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### REGISTER NOW FOR WRITE! CANADA 2006!

Toronto - Registration for Canada's premier Christian writers', editors', agents' and publishers' conference, to be held in Guelph, Ont., June 15 to 17, is online and waiting for you. And it's easy to use!

Visit [www.thewordguild.com](http://www.thewordguild.com) on the Internet. Click on Write! Canada in the left hand column. From the continuing class and workshop descriptions, choose the ones that interest you. Read the faculty biographies to learn more about the instructors and to help you select which classes will most benefit you. Refer to the Frequently Asked Questions page if you want additional information.

Before you click on Register today!, spend a few moments in the contests/awards section so that, when the registration form asks if you want to have a free ticket for this year's Canadian Christian Writing Awards Gala event to be held Wednesday June 14 at 7 p.m. at World Vision Canada headquarters in Mississauga, you will be ready to say yes. The registration form enables you to order additional tickets for your family or friends.

Now you are ready to register. It's as simple as answering the questions and filling in the blanks. Near the bottom of the form, you will have the opportunity to choose your on-site accommodation so that all of your arrangements will be complete once your registration has been submitted. All that's left to do is pay using your credit card.

If you prefer to pay by cheque or money order, print a hard copy of the completed online registration form, then submit it electronically so that your information is entered into the registrar's database. Mail the printed form with your cheque made payable to The Word Guild to the registrar's address. If you are unable to register on the Internet, contact the registrar at [conference@thewordguild.com](mailto:conference@thewordguild.com) or leave a message with your name and address at TWG's 24 hour voice mail 905-294-6482. Registration materials will be mailed to you.

Write! Canada posters, which list all the classes and workshops on the back, are being sent to The Word Guild's mailing list, for people who prefer studying a printed format to choose their classes.

The registration fee, which includes meals, is \$349 plus G.S.T. but, if you register today, you will have the opportunity to save your money through the discount opportunities:

- Deduct \$20 if you are a current, paid-up member of The Word Guild.

- Deduct \$20 if you are a full-time student.
- Deduct \$20 if you register before April 30.

Take note that a late fee of \$25 will apply if you register after June 1st.

You may be eligible to win your registration or a portion of it. Since 2002, The Word Guild has offered a national contest to encourage Canadian writers who are Christian who have never been published. The theme of this year's God Uses Ink Novice Writing Contest is "Finding the Courage to Answer God's Call." Submit a poem, short story, article, or script up to 1500 words in length before April 14. You could win in one of three categories: teen (ages 14 to 19); young adult (ages 20 to 29; and, adult (age 30 and over). For rules and an entry form, go to the website, click on contests/awards and scroll down to Enter The God Uses Ink Novice Contest.

Could you help a writer who does not have the financial resources but who does have the enthusiasm and commitment to benefit from attendance at Write! Canada? If so, please consider The Word Guild's bursary program. Send your donation to The Word Guild, PO Box 34, Port Perry, ON L9L 1A2 clearly marking it with the word "Bursaries". You will receive a charitable tax receipt in early 2007 and, unless you choose anonymity, will be recognized as a donor in the Write! Canada program. You will make a valuable contribution to someone's writing goals and dreams.

As spring comes and we watch for the signs of our land's re-birth, let's anticipate the birth of new ideas and friendships, the encouragement of inspiring words from our peers, the sound of joyful voices raised in worship, and the vision God gives us as we answer His call. Write! Canada provides the environment for us to experience this, and more.

Register today!

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Media: For more information contact Write! Canada Coordinator Ann Brent, [writerbrent@cogeco.ca](mailto:writerbrent@cogeco.ca) or 519-869-4313. Photos of speakers and of previous conferences are available.

## BACKGROUND

### WRITE! CANADA

Write! Canada is designed to be a warm and supportive environment where participants from many backgrounds and religious experiences are united in their common love of God and of writing. Whether in the classroom or in informal conversation, the focus is on subjects that foster the pursuit of excellence in writing.

From 1984 to 2001, Faith Today magazine and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada organized this annual conference known as God Uses Ink. In 2001, The Word Guild was established and assumed responsibility for the conference. To mark the conference's twentieth anniversary, the name was changed to Write! Canada in 2004.

The fifth anniversary of the conference under the leadership of The Word Guild will be celebrated in Guelph, Ont., June 15 to 17.

#### THE WORD GUILD

The Word Guild is an association of Canadian writers and editors who are Christian, and who are committed to encouraging one another and fostering standards of excellence in the art, craft, practice and ministry of writing. Its desire is to impact the Canadian identity through the words of Canadian writers and editors with a Christian worldview.

Three categories of membership, renewed yearly, are available: professional writers and editors; associate members who are beginning to put together a body of published work; and affiliate members, for those working in related fields such as publishers, booksellers, church librarians, etc.

For more information about The Word Guild, go to [www.thewordguild.com](http://www.thewordguild.com).