

New Leaf Writing Collective - *Reflecting the Canadian Soul* Guest Writer Submission Guidelines

General Guidelines for New Leaf Writing Collective articles:

- Articles will reflect on **one** particular aspect of **one** particular topic from a distinctly Canadian perspective. (Consider writing a series if you have more than one aspect to explore)
- Articles will include personal reflection to illustrate that the reflection is from an explicitly expressed viewpoint. We want to share *stories*, not just disembodied ideas.
- The platform of internet articles is best used to start a conversation or share an experience. Consider suggesting an idea for consideration, rather than asserting your point as the only option. We want to cultivate a safe place for conversation. This stance is in contrast to the medium of preaching, for example, when asserting a point is expected.
- Topics of interest include (but are not limited to) church planting in Canada, reflecting Christianly on Canadian current events, stories from marginal voices, stories of starters and other spiritual entrepreneurs, empowerment of women
- Article length: ~800 words ideal length, 1200 words max
- All articles will be reviewed by the editor.
- The authors of submissions will be in conversation with the editor to ensure an article fits the ethos of the New Leaf Network. Submission authors must expect that revisions might be necessary for length or content.
- Articles can be solicited or submitted. If solicited, there will be an agreed-upon deadline for completed writing. Publishing of submitted articles on the writing collective will be timed at the discretion of the editor.
- Submit articles to writingcollective@newleafnetwork.ca