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West Coast Christian Writers Conference

Info Sheet

The 2019 West Coast Christian Writers Conference (WCCW) is February 14-16, 2019, at CrossWinds Church in Livermore, CA. The conference is located at a picturesque former dairy farm in the beautiful rolling hills and vineyards of the San Francisco East Bay Area). The conference offers two full days of learning, PLUS new Mini Mastermind sessions (a pre-conference add-on) February 14. Typical attendance is 250-300 people.

Theme: Momentum: Writing in Motion

Our nonprofit designation

Our parent org is Inspire Christian Writers, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Inspire Christian Writers exists to provide a network of support, encouragement, education, and spiritual growth for Christian writers. Our writers minister biblical truths with excellence, clarity, and love to transform lives and the publishing industry.

About us: WCCW features keynote general sessions, a variety of workshops for new to advanced writers, a writing contest, and free coaching and critique onsite. Since the beginning, this conference has always had a friendly, low-key feel together with high level speakers and teachers. The conference organizers are friends and when you attend, you become a friend, too.

We offer free and paid 15-minute coaching and critique appointments, arranged in advance with the faculty member of your choice. You can bring a few pages of your work to the appointment, or come with questions about the industry or your specific writing journey. Our annual writing contest is very popular. It's also free, with prize packages for first, second, and third place.

Our keynote speakers for 2019 are:

- **Robin Jones Gunn**, the best-selling, award-winning Christian author of over 100 books, including the Christy Miller and Sierra Jensen series for teen girls as well as the Glenbrooke series and the Sisterchicks series. Several of Robin's books have been made into Hallmark movies, including one releasing Christmas, 2018.
- **Bill Giovannetti**, a veteran pastor, the author of eleven books, and a professor of Biblical ministry and studies. One of Bill's recent books is *Grace Intervention: Understanding God's Beautiful Gift of Grace*.

A special feature: Mini Mastermind Sessions

On the Thursday prior to the two-day conference, we offer \$139 mini-mastermind sessions run by experienced faculty mentors, with themes such as author websites, memoir, and fiction writing. These small groups offer personalized instruction and feedback. Check our [website](#) for an up-to date list.

Fee structure

- \$229 General Registration
- \$209 Early Bird Registration
- \$139 Doorbuster Cyber Monday Sale (the Monday after Thanksgiving)

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History

WCCW, formerly the Christian Writers Seminar, was founded by Pastor Jon Drury, who directed the seminar as a ministry of Redwood Chapel in Castro Valley, CA. The first Christian Writers Seminar was in 1993 with Ethel Herr as the keynote speaker. Other past keynoters have included James Scott Bell, Cecil Murphey, and Francine Rivers.