

Writers' Guidelines

ChristianWeek is an independent, subscription-based, national Christian newspaper published every two weeks (25 issues per year). We also publish two regional, monthly editions in Manitoba and Ontario (12 issues per year).



The mission of ChristianWeek is to glorify God and serve His Church by providing readers throughout Canada with news and comment about events, issues and ideas affecting the practice of Christian faith and life in Canada.

Our primary need is for news. Writers are encouraged to submit articles about people or news events in your own region or denomination that would be of interest and importance to readers in other church communities and areas of the country.

While we sometimes publish unsolicited material, we always prefer to be queried first. Because of the short turnaround time of newspapers, phone calls or e-mail messages are preferred to query letters by mail.

Unless expressly solicited, ChristianWeek rarely accepts poetry and fiction.

All articles published in ChristianWeek may be selected for posting and archiving on the ChristianWeek website (www.christianweek.org), unless permission is refused by the writer at acceptance of the assignment.

Consider the following when writing for ChristianWeek:

Immediacy

Timeliness is crucial in newspapers. We need to receive the article as soon as possible after the story takes place.

Brevity

Straightforward news articles should generally be between 300 and 600 words, although reporting on complex issues may require more length.

Clarity

Cover the main points: "who, what, when where and why"—preferably near the beginning of the article.

Photos

We welcome sharp, well-composed photos (preferably action shots) accompanying articles. Colour

prints are best, black and white if necessary. If possible, we like to receive photos by e-mail as a high-resolution (300 dpi or greater) JPG file.

Format

We prefer to receive articles by e-mail, as this saves both time and money. However, faxed or mailed articles are accepted if the technology is not available. Manuscripts must be typed and double-spaced.

Payment

We will pay a modest fee (normally 12.5 cents per assigned word; \$15 per original published photo; \$60 for opinion columns) some weeks after publication.

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