

## **PRISM**

### Writers' Guidelines

*Prism* is the national publication of Evangelicals for Social Action. *Prism* was established in 1993 and is published six times a year.

*Prism* offers a wide range of articles and styles, linked by ESA's central commitment "that every Christian be a faithful disciple—marked by service to the poor and powerless, reverence for life, care for creation, and passionate witness to Jesus Christ."

*Prism* is published by and for evangelical Christians. We seek to be a prophetic, consistently biblical voice in the North American church, reminding evangelicals of the whole call of the gospel, and challenging and equipping them to follow in all their lives.

The best way to understand the style and perspective of *Prism* is to read it. Sample copies are available by mail for \$3. You can also access PRISM articles on the internet at [esa-online.org/PRISMArchiveGuide](http://esa-online.org/PRISMArchiveGuide). You can save your time and our time by being genuinely familiar with the types of issues we address, the way we approach those issues, and the level of writing we expect.

We accept unsolicited submissions for several sections of our publication. Query letters are sometimes enough to pique our interest and convince us to work with a writer unknown to us, but in general we prefer to read an entire manuscript. (Queries should always be accompanied by examples of published writing.) We look for pieces anywhere from 650 to 3000 words. If you have good photographs to accompany the story, mail or email them to us.

We are not responsible for unsolicited material, and can only return a manuscript if an SASE is enclosed. We try to report back in 6-8 weeks. If your subject is of a timely nature that requires a more immediate consideration, please indicate this in your cover letter, but please keep in mind that we have a 3-month lead time. The editorial deadline for the Jan/Feb issue, for example, is October 1. Seasonal material should be submitted at least six months in advance.

We do not publish poetry or fiction.

Payment is \$75/printed page (approximately 700 words/page) and \$25/published photo (cover images pay \$150); payment is made 30 days after publication. All contributing writers receive contributors' copies and, if requested, a free one-year subscription to *Prism*.

The subjects we are most open to include social justice, Christianity and how it relates to contemporary culture, holistic ministry profiles, spiritual challenges. Some of what we receive may be deemed more suitable for our weekly email newsletter, the *PRISM ePistle*, however, we are unable to pay for material published in the *ePistle*. To subscribe to the free *ePistle*, send an email request to *PRISM* editorial assistant Jen Troutman ([jennifer@esa-online.org](mailto:jennifer@esa-online.org)) or go to this website: [esa-online.org/ePistleSignUp](http://esa-online.org/ePistleSignUp).

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