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THANK YOU

Thank you for your desire to share your talents and insights with our readers. The *Ensign* could not fulfill its purpose without the help of contributors like you, and we welcome your submissions. Perhaps the best tip we can share with you is to base your writing on your personal experiences. To get an accurate feel for what the *Ensign* publishes, we recommend reading a number of recent issues. You can find the *Ensign* online at <http://ensign.lds.org>.

WHAT WE NEED

The *Ensign* accepts for review unsolicited manuscripts, art, and photographs, but we encourage interested authors to see “Do You Have a Story to Tell?” (updated each month in the Contents section of the magazine and online) for specific topics of interest to the magazine. Please note that all submissions must be made on speculation; we cannot guarantee publication.

Our general, ongoing needs are as follows:

Latter-day Saint Voices: We publish short first-person articles focusing on an individual spiritual experience and insight that teaches a gospel principle. These brief narratives might be like a journal entry. Manuscript length: no more than 750 words.

Gospel-in-Action Stories: We publish articles in which members share testimony and describe blessings that come from obedience to gospel principles and covenants. Some may be dramatic stories of action and physical crisis while others may deal with challenges overcome in the quiet chambers of the heart and mind—conversion, reactivation, resolution of lifestyle problems—but all illustrate the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ in changing and blessing lives. Manuscript length: 1,000–1,600 words.

Marriage: Articles in this department may be written by husbands and wives as well as by General Authorities, professional counselors, and teachers. *To assure a warm, personal feel, please include real-life experiences, stories, and examples.* Helpful how-to’s will encourage readers to put the principles into practice. Manuscript length: No more than 2,000 words.

Parenthood: Articles in this department may be written by parents as well as by General Authorities, teachers, and professionals in child care and guidance. Real-life experiences, stories, and examples in the articles help readers relate them to their own situations. Helpful how-to’s encourage readers to put principles into practice. Manuscripts length: no more than 2,000 words.

Singles: We publish articles on topics of interest to unmarried Latter-day Saints (never-married, widowed, and divorced), particularly articles written *by* single members. Articles should share helpful insights and positive approaches to challenges faced by LDS singles. Manuscript length: no more than 2,000 words.

News: We seek to publish news items of interest to members of the entire Church. Notify us of upcoming events as far in advance as possible, or send your report immediately after the event.

Random Sampler: This department features short tips on family home evening, motherhood, health and fitness, and finances. Other topics may include home production and storage, literacy and education, career development, and family history. Helpful how-to's will encourage readers to put principles into practice. Manuscript length: no more than 500 words.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR MANUSCRIPT

1. Please double-space everything—body copy, endnotes, quotations, chart copy, titles, and headings.
2. Type your name, address, and e-mail address in the upper right-hand corner.
3. Send your manuscript in electronic form to ensign@ldschurch.org, or in print form to *Ensign* Editorial, 50 East North Temple Street, Rm. 2420, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150-3220. Please enclose a suitable self-addressed stamped envelope if you desire your manuscript to be returned if it is not accepted.

OPTIONS TO DONATE OR RECEIVE PAYMENT

Much of what the *Ensign* prints is donated material. This includes question and answer responses, letters to the editor, and short responses to calls for testimonies and experiences. If you wish to donate your material when submitting it to the magazine, we will gladly accept it on that basis. If you wish to be paid, we will be pleased to send you payment. Payment varies depending on factors such as the complexity of the work and the research required to produce it. Choosing to request payment will not affect how we review your work.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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3. We encourage readers to contribute letters to the editor, sharing insights, experiences, and comments about articles in the magazine.
4. We are not interested in book-length manuscripts, fiction, plays, self-promotion, travelogues, near-death experiences, or exceptionally personal or sensitive material.
5. Sacrament meeting talks cannot usually be easily converted to effective articles unless they include narratives of personal experience illustrating principles of the gospel.
6. Accepted manuscripts are filed by theme and are scheduled for publication according to need. They may not appear for a year or longer.