

Good News Christian Writers Workshop 2022



"We have become His poetry,
a re-created 'Pioneer' People
that will fulfill the destiny He
has given each one of us."

Ephesians 2:10 TPT

Workshop Sessions for June 3-4, 2022

Friday Session 1: *Pioneers with Pens Mapping the Way*

Presenter: Kathryn Ross and the Good News Authors Team

Our Friday night session lays a critical foundation for a full day of instruction and workshop interaction on Saturday. Miss Kathy and the Good News Authors explore the pioneer spirit of a writer to commit to vision and goals, employ craft excellence, and be a skillful storyteller inspiring a reading audience to make their own pioneer journey. The workshop theme *Pioneers with Pens* is introduced through drama, music, inspired, prophetic words, and storytelling. VISION is the key word as the team shares their personal vision boards detailing in words and images the goals for their writing life and publication. The interactive workshop portion of the evening allows attendees to saddle up their horses and begin the process of trail blazing as they collect and cut out words and images. Each workshop participant will design and complete their own vision board by the end of Saturday's workshop sessions. Coffee, tea, and a customized cake illustrating the theme *Pioneers with Pens* will be served.

Saturday Session 2: *Pioneers with Pens Pave the Way*

Presenter: Kathryn Ross and the Good News Authors Team

Enjoy a continental breakfast as Saturday's full day of inspiring, interactive, and instructive sessions kicks-off. The Team revisits the *Pioneers with Pens* theme exploring a fresh aspect of it in the opening devotional and reviews instructions for the design and creation of vision boards.

Saturday Session 3: *Pioneer Checklist—Nuts and Bolts of Vision and Goal Setting*

Instructors: Tabatha Scheffler and Nikki Zimmerman

A writer can't just have ideas and good intentions. They need to pack their wagon with the tools necessary to turn their writing and publishing dreams into reality. Learn practical ways to map your vision and set achievable goals through time management, organization, and more with Tabatha and Nikki, so you can move forward in every phase of the writing, editing, publishing, and marketing process.

Saturday Session 4: *Grammar Pitfalls Along the Way—Writing Techniques and Craft Excellence*

Instructors: Linda Slomin and Christine Strittmatter

When you've hit the writing trail, you need to keep your wagon maintained on the journey so as not to get your manuscript stuck in a pothole of sloppy, muddy work. Linda and Christine share self-editing secrets to strengthen

correct use of language and grammar, plus how to navigate through difficult passages, avoid rocky roads, and keep clear of rabbit trails so your story stays on a quality course for its publication destination.

Saturday Session 5: *Show, Don't Tell—HOW to Tell Your Epic Pioneer Story*

Instructors: Trish Weldon and Stacy Lee Flury

Authors Trish and Stacy share before and after examples from their recent books to illustrate the power of SHOWING your story in a "you are there" fashion—instead of just TELLING it. This is a critical skill to master to produce compelling, readable, relatable, and sticky stories. Learn how to craft a scene and use strong verbs to make your writing pop! Small groups work together to brainstorm an on-the-spot edit of a paragraph and transform it from one that just tells a story into a winning and memorable show of a story.

Saturday Session 6: *Break-out Groups for One-on-One Critique and Discussion*

Group Leaders: Kathryn Ross, Linda Slomin, Stacy Lee Flury, Nikki Zimmerman, Trish Weldon, Christine Strittmatter, Tabatha Schaeffler

After a wagon trail luncheon, the afternoon allows plenty of time for the Team to lead break-out groups with attendee manuscript critiques and vision board assembly. Attendees are invited to openly share their vision board during display and testimony time—plus networking and accountability partner connections are secured.

Closing: *Mission Statement and Commitment*

Instructor: Kathryn Ross

Closing out the day, our Pioneers with Pens draft their 2022 Mission Statement and Commitment—plus an Evaluation Form of the workshop. Prayer ministry follows as attendees are launched into their calling. Look for new Wagon Train ways to stay connected and accountable on your writing journey for the words God has entrusted to you to write.