

## Writer guidelines

The following describes the manuscript needs of *Purpose*, published by Faith & Life Resources, an imprint of Mennonite Publishing Network, the publication agency of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada.

*Purpose* needs short, personal anecdotal stories (400-600 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 stories, features, 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
- Emphasize hobbies, nature, travel, art, and science as well as seasonal topics drawn from the church year and cultural expressions.

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## General information

**Audience:** adults of all ages

**Focus:** action oriented, discipleship living

**Frequency:** monthly

**Sample copy:** Send \$2.00 and a 9x12 SASE to Purpose

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# General guidelines

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

In the right upper hand corner indicate the number of words or number of lines (if poetry). Also indicate the type of manuscript (fiction, autobiography, biography, etc.)

**Electronic submissions required.** Send to [purposeeditor@mpn.net](mailto:purposeeditor@mpn.net)

**Email submissions** will receive an email response message.

**Unsolicited hard copy manuscripts** will be returned only when a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) is supplied with the submission.

**Send illustrative materials**, if available, with manuscript.

**If major content changes** are necessary, the editor will contact the author for approval of such changes and/or request that the writer make revisions.

**Rates of payment** for articles range from \$10 - \$42; for poetry from \$7.50 - \$20. Purchases made on acceptance and are for one-time rights only.