



*2017 Annual
Called to Write Conference
March 30 - April 1*

Sponsored by

Christian Writers Fellowship

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Lamplighter Inn & Suites
4020 Parkview Drive ~ Pittsburg, KS
620-231-8700
Ask for CWF rate



Kathy Ide

Kathy is well-versed in a variety of skills within the Christian publishing industry... a full-time freelance editor and writing mentor/career coach; a published author and ghostwriter/collaborator; a speaker/teacher at writers' conferences; an Editor Services Coordinator, matching authors, publishers, and agents with professional freelance editors/proofreaders through the Christian Editor Connection; the founder and director of The Christian PEN: Proofreaders and Editors Network, a professional support organization for aspiring and established editorial freelancers; founder and director of the SoCal Christian Writers' Conference; represented by a fabulous literary agent: Diana Flegal with Hartline Literary Agency; and the abundantly blessed wife of a fabulous man and mother of two terrific sons.

Twila Belk

Twila's expertise spans many aspects of quality communication such as authoring two books; co-authoring four books with Cecil Murphey; writing a variety of devotions, newsletters, articles, and promotional materials; hosting the CEC AND ME online radio show; speaker at hundreds of events as the "Gotta Tell Somebody Gal" in retreats, banquets, outreach events, church services, women's conferences, Christian Women's Clubs, MOPS, Women's Aglow, schools, and more; directed the Quad-Cities Christian Writers' Conference, as well as the Presbyterian Writer's Conference; owned a Christian bookstore; worked with three radio stations by planning events and creating radio spots, ads, and jingles; and is involved in various ministries with her church.



Barbara Gordon

Barbara began freelance writing five years ago when she retired from public school teaching and administration. She writes nonfiction, primarily devotions, and has been published in *The Secret Place*, *Seek*, and *Live*. She's also had devotions printed in numerous devotional books. Barbara lives in Moundville, Missouri, with her husband of 39 years. Babysitting grandchildren, being caregiver for her elderly mother-in-law, and hobbies which include geocaching and jogging give Barbara ample opportunity to turn everyday experiences into devotions.



Jane Landreth

Jane has been a Christian freelance writer for 35 years with over 2000 stories, articles, games, puzzles and various manuscripts published in religious magazines. She has also written several children's Bible curriculums and a newspaper column, edited a Christian school first-grade reading program, and co-authored seven creative idea books. She has published seven children's books with Barbour Publishers and one self-published devotional memoir book. She taught writing at Ozark Technical College in Springfield, MO, and at the present teaches "Writing Your Memoirs" at NCCC. For ten years, Jane taught three college-level writing classes for the Institute of Children's Literature, a distance-learning school. Jane has traveled to Belarus several times to teach Sunday school teachers and church leaders.



Critiques



All manuscripts for critique are to be submitted with registrations by March 1, 2017, to LeAnn Campbell along with the appropriate fee. The fee for critiques does **not** benefit CWF but will be given to each one providing the critique. Mark on the registration form which speaker you wish to have critique your manuscript.

*LeAnn Campbell, 267 SW 1st Lane, Lamar, MO 64759 leanndcampbell@gmail.com

Kathy Ide

Fiction/nonfiction: Will accept ten (10) critiques

Maximum 10 pages, double spaced. Submit electronically as an attachment.

Do **NOT** submit in the body of the e-mail. \$25

Twila Belk

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Devotionals: Will accept ten (10) critiques

No more than five double-spaced pages. Submit electronically as an attachment.

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Jane Landreth

Magazine articles (no more than 1200 words); **short stories** (no more than 1200 words older children, ages 8-14; 600 words younger children, ages 2-7); **books** (outline, first chapter or complete manuscript for younger children, ages 2-7). Submit either electronically as an attachment, or hard (paper) copy. Do **NOT** submit in the body of an e-mail. \$20



Thursday



4:30-5:30

Registration

5:30-6:15

Welcome! Pizza Party (will include salad and dessert)

(If you have particular dietary restrictions, you may want to consider bringing your own food, or opting to eat at one of the many eating establishments in Pittsburg.)

6:15-7:15

Keynote: Kathy Ide

Touching Hearts, Changing Lives

7:15-8:00

Contest Results, Announcements, Door Prizes

Read-Arounds to Follow

Solarium available for visiting
after last session
Prayer Room open until 9:00
Bookstore open until 9:00



Continental Breakfast Available in Motel

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:30-8:55 Welcome and Devotional

9:00-10:00 **Keynote: Twila Belk**

A Funny Thing Happened on My Way to Becoming a Writer

10:00-10:15 Break Though only listed here, there will be a 15-minute break after each session.

10:15-11:00

ROOM A ~ Barbara Gordon

Devotions: Digging Deeper

How-to and Encouragement for the tired writer.

Suggested uses for all those devotionals you've written

but never submitted – or have never been published

ROOM D ~ Kathy Ide

Writing Your First Draft

11:15-12:00

ROOM A ~ Twila Belk

Make The Most of Your Conference Experience

Learn things you can do before, during and after the conference to make it an experience that benefits you now and in the years to come.

ROOM D ~ Jane Landreth

Impacting Children's Lives with Your Writing

If God wanted to reveal His message, He could have thundered it from the heavens. But He chose to give His Word in written form. Writing is one of the most effective ways of impacting children's lives for the Lord, and that can be done by learning the unique forms of writing you can use.

12:15-1:15 Lunch (included with registration). Announcements. Door Prizes.

(If you have particular dietary restrictions, you may want to consider bringing your own food, or opting to eat at one of the many eating establishments in Pittsburg.)

1:30-2:15

ROOM A ~ Twila Belk

Newsletters, Newsletters, Newsletters: Learn All about Them!

Connect with your audience and grow your platform with newsletters.

Learn the benefits of using newsletters, how to get subscribers, what to include, and how to have the best results.

ROOM D ~ Kathy Ide

Refining Your Rough Draft

2:30-3:15

ROOM A ~ Jane Landreth

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ROOM D ~ Kathy Ide

The Option of Self Publishing



Friday



3:30-4:15 ROOM A ~ Twila Belk
Creating Buzz for You and Your Book

You might have the most powerful or entertaining or life-changing message in the world, but few will read it unless they've heard about you or the book beforehand.

Learn ways to create buzz for you and your book.

ROOM D ~ Barbara Gordon
Devotions: Digging Deeper

How-to and Encouragement for the tired writer.

Suggested uses for all those devotionals you've written but never submitted – or have never been published.

Dinner is attendee's choice.
Solarium open for visiting.
Bookstore open until 6:00.
Prayer room open until 9:00.



Saturday



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Connect with your audience and grow your platform with newsletters. Learn the benefits of using newsletters, how to get subscribers, what to include, and how to have the best results.

ROOM D ~ Kathy Ide
Refining Your Rough Draft

9:45-10:30 BREAK:
LAST TIME TO PURCHASE BOOKS FROM BOOK ROOM.
CHECK OUT OF MOTEL ROOMS, AND MAKE SURE ROOMS ARE EMPTY.
****Once you check out, the room goes on a cleaning schedule, so if you check out early but leave things in the room, they will be taken to Lost and Found. This break will allow you time to check out and also get things out of your room before the deadline checkout time of 11:00 AM.****
SNACKS/RELAX.

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11:30 WRAP UP, DOOR PRIZES, DEVOTIONAL SEND-OFF

Writing Contest

Adult Nonfiction: Limit 1,200 words

Adult Fiction: Limit 1,500 words

Devotional: Limit 500 words

Poetry (*rhymed or free verse*): Limit one single-spaced page

Children's Nonfiction: Limit 1,200 words **Children's Fiction:** Limit 1,500 words



- Entrants must be registered for the conference.
- Submit only entries which are unpublished and have not previously won a CWF award.
- Submit one hard (paper) copy in standard manuscript format – typed, one side only.
- Only one entry per category. A \$5.00 fee is required for each entry.
- Include a cover sheet with title, category, author's name, mail address, e-mail address, and phone number. Do NOT put author's name on manuscript.
- Entries not in compliance with procedures and rules will be disqualified.
- Send contest entries and payment with registration to:

LeAnn Campbell, 267 SW 1st Lane, Lamar, MO 64759

Prize in each category: \$15.00 for 1st place, writers' book for 2nd, certificate for 3rd

Read-Around Groups



Participation in Read-Around Groups is included in the registration. We encourage everyone to attend a group of your choice, even if you don't care to share your own work. However, if you plan to participate, indicate the genre and bring 5-10 pages of a work you would like to read. It's a great way to learn and receive feedback from fellow writers. Time allowed for each writer will depend on the number of participants. There is no additional charge to participate.

Groups offered: Adult & Children's Fiction & Nonfiction, Devotionals, and Poetry.

**Please indicate on your registration which Read-Around you plan to participate in.*

Books for Sale

CWF will have reference and writing books for sale at the conference. Our guest speakers and Girard CWF members will also be selling books and will be available for book signings. **Only current CWF members as of November 5, 2016, will be able to sell books, and ONLY books authored by a speaker or member will be accepted.** All book sold by speakers and CWF members are subject to a 15% consignment fee. If you are eligible to sell books, contact Jane Landreth before the conference for a consignment form. There will be some used books that attendees may "buy" with a voluntary donation.





Conference Registration



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone(s) _____

Email _____



Fees & Extras



Received or Postmarked

Registration

before or on 3/1/2017

after 3/1/2017

CWF Members _____ \$60

_____ \$70

Non-Members _____ \$70

_____ \$80

Contest Entries

_____ at \$5.00 each = \$ _____

Critiques

Kathy Ide \$25 _____

Barbara Gordon \$20 _____

Twila Belk \$25 _____

Jane Landreth \$20 _____

Registration, Contests, Services & Critiques

TOTAL \$ _____

**If you plan to participate in the Thursday evening Read-Around,
please indicate the group: (mark only one)**

Adult Fiction
 Adult Non-Fiction
 Poetry
 Devotionals
 Children's Fiction
 Children's Non-Fiction



Payment Details



Make check payable to:

Christian Writers Fellowship

Send registration form, check, contest entries,
critique manuscripts (hard copies & attachments) to:

LeAnn Campbell

267 SW 1st Lane

Lamar, MO 64759

leanndcampbell@gmail.com

CWF does not accept credit cards.

Scholarship Info



A limited number of scholarships are available.

Request an application from Lindsey Bell:

Lindsey.M.Bell@hotmail.com

Application must be filled out and returned by:

March 1, 2017

A person cannot receive a scholarship two years in a row.



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