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Keynotes & General Sessions



Old Paths, Ancient Markers - Guarding the Treasure of the Gospel

Wednesday, 7:45 PM

Michael Gantt

It wasn't the messenger the council feared, it was the message; it was the Name. They hoped their threats would frighten the believers into silence, but it only emboldened the disciples. Their prayer was powerful: "Grant unto us boldness to speak the word of God . . ." (Acts 4:29 ESV). Michael is a pastor, speaker, missionary, and author of *Cry Mercy* and *Cry Repent*. He is the co-author with Barbara Haley of *Sleeping Near the Ark—Writing with a Fresh Vision*. www.mkgantt.com



Our Voice in a Hostile Climate

Dr. Peter Lundell

Thursday, 8:30 AM

In a society that is increasingly deceived and divided, our calling is to write in the opposite spirit. What does this mean, and how do we effectively and consistently do it? Peter is a pastor, teacher, and author of *Prayer Power* and *Armed for Battle*. www.peterlundell.com

The Price of Mercy

Dr. Bruce Porter

Thursday, 7:15 PM

America at the Crossroads - 2020

Charles Patricoff

"Will the people of the United States find the grace to repent and grope our way back to our previous constitutional foundations?"

The dangers we face are serious." Dr. Bruce Porter

"Many Christians desire to know what the Bible teaches regarding today's sensitive social and political issues. Christian writers can address controversial subjects in our posts, articles, texts, and stories. Should we?" Charles Patricoff



Be Still and Know

Angie Bass Williams

Friday, 8:30 AM

Move to a deeper level of faith and intimacy with God by establishing a pattern of stillness before Him. Since that which dominates the mind controls the person, let's reclaim the ancient biblical art of meditation, which can enable us to find God's peace and courage to face daily challenges. Angie is a pastor, author, and speaker.



Authors' Night & Book Signing

All Published Authors

Friday, 7:15 PM

If you have published a book traditionally or indie, this is *your* night to give glory to God and to encourage those who have not YET gotten their book in print. Dick Bruno and Eric Sprinkle will moderate this entertaining evening followed by a book signing. Tracy Meola, Professor of Worship Arts at CCU, will help us experience how the richness of Old Testament worship and Shabbat points us to Jesus Christ.



Find Your Place at the Table

Tim Shoemaker

Saturday, 8:30 AM



We live in a culture that is so often "all about me." Over-confidence can be a problem. There are dangers to putting ourselves in a position of greater importance than we should. There are also some very real hazards to thinking too little of ourselves—and the lack of confidence that results. We need a balanced perspective to be right-minded in a proud and insecure world. www.timshoemakersmashedtomatoes.com

One Word Changes Everything

David Rupert

Saturday, 4:30 PM



What is holding you back from "writing His answer"? One simple word can help you walk a fresh path of discovery. David is a corporate communicator, journalist, ghostwriter, and featured writer at Patheos Evangelical. He is the author of *Living a Life of YES*.

www.davidrupert.com

The hands-on Clinics help you need!



Fiction Intensive with Dave Lambert

Limit 6 participants

Dave is the owner of Lambert Editorial, which has been serving publishers and authors since 2003; the author of 11 books (including *The Missionary* and, with Tennessee governor Bill Lee, the 2018 memoir from Thomas Nelson, *This Road I'm On*); former senior fiction editor at Howard Publishing, a division of Simon & Schuster; and former executive editor for fiction at Zondervan.

Taught by a fiction writer, editor, and teacher with more than 40 years of experience including more than 20 years as an acquiring editor in fiction for HarperCollins and Simon & Schuster, this hands-on clinic will help you with your work in progress as well as your fiction technique in general. Besides the six hours of group workshop time, you will meet for a half hour individually with the instructor.

Prerequisite: Must have previous publication of some type, either traditionally or independently. Submit with your application no more than 25 pages of your work-in-progress. Attend Dave's early bird workshop, "Solving Plot Problems," on Wednesday.



Speakers' Clinic with Roy Hanschke

Limit 8 participants

Roy is a Christian radio personality and speaker who has coached beginning and seasoned speakers for over 20 years. He is also a 30-year (plus) veteran of Christian radio. His morning show is heard at AM91 KPOF and worldwide on streaming audio at www.AM91.org. He is also the author of *In Search of Shalom: The Success Every Man Desires*.

If you've been avoiding the challenge to begin speaking or need to improve what you're already doing, this is the clinic for you. Roy will help you discover your ministry focus, organize one of your talks to maximize time and effectiveness, present with power and pizzazz, and market your message through radio. You'll have an opportunity to test what you learn and receive helpful evaluation from Roy and your peers.

www.howdidimisthatmm.com



Nonfiction Book Proposal Clinic with Cindy Lambert

Limit 6 participants

Cindy is a veteran of the publishing industry. Currently she is executive editor-at-large for Revell and Baker Books. As a collaborative writer she has co-authored 8 books including the bestseller *Unplanned* with Abby Johnson released last year as a major motion picture.

www.bakerpublishinggroup.com

Cindy will lead a group of six authors in critiquing one another's proposals, then spend the conference improving and fine-tuning them. In addition, each of the participants will have a 30-minute one-on-one with Cindy.

Prerequisite: On acceptance, submit your book proposal by April 25; attend Cindy's early bird workshop, "Crafting a Winning Nonfiction Book Proposal," on Wednesday.

Build a Book Promotional Power Pack with Scoti Domeij

Limit 8 participants



Scoti has held various responsibilities with 10 traditional publishers including author; editor; senior research assistant; copywriter; marketing director; and production, art, and design coordinator. Her passion is to help writers hone their skills, pursue their passion, publish, and effectively market the story God embedded in their hearts. Scoti is a publisher of Blackside Publishing and a proud Gold Star Mom.

Many authors frantically try to create marketing materials last minute after their book launches. You'll learn how to build your book promotional power pack that includes more than two dozen marketing pieces, write your marketing copy as you write your book, strengthen the marketing materials you've already created, expand your promotional power pack without panicking or losing your mind, and much more.

www.BlacksidePublishing.com

Prerequisite: On acceptance, submit the marketing materials you have created.

Continuing Sessions

Authentic Writing that Changes Lives



Dr. Peter Lundell

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Peter is a writer, pastor & teacher who helps people connect with God and live by God's Word and Spirit. With life experience all over the world, he brings new perspectives to what most people overlook. He has authored numerous nonfiction and fiction books on Christian spirituality. Peter is also a developmental and substantive editor and a collaborative writer.

Authentic writing starts from within you—being honest with who you are, which sometimes means writing out of recovery from pain and ashes. Then you can effectively write change into the lives of your readers through your particular approach, genre, and unique voice. Peter will take you through this process and include participant exercises and presentations for feedback.

www.peterlundell.com

Indie Publishing



Amy Deardon

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Amy is an award-winning author, encourager, and budding online entrepreneur. As publisher of EBooks Listing Service, she will show you how to manage your print book and eBook yourself as a true self-publisher, where all decisions, all rights, and all profits at all times are yours alone. Amy is eager to help you take your words to the next level and guide you through the self-publishing minefield. In her life B.C. (before children) she was a Ph.D. scientist under a different name who did bench research. Now married, she lives with her husband and two children near Washington D.C.

Are you considering indie publishing your book? Do you want to keep costs low and quality high? Then this course is for you! Amy will walk you through creating the strongest title and back cover copy; how to typeset; principles of interior design; using styles and templates; adding photos and artwork; designing your cover or finding affordable options; obtaining ISBNs, barcodes, and CIP data; hiring contractors to help you over the tough parts without getting ripped off; and much more.

www.amydeardon.com

Serve Your Audience!



Patricia Durgin

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Patricia serves her audience as host of Marketers On A Mission, a 60-minute Facebook Live program (400+ programs and counting) and as the Admin of the private Facebook group Marketers On A Mission ENGAGE. She has been studying online marketing since 1995 when Amazon sold its first book. Her goal is to help Christian communicators escape the confusing maze of online marketing and fulfill their calling to reach more people for Christ.

www.marketersonamission.com

Every Christian communicator should have one goal: to serve their God-given audience exclusively. It's the #1 way to grow a rock-solid platform. We'll focus first on identifying your audience, then move to the four basic marketing elements and how they all work together to build your platform: 1) Website, 2) Lead Magnet, 3) Blogging & Social Media, and 4) Email . . . all designed to serve your audience through content focused on their needs.

Tim is the author of 14 books and he just got contracts for two more. He is a popular speaker at conferences and schools around the country. *Code of Silence*, book one of his contemporary suspense series, was included in the Booklist Online "Top Ten Crime Novels for Youth." Tim encourages and equips writers to do what they do—better.

www.timshoemakersmashedtomatoes.com

A tall building needs a strong base. If you want your book to rise above the rest, you'll need a rock-solid foundation. Learn essentials for building a better book—or strengthening the one you've already written. We'll look at plotting, deepening your point-of-view, when to show—and when to tell, creating stronger scenes, and writing better dialogue. You'll learn what's needed for powerful openings that draw a reader in and how to avoid "hokey" Christian fiction. We'll cover insights to getting published that are often overlooked . . . and more. Tim will share tips and secrets to writing fiction that will stand tall and strong in the marketplace.

Building Rock-Solid Fiction



Tim Shoemaker

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Make Your Nonfiction Book the Best It Can Be



Chad Allen

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A 20-year publishing professional, Chad is a writer, speaker, editor, and writing coach. He served in acquisitions and directorial roles for Baker Books before going full-time with his own coaching business. He has collaborated with numerous bestselling authors including Michael Hyatt, Jeff Goins, Chip Ingram, and Mary DeMuth. He is the creator of Book Proposal Academy, an online course, and BookCamp, a mentoring and community hub for writers. His passion is helping writers get their books into the world. www.chadallen.com

You have a message you're passionate about, but working on a book can be tough. Sometimes the obstacles are so daunting you may be tempted to give up. You'll leave with a well-developed concept that meets a real need, a one-sentence attention-grabbing book hook, a vision statement that attracts agents and publishers, a strong outline and synopsis that lays out a transformative path for your readers, a solid bio that establishes your authority on the topic of your book, and compelling sample chapters (or at least a plan for writing chapters you're excited about). Together we'll make sure the book you're writing is the best it can be.

Write (& Sell) Personal Experience Stories



B.J. Taylor

⑦

B.J. is an award-winning author and popular speaker at conferences around the country. She has been a published writer for 25 years with credits ranging from newspaper articles for no pay, to magazine markets that pay quite well, and on to publishing her dog-book memoir with a royalty-paying publishing company. She represents *Guideposts*, *Angels on Earth*, *Mysterious Ways*, and *All Creatures*. She has sold 40 stories to *Chicken Soup for the Soul*; two dozen stories to *Guideposts* and *Angels on Earth*; numerous articles to *Writer's Digest*, *Romantic Homes*, *Victorian Homes*, John Gray's *Mars and Venus in Love*; and many other publications along the way. www.bjtaylor.com

Want to make money with your writing? Then this class is for you. Interactive sessions will cover the following (in no particular order): Your Journey to Publication—How to Get Where You Want to Go. Writing Personal Experience Short Stories That Sell. (Learn B.J.'s easy formula for writing great hooks, riveting dialog, satisfying endings.) Writing for *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. Writing for the *Guideposts* family of magazines and how to submit to the *Guideposts* Writers Workshop contest. (This is a contest year. B.J. won in 2004.) Writing Book Length Stories (memoir, self-help, and a secret one). There will be handouts and a little bit of volunteer homework. Will you be the one to help the class learn?

How To Rapid-Fire Your Fiction



Ronie Kendig

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Ronie is a bestselling, award-winning author who grew up an Army brat. After 20 years of homeschooling their four children, Ronie and her Army veteran husband are adventuring through life on the East Coast, currently just a short train ride from New York City. They are usually covered in dog fur, compliments of their VVolt N629—a retired military working dog—and Benning the Stealth Golden. www.roniekendig.com

Techniques for writing killer suspense and (inter) stellar speculative fiction. Using tactics developed in years of being published, Ronie will break down elements of suspense and show how they are not limited to genre, but can—and should!—be layered into every type of story. She will explore how suspense plays into and propels characterization and development of the plot. You'll also gain a healthy understanding and appreciation of speculative fiction and how many of the techniques are also necessary components of any genre—like “storyworld building.”

Tim has a passion to help others not only know God, but to weave Him into the everyday fabric of their lives. He spent over 20 years doing that as a lead, associate, and youth pastor, and extended that with over 25 years writing professionally with 10 Christian living books that have sold over 100,000 copies and have been translated into 8 languages.

Increase your impact by growing your craft (fiction and non-fiction). We'll explore the dimensions of excellent writing, including principles of persuasion coupled with practical exercises. We'll then add some basic rules of writing and how we can intentionally break them for a greater impact using rhetorical strategies with exercises. We'll conclude with two sessions that can make our writing sing, as we cover four difficult but necessary marks of excellent writing: how to read our audience, how to increase the clarity of our writing, and how to make it powerful and figurative. www.timriter.com

Growing Your Craft!



Tim Riter

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Choose one 6-hour continuing session for the entire conference.

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Night Owls

WEDNESDAY

Critique Group - Debbie Allen, Scoti Domeij
Poetry Reading - Cathy Lawton, Angie Bass Williams
Practice Your Pitch - Linda Glaz

THURSDAY

Issues Panel

FRIDAY

True Tales of Indie Pub Success - Eric Sprinkle

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Prayer Fellowship - Laura Shaffer

FIVE free 15-minute appointments

for those who come Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
Bonus SIXTH appointment for the first 50 who register.

**No conference gives you more opportunities
to meet one-on-one with the agents, editors,
and authors of your choice!**

Paid Critiques - Get the extra help you need!

To allow time for your critiquer to review your manuscript
pre-conference in preparation for meeting with you at the
conference for 30 minutes, email your manuscript(s) by April 30.

Teens Write

Saturday, May 16
9:45 - 3:45

with Tim Shoemaker
& Darcie Gudgeon

*A jam-packed day filled with
new friends & learning new skills.*

Register by April 15 - only \$35
After April 15 - \$45

plus \$20 if not YMCA member or staying on campus
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Workshops 2020

Thursday, May 14

	A - Writer's Life	B - Craft	C - Fiction	D - Nonfiction	E - Publishing	F - Marketing	G - Other
Workshop 1 2:15 - 3:15	How to Thrive as a Creative Five choices you can make every day that will revolutionize how you perceive and live out your calling—even on days you feel overwhelmed or discouraged! <i>Karen Bouchard</i> 1A	Revelation, Inspiration, or Perspiration? How do I convey the message of my heart to the printed page? It takes discipline and perseverance to produce a book that blesses and encourages others. <i>Angie Bass Williams</i> 1B	Your First 3 Pages Craft realistic characters, strong dialogue, clear POV, faith threads, and a setting that resonates in your romantic suspense, mystery, contemporary or historical romance. Bring your first 3 pages. <i>Miralee Ferrell</i> 1C	Write Your Story & Change Lives Your story matters! If you are courageous enough to write your story, you can change lives and create hope in a God who offers victory in the circumstances. <i>Dr. Mel Tavares</i> 1D	Publishing 101 Understand queries, proposals, and style sheets. How to proof your work and avoid errors in formatting. Self-editing techniques. How to present professionally at appointments. <i>Deb Haggerty</i> 1E	Create a Best-Seller Brand for the 2020s How to develop a unique brand that will powerfully capture the ever-changing marketplace by applying the “umbrella branding” approach to every aspect of your writing career. <i>Dick Bruso</i> 1F	Ghostwriting Mike will share tips and tricks he's learned to write someone else's story or message. You'll also learn how you can build a healthy ghost-writing business. <i>Michael J. Klassen</i> 1G
Workshop 2 3:30 - 4:30	Myths that Hold Writers Back We'll expose several myths far too many writers obey to their detriment so you can write more freely and get published more frequently. <i>Bill Watkins</i> 2A	Sensitivity/Diversity Readers Will your work pass the scrutiny of sensitivity readers who review manuscripts for issues of bias and representation, cultural inaccuracies, and insensitive language? <i>Edwina Perkins</i> 2B	Deep POV How to deepen the reader's experience by staying in the characters' point of view. You will gain a stronger grasp of deep POV, how and when to use it, and how to use it successfully. <i>Linda G. Glaz</i> 2C	Writing Bible Studies How to combine illustrations & instruction; use definitions, word studies, and commentaries; craft good questions; offer application for the modern world; & follow Jesus' pattern. <i>Terri Kalfas</i> 2D	Before Your Book Is Published How to use Facebook Groups & Pages to the best advantage, Instagram and Pinterest tips, and the importance and how-to of blogging and content marketing. <i>Laura Bartnick</i> 2E	Fast-Track Your Speaking in 2020 Discover the latest & greatest ways to accelerate your writing career by tapping into the ideal professional speaking organizations, resources, and tools. Come learn the inside secrets. <i>Dick Bruso</i> 2F	Let's Talk Screenwriting You know your book would make a great movie, but what do you do with it? Who do you approach and how? Learn how the film industry works and what steps you can take. <i>Dianne E. Butts</i> 2G

Be sure to visit <http://Colorado.writehisanswer.com> for more information on the workshops & presenters.

Friday, May 15

Everyone attending either one of Dick Bruso's workshops will be given a complimentary 30-minute one-on-one phone consultation with him after the conference.

	A - Writer's Life	B - Craft	C - Fiction	D - Nonfiction	E - Publishing	F - Marketing	G - Other
hop 3 - 3:15	Get Out of the Boat Step out of the boat of political correctness and “walk on the water” of	Three Puzzles of Periodicals 1) What makes an idea marketable; 2) what “pack-	Make your Story More Riveting Learn Jon Franklin's story development techniques	Write 400 Words & Get Published Learn to write concisely, share your experiences,	Think Outside the Publication Box Join us as we discuss a host of unusual, yet effective	Marketing into Ministry No one wants to hear about you and your book	20 Tips to Better Profile Interviews Writing a profile article? Learn 20 tips to conduct

Works 2:15 - 2:45	Spirit-led writing that expresses the truth of God's Word. Tackle sensitive subjects from a biblical perspective. <i>Angie Bass Williams</i> 3A	age" best suits an idea (devotional, teaching article, how-to, personal experience, etc.); and 3) what makes a piece connect with readers. <i>Sherri Langton</i> 3B	that are sheer magic and can be applied to nonfiction stories as well as works of fiction. Hands-on worksheets provided. <i>Karen Bouchard</i> 3C	and, most important, touch hearts and change lives through crafting devotionals. <i>Debbie Hardy</i> 3D	tive techniques to write in ways that reach farther than a physical book—and most are completely free. <i>Debbie Maxwell Allen</i> 3E	after the third week of its release, so what can you do? Learn the proven strategy that turns marketing into ministry AND that sells books. <i>Michelle Booth</i> 3F	more effective interviews. A successful interview will provide valuable material, enabling readers to connect with your interviewee . . . and with you! <i>Ava Pennington</i> 3G
Workshop 4 3:30 - 4:30	Flourishing in God What can Christian writers learn from the study of trees? God's principles of flourishing are hidden all through His created world. <i>Marji Stevens</i> 4A	Topic Development To grow a strong speech (or write a good book), select your seed, test the soil, water with a reservoir of information, root it deeply in your mind, develop a strong trunk, grow balanced branches, fertilize and enjoy! <i>Deb Haggerty</i> 4B	The Heartbeat of Inspirational Romance What constitutes an inspirational romance, and how far can a Christian writer realistically go with the romance between a man and a woman? <i>Susan Baganz Lodwick</i> 4C	Research Strategies and Organization Tools to use for effective research, where to find research, and options on organizing your research bibliography as well as notes. <i>Jendayi Harris</i> 4D	Creating an Audiobook Essential steps to create an audiobook, reducing the costs, determining if you should hire a narrator or voice your own audiobook, promoting and marketing. <i>Richard Rieman</i> 4E	Marketing for Introverts How to present yourself, grow your following by continuing to produce great content, develop a platform by being yourself, and connect authentically and helpfully with readers. <i>Catherine Lawton</i> 4F	Challenging Youth Trends Understand the trends and challenges of today's youth culture and become part of an army of writers who will sound the alarm. Tips on how to Write His Answer through various genres. <i>Dr. Mel Tavares</i> 4G

"CCWC is a high quality, multi-day conference that is one of the nation's top places for Christian writers to get noticed. Writers on the Rock will get you started. CCWC will take you over the finish line."

David Rupert

Saturday, May 16

"No writers conference has helped build my faith, provided clear direction, strengthened my convictions & encouraged me to write Jesus' messages more than CCWC. For the record, I've attended CCWC 13 years in a row. I would not miss it."

Charles J. Patricoff

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Workshop 5 10:45 - 11:45	The 25-Hour Day Ever wish you had an extra hour (or more) each day? Learn planning and organizing tips to help you make the most of your busy schedule. <i>Ava Pennington</i> 5A	The Christian Mind & Christian Linguistics Strengthen your characters, story plot, and the language of your manuscript more authentically and biblically. Laura is the author of <i>Wellcome to the Shivo!</i> <i>Creatives Mimicking the Creator</i> . <i>Laura Bartnick</i> 5B	Creating Believable Characters Your characters have a story to tell, but they need to be believable. Tips that will help your characters come alive and help your readers want to connect. <i>Edwina Perkins</i> 5C	Writing a True Story Whether you are a newbie or veteran writer, come learn some practical steps and insights that will help protect you as you write and publish your story. <i>Debra Moerke</i> 5D	Evaluating Your Options We'll discuss traditional publishing, answer some forbidden questions, and take a look at the many options for self, independent, co-publishing & partnership publishing. <i>Michelle Booth</i> 5E	Yes, You Can Ace Your Interview Exponentially expand your ministry from writing to radio, TV, and Internet-live audiences everywhere. You can make a greater impact than you've ever made before. <i>Linda Evans Shepherd</i> 5F	Writing Exciting Kids' Novels If you don't know how to pace your plot, kids won't get to the end. Learn tips and tricks for keeping 8- to 12-year-olds excited about reading your books. <i>Chris Brack & Sheila Seifert</i> 5G
Workshop 6 2:45 - 3:45	Perseverance Learn the five enemies to finishing your project with a scriptural motivational boost! Your enemies of Doubt, Fear, Unworthiness, Distraction, and Disorganization are going down. <i>Jendayi Harris</i> 6A	Copyright Basics Get a basic understanding of the world of copyright protections and some great "industry insider" tips and tricks to help keep you and your work above reproach. <i>Eric Sprinkle</i> 6B	Fiction with a WOW Factor Learn to develop multi-dimensional characters that are memorable—stories that stay with the reader days after reading the last page—and characters that leap off the page and become real. <i>Miralee Ferrell</i> 6C	Using Fiction Techniques in Your Nonfiction Incorporate descriptive detail, use dialogue, paint the scene, set a mood, and add dramatic tension and resolution to bring your nonfiction alive. <i>Catherine Lawton</i> 6D	Getting Started Writing for Magazines Find magazine and ezine markets that accept articles and stories from newbies. We'll go over terminology, expectations, and how to take the next step to write for bigger markets. <i>Donna Brennan</i> 6E	Your Marketing Profile We'll compare marketing your book/brand to a financial portfolio. Create something that helps you grow at your own rate. Stephanie will talk about the five investment areas for writers. <i>Stephanie Alton</i> 6F	Character-Based Novels for Kids Practical insights for developing a main character that kids will like. How to create full characters that move the plot forward. <i>Chris Brack & Sheila Seifert</i> 6G

Conference at a Glance

Wednesday - May 13

1:00 - 1:30 Make the Most of CCWC - Eric Sprinkle *FREE!*

1:45 - 4:45 Learning Labs \$40 for 3 hours - Only coming Weds, \$65
Add 5:00 - 6:00 workshop for \$15 more - Only coming Weds, \$20 more

- LL1 Developing Your Nonfiction Book – Bill Watkins
- LL2 Fiction Writer's Toolbox – Susan Baganz Lodwick
- LL3 Build Up Your Author Platform with Social Media – Dianne E. Butts
- LL4 Write Fast – Linda Evans Shepherd
- LL5 Writer, Thou Art Loosed! – Beatrice Bruno

Workshops 1 - \$25, 2 - \$40, 3 - \$55 | Weds only 1 - \$35, 2 - \$60, 3 - \$85

1:45 - 2:45

- E1 The Emotionally Fit Writer – Jendayi “J” Harris
- E2 Motivated Characters – Darcie Guder
- E3 Rock Your Reader Magnet – Debbie Maxwell Allen
- E4 Devoted to Devotions – Ava Pennington

3:00 - 4:00 Workshops

- E5 How to Write Great Marketing Copy – Karen Bouchard
- E6 Fiction Moves & Counter Moves – Jori Hanna
- E7 What to Do When the Words Are Not There – Roy Hanschke & Bob Ruesch
- E8 Using Negative Experiences for Positive Impact – Sherri Langton

5:00 - 6:00 Workshops

- E9 How-to & Why of Writing Poetry – Catherine Lawton & Angie Bass Williams
- E10 When God Calls You to Write – Terri Kalfas
- E11 How to Make a Living as a Freelance Writer – Michael Klassen
- E12 Pitching to Industry Professionals – Linda Glaz
- E13 Solving Plot Problems – Dave Lambert
- E14 Crafting a Winning Nonfiction Book Proposal – Cindy Lambert

6:00 Dinner - Dinner day of arrival through lunch day of departure included with lodging.

7:45 Keynote: Old Paths, Ancient Markers - Michael Gantt

9:15 Night Owls: Critique Group | Poetry Reading | Practice Your Pitch | Prayer

Thursday - May 14

7:30 Breakfast

8:00 Registration & Appointment Desk Open

8:30 Worship

Bible Study - Tim Shoemaker

Keynote: Our Voice in a Hostile Climate - Dr. Peter Lundell

9:45 Coffee Fellowship & Pass

10:15 Continuing Sessions

Choose one for the entire conference. See pages 4-5.

11:45 Lunch

1:15 Agents Panel or Going Indie Panel

2:15 Clinic (by application) or Workshop 1

3:30 Clinic or Workshop 2

4:45 Continuing Sessions

6:00 Dinner

7:15 Worship

Keynotes: The Price of Mercy

Dr. Bruce Porter

America at the Crossroads - 2020

Charles Patricoff

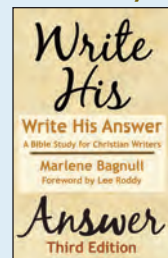
9:15 Night Owls

Issues Panel

Prayer Fellowship

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writehisanswer.com/bookstore.
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at the conference!

Friday - May 15

7:30 **Breakfast**

8:30 **Worship**

Keynote: Be Still and Know - Angie Bass Williams

9:45 **Magazine & Book Editors' Panels**

10:30 **Coffee Fellowship & Pass**

10:45 **Continuing Sessions**

12:00 **Lunch**

1:15 **Panel - Writers' Helps**

2:15 **Clinic *or* Workshop 3**

3:15 **Coffee Fellowship & Pass**

3:30 **Clinic *or* Workshop 4**

4:45 **Continuing Sessions**

6:00 **Dinner**

7:15 **Authors' Night
& Book Signing**

If you have published a book traditionally or indie, this is *your* night to give glory to God and encourage those who have not YET published.

9:30 **Night Owls:**

True Tales of Indie Publishing Success - Eric Sprinkle
Prayer Fellowship



*"Write my answer on a billboard,
large and clear,
so that anyone can read it at a glance
and rush to tell the others."*

Habakkuk 2:2 (TLB)

Saturday - May 16

7:30 **Breakfast**

8:30 **Worship**

Keynote: Find Your Place at the Table - Tim Shoemaker

9:45 **Magazine & Book Editors' Panels**

10:30 **Coffee Fellowship & Pass**

10:45 **Clinic *or* Workshop 5**

12:00 **Lunch**

1:00 **Continuing Sessions**

2:45 **Clinic *or* Workshop 6**

4:00 **Worship & Awards**

4:30 **Keynote:** One Word Changes Everything
David Rupert

5:15 **Time of Commitment**

5:30 **Depart to "Write His Answer"**

6:15 **Hayride & Chuck Wagon Dinner**

8:00 **Worship around Piano**

Sunday - May 16

7:30 **Breakfast** (*box lunches available*)

8:30 **New Testament Worship**

9:30 **Tour Rocky Mountain National Park**

*"CCWC goes beyond helping writers achieve publication.
CCWC equips writers to use their words to change the world."*

Marti Pieper

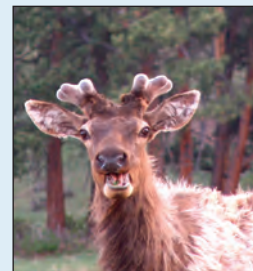
Next year's conference May 12-15, 2021

TEENS WRITE!

Saturday 9:45 - 3:45

See website for details

*A jam-packed day
filled with
new friends
& learning new skills.*



Location & FAQs



<http://ymcarockies.org>

YMCA OF THE ROCKIES, ESTES PARK CENTER

Adjoined on three sides by Rocky Mountain National Park, breathtaking scenery, elk, and glorious sunrises make bringing your camera a must! Both Alpen Inn and Long's Peak have hotel-style rooms and full private baths. All-you-can-eat buffet meals are included. You can keep your cost down and make a new friend by sharing a room with one or more other writers. The Y does roommate matching! You might want to rent a cabin (meals not included) and bring your family, or they may stay with you in Long's Peak or Alpen Inn, but please note that the YMCA charges for each person in the room. Family members are welcome to come free of charge to the keynotes and general sessions.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you need financial help to attend, you may apply at <http://Colorado.writehisanswer.com/Scholarships> for a Cecil Murphey full registration scholarship or a partial scholarship up to 50% off the registration fee. If you are writing a book from life experience, three \$100 Vickie Baker Memorial Scholarships are available.

Donations to our scholarship fund are needed and greatly appreciated!

WRITING CONTEST

More than a contest, this is an opportunity to prayerfully explore our conference theme, not just how He is calling you to "write His answer" but also what you have found to be His answer in the struggles you have faced, in 500-800 words or a 12- to 30-line poem. To give beginning writers a better opportunity, poetry and prose by published and not-yet-published writers will be judged as separate categories. Only registered conferees may enter. Send the \$10 entry fee (for each submission) when you register or with your manuscript.

In submitting your entry, you are offering the conference one-time rights to publish your entry in a future (no date yet determined) devotional book. If your work is accepted for publication, you will receive one free copy and a discount on purchasing additional copies. Profits will go to the scholarship fund. You may submit your manuscript elsewhere before or after the conference. You own the rights!

Email your entry (or entries) by **May 11** to Debbie Hardy, Contest Coordinator, dahardy6600@gmail.com. In the subject line put "CCWC Contest." In the body of your email type your name, the title of your entry, and whether or not you are published. Do not put your name on your attached entry. The first place winner in each of the four categories will receive 50% off the registration fee to the May 12-15, 2021, conference.

WRITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Do you know someone who exemplifies what it means to commit his or her writing to the Lord, to strive for excellence, to work hard, and to persevere? Nominations for our Writer of the Year Award should be emailed to mbagnnull@aol.com or mailed to CCWC at 951 Anders Road, Lansdale, PA 19446, postmarked no later than **May 6**.

BOOK TABLE

Add to your professional library from the huge selection of books available. You're welcome to bring books you have written. A 20% consignment fee will be charged on books sold. All major credit cards accepted. To help prepare for the conference, we urge you to visit <http://writehisanswer.com/Bookstore>. Books are sold at a discount, and sales help us with conference expenses.

Travel & Other Information

COMING BY PLANE? Plan to fly into Denver International Airport (DIA). If you need ground shuttle transportation to the YMCA (about 90 minutes from the airport, but the Estes Park Shuttle recommends allowing two hours because of stops along the way), be sure to check the shuttle times below.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION? Visit www.estesparkshuttle.com to make needed reservations for the ground shuttle from Denver International Airport to the YMCA lodges or call 970-586-5151. Price is \$55 one way; \$95 round trip. Pickup times at DIA: 8:00 or 10:00 a.m. and 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 or 10:00 p.m. Plan to allow at least 45 minutes from flight arrival to shuttle departure. Pick up times at YMCA for return to DIA: 5:00, 7:00, or 10:00 a.m. and 1:00, 4:00, or 7:00 p.m. Allow two hours travel time from the YMCA plus at least 90 minutes for airport check-in. You may want to consider renting a car, especially if you're traveling with someone.

RENTING A CAR AT THE AIRPORT? Head west (toward the mountains) on Peña Blvd. Take exit 6B, E-470 Tollway N, toward Boulder/Fort Collins (cost about \$5.00). Drive 17.5 miles to exit #47, I-25 N to Ft. Collins. Then follow directions from Denver & south below.

NEED TRANSPORTATION FROM LONGMONT, LYONS, OR BOULDER?

Visit www.estesparkshuttle.com or call 970-586-5151.

COMING BY CAR?

From Denver & south, take I-25 N to exit #243 Lyons/Longmont. Turn left on Hwy 66 through Longmont and into Lyons. In Lyons turn right on 36 West (a lovely drive thru Lyons Canyon). Once you're in Estes Park, follow signs to the YMCA of the Rockies.

From Ft. Collins & north, take I-25 South to US 34 West. Go through Loveland and continue west to Estes Park. Once you're in Estes Park, follow the signs to the YMCA.

Using a GPS - enter the YMCA's address: 2515 Tunnel Road, Estes Park, CO 80511.

For maps and detailed directions - www.ymcarockies.org/EPC-map.htm.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Weather permitting, we're again planning a horse-drawn hayride and chuck-wagon dinner around a campfire. Cost is \$29. Pay at the conference. It's a memory-maker. Bring jeans and a jacket.

SUNDAY - WORSHIP & TOUR THE ROCKIES! - What better way to close our time together than worshiping the Lord and viewing His spectacular handiwork in Rocky Mountain National Park? We'll meet for worship at 8:30 a.m. and then form car pools to tour the park. Free box lunches are available for those staying Saturday night.

Mileage to Estes Park

75 - Denver
30 - Loveland
42 - Ft. Collins
63 - Granby
48 - Grand Lake

Cheyenne - 75
Longmont - 30
Boulder - 38
Winter Park - 109
Colorado Springs - 138



YMCA Lodging Reservation 2020

Rates include lodging and all meals beginning with the evening meal on the day of arrival and ending with the noon meal on the day of departure. Rates are per person, per night, based upon the number of adults sharing the room, and must be for consecutive nights. Rooms in Long's Peak have two queen beds, accommodates up to 4 people; Alpen Inn has two queen beds and one sofa bed, accommodates up to 5 people. Both have full bath, telephone, and high-speed wireless Internet.

	5/13-16, 3 nights (Wed-Sat)	5/11(Mon), 5/12(Tue), 5/13(Wed) 5/14(Thu), 5/17(Sun)	5/15(Fri) & 5/16(Sat)
Single	\$449.00 for 3 nights	\$138.00 per night	\$173.00 per night
2 to a room	\$290.50 for 3 nights	\$ 91.00 per night	\$108.50 per night
3 to a room	\$237.68 for 3 nights	\$ 75.34 per night	\$ 87.00 per night
4 to a room (sharing a bed)	\$211.25 for 3 nights	\$ 67.50 per night	\$ 76.25 per night
5 to a room (Alpen Inn only, sharing a bed)	\$195.40 for 3 nights	\$ 62.80 per night	\$ 69.80 per night
Children age 6-12	\$ 69.00 for 3 nights	\$ 23.00 per night	\$ 23.00 per night

Reservation # 730909



ESTES PARK CENTER
YMCA of the Rockies

I wish to share a room with _____
for a total occupancy of ____ # people including myself. Please submit reservation forms together.

Please choose roommates for me: ☐One ☐Two ☐Three ☐Four ☐Female ☐Male
☐I want a private room ☐Ground floor (no stairs) ☐Handicapped room needed

	Additional Meals	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Total meals \$
Wednesday		\$10.50	\$13.00	\$15.50	
Thursday		_____	_____	_____	Total due \$
Friday		_____	_____	_____	(meals & lodging)
Saturday		_____	_____	_____	Deposit enclosed \$
					Balance due \$

Note: Breakfast & lunch need to be purchased separately ONLY the day you arrive.

Your lodging meal plan begins with dinner day of arrival and ends with lunch day of departure.

Name _____ ☐Male ☐Female
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (day) _____ Phone (night) _____
Email _____ Phone (cell) _____

☐ Check enclosed payable to YMCA of the Rockies/Estes Park Center ☐ Charge my Visa / MC / Discover / Amex (circle) Card # _____ Exp _____ CID (3 digit # on back) _____
Amount Authorized \$ _____ (minimum 35% deposit or full payment with sales tax) Name (as appears on card) _____

Reservation Deadline: Reservations made after March 11 are on a space-available basis. We encourage you to make your reservation early, especially if you are requesting the YMCA to match you with a roommate.

Sales tax of 5.7% (subject to change) will be added.

Check In/Out: Rooms available by 6:00 p.m. Check out by 10:00 a.m.

Deposits/Cancellations: A 35% deposit is required with each reservation. The balance plus tax is due upon check-in. Deposits are non-refundable if canceled on or after April 13. If you cancel before April 13, 75% of your deposit will be refunded. Make checks payable to YMCA of the Rockies/Estes Park Center. Visa / MC / Discover / American Express accepted.

Questions: Call Estes Park Center Group Registrar
970-586-3341 ext 1040 or email Mark at mmarsh@ymcarockies.org

Mail this form (NOT your conference registration form) to:

Group Registrar
Estes Park Center / YMCA of the Rockies
PO Box 20550
Estes Park, CO 80511

Paying by credit card, you may fax to 970-586-3501

You may register securely online at
<http://Colorado.writehisanswer.com>
using PayPal.

CCWC 2020 Registration

Your lodging reservation needs to be
sent directly to the Estes Park Center
YMCA of the Rockies.

Name _____ Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone Day _____ Night _____ Cell _____

Registration Fee:

Wednesday: Cost of optional afternoon labs & workshops below. No charge for evening.
Postmark or online by March 20
Postmark or online by April 15
Postmark or online by May 8

	One Day Circle 1 - T F S	Two Days Circle 2 - T F S	Three Days T F S
	\$170	\$290	\$365
	\$180	\$310	\$390
	\$190	\$330	\$415

☐ After May 8 & walk-ins add \$15 to May 8 price. **Registration Fee** (circled above) \$ _____

Discounts (only one @10%) ☐ Alumni any year ☐ Senior (65+) ☐ Pastor ☐ Full-time student
☐ Spouse attending each 25% ☐ Teen (18 & under) 60% ☐ Scholarship _____ \$ _____

YMCA Commuter Fee \$20 a day \$ _____ **Nonrefundable administrative fee** \$ 10

Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner **Total commuter fee & registration** \$ _____

	\$10.50	\$13.00	\$15.50
Wednesday	_____	_____	_____
Thursday	_____	_____	_____
Friday	_____	_____	_____
Saturday	_____	_____	_____

Staying in Alpen Inn or Long's Peak? Dinner day of arrival thru lunch day of departure included. Cabin renters & commuters may order meals now or pay in dining hall. Children 6-12 not staying in Long's Peak or Alpen Inn: Breakfast \$7.00, Lunch \$8.50, Dinner \$10.50. Ages 0-5 free.

Options: Wednesday Learning Labs & Workshops **Cost of meals checked** \$ _____

1:45 - 4:45 (\$40, Weds only \$65) with 5:00 - 6:00 workshop (+ \$15, Weds only + \$20) \$ _____
1:45 - 2:45 3:00 - 4:00 5:00 - 6:00 1 - \$25, 2 - \$40, 3 - \$55 (Weds only 1 - \$35, 2 - \$60, 3 - \$85)

Private 30-minute critique(s) - See website for availability on first-come basis
_____ \$35 each \$ _____

☐ **Teens Write!** \$35, after April 16 \$45. Not a Y member or staying on campus add \$20. Pizza \$7 \$ _____

Clinics - Complete application at <http://colorado.writehisanswer.com/clinics> no later than April 16, register for entire conference & pay additional \$65 on acceptance. I plan to apply for: ☐ Fiction Clinic
☐ Nonfiction Book Proposal Clinic ☐ Speakers' Clinic ☐ Book Promo Power Pack

☐ **Donation to scholarship fund** (not tax deductible) \$ _____

☐ **Contest entry** - \$10 each \$ _____ **TOTAL** (Make checks payable to CCWC) \$ _____

Cancellations: Full refund less \$50 thru May 1. **Emergencies:** Full refund.

Questions? Email mbagnnull@aol.com or call 484-991-8581 or 267-436-2503

Mail to: CCWC, 951 Anders Road, Lansdale, PA 19446-5419

Writing skill level: ☐ Professional ☐ Advanced - publishing regularly

☐ Intermediate - a few sales ☐ Novice - some submissions, no sales yet

☐ Beginner - no submissions

☐ I'm in a wheelchair or have other special needs. (Please note on reverse.)

☐ I'm staying on campus in ☐ Long's Peak ☐ Alpen Inn ☐ Cabin

☐ I'm flying ☐ Renting a car at airport ☐ Taking Estes Park Shuttle

☐ I attended CCWC in _____ year(s).

☐ I will be consigning books (20% consignment fee on books sold)

☐ I am interested in helping with: ☐ Set-up Tuesday/Wednesday ☐ Transportation

☐ Coffee Breaks ☐ Publicity: Send _____ brochures. ☐ Cleanup Monday

WORKSHOP CHOICES

See grid on pages 8-9 for codes. Place one X in each row of days attending.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1 -Thurs 2:15							
2 -Thurs 3:30							
3 - Fri 2:15							
4 - Fri 3:30							
5 - Sat 10:45							
6 - Sat 2:45							

CONTINUING SESSION

Need time payments? See website. Choose one for entire conference. See pages 4 - 5. # _____
For planning purposes. You're not locked into your choices.

Charge my credit card # _____

CID # (last 3 digits on back) _____ Exp _____ Billing zip _____

Name on card _____

Signature _____ Amount \$ _____

A Message from the Director

Marlene Bagnull



Marlene is the author of five books, including *Write His Answer: A Bible Study for Christian Writers*, in print for 28 years, and the compiler/editor of four other books. She also has made over 1,000 sales to Christian periodicals. Marlene gives Write His Answer Seminars around the nation, leads two critique groups, and helps Christians publish affordably and professionally through Ampelos Press. She has directed the Colorado Christian Writers Conference since 1997 and the Greater Philly Christian Writers Conference, which she founded, since 1983.

For such a time as this God is raising up an army of Christians to “write His answer” to the critical needs facing our nation and world. In the midst of growing hostility to Christ, we must not be silent. Whether you write fiction or nonfiction, for children or adults, CCWC will equip you to write about a God who is real, who is reachable, and who changes lives.

- ◆ Be inspired in our general sessions to “write His answer.”
- ◆ Sharpen your writing and marketing skills from your choice of 8 continuing sessions plus 42 workshops or 4 clinics.
- ◆ Choose from 5 exciting 3-hour learning labs Wednesday afternoon for only \$40 or 14 optional hour-long workshops (1 - \$25, 2 - \$40, 3 - \$55). Coming a distance? Tuesday night lodging is available.
- ◆ Learn from 56 faculty members—many new to CCWC!
- ◆ Meet one-on-one with faculty. Early birds are entitled to SIX appointments!
- ◆ Participate in our Authors’ Night and Book Signing.
- ◆ Form deep friendships with others who share your passion for words and the Lord.

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Guideposts
Leading Hearts magazine
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Right to the Heart Ministries
Scrivener & Vellum Expert

*“CCWC is where I met my editor,
agent, acquisitions editor, and
publicist. Great place to connect
with others in the writing industry.
And information-packed classes!”*

Debbie Hardy