TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
MONTROSE CHRISTIAN WRITERS CONFERENCE

July 16-21, 2017

Equipping Writers for Eternal Significance

"Oh that my words were now written!
Oh that they were printed in a book!"
Job 19:23

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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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<td>Keynote : Discover your Calling/Find your Gift</td>
<td>Torry Martin</td>
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### A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR:

“Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book!”

How more poignant could these words from the book of Job be for a writer! How many times have you whispered the same in a prayer or asked God for guidance as you sat in front of your computer?

As you attend this year’s conference and learn from top-notch authors, agents, and editors, I pray you’ll be challenged to apply the principles and techniques presented to write to the best of your ability. Very few writers are fortunate to start their career with a published book. Climbing the ladder of success to the top—“the book deal”—often requires years of study, critiquing, learning, revising, and, yes, rejection. But determined writers become determined published authors. If God has called you to write, write to please Him. That book deal just might be in His plan for your life.

Marsha Hubler
Director, MCWC

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“I felt so close to God this week.”

—from a 2016 Conferee
CONTINUING CLASSES
Designed to provide in-depth learning and participation. Most valuable when taken as a series but all are open to those who cannot attend every day.

MAJOR MORNING CLASSES
10:40-12:10 Mon.-Thurs.

1. WHAT’S THE BIG IDEA? (ADVANCED FICTION) TORRY MARTIN
2. WHERE DO I BEGIN? (HELP FOR NEWBIES) BARBARA SCOTT
3. THE JOURNEY TO PUBLISHING NONFICTION B. J. TAYLOR
4. THE ART & CRAFT OF POETRY LORA ZILL

WORK-IN-PROGRESS SEMINARS
Morning 10:40-12:10 Monday – Thursday (Class size: Limit 8 conferees)

1. PICTURE BOOKS FOR PUBLICATION CAROL WEDEVEN
2. READY, SET, WRITE ... AND FINISH (TEEN TRACK) CATHY MAYFIELD

*Afternoon: 2:30 - 3:15 Monday - Wednesday (Class size: Limit 6 conferees)

3. *POETRY BOOT CAMP LORA ZILL

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP SERIES
HOW-TO INSTRUCTION ON SPECIALIZED TOPICS

BLOGGING 101 & THE SOCIAL MEDIA DON CATLETT
3 Sessions: 1:30 Tues. – Thurs.

AN EDITOR’S PET PEEVES VIE HERLOCKER
4 Sessions: 2:30 Mon. – Thurs.

DRAMA THAT MATTERS PATTI SOUDER
4 Sessions: 2:30 Mon., 1:30 Tues. – Thurs.

WRITING FOR CHILDREN CAROL WEDEVEN
3 Sessions: 2:30 Tues. – Thurs.

EVENING EVENTS
MONDAY: TORRY’S POTPOURRI:
An organic event that will leave you talking. Whether that’s good or bad is yet to be determined.

TUESDAY: MASTER-piece PAINT NIGHT or TORRY’S MOVIE or FREE TIME
Painting: a fun activity simplified so anyone can do it. Cost for the event is $20. Limit 20 (Dave Weiss)
A Night at the Movies: View one of Torry Martin’s latest films, “Heaven Bound.”

WEDNESDAY: PICTURES OF JESUS:
Dave Weiss will present “Pictures of Jesus,” a program including storytelling, video, and five live paintings each painted in six minutes or less.

THURSDAY: WRITERS’ THEATER:
Bring your own work, an excerpt from a short story, memoir, novel, or a poem and trimmed to three minutes, and read it to the conferees at the Writers’ Theater.

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WORSHIP LEADERS
Conrad and Donna Krieger: accomplished musicians, who have traveled worldwide presenting concerts & workshops in churches & conferences. Conrad has been a church music director for many years. He plays the piano, guitar, & flugelhorn. Donna has taught music at the college level and is a pianist, vocalist, writer, & arranger. The Kriegers have recorded 13 albums, & Donna’s publications include solo, duet, piano & choir arrangements, as well as two original cantatas.

A warm, family-friendly atmosphere with the highest degree of professionalism
– from a 2016 Conferee
DARLENE CATLETT: began her career in copy editing in 2002 while working on the very popular Lamplighter series. Has had the joy of helping several first-time authors polish their books for print & seasoned in 4 years as the editor of a quarterly magazine & multiple newsletters. She lives by this motto: “I’m serious about editing... but not too serious to enjoy a good laugh over it!”

DON CATLETT: has worked at the crossroads of web design, photography, marketing, & social media for more years than he cares to count. Since launching Clearly See Media in 2008, he continues to work as a digital advertising specialist for companies including Amazon Publ., Lamplighter Publ., QVC, The Shopping Channel, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and many retail & service businesses.

MIKE DELLOSSO: the author of a dozen novels and several non-fiction titles. In addition to his writing he’s also a writing teacher, adjunct professor, and healthcare worker. He lives in PA with his wife, five daughters, & their border collie, Kylo.

JIM HART: has been a full-time agent with Hartline Literary Agency for 3 years, though he’s been involved in the family business on-and-off for many years, reading proposals & attending conferences. Also a musician/songwriter/worship leader. He’s looking for fictional suspense, romance, women’s fiction, some sci-fi, & non-fiction: Christian living, church growth, & social issues.


JEANNETTE LEVELLIE: Pastor’s wife & author of 4 books & hundreds of stories. Newspaper columnist since 2001 with the popular weekly humor/inspirational column “God is Greater.” Humorist & inspirational speaker for over 20 years. Member of the Christian Authors Network, Advanced Speakers and Writers Assoc., WomenSpeakers.com, & The Christian Pen.

TORY MARTIN: Award-winning actor, comedian, and author who writes comedy sketches, screenplays, and humor columns. Writes for “Adventures in Odyssey,” creating the character of Wooton Bassett. His most recent acting roles include The Ultimate Legacy and Matchbreaker.

CATHY MAYFIELD: With a passion to use God’s gifts to help young students/writers find their calling and have fun doing so, Cathy spent 25+ years homeschooling & teaching writing classes. Several students, including her three daughters, went on to win awards for their writing. Her motto? “I was born to teach!”

GLORIA PENWELL: Her expertise & love of writing comes from years of travel with her husband, Dan, attending writers’ conferences together while Dan was acquis. editor at AMG Publ. Currently she’s acquis. editor for Bold Vision Books. Looking for fiction: romance, mysteries, historical. No fantasy. Nonfiction: Christian living & Bible studies in our Nuts and Bolts imprint: craft books for arts and business, how-to books on teaching, preaching, speaking, marketing & social media.

BARBARA SCOTT: An inspirational book editor for more than 18 years, Barbara’s also an author. Gilead Publishing recently released her novella “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” in an inspirational collection, Sleigh Bells Ring. In the mid-1990s, she published 2 bestselling novels & numerous gift books & devotionals before her long stint as a senior acquis. editor for several Christian publishers.

PATTI SOUDER: former MCWC director whose articles, short stories, poems, & drama sketches have appeared in various publications such as The War Cry, Guideposts, Power for Living, and Pockets. Has written or contributed to 14 published books & has written & produced a number of plays & musicals. Many of her drama sketches can be found at www.AlphaStarDrama.com.

DIANE STARK: a freelance writer the last 10 years. Published in 35 Chicken Soup for the Soul books & dozens of magazines, including Focus on the Family, Woman’s World, War Cry, & Faith and Friends. Published in children’s publications, including Our Little Friend & has received 3 Church Press Awards for her writing with The Salvation Army. The author of a devotional book for teachers.


CAROL WEDEVEN: author of 11 children’s books, curriculum, poetry, fillers, short stories, & drama scripts. Enjoys drama improvisation, plays with words, hosts a critique group, and mentors writers.

DAVE WEISS: Pastor/Author, Dave’s worked in the visual arts since 1986. Travels the U.S. using art to communicate the gospel. Written and/or illustrated 18 books on creativity & creative ministry & has ministered in over 150 churches in the last 4 years using art & storytelling to challenge people to use their gifts to serve the Lord.

CRITIQUE GROUPS & GENRES of INTEREST GROUPS: Opportunity for feedback from other writers. No charge. Held from Monday to Thursday at 4:30.

BOOK TABLE: Features books by faculty and conferees. When registering, please indicate books you’ve written which you would like to sell.

BUDGET BOOK SALE: Too many books on your shelves? Bring them with you and donate them to our Budget Book Sale. Looking for some good books at budget prices? Check out this special sale. All proceeds go to the General Scholarship Fund.

RECORDINGS: Listen to the sessions you missed or those you want to hear again. (Easily loaded into your computer.)

SCHOLARSHIPS:
- Shirley Brinkerhoff Memorial Scholarship - $100 grant for tuition: Awarded to a writer actively striving to hone the craft of writing who has not yet secured a publishing contract. Applications are available at montrosebible.org/writers.htm.
- General Scholarship help is available according to need. Please inquire when registering.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MEETING PLACE: Whether you’re planning your own retreat or attending one of our unique and inspiring event experiences, Montrose Bible Conference is the right location for you, your family, and friends to experience God! Nestled in the “endless mountains” of northeastern Pennsylvania, you will find yourself surrounded by the peace of God’s majestic creation in an atmosphere of fun, fellowship, and learning. We invite your spouses and friends to come with you to relax while you attend classes!

WHAT TO BRING: your Bible, manuscripts for critique and/or presentation to editors and agents, short pieces for Writers’ Theater, a sturdy bag for freebies, notebook, pens, laptop computer, casual clothes, comfortable shoes, umbrella, sweater or light jacket.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: available on our website at www.MontroseBible.org

Flying? The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AVP) and Binghamton (BGM) airports are about an hour from the Bible Conference. Transportation from these airports can be arranged if requested in advance.

Interested in winning a free book? Include a short piece (300 word limit) related to our theme, “Equipping Writers for Eternal Significance: Will I Ever Write a Book?”
2017 MCWC REGISTRATION

TUITION 190.00

TEEN TUITION (Ages 18 and under) 75.00

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT if registered by June 15 -15.00

PROMOTER’S DISCOUNT Subtract $10.00 for each first-timer you bring -

COMMUTERS’ LUNCH PACKAGE Monday-Thursday 30.00

PER DIEM TUITION (Includes lunch) 60.00

PROFESSIONAL CRITIQUE with: ___________________________ 40.00

WORK IN PROGRESS (Picture Books: Carol Wedeven) 40.00

WORK IN PROGRESS (Teen: Cathy Mayfield) 25.00

WORK IN PROGRESS (Poetry: Lora Zill) 25.00

PRIVATE BLOGGING SESSION (Don Catlett) 20.00

MASTER-piece PAINT NIGHT 20.00

LODGING AND MEALS: Weekly: Daily:
(Double occupancy) (Sunday supper – Friday breakfast) (1 night, 3 meals)
Torrey Home, private bath $390 $83
Lily Hill Inn, private bath, AC $390 $83
Dreyer Lodge, private bath, AC $360 $80
Add 25% for single occupancy request

SPECIAL PRICING FOR TEEN LODGING: CALL FOR INFORMATION

LODGING ONLY:
RV Court (water, electric, sewer) $145 $30
RV Court (water, electric) $115 $24
RV Court (no hookups) $70 $15

TOTAL COST __________________

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Minimum deposit $45.00) __________________

Name ________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________
Phone (___) ___________________ E-mail: _____________________
Roommate Choice ________________________________________
Books I’ve written and will bring to sell ______________________

Major Morning Class: Please choose one (if not registering for a Morning Work-in-Progress):
☐ Martin (Advanced Fiction) ☐ Scott (Just Starting) ☐ Taylor (Nonfiction) ☐ Zill (Poetry)

Workshops: Please list the workshop number for each class period you expect to attend:

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First time?_________ Attended before?_________ When? ________________

Inquire about the Pastor’s courtesy discount for lodging/meal package.
JULY 16-21 2017

- Daily Inspirational Sessions
- Great Evening Programs
- 4 Continuing Morning Classes
- 3 Work-in-Progress Seminars
- 43 Afternoon Workshops
- 1 Faculty Panel Discussion
- Professional Critiques and Consults
- Hands-on Mentoring Opportunities
- Appointments with Editors and Agents

If you write, or want to write, you must go! – from a 2016 Conferee

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