

Press Release

Pageant Wagon Publishing, in partnership with Pastor Rob Schwing of Restoration Family Farm, will host the *Good News Christian Writers Retreat Workshop 2023: Pioneers with Pens* this fall on October 27-28 in the heart of Southern New Jersey. The two-day retreat and workshop is designed with a ministry focus to help Christian writers develop their story idea, first draft, or full manuscript into a published work via print book, e-book, articles, or other publication formats. Mentors help writers articulate a vision for their writing life, set achievable goals to produce manuscripts, and work with craft excellence for a quality end product.

Retreat Director, Kathryn Ross, owner of Pageant Wagon Publishing, leads the Good News Christian Writers staff of authors, Linda Slomin, Stacy Lee Flury, Trish Weldon, Tabatha Scheffler, and Christine Strittmatter, as mentors and teachers with instructional sessions in the morning and afternoon each day. The four main teaching sessions explore the foundational themes of the retreat/workshop:

- Pioneers with Pens: Mapping the Way
- Pioneer Checklist: Nuts and Bolts of Goal Setting
- Grammar Pitfalls on the Way: Writing Tech and Craft Excellence
- State Your Mission

After each main session, six interactive Breakout Groups get specific for their writing needs:

- Manuscript Critique and Discussion
- Vision Board Crafting Center
- Show, Don't Tell—HOW to Narrate Your Epic Pioneer Story
- Writing for Children
- Devotional Writing
- The Publishing Industry—What You Need to Know

The grounds at Pastor Rob's Restoration Family Farm invite attendees to use some of their Breakout Group time to take in the restful grounds featuring quiet places to write alone and time spent with the animals—including goats, pigs, chickens, rabbits, and horses from afar. The date of the retreat promises peak foliage in the fall surrounding the rolling green pastures and a garden ready for harvest.

The retreat/workshop runs from 8:30am to 6:00pm on Friday and 8:30am to 5:00pm on Saturday at Restoration Family Farm, 18 Lawrence Road, Bridgeton, NJ 08302. There are no on-site overnight accommodations. Information about the hotel services off route 55 on Landis Avenue will be available for anyone outside of driving distance. The \$120 Early Bird fee (\$149 after September 1st) includes all sessions, continental breakfast, and snacks for both days.

Good News Christian Writers Retreat and Workshop 2023: Pioneers with Pens—PRESS RELEASE www.pageantwagonpublishing.com/good-news-workshops Lunch and dinner options include BYO or advance orders from the Chuck Wagon Menu available mid-summer through a Pay Portal in the Pageant Wagon Bookshop.

RSVP online at www.pageantwagonpublishing.com/good-news-workshops to download all the details, registration forms, and instructions about snail mail and check payment. You may also pay direct through the Pay Portal under the Pageant Wagon Bookshop tab. Contact Miss Kathy at 856 205-9334 for more information.