**Manuscript Submission Form**

*CDM’s vision is to strengthen the Church by providing biblical resources that promote a biblical worldview that is anchored in the inerrant Word of God, centered on the Gospel, and in agreement with the doctrines taught in the Westminster Confession of Faith. Due to the unique nature of our ministry to promote discipleship in the local church, we are very selective in the resources we publish. We see authors as partners discipleship, and we hope to not only invest the time and energy of the CDM team, but we hope to help develop the next generation of writers, who will develop dependable resources for the church. We are currently accepting manuscript proposals for studies designed for children, youth, and adults.*

*If you are interested in submitting a manuscript proposal in keeping with the mission stated above, CDM welcomes your proposal in the following areas:*

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*Discipleship Resources for Small Groups*

*General Bible Studies (6-10 weeks max.)*

*Resources for Churches, Pastors, or Leaders*

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1. **Even if your manuscript is complete, we require you to submit a proposal with a portion of your manuscript.**
2. **All proposals must be received electronically. We will not respond to, or return, proposals submitted by mail.**
3. **Please complete all parts of this submission form, or explain why you cannot.**
4. **CDM is a committee of the PCA and as such publishes only materials that strengthen the church. Therefore, we ask that each submission be accompanied by a letter from an ordained PCA pastor or elder who has read the submission and can confirm its value to the Body of Christ.**
5. **We carefully review the manuscript proposals we receive. You can expect a response to our evaluation of your proposal within one to two months. Any expression of interest should not be understood as an offer to publish. While CDM is always looking for new qualified authors, only a small percentage of submissions are ever published.**

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**AUTHOR INFORMATION**

* Are you a member in good standing of a PCA church?
* Present employment:
* What qualifies you to write this book? What is your education, experience, and professional expertise?
* Why did you write this book? Do you have a unique perspective or experience to share?
* Previous books or articles published:

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* Which category best describes your submission?

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* Is the manuscript finished? If not, when will it be? (mm/yyyy)
* Give us a summary of your book in approximately thirty (30) words.
* Give us a summary of your book in approximately one hundred fifty (150) words
* Provide chapter summaries of how you develop themes and material in your book proposal.
* Include a file containing a table of contents and 2 or 3 sample chapters of your proposed book.
* What main points are you attempting to communicate? How would your book strengthen the church?

**AUDIENCE**

* It is important to know who the book is intended to reach. Describe the target audience of your book:
  + Age:
  + Gender:
  + Education:
  + Experience:
  + Other specifics:
* How do you hope your book will impact readers? Provide examples of how readers will benefit from reading your book. (Don’t focus on what the book does but what difference it will make to the reader.) Be as specific as possible.

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* Provide examples of what is new, distinctive, or groundbreaking about your book. (Why would someone pick it up and buy it?)

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* CDM strongly encourages authors to test their material on a small group or in their home church before submitting it for publication. Doing so will help you fine tune your manuscript. Has your material been small group tested? What was the response? Who in your test group could we speak with to share about how your material impacted them? Please include both name and contact information.

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* We encourage you to do a Google search about your topic, title, and look at books that would compete with yours. We also encourage you to do a hashtag search of your topic and/or title. Tell us the books you see as competing with yours, and briefly explain why yours is better?

Are there any CDM titles already in publication that are similar to your submission?

* List any ministries or organizations with which you are connected that would be interested in your book?
* Do you have any scheduled speaking events?
* What is social media presence? Are on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or other social media?
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