

CHRISTIAN FICTION

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

PROCESS: Each participant will:

- Write a short story that reflects the current LTC theme.
- Make the story from 500-1500 words, double-spaced typed pages (see "Rules" paragraph 1).
- Mail **four copies** of the Christian Fiction stories and **one** cover sheet to the Event Coordinator **on or before March 12, 2010**.

The Event Coordinator will:

- Send confirmation of receipt of short stories to the Church Coordinator.
- Code the stories for anonymity.
- Organize the stories for judging.
- Provide a Judge's Score Sheets for your three judges.
- Compile judging sheets and assign award category G, S, B, P.
- Mail all judging sheets, comment sheets, a copy of each Christian Fiction story with its cover sheet, and all award recommendations to the Pre-Convention Coordinator by **March 30, 2010**.
- The stories will be displayed at the convention.

RULES:

1. The short story will be typed (IN A SIZE 12-14 FONT), double-spaced, and 500 to 1500 words in length. For the 3-6 grade category, handwritten work is admissible if it is legible and neatly presented. The Title of the Story must be on the first page.
2. The story can be any form of fiction, such as a mystery, an action story, a fable, etc., as long as the current LTC theme is reflected. The theme could be reflected throughout the story, in the climax, or in the conclusion, as long as it is clear to the reader that the theme is being presented in story form.
3. The story should include appropriate fiction elements such as plot and character development. The story should be written in good grammatical style.
4. The story will be FICTION, based on imagination, not fact and not a biography or autobiography.
5. Adult assistance should be verbal only. Adults may make suggestions on content and point out editorial corrections of the participant's written work, but the participant should do all the written work.

6. Penalty for not meeting or exceeding the word limit may result in a change in medal awarded.

7. There are five grade categories:

Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, Grades 11-12

SUBMISSION:

1. **ONE** typed cover sheet paper clipped to **FOUR** copies of the story should follow this format:

Name
Grade
Congregation
Congregation Address
Congregation Phone Number
Name of Church Coordinator
Church Coordinator Email Address
Title of Composition

2. Essays are to be sent to the Christian Fiction Coordinator at the address listed at the top of these instructions. Essays are to be **postmarked by March 12, 2010**.

3. Essays may be submitted via email to the coordinator.

4. All materials that are submitted for judging become the property of LTC. It is understood that LTC reserves the right to use materials for promotion, instruction, or any other manner deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

AWARDS:

1. There will be three Judges. Comment sheets will be provided for each participant in the Take Home Packet. An award rating will be assigned based upon the three Judges scores on a 5 point scale:

5 = Excellent, 4 = Good, 3 = Average, 2 = Below Average, 1 = Needs work

2. Participants will be assigned a Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Participation Rating based upon the judges scores and will receive an appropriate-colored engraved plate for the individual's award plaque.