

Katie Hornor Opens Premier Author Elevate Conference With Call for Christian Authors to Stop Playing Small

ICBA and NCAPS partnership advances shared commitment to equipping Christian communicators for greater excellence, visibility, and impact

FORT WAYNE, IN, UNITED STATES, September 16, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- International keynote speaker and award-winning author Katie Hornor delivered the opening keynote at the premier [Author Elevate Conference](#), hosted by the International Christian Book Awards on September 12, 2026, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Hornor (sometimes misspelled Horner) opened the conference with *When God Owns the Business: Why Christian Authors Must Stop Playing Small*. The presentation addressed the tension many Christian authors experience between humility and visibility, challenging the belief that promoting a God-given message is inherently self-centered.

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What a joy to open the inaugural ICBA conference and further elevate Christian communicators with life changing messages.”

Katie Hornor

Using biblical principles, personal stories, and her signature flamingo metaphors, Hornor reframed marketing as stewardship, excellence as worship, and visibility as obedience. She encouraged authors to embrace their distinctive voices and take greater

responsibility for connecting their messages with the readers prepared to receive them.

The conference brought Christian authors together for professional education, networking, encouragement, and the International Christian Book Awards black-tie gala.

Honor's participation also highlighted the growing partnership between the International Christian Book Awards and the National Christian Association of Professional Speakers. The organizations share a commitment to elevating Christian communicators, strengthening professional excellence, and helping faith-centered messages reach wider audiences through books, media, and live presentations.

Honor is the founder and CEO of [NCAPS](#), an organization equipping Christian speakers to become respected, well-compensated voices across industries. She is also the founder of [The Flamingo Advantage](#), author of more than 90 books, and recipient of numerous publishing, business, and leadership awards. For follow up stories or speaker inquiries contact Tresa Salters below.

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