

April 15, 2018

Hi conferees –

Just a quick email (this time).

Reminder – Appointment Request Forms are due tomorrow, April 16. However, since I suspect some of you, like me, may still be working on your taxes (well I'm filing a request for an extension as I do every year), I'm going to give you until **Wednesday, April 18**. And do not stress if you can't meet that date. You can still submit your appointment requests through April 30. [Click here](#) for the needed form.

Reminder – Clinic Applications are due tomorrow, April 16. I'm also extending that date until April 18. [Click here](#) for info and the needed application. CCWC's clinics are a great opportunity for hands-on help and for developing close friendships with other writers. Unlike the workshops, the clinics are not recorded.

- **Fiction Intensive** with Tim Shoemaker. Tim will "show you how to take your writing to the next level."
- **Nonfiction Book Proposal Clinic** with Cindy Lambert.

*Proposal-writing classes have always left me feeling a bit bewildered. Each instructor had their own, different list of "musts," "dos," and "don'ts." The fog lifted for me after working with Cindy Lambert at CCWC. A delightful and caring mentor, I would have enjoyed her class under any circumstances. But as a teacher Cindy really zeroed in on: WHAT we needed to include in our proposal, WHY that information was important to an Acquisitions Editor, WHERE each section should be shown for optimum effect, HOW to dig deeply to uncover what made our writing stand out in a crowd, and, maybe most importantly, WHO are our readers? It took my understanding of writing and publishing to a whole new level. **Lori Hynson – Phoenixville, PA***

- **Build Your Author Platform** with Dianne E. Butts. Using absolutely free resources, Dianne will show you how to effectively build your platform.
- **Speakers' Clinic** with Roy Hanschke.

*It's often said that writing and speaking go hand in hand. That's why I'm grateful that CCWC offered Roy's Speakers' Clinic. Roy is a dynamic example of "show don't tell" as he actually demonstrates different methods of effective communication. Each participant had the opportunity to try out Roy's suggestions in a safe and encouraging atmosphere. We learned from each other and went home with a notebook full of useful instructions on how to become a more skillful communicator. **Sue Cameron – Augusta, GA***

Continuing Sessions & Workshops – About 30 of you have not told us what continuing session you plan to take. Probably a similar number have also not chosen workshops. You are NOT

locked in to your choices, but it is important for us to have an idea so we can effectively plan. Please email Barb at haleybarb@yahoo.com.

And don't forget Wednesday's early bird workshops – See [my April 12 updates email](#). You also should have received an email last night, "How to Write a Book AND Get It Published!" It was written by faculty member Debbie Hardy about her new workshop from 1:00 – 2:00 on Wednesday. If you didn't get the email, please let me know for that means you're not on my Constant Contact list. You can access Debbie's message on my blog at <http://writehisanswer.wordpress.com>.

More important info is in the online registration acknowledgment. You received the link to it ([click here](#)) when you registered online. If you registered via the USPS, forgive me if I slipped up and did not send you this URL. It's where you'll find the link to the appointment request form and other need-to-know info.

Well, I thought this was going to be short. Please forgive me if I'm overwhelming you. I've served on the faculty of over 70 Christian writers conferences and have always found it helpful (and less stressful) to have as much info as possible going into a conference. If you are feeling stressed, when you take those feelings to the Lord, would you also please pray for me and Barb. Can you imagine what's it's like to be working on not one but two conferences? Your prayers are needed and appreciated.

Thank You, Father, for all You are doing and are going to do.

In Him – Marlene P.S. To help you, I finally uploaded a check list to help you prepare. [Click here](#).

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