

# purpose

STORIES OF FAITH AND PROMISE

## Writer guidelines

The following describes the manuscript needs of *Purpose*, a periodical of MennoMedia, an agency of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada.

**Purpose needs** short, personal true anecdotal stories (350-650 words) and poems/verse (up to 12 lines). These submissions must meet the monthly themes, as described in the online document, “Purpose monthly themes.”

### **Purpose is interested in true stories and poetry that**

- Illustrate practical ways Christians apply their faith in daily life
- Illustrate biblical understandings that support discipleship living
- Stress loyalty to the church and its peacemaking, missional, and related ministries
- Support Mennonites and other Christians as they participate in and witness to the good news in their local communities
- Inspire interest in diverse cultural and historical expressions worldwide
- Highlight biographical and historical stories of Anabaptist, Mennonite, and other Christian leaders, places, and events

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## About *Purpose*

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**Audience:** adults of all ages

**Focus:** stories/narratives on discipleship living

**Frequency:** monthly

**Sample copy:**

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## General guidelines

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**In preparing your manuscript** provide your name, postal address, email address, and telephone number in the upper left hand corner.

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