



## Writer's Guidelines

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*Circuit Rider* is a quarterly professional magazine for United Methodist clergy, with a circulation of 32,000. We strive to provide practical guidance for ministry across the diverse spectrum of The United Methodist Church. Articles offer applicable ideas for preaching, worship, spiritual formation, mission, and other areas of church life, and contribute to Church-wide conversations about current trends and relevant issues.

### THEMATIC FEATURES

The feature articles in each issue of *Circuit Rider* are 700-1800 words in length and pertain to a central theme, scheduled approximately 12-18 months in advance. Queries for articles unrelated to upcoming themes will be held for possible acceptance at a later date. Upcoming themes are:

Issue	Theme	Query Due Date
Nov/Dec/Jan 2010-11	Calling & Career (personal and political aspects of ministry in the UMC)	May 1, 2010
Feb/Mar/Apr 2011	Holy Conversation (methods and venues for talking about faith)	August 1, 2010
Aug/Sept/Oct 2011	The Living Word (biblical interpretation for ever-changing culture)	November 1, 2010

To submit a query for a feature article, send the following to Jessica Kelley, Managing Editor, at [jkkelley@umpublishing.org](mailto:jkkelley@umpublishing.org):

- Article description and working title
- Projected word count
- Contact info: e-mail, USPS address, and phone number
- A brief bio and jpeg photo of yourself

### SERMON STARTERS

Sermon Starters are 300-500 word reflections on one or more of the lectionary texts for each Sunday, designed to prompt preachers in their sermon preparation. Sermon Starters are assigned by liturgical season in sets of 6-7 weeks. If you are interested in writing for Sermon Starters, send a sample reflection on one or more of the lectionary texts for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C (Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35) to Jessica Kelley, Managing Editor, at [jkkelley@umpublishing.org](mailto:jkkelley@umpublishing.org).