

Heading Home with a plan

On overload—what to do

A few stress busters

Letting what's unimportant sift out-see what remains

Recap the best/worst

List these items and notes on how each can help you grow as a writer

Editors and authors met

Comments received

Thank you notes

But I have a dream... and someone crushed it

Resurrect the dream:

New perspective

New goals

Overnight Success takes years

Read *Visioneering* by Andy Stanley

Set Goals

List short term of who wants something now

Set a writing time/place

Create an idea file of what you can write

Stay connected

Follow up with someone you met and can keep in touch with about writing

Join a critique group or make a commitment to be more involved

Use the writing books/tapes bought/will order

Connect to the industry—thewritersview@group.io, PW, ECPA

Start the Next Conference Preparations

Catalogue your ideas to share at a future conference

Create pitches

Network and build your platform

Match up to who is coming next year

Take the pitches to your critique group

Study the writing craft and marketing

Be in **TOP 10%** of submissions

- Brief and direct query letters/cover letters
- Match publisher's needs
- Know target reader
- Give great takeaways
- Follow guidelines
- Do a final inspection and recheck the guidelines

Conference Follow up

WHAT GOD HAS CALLED ME TO DO

Most encouraging message received at conference

Editors met/comments from each

Authors met/encouragement from them

Aspiring writers met/network opportunities

Biggest lesson learned

Area I need to improve

Discouraging comments and how I can make changes to counter them

Follow up assignments from editors
Articles/queries to send in

Proposals requested

Ideas popping in my head now to file or work on

Accountability partner/contact

Goals

Monthly goal

Weekly goal

Best times to write

Schedule days/times for writing (put on calendar also)

First thing to complete and submit

Writing schedule

Building marketing

Training I can take

Platform I can build

Quote that encourages me

Date I'll re-evaluate goals _____

Recommended Resources

Free blogs all about marketing/books:

<http://christianauthorsnetwork.com>

<http://thewriteconversation.blogspot.com>

E-group for writers

The View

thewritersview@groups.io

word weavers and area groups

Books

2018 Christian Writers Market Guide (good for articles/book publishers confusing/mixes big/small one)

Speaking Up With Confidence by Carol Kent

Pyromarketing by Greg Stielstra

The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell

Articles! Articles! Articles! by Linda Gilden

Writing coaches

I am a writing life coach (will be certified in May) and know other writing life coaches if you need someone to walk alongside you in the writing/publishing journey

Critique groups

Check the *Christian Writers Market Guide*

Other helps

To find top blogs on your topic (helps you find readers)

<http://www.blogtopsites.com/>