

# REJOICE!

## Writers' guidelines for "Divine Touch" stories and poetry

Each issue of *Rejoice!* carries two personal faith stories under the banner "Divine Touch," and two or three poems. Freelance submissions are welcomed, so long as they follow the guidelines below.

### Each story must

- be no more than 600 words in length;
- be written in the first person ("as told to" stories are also acceptable);
- show how God has acted in the writer's or teller's life in a particular experience of conversion or a spiritual awakening, healing or reconciliation, or call to a special task or mission;
- be infused with an excitement about God's work in the world and in one's life;
- reflect, as much as possible, Anabaptist themes of community, Christian discipleship, and peace/justice/reconciliation;
- be accessible to a range of ages, educational levels, and ethnic backgrounds, with lots of detail, human interest color, and quotes;
- reflect the style and tone of the devotional writing that makes up the bulk of the magazine.

### Poems must

- be no more than 28 lines
- not contain pious or sentimental clichés
- be consistent with the goals of devotional literature; i.e., point people to God and to faithful living for God
- be rich in images, metaphors, and inspirational thought

And they don't have to rhyme. . . .

### Keep in mind the *Rejoice!* audience

- More than 12,000 readers in Canada and the United States;
- Mostly members of the Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren churches;
- Men and women of a wide variety of cultural backgrounds, levels of education, economic circumstances, and theological and biblical understandings.

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