

# Instructions for Writing a Simple Living Column for Mennonite Creation Care Network

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*The template below contains suggestions to make writing easier and to let writers know the editor's intent. Using the headings provided will make your piece more accessible for quick online scanning. However, the template questions are not laws. Do not let them squelch your creativity.*

- Keep your column to 500 words or less. If you can say what is needed in 250 words, that's just fine.
- Write for a general audience.
- Send relevant photos if you have some.
- Send a mug shot of yourself and a 2-sentence bio. We endeavor to make our network personable.
- Email your column to [mccn@goshen.edu](mailto:mccn@goshen.edu).

## Template: Simple Living Column

*Focus on one specific action you, your family or your congregation took in order to live more lightly on the earth.*

1. Describe what you did. Either a particular event (such as a congregational weather-stripping party) or an ongoing commitment (such as planting and eating out of a garden) could work.
2. Why did you choose this particular action?
3. What were the challenges?
4. What was successful?
5. Parting advice: What would you tell others who might like to do this?