

Call for Submissions to the October 2022 Issue of *Anabaptist Witness*

Mission and Health

Submission Deadline: June 1, 2022

Since the spring of 2019, the ministries of churches, mission agencies, and missionaries have been carried out under the conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Standard patterns of gathering and travel have been radically disrupted by efforts to stop the virus' spread and protect the vulnerable from disease and death. Many programs and relationships have relied on internet video applications to continue functioning. This reality has further exposed devastating technological, economic, and healthcare inequalities within and between countries. Significant differences among Christians about what it means to trust God in the face of medical catastrophe have also come to light.

Churches have seen medical treatment as a core part of its mission for centuries. Although the current pandemic is unusual in its global reach, much of the world's population much of the time is subject to debilitating illness and inadequate health service, due in no small part to rampant poverty. Disease and death, of course, are part of the human condition. Christian attempts to address this situation have contributed to the establishment of hospitals and national welfare programs. Medical mission has long been a central component of missionaries' work.

The editor of *Anabaptist Witness* invites submissions on the theme of "Mission and Health" for the October 2022 issue. Submissions should relate to the journal's focus on Anabaptist and Mennonite churches in mission. What can be learned from historical examples of Anabaptist/Mennonite medical mission? What guidance does Scripture and Anabaptist/Mennonite theology offer for churches, mission agencies, and missionaries faced with medical crisis? Does the present experience of adjusting to a global pandemic teach us anything about the nature of mission? How might faith communities witness to God the Healer in the midst of a pandemic? What does Christian witness to healthcare systems look like?

Submissions exploring these and related questions are welcome. *Anabaptist Witness* publishes academic essays as well as short reflection pieces and testimonies. We are also open to publishing sermons, poetry, interviews, and visual art. All selected submissions go through a peer review process.

Guidelines and deadline:

Submissions on this topic are welcome to editor Jamie Pitts (jpitts@ambs.edu) through June 1, 2022. Please familiarize yourself with our editorial process and technical requirements at <http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/guidelines/>.

If you would like feedback on a submission idea, please contact editor Jamie Pitts (jpitts@ambs.edu) by May 1, 2022.

If you are interested in reviewing a book for *Anabaptist Witness*, please find a list of currently available books and contact information for our review editors at the following link: <http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/book-reviews/>. Review suggestions accepted.

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