

## Every Day Inspiration

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## Writer guidelines

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

**Purpose** publishes original, personal true stories (500-700 words) and occasional poems/verse (up to 15 lines). Submissions must follow the monthly themes which are available online along with subscription information and sample stories:

<http://www.faithandliferesources.org/periodicals/purpose/>

**Focus:** original, personal true stories that encourage discipleship living and offer everyday inspiration

**Audience:** older youth and adult believers, whether more mature or taking their first few steps of faith, wherever they are on their journey of faith

**Frequency:** monthly

**Content:** true stories and limited poetry to inspire and encourage

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

## Manuscript guidelines

- Please prepare as a Word document: single-spaced, with Times New Roman font, size 12, indent paragraphs except for the first paragraph, do not leave a blank line between paragraphs

- In the upper left corner, provide your name, postal address, email address, and telephone number.
- In the upper right corner indicate the number of words in your story or the number of lines in your poem, along with the monthly theme.
- At the end of your manuscript, please provide a brief bio (15-20 words), and include this as part of the overall word count for your manuscript. This would change each time a writer appears in *Purpose* so readers get to know our writers.

## Submission information

We feature a variety of voices and encourage writers to submit materials no more than once a quarter (Winter: Dec/Jan/Feb; Spring: Mar/Apr/May; Summer: Jun/Jul/Aug; Fall: Sep/Oct/Nov).

**Electronic submissions required.** Please submit your manuscript as a Word document attached to your email, and send to [PurposeEditor@MennoMedia.org](mailto:PurposeEditor@MennoMedia.org).

**Response time:** Generally 4-6 weeks after the due date for a particular theme/issue.

**Rights:** We purchase first-time rights, and do not use reprints.

**Payment:** Rates range from \$30 - \$50 for articles, \$10 - 20 for poetry. Payment is made on publication along with two complimentary copies.

**Thank you** for your interest in *Purpose*.