tie)

“Pastor’s healing from abuse inspires ministry and a meeting with the Pope”

John Coleman

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

“Northern Light’s ‘love letter’ to Orlando reaches United Methodist pastor”

Christa Meland

Minnesota Annual Conference

**Division B, Category C: Feature article**

3rd Place (tie)

“United Methodist Stand with Standing Rock”

Sam Hodges, Doreen Gosmire, David Stucke

United Methodist Communications

Dakotas Conference

2nd Place

“Appalachian Trail chaplain engaged in ups and downs of Journeys”

Crystal Caviness

United Methodist Communications

1st Place

“Alaska’s disappearing coastal communities”

Christie R. House

General Board of Global Ministries

**Division A, Category D: Article series**

3rd Place

*Celebrating mission grants*

Tamica Smith Jeuitt

Mississippi Conference

2nd Place

*Bishop John Schol's graceful controversies series*

Josh Kinney

Greater New Jersey Conference

1st Place

*Standing Rock*

Doreen Gosmire, David Stucke

Dakotas Conference

**Division B, Category D: Article Series**

1st Place

*East Congo: The long journey to peace*

Kathy Gilbert, Mike DeBose

United Methodist Communications

**Class III Best of Class (tie)**

**Donn Doten Award of Excellence**

"Pastor's healing from abuse inspires ministry and a meeting with the Pope"

John Coleman

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

"Northern Light's 'love letter' to Orlando reaches United Methodist pastor"

Christa Meland

Minnesota Annual Conference

CLASS IV: INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

**Division A, Category A: Website content**

3rd Place

Eastern Pennsylvania website

John Coleman, Lindsey Cotman

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

2nd Place

Minnesota Annual Conference website

Christa Meland , Amanda Willis

Minnesota Conference

1st Place (tie)

Upper New York Conference website

Stephen J. Hustedt, Ashley Riddell, Mary Dalglish, Shannon Hodson, Karen Campolieto

Upper New York Conference

Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church website

Marcy Heinz , Christian Janson

Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church

**Division B, Category A: Website content**

1st Place

150th anniversary website

Donnie Reed, Ebony Lincoln, Beth Neil

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

**Division A, Category B: Blog**

3rd Place

Through the Lens

Nicholas Ruxton and Brenda Capen

Virginia Conference

2nd Place

The Connection Blog

Rich Hendrickson, Beth Caulfield, Nicole Caldwell-Gross, Trey Wince, Eric Drew

Greater New Jersey Conference

1st Place

Perspectives

Stephen J. Hustedt, Ashley Riddell, Mary Dalglish, Shannon Hodson, Karen Campolieto

Upper New York Conference

**Division B, Category B: Blog**

*No entries*

Division A, Category C: Social media

3rd Place

Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church Instagram

Marcy Heinz

Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church

2nd Place

North Georgia Conference Facebook page

Sybil Davidson and Ansley Brackin

North Georgia Conference

1st Place

Louisiana Annual Conference's social platforms

Betty Backstrom

Louisiana Conference

**Division B, Category C: Social media**

3rd Place

United Methodist Communities at Pitman Facebook page

Stephanie Coutros

United Methodist Communities

2nd Place

Lake Junaluska Facebook page

Mary Bates, Liz Boyd

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center

1st Place

The United Methodist Church Instagram

Steven Kyle Adair

United Methodist Communications

**Division A, Category D: Mobile app**

3rd Place

Mobile app of the Iowa Annual Conference

Arthur McClanahan, Liz Winders, Katy Fletcher

Iowa Annual Conference

2nd Place

Illinois Great Rivers 2016 Annual Conference app

Paul Black

Illinois Great Rivers Conference

1st Place

IGRC Board of Ordained Ministry app

Paul Black

Illinois Great Rivers Conference

**Division B, Category D: Mobile app**

1st Place

General Conference 2016 mobile app

Lane Denson, Danny Mai, Shelia Mayfield, Poonam Patodia

United Methodist Communities

**Class IV Best of Class**

Perspectives

Stephen J. Hustedt, Ashley Riddell, Mary Dalglish, Shannon Hodson, Karen Campolieto

Upper New York Conference

**CLASS V: VIDEO PRODUCTION**

**Division A, Category A: Production costs less than \$500**

3rd Place (tie)

“Serving lunch and living the Gospel in La Crescent”

David Stucke, Doreen Gosmire, Christa Meland

Dakotas-Minnesota Area

Brazil video series

Melissa McGill

Myers Park United Methodist Church

“We are more: Attainable redemption”

Eugenio Hernandez

Great Plains Conference

2nd Place (tie)

“ELI Project”

David Stucke, Christa Meland, Doreen Gosmire

Minnesota Conference

“Restoring hope in Louisiana”

Dan Bracken

Louisiana Annual Conference

1st Place

“Heaven and earth kissed”

David Stucke and Doreen Gosmire

Dakota-Minnesota Area

**Division B, Category A: Production costs less than \$500**

2nd Place

“Praying our way forward”

Diane Degnan, Jan Snider, Crystal Caviness, Laura Buchanan

United Methodist Communications

1st Place

“Discover Lake Junaluska”

Mary Bates, Liz Boyd, Adam McAnulty, Ben Mulkey

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center

**Division A, Category B: Production costs \$500-\$2,000**

Honorable Mention

“New life in Dansville”

Mark Doyal, Aaron Greer

Michigan Area

3rd Place

“A day in the life”

Nicholas Ruxton and Madeline Pillow

Virginia Conference



2nd Place

“CUMAC-ECHO”

James Lee

Greater New Jersey Conference

1st Place (tie)

Summer camp series

Eugenio Hernandez

Great Plains Conference

“S’mores and Spirit”

David Stucke and Doreen Gosmire

Dakotas Conference

**Division B, Category B: Production costs of \$500-\$2,000**

3rd Place

“Happy 150th anniversary”

Donnie Reed, Ebony Lincoln, Beth Neil

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

2nd Place

“United Methodist Communities at Francis Asbury seniors learn about Islam”

John Callanan, Stephanie Courtos, Virginia Stein Hubbard

United Methodist Communities

1st Place

“United Methodist Communities Pitman overview”

Stephanie Courtos and Pam Mezis

United Methodist Communities

**Division A, Category C: Production costs greater than \$2,000**

3rd Place (tie)

“Igniting the Spirit”

Doreen Gosmire, David Stucke

Dakotas Conference

“2016 General Conference wrap-ups”

Leintz Belony, Skyler Nimmons, Chassity Neckers

Indiana Conference

“Stories of hope from across the Indiana Annual Conference”

Leintz Belony, Skyler Nimmons, Chassity Neckers, Fran Coode Walsh

Indiana Conference

United Methodist Communications

2nd Place

“Bishop Deb: A lifetime of ministry”

Mark Doyal, Aaron Greer, Errol Allmacher

Michigan Area

1st Place

“2016 Annual Conference daily wrap-ups”

Leintz Belony, Skyler Nimmons, Chassity Neckers

Indiana Conference

**Division B, Category C: Production costs greater than \$2,000**

3rd Place

Lake Junaluska promotional video

Mary Bates, Liz Boyd, Joel Collins

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center

2nd Place

“Charles Wesley’s gift of music”

Fran Coode Walsh, Lilla Marigza, Tony Cook, Jess Warnock

United Methodist Communications

1st Place

“Church pizza oven feeds community”

Fran Coode Walsh, Lilla Marigza, Tony Cook, Jess Warnock

United Methodist Communications

**Division A, Category D: TV ad or promotion**

3rd Place

“Our life together 2016”

Leintz Belony, Skyler Nimmons, Chassity Neckers

Indiana Conference

2nd Place

Campus Ministries series

Eugenio Hernandez, Todd Seifert

Great Plains Conference

1st Place

“Living generously”

David Stucke, Doreen Gosmire

Dakotas Conference

**Division A, Category E: Livestream production**

3rd Place

Production of annual conference: Living generously unleashing God’s gifts

Doreen Gosmire, David Stucke

Dakotas Conference

2nd Place

Refugees share their stories

Eugenio Hernandez

Great Plains Conference

Basic Christianity: Bishop Lowry's 2016 Lenten brown bag book study

J. Vance Morton, Julian Hobdy, Calvin Scott, Pattie Wood

Central Texas Conference

1st Place

2016 annual conference: Hope talks

Skyler Nimmons, Chassity Neckers, Leintz Belony

Indiana Conference

**Division B, Category E: Livestream production**

1st Place

General Conference 2016 livestream

Lane Denson, Andrew Jensen

United Methodist Communications

**Division A, Category F: News story**

3rd Place

"How communities and churches responded to natural disaster"

J. Vance Morton, Julian Hobdy, Calvin Scott, Pattie Wood

Central Texas Conference

2nd Place

"United Methodists stand with Standing Rock"

Doreen Gosmire, David Stucke

Dakotas Conference

1st Place

“2016 tornado recovery: Waverly, Virginia”

Nicholas Ruxton

Virginia Conference

**Class V Best of Class**

“Living generously”

David Stucke, Doreen Gosmire

Dakotas Conference

CLASS VI: AUDIO PRODUCTION

**Division A, Category B: Podcast or Internet stream**

3rd Place

Iowa Conference Conversations: The podcast archive of the Iowa Conference

Arthur McClanahan

Iowa Conference

2nd Place

“An Interview with the Kings”

Todd Rossnagel, Jackie King, Jonathan King

Louisiana Conference

1st Place

Uncovered dish Christian leadership podcast: Episode 001: “Worship—Multiculturalism, musicianship vs. worship leadership, and songwriting”

James Lee, Kaitlynn Deal

Greater New Jersey Conference

**Division B, Category B: Podcast or Internet stream**

1st Place

“The Kindness Project”

Robin Blair

Common Good Radio

**Class VI Best of Class**

“The Kindness Project”

Robin Blair

Common Good Radio

CLASS VII: PHOTOGRAPHY

Division A, Category A: Photojournalism

Honorable Mention (tie)

“Passing the torch”

Mary Catherine Phillips

Alabama-West Florida Conference

“The Power of the young people”

Luke Lucas

Alabama-West Florida Conference

“The Power of the song”

Luke Lucas

Alabama-West Florida Conference

3rd Place

“Hope in the storm”

Anne Marie Gerhardt

Northern Illinois Conference

2nd Place

“Laying hands”

Mary Catherine Phillips

Alabama West Florida Conference

1st Place

“Affirmed by family”

Ansley Brackin

North Georgia Conference

**Division B, Category A: Photojournalism**

2nd Place

“Selfie with bishop unobserved”

Kathleen Barry

United Methodist Communications

1st Place

“Blest be the tie that binds”

Mike DuBose

United Methodist Communications

Division A, Category B: Portrait

3rd Place

“Joy in the anticipation”

Madeline Pillow

Virginia Conference

2nd Place

“A moment of appreciation”

Nicholas Ruxton

Virginia Conference

1st Place

“Celebration of assignment Bishop Leonard Fairley”

Cathy Bruce

Kentucky Conference

**Division B, Category B: Portrait**

2nd Place

“Fall at Lake Junaluska”

Mary Bates

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center

1st Place

“Face of the Lumad”

Kathleen Barry

United Methodist Communications

**Division A, Category D: Photo series**

3rd Place

Camp Oceti Sakowin—DAPL

David Stucke

Dakotas Conference

2nd Place

2016 Revolution

Matt Brodie

South Carolina Conference

1st Place

Prayer vigils in Baton Rouge

Ken Irby

Louisiana Conference

**Division B, Category D: Photo series**

3rd Place

United Methodist Communities Resident Life

Janet M. Carrato, Stephanie Courtos, Dennis Degnan, Elizabeth Jones, The Merz Group, Robbie Voloshin.



United Methodist Communities

2nd Place

Prayer Series: 2016

Kathleen Barry

United Methodist Communications

1st Place

Exploring East Congo

Mike DuBose

United Methodist Communications

**Class VII Best of Class (tie)**

Face of the Lumad

Kathleen Barry

United Methodist Communications

Exploring East Congo

Mike DuBose

United Methodist Communications

CLASS VIII: VISUAL DESIGN

**Division A, Category B: Print or electronic design**

3rd Place (tie)

2017 Kentucky Camping Ministries print materials

Kathy Williams

Kentucky Conference

Pastoral care and counseling booklet

Kim Halusan

Illinois Great Rivers Conference

2nd Place

2016 Bishop's christmas offering for children, print marketing

Leintz Belony, Sklyer Nimmons, Chassity Neckers

Indiana Conference

1st Place (tie)

2016 Bishop's Christmas offering social images

Leintz Belony, Sklyer Nimmons, Chassity Neckers

Indiana Conference

Clergy recruitment brochure

Doreen Gosmire, Amanda Willis

Dakotas Conference

**Division B, Category B: Print or electronic design**

1st Place

GBHEM Pocket folder

Donnie Reed

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

**Division A, Category C: Web design**

2nd Place

Myers Park United Methodist Church Web Redesign

Melissa McGill

Myers Park United Methodist Church

1st Place

Baltimore Washington Conference Website

Kat Bowling, Melissa Lauber, Erik Alsgaard, Alison Burdett

Baltimore Washington Conference

**Division A, Category D: Motion graphics**

2nd Place

Mobile Micah opening animation and lower third name supers

Connie Offut

Kentucky Conference

1st Place

Merry Christmas 2016

Brandon J. Abbott

West Ohio Conference

**Division A, Category E: Branding**

3rd Place

2016 Indiana Annual Conference rebranding

Skyler Nimmons, Chassity Neckers, Leintz Belony,

Indiana Conference

2nd Place

Annual Conference 2016 Imagine

Brittney Reilly

Greater New Jersey Conference

1st Place

Bazillion Book Drive logo

Lyn Cosby, Danette Clifton, Mary Simpson

North Alabama Conference

**Division B, Category E: Branding**

2nd Place

NEXT2016 logo

Dawn Scott

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

1st Place

NEXT2016 Lanyard booklet

Dawn Scott, Donnie Reed

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

**Class VIII Best of Class**

Bazillion Book Drive logo

Lyn Cosby, Danette Clifton, Mary Simpson

North Alabama Conference

**CLASS IX: PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING**

Leonard M. Perryman Award of Excellence

**Division A, Category A: Campaign or strategic planning**

3rd Place

Paysinger Hunger Summit

Stephen Gideon

Arkansas Conference

2nd Place

IGNITE Youth Conference 2016

Brittney Reilly, James Lee, Kaitlynn Deal, Josh Kinney, Carolyn Conover

Greater New Jersey Conference

1st Place

Disaster relief in Louisiana

Erin Walsh, Paul Schneider, Todd Rossnagel

Louisiana Conference

**Division B, Category A: Campaign or strategic planning**

3rd Place

Ski Lake Junaluska campaign

Mary Bates

Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center

2nd Place

General Conference

Poonam Patodia, Jennifer Rodia, Sheila Harrison, Andrew Schleicher

United Methodist Communications

1st Place

UM Cocoa

Poonam Patodia, Jennifer Rodia, Diane Degnan, Laura Buchanan, Crystal Caviness, Steven Adair, Royya James, Tyrus Sturgis, Sheila Harrison, Andrew Schleicher

United Methodist Communications

**Division A, Category B: Single piece**

3rd Place

Camp Minnesota 2016 catalog

Amanda Willis

Minnesota Conference

2nd Place

Advent advertising

Rachel Moser

Great Plains Conference

1st Place (tie)

2015-2016 missional report

Christa Meland, Amanda Willis

Minnesota Conference

2015-2016 missional report

Doreen Gosmire, Amanda Willis

Dakotas Conference

**Division B, Category B: Single piece**

1st Place (tie)

Mass transit ad for General Conference

Dawn Scott, Ebony Lincoln, Beth Neil

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Facebook Ad Campaign: Responding to needs in Philippines: Typhoon Haima

Leticia F. LaFontaine, Laura Buchanan, Chris Finoglio

United Methodist Communications

**Class IX Best of Class**

UM Cocoa

Poonam Patodia, Jennifer Rodia, Diane Degnan, Laura Buchanan, Crystal Caviness, Steven Adair, Royya James, Tyrus Sturgis, Sheila Harrison, Andrew Schleicher

United Methodist Communications

**CLASS X: MEDIA PRESENTATION**

**Division B, Category A: Slide show**

*No entries*

**Division B, Category B: Multimedia**

1st Place

Baton Rouge flood coverage

Mike DuBose, Kathy Gilbert, Todd Rossnagel, Joey Butler

United Methodist Communications

**Division B, Category C: Display**

1st Place

GBHEM booth

Ebony Lincoln, Donnie Reed, Beth Neil

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

**Class X Best of Class**

GBHEM booth

Ebony Lincoln, Donnie Reed, Beth Neil

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry