

# ***Daily Word*** **Writing Opportunities**

*Daily Word* includes four types of writing: daily messages, testimonials, principle-focused teaching, and poetry. Unity writers, ministers, and truth students from across the country comprise the *Daily Word* writing team.

## **Daily Messages**

A typical writer on the message team composes five or six daily messages per issue. Qualifications for becoming a message-writer are:

- At least five years of studying Unity teachings
- Professional writing experience
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Openness to feedback and continuous growth

Responsibilities include participation in the development of message themes and concepts, communication with the editor by email and phone, and attendance at occasional meetings of the writing team. Contract writers for *Daily Word* are paid per published message.

If you are interested in being considered for the *Daily Word* message writing team, please submit the following by email to Beth Hammock at [hammockba@unityonline.org](mailto:hammockba@unityonline.org). (Space on the team is limited.)

1. Two writing samples in the style of a *Daily Word* message—complete with an affirmation and Bible verse. We ask that the theme of your first submission be either "Faith" or "Divine Order." You are free to choose any theme for your second submission. The body of the message should be between 130-150 words.

2. Résumé or biography. Please include information regarding your writing experience/training and your education and background in Unity teachings. Also include your full name, address, phone, and other contact information.

## **Feature Articles**

*Daily Word* publishes two types of feature articles in each issue: testimonials and principle-focused teaching.

**Testimonials**—Written by individuals who have experienced transformation in their lives, these articles should inspire readers to make a similar change through the use of Unity principles. The article may also recount a deep spiritual experience or the way in which *Daily Word*, Silent Unity, or Unity principles have been applied to create a positive change.

Testimonials in *Daily Word* vary in length between 600 and 900 words. If you would like to contribute a personal story, please send it to Beth Hammock at [hammockba@unityonline.org](mailto:hammockba@unityonline.org). Please include complete contact information, including full name, address, and phone number. Also include a brief biography of yourself.

Please note, you do not need to be a professional/experienced writer to submit a testimonial to *Daily Word*. If the story is being considered, the *Daily Word* editor may ask for a telephone interview and assist the writer in preparing the story for publication.

**Principle-focused teaching**—These articles explore the meaning and application of a specific Unity principle. They frequently give examples of the principle in practice. This is an excellent vehicle for ministers and teachers to reach readers all over the world.

These articles vary in length from 200 to 500 words. Please cite any references upon submission. Payment varies by length of published article. We pay upon publication. In addition, complimentary copies of *Daily Word* are sent to writers upon publication of their material.

Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and email address. Also include past writing credits and a brief biography of your education and background in Unity teachings.

## **Poetry**

*Daily Word* includes prayer support and inspiration published by Unity. The material is constructive, positive, and inspirational in tone and unbiased in regard to creed or sect. We suggest that prospective contributors carefully study *Daily Word* before submitting material.

We accept poetry submissions for *Daily Word* with the understanding that they are **original and previously unpublished**, and that the persons or agents submitting them have exclusive distribution rights. Unity buys the worldwide rights to first publish the work in print or electronic form, or adapt it to other media, with the right to edit the work to match Unity's literary and artistic standards. Word count should not exceed 175.

Poems should be typewritten and double-spaced. Include your name, address, and telephone number. Unity cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to unsolicited materials.

Please submit poetry by email or postal mail. If by postal mail, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return mailing. Please send submissions to the following address:

*Daily Word* – Unity/Attn: Beth Hammock, Editor/1901 NW Blue Parkway/Unity Village, MO 64065-0001 or by email to: [hammockba@unityonline.org](mailto:hammockba@unityonline.org).

Thank you for your interest in being part of the *Daily Word* writing team.