



Neglect not the gift that is in thee...

1 Timothy 4:14

Our Mission

Sacramento Christian Writers is a non-denominational fellowship of Christian writers, novice and aspiring, experienced and professional, serving the Sacramento area since 1980.

The mission of Sacramento Christian Writers is to provide encouragement, training, and support for those desiring to share Biblical messages through writing.

What We Believe

"In the beginning was the word..."

We believe that all things came into being and are reconciled to God by that original word.

We believe we have been given the gift of writing for today in a clear and interesting style.

We believe our view of the world and our writing has been shaped by the Bible, our faith, our personal experience, and the breath of God residing within us.

We believe our words reflect this faith and communicate God's revelation in Jesus Christ, the living Word, and a means of reconciliation for the world.

We believe it is our calling to exercise our gift with written words to the glory of God. Although we write for a variety of markets, we believe we write in response to God's question, "Who shall I send?" We answer, "Here am I. Send me."

A History and Interesting Particulars About SCW

by Beth Self

Over the past 25 years writers have become members of Sacramento Christian Writers to learn to "Become a Better Writer." Some have gone on to be published authors. Others have enjoyed following their calling to write personal histories for their family. All genres are encouraged. Other members have been published and stayed to help develop new writers. All the members are at different stages with their writing. Some are not yet ready to start a writing project. All are welcome as listeners, writers, authors and positive encouragers.

The Beginning, 25 Years Ago: *Writing For Him*

In 1980 Sacramento Christian Writers was established and met at the Sylvan Oaks Library. The Library required groups to be legal non-profit organizations. Three of those six original by-law writers are still active in SCW today. Lila Fraizer, Arlet Vollers and Darlene Smith attend meetings and continue to have their writings published. In 1990, the original name of 'Greater Sacramento Christian Writers Workshop' was shortened.

Since the Library had rules against the same group using the Community Room continuously, SCW moved often. Some other meeting places were; Arcade Library, Grace Scott's home, Glendale Federal Savings, Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, SMUD Building, Barbara Card Estes' home, and Margaret Saylor's home. Today SCW meets at the Ascension Lutheran Church, 7607 Garden Gate Drive, Citrus Heights.

The roster for 1981 showed 22 members. The roster today has 36 members. SCW has fellowshipped and encouraged more than two hundred authors as the membership moved and changed through the years.

The Newsletter developed in 1980, had been printed continuously until December 2004. The website spotlights Member's Accomplishments, The President's Report, Meet the Members, You Won't Want to Miss, and a summary of the last meeting. The core of the Newsletter is a listing of writing opportunities, contests, and upcoming writer's conferences.

The Seminars: *"Neglect not the gift that is in you..."*

SCW sponsors a Seminar every five years. The August 1980 speaker was Esther Hopping, Managing Editor of "Good News Review, International." It was a new Christian Newspaper published twice a week in the Sacramento area.

In 1985 the second Saturday Seminar featured reports on what the members learned at Mount Hermon Writers' Conference.

The third Seminar in 1990 was held at Capital Christian Center. The publishers sent so many sample magazines that it took two vehicles to get them to the Seminar. The 1995 Seminar Speaker was Dr. Mark W. Lee, President Emeritus of Simpson College and author of more than a dozen books.

The 2000 Seminar speaker was Ethel Herr, best known as the author of "An Introduction to Christian Writing."

On May 21, 2005, "Become a Better Writer" Seminar was celebrated in honor of the club's twenty-fifth anniversary. The all day event was located in the beautiful sanctuary of Ascension Lutheran Church. The teaching authors were; Ethel Herr, "The Writing Experience," Lee Roddy, "How to Write a Story," and Jon Drury, "Devotional Articles."

Our prayer is that if the calling on your life is to "Write for Him," that you will take advantage of this once every fifth year opportunity, and attend this Seminar of outstanding authors who are effective speakers and teachers. Your writing skills will grow as you "Become a Better Writer" and your spirit will be renewed.

Sacramento Christian Writers' Purpose

SCW goal is; Writing For Him." Psalm 45:1

SCW verse is; "Neglect not the gift that is in you." 1 Timothy 4:14.

SCW slogan is; "In the beginning was the word..." John 1:1

SCW motto is; For the heart there is encouragement. For the head there is critiquing.

SCW colors are purple and gold. Purple for royalty; Gold for treasures.

SCW mission is to offer training and support for those desiring to share Christian messages through writing.

SCW genres include, poetry, devotionals, meditations, Biblical research, fiction, articles, children's stories, news reporting, song writing, and plays.

SCW fellowship embraces novice and aspiring, experienced and professional writers.

SCW meetings provide validity and valuable contact with like minded writers.

SCW programs are designed to instruct and inform about various aspects of writing.

SCW writing answer is "Here am I. Send me." The Question is, "Who shall I send?"