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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL

MONTROSE CHRISTIAN WRITERS CONFERENCE

*Equipping Writers
for Eternal
Significance*

"LORD, may the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing in your eyes."
(Psalm 19:14a)

- PROFESSIONAL CRITIQUES AND CONSULTS
- HANDS-ON MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES
- APPOINTMENTS WITH EDITORS AND AGENTS
- DAILY INSPIRATIONAL SESSIONS
- GREAT EVENING PROGRAMS
- 4 CONTINUING MORNING CLASSES
- 1 WORK-IN-PROGRESS SEMINAR
- 43 AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS
- 1 FACULTY PANEL DISCUSSION

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

3:30	REGISTRATION OPENS	Lobby, Dreyer Lodge
5:30	SUPPER	Tea Room, Dreyer Lodge
7:30	OPENING SESSION	Chapel, Dreyer Lodge
	Keynote: "The Weak Writer"	Bob Hostetler
9:00	GET ACQUAINTED TIME	Chapel, Dreyer Lodge

MONDAY-THURSDAY

8:00	BREAKFAST	
8:45	MEDITATION	
9:00	PRAISE & WORSHIP	Donna & Conrad Krieger
9:30	MORNING CHALLENGE	
	M: "The Kite, the King, and the Keyboard".	Ginny Merritt
	T: "Truth-Full Writing"	Nancy Lohr
	W: "What's the Manna with God?"	Karen Whiting
	Th: "Write So Heaven Will Be Different" ...	Lin Johnson
10:25	BREAK	
10:40	MAJOR MORNING CLASSES	
12:30	LUNCH	
1:30	AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS	
4:30	CRITIQUE GROUPS or FREE TIME	
5:30	SUPPER and FREE TIME	
7:30	EVENING SESSIONS	
	M: The "Pugs" Party.....	Kathy Ide, Vie Herlocker
	T: Free Time/Rehearsal for Wednesday Evening	
	W: "Make Your Pitch!"	
	Th: Writers' Theater	Patti Souder

FRIDAY:

8:00	BREAKFAST	
8:45	MEDITATION/WORSHIP and CHALLENGE ..	Kathy Ide
11:00	BENEDICTION and FAREWELL	

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR:

A writer's written words come from the writer's heart. Do you write to earn money or to please God?

It's my earnest prayer when you attend this year's conference that you'll bring a tender heart and willing spirit to learn all you can from top-notch authors, agents, and editors. As you go home, may you use the knowledge you've gained to think the truth, speak the truth, then write the truth in whatever genre God has called you. If God has called you to write, I pray you do so to please Him. You just might find that coveted book contract in your hands.

Marsha Hubler, *Director, MCWC*

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 Monday – Thursday

- 1. YOUR BEST NONFICTION BOOK NOW** Bob Hostetler
- 2. WRITING FOR CHILDREN** Nancy Lohr
- 3. MARKETING THAT FITS YOUR STYLE** Karen Whiting
- 4. SO YOU WANT TO WRITE?** Jeanette Windle

WORK-IN-PROGRESS SEMINAR

(Class size: Limit 8 conferees)

Morning 10:40-12:10 Monday – Thursday

JUVENILE FICTION WIP

Best-Selling Author Of 125 Books

Nancy Rue

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP SERIES

(How-to instruction on specialized topics)

BLOGGING 101 & THE SOCIAL MEDIA

6 Sessions: 1:30 –2:15; 2:30-3:15 Tues. – Thurs. . . Don Catlett

LEARNING THE PUBLISHING PATH STEP BY STEP

4 Sessions: 2:30 – 3:15 Mon. – Thurs. Cindy Sproles

EVENING EVENTS

MONDAY: THE PUGS SEMINAR

Are you sure you know where all those commas go? How about “em” dashes? Apostrophes? Join this fun activity presented by Kathy Ide and Vie Herlocker, which will be entertaining as well as informative and will make you a better writer.

TUESDAY: FREE TIME OR REHEARSAL FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING

WEDNESDAY: MAKE YOUR PITCH

Here's your chance to share your book idea for no more than one minute to an audience of your peers AND a panel of faculty members, who will give you their honest opinion. Wear a character's costume, sing, or be as creative as you like to get your point across. Do you have the nerve?

THURSDAY: WRITERS' THEATER

Another opportunity for you to shine! 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, a delightful program that celebrates your creativity.

“I love the spiritual emphasis the conference has; the morning Praise and Worship times highlight it.”

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

MONDAY

1:30-2:15	1. Indie Publishing vs. Royalty Publishing. What's New?	Faculty Panel
2:30-3:15	2. Writing the True-Life Title	Jeanette Windle
	3. Build, Steal, Outsource	Chris Morris
	4. Working with Your Editor	Cindy Sproles
	5. Selling What You Write (Marketing)	Lin Johnson
3:30-4:15	6. Creative Devotions as a Well Spring for Writing	Ginny Merritt
	7. The Future in Writing for Children & Youth. Is There One?	Nancy Rue
	8. Tips & Tools for Effective Research	Lisa Crayton
	9. Self-Publishing: The Writing Process	Michelle Lazurek

TUESDAY

1:30-2:15	10. Blogging/Social Media (Part One)	Don Catlett
	11. Freelance Editing	Kathy Ide
	12. Setting Up your Home Business	Chris Morris
	13. Writing for Early Readers	Michelle Lazurek
2:30-3:15	14. Blogging/Social Media (Part Two)	Don Catlett
	15. Making the Dream Work	Chris Morris
	16. Keep Them Turning the Pages	Cindy Sproles
	17. Writing Bible Study Guides	Lin Johnson
3:30-4:15	18. Public Speaking	Ginny Merritt
	19. Style & Voice in Kids' Lit. How to Discover Yours	Nancy Rue
	20. Right to Heal/Write to Heal	Lisa Crayton
	21. Writing for Tweens	Karen Whiting

WEDNESDAY

1:30-2:15	22. Blogging/Social Media (Part Three)	Don Catlett
	23. Ten Myths of the Published Writer	Kathy Ide
	24. Writing Can Be Taxing	Chris Morris
	25. Twelve Elements of Character Development	Michelle Lazurek
2:30-3:15	26. Blogging/Social Media (Part Four)	Don Catlett
	27. Self-publishing Successfully	Chris Morris
	28. Turn Personal Experience into Parables	Cindy Sproles
	29. How to Please an Editor	Lin Johnson
3:30-4:15	30. Host a Book Launch Party	Ginny Merritt
	31. Making Fiction Real for Kids	Nancy Rue
	32. Successfully Selling to Mainstream Markets	Lisa Crayton
	33. Devotions for All Ages	Karen Whiting

THURSDAY

1:30-2:15	34. Blogging/Social Media (Part Five)	Don Catlett
	35. Be a Freelance Editor	Kathy Ide
	36. Build your Craft with God	Chris Morris
	37. Nonfiction Proposals	Michelle Lazurek
2:30 - 3:15	38. Blogging/Social Media (Part Six)	Don Catlett
	39. How to Balance Writing with Long-Term Illness	Chris Morris
	40. Polishing your Work	Cindy Sproles
	41. Understand a Magazine as Well as an Editor	Lin Johnson
3:30-4:15	42. Weaving in the Spiritual Message in Kids' Fiction	Nancy Rue
	43. Writing for Women	Lisa Crayton
	44. Selling to Children's Periodicals	Karen Whiting

"I learned we should set aside our own desires and do God's will."



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.

WORKSHOP LEADERS



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.



Lisa Crayton: a former corporate editor & writer for multi-million-dollar corporations & versatile nonfiction writer with more than 30 years' experience. An award-winning freelance writer who writes for general & Christian markets. She's the author of [I Want to Talk with My Teen About Money Management](#). She's written articles, columns, essays, devotionals, fillers, Bible Study Guides, & book chapters.



Bob Hostetler: an award-winning author, lit. agent, & speaker from southwestern OH. His 50 books, including the award-winning [Don't Check Your Brains at the Door](#) & [The Bard and the Bible: A Shakespeare Devotional](#), have sold millions of copies. Bob's also the executive director of the Christian Writers Institute. He & his wife have been married for 40 years. They have 2 children & 5 grandchildren.



Kathy Ide: a full-time freelance editor/writing mentor since 1998, she works with new writers, established authors, & book publishers. She teaches at writers' conferences across the country & is the director of the Orange County Christian Writers' Conference. She's the manuscript critique team coordinator at Mount Hermon & the founder & director of the Christian Editor Connection & The Christian PEN: Proofreaders and Editors Network.



Lin Johnson: the managing editor of the *Christian Communicator*, a monthly magazine; editor-administrator of *The Christian Writers Market Guide*;

author of more than 70 books with a specialization in Bible curriculum. A Gold Medallion Book Award & an Evangelical Press Association Higher Goals award recipient. Lin also directs the Write-to-Publish Conference in the Chicago area and teaches at writers' conferences around the world.



Michelle Lazurek: a multi-genre award-winning author, speaker, pastor's wife & associate literary agent for WordWise Media Services. Winner of the Golden Scroll Children's Book of the Year, the Enduring Light Silver Medal, & the Maxwell award for best non-fiction. A member of the Christian Author's Network & the Advanced Writers and Speakers Association. She & her husband live in Coudersport, PA, with their 2 children.



Nancy Lohr: acquires for both the youth & adult markets for JourneyForth. Nancy has over 20 years of experience in book publishing and has experience as an educator and children's librarian. She loves to teach about the art & craft of writing. Her personal writing résumé includes two historical novels for children, curriculum stories and articles, and book reviews and articles for parents and educators.



Ginny Merritt: has attended MCWC for over 20 years, has written drama, puppet skits, devotionals, & two published books: *A Ram for Isaac* and *The Window in the Wall* (BJU Press). She's working on illustrating *Revelation* as a personal project. She's a speaker for Stonecroft Christian Women's Connection and lives in Clyde, NY, with her husband, Ray.



Chris Morris: the founder of Chris Morris CPA, LLC, an accounting firm focused on creative entrepreneurs. His clients include editors, digital designers, authors, photographers, online marketing firms, & publishers. He has an MBA from Grand Canyon University & a Bachelor in Biblical Studies from Arizona Christian University. A

regular faculty member & keynote at Christian writers' conferences. He's authored two books.



Nancy Rue: 2018 marks Nancy Rue's 36th year as a published writer. She's a best-selling author of 125 books

for tweens, teens, and adults. She's expanded her offerings to include a mentoring program, "From Shadow to Shelf," for budding authors with dreams of their own, specializing in women writers under 30. She travels North America, speaking & teaching at writers' conferences & holding writing intensives.



Cindy Sproles: an author, teacher, & speaker. She's the managing editor for Straight Street

Books and Son Rise Devotionals (imprints of Lighthouse Publishing of the Carolinas) & the executive editor of [ChristianDevotions.us](#) and [InspireFire.com](#). She travels nationwide teaching at writers' conferences & women's conferences. A best-selling author & writing mentor, she's the author of 9 non-fiction and 2 fiction books. Cindy's devotionals are widely published over the eastern seaboard.



Karen Whiting: an international speaker, former TV host, & award-winning author of 18 books. She's

written more than 600 articles for more than 60 publications. Currently, she writes for "Leading Hearts Magazine" & "Molly Green Magazine." She writes for women, families, children, & the military. Best sellers include *God's Girls* and *My Princess Devotions*.



Jeanette Windle: Award-winning novelist, journalist, editor, & collaborative writer Jeanette

Windle has lived in six countries and traveled in almost 40. Those experiences have birthed 21 fiction and non-fiction titles, including *Forgiven: The Amish Schoolhouse Shooting*, *A Mother's Love*, and *A Story of Remarkable Grace* (2016 **ECPA Christian Book Award/Christian Retailing Best Awards finalist**) and bestseller *All Saints*, also a Sony movie

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Private 15-minute appointments with editors and agents to show them material which may be suitable for their publications and/or to discuss ideas for stories. Sign-up sheets available at the conference. Bring professionally prepared manuscripts. Be sure to bring copies! No charge.

PROFESSIONAL CRITIQUES:

A great opportunity to have your work evaluated by a published professional. You'll receive a written evaluation of your manuscript plus a 30-minute private appointment to discuss ways to improve and/or market your piece.

- Register for MCWC by June 20th and request guidelines for emailing your manuscript. \$40.00 per critique.

MICHELLE LAZUREK - Nonfiction for adults: devotionals, Bible studies, memoirs. Children's picture books ideally ages 1-3, 5-8, but will take chapter books for older if needed. Christian content is ideal but will take secular written by a Christian. Please submit a fiction proposal and manuscript (per the appropriate template on the Wordwise Media website in the "connect" section) (Limit: 5)

NANCY LOHR – children's fiction, picture books (Limit: 3)

KAREN WHITING – devotions, Bible stories for kids, nonfiction any age, proposals, articles (No limit)

JEANETTE WINDLE – nonfiction: theological/memoirs/Christian living (Limit: 2)

KATHY IDE - any fiction except speculative, or any nonfiction, but only for adult readership (Limit: 5)

NANCY RUE – middle grade and YA fiction (Limit: 4)

CINDY SPROLES – fiction for adults; devotions (Limit: 4)

MORNING WORK-IN-PROGRESS:

Juvenile fiction with Nancy Rue: \$40 (4 sessions)

“He shared so transparently that it allowed me to face some of my own shortcomings.”

“As a very new writer with no professional knowledge, I felt this was really helpful.”

CRITIQUE GROUPS and GENRES of INTEREST GROUPS:

Opportunity for feedback from other writers. No charge. Held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 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. Please tag all books with prices rounded off to the dollar.

FREEBIES: Complimentary publishers' guidelines and sample copies to save you time and postage.

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.

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.

2018 MCWC REGISTRATION

TUITION	195.00	_____
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)	65.00	_____
PROFESSIONAL CRITIQUE	40.00	_____
WORK IN PROGRESS (Juvenile Fiction: Nancy Rue)	40.00	_____

LODGING AND MEALS:	Weekly:	Daily:	
(Double occupancy)	(Sunday supper – Friday breakfast)	(1 night; 3 meals)	
Torrey Home, private bath	\$395	\$84	_____
Lily Hill Inn, private bath, AC	\$395	\$84	_____
Dreyer Lodge, private bath, AC	\$365	\$82	_____
Add 25% for single occupancy request			

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 _____

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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):*

Hostetler (Nonfiction) Lohr (Children) Whiting (Marketing) Windle (Just Starting)

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1:30	_____	_____	_____	_____
2:30	_____	_____	_____	_____
3:30	_____	_____	_____	_____

Interested in winning a free book? Include a short piece (300-word limit) related to our theme:

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First time? _____ **Attended before?** _____ **When?** _____

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