

# CHRISTIAN FICTION

## PURPOSE:

In today's world, there is a need for fiction that conveys a Christian message as an alternative to the fiction of this age that is often atheistic and amoral in nature. This event encourages those who enjoy creative writing to use their skills in a Christian arena.

## PROCESS:

Each participant will:

- Write a short story that reflects the current year's LTC theme.
- Mail **two copies** of the entry to the Event Coordinator on or before the pre-convention event deadline.

The Church Coordinator or coach will:

- Complete all General Event Rules (p 19) and Pre-Convention Event Rules (p 20).

The Event Coordinator will:

- Complete all General Event Rules (p 19) and Pre-Convention Event Rules (p 20).

The Judge will:

- Complete all Pre-Convention Event Rules (p 20).

## RULES:

1. The story should be type written, double spaced with 1" margins, and three to five pages in length. Please use Arial or New Times Roman font and font size 12. In addition, page numbers must be included. For participants sixth grade or younger, handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented. If handwritten work is submitted, the story should be four to six pages in length.
2. The story may be written in any form of fiction (e.g., mystery, action, humor, fable, etc.) so 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.
3. The story should use correct grammar (including spelling) and proper punctuation. It should also include elements appropriate for fiction, such as plot and character development.
4. A cover sheet shall be on the front of each entry.

## SUBMISSION:

Typed cover sheet should follow this format:

<i>Format:</i>	<i>Example:</i>
Name	A. Christian
Grade	9th Grade
Congregation	Anywhere Church of Christ
Congregation City, State	Any City, State
Congregation Number	2345
Title of Story	"(your title)"
Category	Christian Fiction

<b>Christian Fiction</b> <b>2012 Heart of America</b> <b>Leadership Training for Christ</b> <b>“Journey of Faith”</b> <b>Genesis</b>		Event Coordinator's award:		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze
	Exemplary	Competent	Developing	
<b>Connection of LTC Theme</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme stands out and is strongly supported in this writing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme is evident and supported.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to strengthen support of theme.	
<b>Introduction</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction is very inviting and grabs the reader's attention.	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction is inviting and gains the reader's attention.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to enhance the introduction.	
<b>Readability</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Story is very engaging and enjoyable to read. <input type="checkbox"/> Plot is very evident and very interesting. <input type="checkbox"/> Thought and time was put into this writing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Story is engaging and enjoyable to read. <input type="checkbox"/> Plot is evident and interesting. <input type="checkbox"/> Thought and time is evident.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to make story more engaging and enjoyable to read. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to enhance the plot. <input type="checkbox"/> More thought and time is needed for this story.	
<b>Creativity</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plot is very unique. <input type="checkbox"/> Form is very unique. <input type="checkbox"/> Expression is very unique.	<input type="checkbox"/> Plot is unique. <input type="checkbox"/> Form is unique. <input type="checkbox"/> Expression is unique.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to enhance plot. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to enhance form. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to enhance expression.	
<b>Writing Substance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent use of grammar. <input type="checkbox"/> No spelling errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Organization of thought is strong and evident.	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimal grammar errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal spelling errors <input type="checkbox"/> Organization of thoughts is evident.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention needed with grammar errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention needed with spelling errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention needed with organization of thoughts.	
<b>Format and Submission</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Proper format for submission per manual.	<input type="checkbox"/> Submission mostly proper per manual.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention needed with proper submission requirements per manual.	
<b>Spirituality</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> This story is definitely spiritually encouraging and /or thought provoking.	<input type="checkbox"/> This story is spiritually encouraging and / or thought provoking.	<input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to make this story more spiritually encouraging and /or thought provoking.	
<b>Judge's comments:</b>				

Please help us improve this rubric each year by submitting Feedback on the website within 30 days of the end of the convention.