

The most-read Century Blogs posts

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Here are the year's most-read posts by the *Century* editors and guest bloggers. (Listed separately: the top posts from the [CCblogs](#) network, [Carol Howard Merritt's blog](#), [Steve Thorngate's blog](#) and weekly blog feature [Then & Now](#).) Thanks for reading.

- 1) [Why is this video so powerful?](#) by Jason Byassee. “You can tell Mumford's impact by the vitriol of the band's many critics.”
  
- 2) [Welcoming Disciples](#), by Lee Hull Moses. “I sometimes envy my ecumenical colleagues whose denominations have already fought this out, voted and moved on. We Disciples don't work that way.”
  
- 3) [Embracing the collar](#), by Shawnthea Monroe. “What's with the collar?' asked a UCC colleague. 'Did you lose a bet?' I smiled and explained that this was my Lenten discipline: wearing a collar for 40 days.”
  
- 4) [Remembering Will Campbell](#), by Frank G. Honeycutt. “Campbell got into trouble in lots of different ways. As a seminarian, I was particularly impressed that he dared to drink whiskey with the Klan.”
  
- 5) [When Antoinette Tuff saw a gunman as a human being](#), by Bromleigh McCleneghan. “Michael Brandon Hill walked into the office of a large elementary school on Tuesday, armed to the teeth. Tuff saw Hill as a hurting young man, and she responded by engaging him in conversation.”
  
- 6) [My companion at table](#), by Martha Spong. “My daughter and I talk and Skype and text. We know when we will see each other next. But I miss her most on Sundays.”

**7) [Christmas music, Advent words](#), by Katherine Willis Pershey.** “My first Advent as a pastor, I was mildly horrified that the church’s songs and sanctuary didn’t match the biblical and liturgical tradition. Now I’m kind of horrified by the ideological neophyte that I was.”

**8) [Macklemore's theology](#), by Tyler Day.** “A theology professor of mine liked to remind our class that everyone’s a theologian. I don’t think he meant that everyone’s a particularly *good* theologian.”

**9) [Why I'm trying the Narrative Lectionary this fall](#), by Lee Hull Moses.** “I was not looking forward to diving back into the *RCL* texts this fall. Nor was I eager to go off on my own and do something thematic.”

**10) [What I heard at the National Prayer Breakfast](#), by Richard A. Kauffman.** “Other than the scripture readings, an off-the-cuff Obama remark was the most truthful thing I heard at the prayer breakfast.”

**11) [Why a writing workshop did more for my preaching than a preaching conference](#), by Teri McDowell Ott.** “I had been writing so poorly, I no longer felt the need to impress. So I loosened up and wrote with abandon, freeing myself from my overly pious pulpit.”

**12) [Another Jesus clone?](#) by Gregory Walter.** “Nearly every comic about Jesus attempts to clone him. Sean Murphy offers a more explicit reproduction.”

**13) [A toast for Robert Farrar Capon](#), by Denise Frame Harlan.** “The first time I heard Capon’s words, I saw visions.”