

**Call for Submissions to the October 2017 Issue of *Anabaptist Witness*  
Suffering and Mission  
Submission Deadline: May 1, 2017**

We live in a world where walls divide, children are shot, houses are bulldozed, and sacred land is destroyed. Daily we are reminded of the suffering around us: in our homes, at our doorsteps, and around the world. While suffering takes many forms, we as Anabaptists are familiar with the stories of martyrs and all that they sacrificed for their faith. Our long tradition of sharing these testimonies has left an imprint on our communal identity, often motivating us to minister to others. And yet, we are learning that we do not always bring good news. We also cause others to suffer. We also silence voices. We also create and participate in systems of oppression.

Even as we confess our brokenness, we must also seek places of hope and sources of renewal, so that we are ready to run the race with sustained energy in order to minister to others and bring about healing in our communities and around the world. In the midst of despair and suffering we are yet called to free captives and restore sight to the blind, and in the name of the risen Christ.

The Co-Editors of *Anabaptist Witness* invite submissions on the relationship between suffering and mission for the October 2017 issue. Possible questions to address include: How do we resource missionaries who serve in emotionally challenged settings that involve conflict, violence, and trauma? What are the practices that foster resiliency and joy in these contexts? How do we name, lament, and seek forgiveness for damage caused when we insert ourselves into other cultures? What must we do to mend those relationships? What do biblical descriptions of suffering reveal about the mission and life of the church? Ecumenical and interreligious perspectives on these and related topics are welcome, insofar as they connect with Anabaptist and Mennonite mission.

Because this journal is an exchange among peoples from around the world, from laity and pastors to academics and administrators, the Co-Editors welcome submissions from a variety of genres including sermons, photo-essays, reflections, interviews, biographies, poems, and academic papers. We also encourage submissions in languages other than English, particularly in French or Spanish.

**Guidelines and deadline:**

The Co-Editors welcome submissions on this topic through May 1, 2017. Through a peer review process, we will choose 3–4 shorter articles of approximately 1,500 words in length, and 5–6 academic papers of no more than 7,500 words (including footnotes). Image-based submissions are also subject to peer review. Please familiarize yourself with our editorial process and technical requirements at <http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/guidelines/>. If you have an idea you would like feedback on, you are welcome to submit a one-page abstract by April 15, 2017.

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