

# Artist in Residence

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Bethel Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, strongly supports the continual development and strengthening of the arts in our community. Therefore its Worship Committee implemented an initial three-year program in support of an Artist in Residence at Bethel in 2016.

Bethel's Vision Statement is as follows: **Loving God, each other, and our neighbours.** We welcome creative expressions of this vision, recognizing that our creative impulses come from God, our Creator.

In different years alternative artistic genres will be explored. The first Artists in Residence, 2016-17, focused on story-telling; the second Artist in Residence, 2017-18, focused on visual arts. Other suggested areas to be covered include poetry, music, drama/liturgy, visual arts, and culinary/food artistry; other areas of creativity will also be considered. If you have gifts in any of these areas and you are interested, please send your resume and a one-page proposal to [office@bethelmennonite.ca](mailto:office@bethelmennonite.ca). The proposal should identify how you anticipate contributing to the life of the church using the artistic and creative gifts you wish to explore.

Artists in Residence will be expected to participate in the regular worshiping and community life of Bethel Mennonite Church. The artist(s) will be expected to prepare and produce three well developed presentations in appropriate settings (egs. Sunday worship gatherings, education hours, seminars, workshops, recitals, dinners, etc.) throughout the term of the appointment.

A sample poet laureate proposal might include presentations in writing and reading or singing or chanting the poet's own poetry; sponsoring readings; developing a strong library poetry section (in coordination with the church librarian); lifting up biblical poetry in worship; or supporting poetry development (eg. writing workshops) amongst Bethelites and the larger church community through Bethel. Proposals for other genres of artistry should similarly demonstrate the development in, and the strong connection between, that genre and the church.

Annual term of service (fall to spring): September to May/June. Remuneration: Bethel will provide an honorarium of \$1000/annum or \$500/half-year, and pay any pre-approved expenses for the project(s)

**Applications for the term beginning in September, 2018 are invited until March 31, 2018. If you would like to discuss your proposal before you submit it, please feel free to talk to a member of the Worship Committee – call the Church Office at 204-453-2199 for contact information.**