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**Bonus Handout for KCWC 2022**

Writing for Guideposts and its Family of Magazines

To send your story, go to [guideposts.org](http://guideposts.org) and click the “Tell Your Story” link. You will fill in your name and contact information. You will copy and paste your story into the box. There is also a pull-down menu for you to state the CATEGORY for your story. The options include a specific publication or holiday you are trying to write for. There are a few specific departments listed, but they are the departments in Guideposts only.

Unless otherwise noted, all department pieces are 300 words long.

Remember that Guideposts stories must involve a PROBLEM! Guideposts is not a magazine about God. It’s a magazine about PEOPLE and how their FAITH helps them solve their problems. I’ve written hundreds of stories where one of my kids said something cute and it reminded me of God’s love. These can be great stories, but they’re not Guideposts stories. In Guideposts stories, the narrator has a problem that they must solve before the story is completed.

**Departments in Guideposts:**

Someone Cares – shorter pieces (about 150 - 200 words) about people or organizations that do good in their communities – IMPORTANT NOTE: I manage this department and you may send stories for this department directly to me at [dstark@guideposts.org](mailto:dstark@guideposts.org). Only stories for the specific departments I’ve noted can be sent to me. All other stories need to be submitted through the Guideposts website. (If I had enough time to look at all of your stories, I would, but sadly, there just aren’t enough hours in the day. Thanks for understanding.) Please put the department you are submitting to in the subject line of your email.

Abundant Table – short prayers of gratitude

Mysterious Ways – stories about events that are unexplainable except through divine intervention

What Prayer Can Do – stories about a unique way that God answered a prayer or a way that prayer changed your life

**Notes about Angels on Earth**

Obviously, this magazine prints stories about angels. Most are Heavenly Angels, but many are ANIMALS The magazine also includes stories about humans who do HEAVENLY things.

Like Guideposts, the stories include a PROBLEM the narrator is dealing with.

Departments in Angels on Earth:

Earning their Wings – stories about people who have done good things for their communities – about 150 – 200 words – IMPORTANT NOTE: This is one of the departments that I manage. Stories for this department can be sent directly to me at [dstark@guideposts.org](mailto:dstark@guideposts.org).

Heaven’s Music – stories about how music impacts us and our faith – they get many stories about hymns – need unique angles

Someone’s in the Kitchen – recipes that have special meaning

The Collector – a special collection of items that has meaning – can be angels, but doesn’t have to be

He Makes the Winds His Messengers – stories about God using the wind to communicate with us. IMPORTANT NOTE: This is one of the departments that I manage. Stories for this department can be sent directly to me at [dstark@guideposts.org](mailto:dstark@guideposts.org).

Only Human? – a story about someone that might be human or might be an angel – they help us and then we never see them again

Lost and Found – stories about a lost item that is lost then found through a unique way. IMPORTANT NOTE: This is one of the departments that I manage. Stories for this department can be sent directly to me at [dstark@guideposts.org](mailto:dstark@guideposts.org).

A Wing and a Prayer – stories about the impact of prayer in our lives

### **Notes about Mysterious Ways:**

Mysterious Ways prints stories about God’s divine intervention in our lives. These stories are about things that cannot be EXPLAINED any other way.

Stories for Angels on Earth are COMFORTING while stories for Mysterious Ways are MYSTERIOUS.

Departments in Mysterious Ways:

His Humorous Ways – funny stories about God’s divine intervention – these can be sent directly to me

Ahhhhmazing – miraculous stories about God “hijacking” technology for the user’s good. The technology can be a computer, phone, social media, app, etc. If dialing a wrong number or accepting an odd friend request on social media brought about a reunion or wonderful friendship, these are the kind of stories we need for this department.

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Star Turn – celebrity news of divine intervention

End Note – a short piece about divine intervention