



# Colorado Christian Writers Conference - 2017

## \*\*\* Check-Off List - To Help You Prepare \*\*\*

- ✓ Meditate on Habakkuk 2:1-2, the conference theme, and the Scriptures in the **“Write His Answer” Bible study**. What is the Lord saying to you? You may want to share what He shows you by entering the poetry or prose **contest**. (Published and not-yet-published writers are judged in separate groups.) Entries must be postmarked by **May 10**. If you did not pay the \$10 contest fee when you registered, you can enclose a check with your entry.
- ✓ Clinic applications are due **April 15**. Click on [Colorado.writehisanswer.com/Clinics](http://colorado.writehisanswer.com/Clinics) for more info and an application. You’ll be notified whether or not you’ve been accepted by **April 21**. On acceptance you will need to pay the \$65 clinic fee and submit requested items.
- ✓ If you’ve requested a paid critique, email your manuscript to Barb Haley ([bhaley@writehisanswer.com](mailto:bhaley@writehisanswer.com)) by **April 30**. If you did not request a paid critique when you registered, I encourage you to review the list of genres and critiquers at <http://colorado.writehisanswer.com/paidcritiques>. This is a great opportunity to get professional input.
- ✓ Don’t miss signing up for **one-on-one appointments** with editors and authors. It’s wise to periodically check the website for changes, additions, and editorial needs. Early registrants will receive preference according to the order they registered for the conference if their request is received no later than **April 15**. After April 15 requests for appointments will be scheduled in the order received. All requests must be received no later than **April 30** via the appointment request form. You will receive the link when the editorial needs and Barb Haley’s helpful charts are posted online by March 1.
- ✓ If you want to talk to editors about a book manuscript, I encourage you to order my “Get Your Book in Print” CD album or individual CDs. If you want to talk to magazine editors, you’ll find my CD, “Put Your Best Foot Forward,” helpful. More info at <http://writehisanswer.com/Bookstore>.
- ✓ Don’t forget to make your reservation with the YMCA as soon as possible. Remember, lodging includes meals and the Y will do roommate matching. In addition, if you’re not a YMCA member, you’ll save needing to pay the \$15 daily YMCA Commuter Fee. You may want to arrive Tuesday afternoon, May 16, for:
  - ✍ Quiet time with the Lord before the start of the conference.
  - ✍ Time to adjust to the altitude. If you are not accustomed to being 8,010 feet above sea level, it is very important that you eat lightly and drink lots of water (not coffee or soda)!
- ✓ Don’t miss the Wednesday afternoon **Early Bird Workshops**. One workshop \$25; two workshops \$40; three workshops \$55. Pre-registration appreciated. No charge for the First-timer’s Orientation from 3:30 - 4:00 on Wednesday.
- ✓ Bring several copies of your manuscript(s) (your one-sheet, first chapter, and if you have it ready a full book proposal) to show to agents, editors and/or authors during appointment times. Even if you do not pre-schedule any appointments, you may find there is someone you would like to meet with. For help making the best choices [click here](#). For helpful how-to’s to prepare for your appointments [click here](#).
- ✓ Bring your Bible, notebook, pens/pencils, sun screen, jacket (best to plan to dress in layers), and business cards to give to editors and other conferees. (We do not print a roster because of ways it has been misused in the past.)
- ✓ Bring cash, checks, or a credit card to buy writing how-to books, tapes, and books autographed by our faculty and conferees. (They make great gifts to bring home.) You are welcome to bring books you have written for sale at the book table and to participate in the author interviews and book signing on Thursday evening. A 20% consignment fee is charged on books sold. Please clearly mark the price on each book and complete the **consignment form** you can download or pick up at the book table when you arrive.
- ✓ Come well rested! We pack each day of the conference to give you the most for the investment of your time and money and to give everyone on faculty who want to teach the opportunity to do so. But please do not feel you need to attend everything. That’s why we record the conference.
- ✓ Most important, please pray for the faculty, staff, and other conferees as they prepare for this year’s conference.

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