Christian Fiction

PURPOSE: In today's world, there is a need for fiction that conveys a Christian message. This event encourages those who enjoy creative writing to use their skills in a Christian arena.

Questions? Contact us and we'll connect you with the Event Coordinator.

PROCESS

Each participant will:

- Be certain that the participant is registered for this event no later than the registration deadline.
- E-mail the project no later than the Pre-Convention Event Deadline (see submission guidelines below):

The Event Coordinator will:

- Assume responsibility for the Mid-West LTC Christian Fiction Event.
- Find adult volunteers to evaluate the projects. Be certain that each project is evaluated by **at least** two volunteers.
- Report results and provide critique sheets to the Awards Committee.

GUIDELINES

Participant Eligibility

• This event is available to any registered student in grades 3 to 12.

Writing Assignment

- Create a story, or retell a Bible story in your own words, or from a modern perspective, focused on this year's MWLTC theme.
- The story may be written in any form of fiction (e.g., mystery, action, humor, fable, etc.) as long as it reflects the current year's LTC theme. The theme may be reflected anywhere in the story, climax, or conclusion, so long as it is clearly and accurately taught or presented.
- Writing piece(s) must be typed.

Writing Tips:

- Use of detail: In creative and personal writing, describe with specific detail, trying to create an experience in your reader's mind, with colors, sounds, textures, etc. Stories should use dialogue and develop believable characters.
- Language: Creative and vivid; correct use of words; grammatical correctness; use of figurative language (metaphors, similes, etc.).
- Structure: Every piece of writing should have a flow from beginning to middle to end that carries your reader through and holds his/her interest. Stories should have a carefully developed plot.

Submitting Project

- Upload the writing piece no later than the Pre-Convention Event Deadline.
- The first page of the document should be a cover sheet which must include the following information:

Title of entry
Participant name, age, and grade level
Participant's email address
Home Congregation name, city, state
It is suggested that you ask for confirmation of receipt.

Evaluation Criteria: (Below)

CHRISTIAN FICTION

Instructions for Evaluators

- 1. Place bar code label or write student info.
- 2 Mark appropriate hoxes for each criteria

Participant	Name:
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Grade:

Write additional comments.		Congregation:					
		Event Coordinator's award:	Gold	Silver	Bronze		
	Exemplary	Competent	Developing				
Connection of LTC Theme	☐ The entry's connection to the LTC theme/ Bible study book is very clear.	☐ The entry's connection to the LTC theme / Bible study book is clear.	☐ Attention is needed to strengthen the evidence of the connection to the theme / Bible study book.				
Introduction	☐ Introduction is very inviting and grabs the reader's attention.	☐ Introduction is inviting and gains the reader's attention.	☐ Attention is needed to enhance the introduction.				
Readability	☐ Story is very engaging and enjoyable to read.	☐ Story is engaging and enjoyable to read.	☐ Attention is needed to make story more engaging and enjoyable to read.				
	☐ Thought and time was put into this writing.	☐ Thought and time is evident.	☐ More thought and time is needed for this story.				
Creativity and Interest	☐ Plot is very unique.	☐ Plot is unique.	☐ Attention is needed to enhance plot.				
	☐ Plot is very evident and very interesting.	☐ Plot is evident and interesting.	☐ Attention is needed to enhance the plot.				
	☐ Story is very memorable/ original.	☐ Story is somewhat memorable/ original.	☐ Attention is needed to make this story more memorable/ original.				
Writing Substance	☐ Excellent use of grammar.	☐ Minimal grammar errors.	☐ Attention needed with grammar errors.				
	☐ No spelling errors.	☐ Minimal spelling errors	☐ Attention needed with spelling errors.				
	☐ Organization of thoughts is strong and evident.	☐ Organization of thoughts is evident.	☐ Attention needed with organization of thoughts.				
Format and Submission	☐ Proper format for submission per manual.	☐ Submission mostly proper per manual.	☐ Attention needed with proper submission requirements per manual.				
Spirituality	☐ This story is very spiritually encouraging and /or thought provoking.	☐ This story is somewhat spiritually encouraging and / or thought provoking.	☐ Attention is needed to make this story more spiritually encouraging and /or thought provoking.				
Evaluator's comments:							
Please help us improve this rubric each year by submitting Feedback on the website within 30 days of the end of the convention.							