



Consultation Guidelines

OC Christian Writers Conference 2010

**All consultations are in Room 204
Consultation Sign-Ups Begin at 8 a.m. in Main Room
Must be Present to Sign Up**

Please study each speaker's area of expertise before you sign up. Know exactly what each speaker is looking for and make your fifteen-minute consultation a success.

- Please **study the following guidelines before signing up with a speaker.**
- Please **do not sign up with a speaker who has no knowledge in your field.**
- **Please keep your appointment.**
- **Please show up a few minutes early.** This helps the speakers stay on time and not go over with other appointments.
- **Please be prepared:** Know what questions you want to ask; have your materials in the proper format and available.

Don Alban: Editor: Power for Living Magazine

- Don is looking for **third person, true, inspirational, short stories for Power for Living, a weekly Sunday school take-home paper for adults.**

Brian Bird: Screenwriter

- Brian is available to discuss the **film** business as well as **story pitches** and **filmed book adaptations.**

John Fox: Publisher of BookFox.com Blog & Short Story Writer

- John will meet with anyone interested in writing **short stories.**
- John can help you with **creating an Internet presence through blogging.**

Jeff Gerke: Publisher—Marcher Lord Press

- Looking for **completed, full length novels (65,000 words or above) for adults and older teens in the speculative categories** (Science Fiction, fantasy, end times, etc.) and arising from the Evangelical worldview. **CONSULTATIONS ONLY for AUTHORS WITH COMPLETED MANUSCRIPTS MEETING THE ABOVE CONDITIONS!**

Bonnie Hanson: Author, Speaker

- Bonnie will look at proposals that are no more than five pages, double-spaced. Can be **story, article, puzzle, proposal, curriculum, query letter, beginning of book mss,** etc.-- **can be for any age.** *The only writing Bonnie is not experienced with are screenplays.

Kathy Ide: Author, Editor and Speaker

- Kathy is looking to meet with **attendees who are serious about polishing their work and/or honing their craft**, whether they're planning to self-publish or submit to a commercial publisher or just learn how to be a better writer.
- **NO poetry, songwriting, or children's material, please.**

Susan King: Assistant Editor—the Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide

- Susan is looking for 250-word **devotionals or daily meditations based on scripture** for the Upper Room magazine.

Susan Meissner: Award-Winning Novelist

- **FICTION ONLY!**
- **Susan will look at your novel's synopsis of no more than 300 words and the manuscript's first page (no more than 300 words)** if you want on the spot feedback.
- **No non-fiction!**

Dan Miley: Editor—Rainbow Publishers and Legacy Press

- **Children's material** related to Bible teaching; reproducible material; age-appropriate books; teacher-friendly Sunday school lessons; craft ideas; puzzles; bulletin board ideas and stories for take home papers.
- **Materials to help teachers lead kids to a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ.**

Kathy Collard Miller: Bestselling Author and Speaker

- Kathy is willing to discuss **your writing goals and dreams**.
- Her **area of expertise is spiritual formation books**, but she will discuss any of your writing projects and help you find direction.

Kelly Mortimer: Agent

- Kelly is looking for **fast-paced, secular and inspirational stories, with or without romance.**
- **Will discuss: comedy, contemporary romance, fantasy/urban fantasy, historical romance, mainstream/general fiction, paranormal, thriller/suspense, or young adult (protagonist is 16 years old and above).**
- No tearjerkers! No kids with cancer stories. Not looking for “warm & fuzzy” plots.

Susan Titus Osborn: Director of the *Christian Communicator Manuscript Critique Service*

- Susan represents **New Hope Publishers**, the trade publishing division of WMU, an international missions' organization. New Hope publishes under three lines: The "Arise" line is for **women and families**; the "Grow" line includes **Bible studies and teaching resources**; the "Impact" line represents **books on leadership, social issues, personal growth, and missiological topics**.
- Susan will answer your questions **regarding what publishers are looking for, help you develop your ideas, discuss your proposal, or help you find the appropriate market**.

Nancy Sanders: Award-Winning Children's Writer

- **Children's writing only**.
- Nancy will look at **manuscripts and stories for children and make recommendations for appropriate markets**. She is also authorized to recommend your material to specific editors.

Mike Silva: Editor of WaterBrook Press, Division of Random House, Inc.

- **Adult fiction and non-fiction books**.
- Mike is interested in books relating to: **men's spiritual growth; Bible study; business and leadership; Christian living; parenting and relationships; singles and marriage; sex; youth interests; mystery/suspense; personal growth; pastoral success; contemporary issues; Christianity and politics; self-help; popular psychology; spiritual memoir; postmodern emergent**. **Bring a well-written book proposal or your ideas. No manuscripts, please!**

John David Ware: Founder and President of 168 Film Project

- John will meet with anyone interested in writing, directing and producing films.
- He's also interested in speaking to authors about turning their books into films.

B.J. Taylor: Published Author, Guideposts contest winner, and Speaker

- B.J. is willing to talk about what you are writing and your goals for the future. ***Let's discuss ways you can make your dream come true***
- Personal, inspirational stories