Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly

Submitting Articles for Publication

Guidelines and Recommendations

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ABOUT THE JOURNAL

1. AUDIENCE
   The CHIQ audience includes both lay and professional readers. Articles are academic in nature and make extensive use of footnotes to cite original historical documents. However, authors should not assume the reader has a detailed understanding of the history of the LCMS or Lutheranism in North America. CHIQ readers are interested in Lutheran history but may not have a Lutheran or LCMS background.

2. CIRCULATION
   Current circulation of CHIQ is 650 pieces. Additionally, promotional copies are made available at LCMS Conventions, LWML Conventions, LCMS District conventions, pastors’ conferences, LCMS seminary student events, etc.

3. INCLUDED IN EACH ISSUE
   Each issue includes book reviews, a “Director’s Circle” acknowledgment page, and other pages with CHI announcements or events.

ARTICLES SUBMITTED — LENGTH

1. HARD LIMITS ON ARTICLE LENGTH
   Important: The total word count for all articles in one issue of CHIQ is 26,000 words (does not include footnotes). These are hard limits as our printer cannot go beyond 62 pages for articles per issue.

   For three articles in one issue this amounts to no more than 8,500 words per article.

ARTICLES SUBMITTED — ILLUSTRATIONS

1. ILLUSTRATIONS / PHOTOS
   A suggested ratio of one photo/illustration per 600–800 words of text is recommended.

2. HIGH QUALITY SCANS NECESSARY
   Photos and illustrations should be scanned at a minimum of 600dpi and submitted in TIFF format. Scanning in color including a greycard in the scan is recommended for all photos (even if they will finally be printed in black and white). CHIQ will crop out the greycard during the final layout of the journal.

3. CAPTIONS
   Include an appropriate caption text for each illustration / photo.
4. COPYRIGHT PERMISSION FOR ILLUSTRATIONS
   Permission from the owner of the photograph needs to be obtained by the author of the article at the
time of submission.

ARTICLES SUBMITTED — FOOTNOTES

1. CHIQ NO LONGER USING ENDNOTES
   CHIQ now utilizes footnotes instead of endnotes. See recent issues for examples of style and format.

2. USE ACTUAL PAGE NUMBERS
   Avoid using “f.” and “ff.” in endnote citations. Cite actual page numbers using an n-dash.

3. DO NOT FOOTNOTE TITLE
   Article titles should not be footnoted.

4. DISCURSIVE COMMENTS IN FOOTNOTES
   Avoid using the footnotes for discursive comments. Include relevant and important information in the
text itself. Discursive notes in the text or footnotes may be shortened or eliminated in CHIQ’s editorial
process.

ARTICLES SUBMITTED — STYLE

1. CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE 14
   Consult the 14th edition of the Chicago Manual of Style. (Avoid using the 16th edition.)

2. COMMA AFTER PENULTIMATE ITEM IN LIST
   CHIQ utilizes the Oxford comma.

3. INITIAL PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE FUNCTIONS AS PRECIS
   The initial paragraph of each article functioning as a precis is strongly encouraged.

4. EMPHASIZE WITH ITALIC
   Indicate emphasis, book titles, and uncommon foreign words with italic, not boldface or underline.

5. DIRECT QUOTES
   Any direct quote over 30 words is to be formatted as a block quote. It is important to keep the indents
   occurring in the original publication being quoted. Important note: Use an indent in the block quote
   only when there is an indent in the original publication being quoted.

6. NUMERALS
   Spell out numerals 10 and under; use numerals over 10. Recast sentences that begin with numerals over
   10.

7. DATES
   Full dates are to be spelled out in the text. Example: June 25, 1917. Do not include day of the week in
citing dates.

8. WORDS TO CAPITALIZE
   Capitalization follows the LCMS Official Stylebook (www.lcms.org/Document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=847) and
9. DIVINE PRONOUNS
CHIQ observes the capitalization of divine pronouns. Example: “Christ and His,” not “Christ and his.”

10. GERMAN INITIALS IN NAMES

11. ESV FOR BIBLE VERSES IN ENGLISH IS PREFERRED
The English Standard Version (ESV) is the translation of choice for CHI publications.

12. NUMBER RANGES USE N-DASH
An en dash is used between two numbers to show inclusive range. Example: 1917–1927.

13. EXPLANATORY COMMENTS USE M-DASH
An em dash (or pair of em dashes) is used to set off an explanatory comment.

14. AVOIDING CONFUSION BY INCLUDING FIRST INITIAL OF CITED AUTHOR
Include first name or first initial when there may be confusion about multiple individuals with the same
last name, both commonly associated with Lutheran history in North America. Example: “Ottomar
Fuerbringer,” or “Ludwig Fuerbringer;” “Theodore Graebner” or “August Graebner.”

15. DISCOURAGED
Avoid the use of the first person. Avoid clichés, archaisms, and neologisms.

ARTICLES SUBMITTED — CITATIONS

1. DIRECT QUOTES
Any direct quote must be made with quotation marks and cited in the endnotes.

2. SUBSEQUENT CITATION OF SOURCES CAN BE ABBREVIATED
Footnoted citations can be abbreviated after first complete citation. Example: Initial citation: Walter O.

3. CITING NAMES OF JOURNALS
After a first complete spell-out of the journal name, subsequent references are abbreviated. Example:
Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly (CHIQ).

4. CITING STATES
Spell out the names of states in the text body. Example: “Texas,” not “TX.” Citing the state along with the
city is unnecessary for commonly-know cities. Example: “Chicago” instead of “Chicago, Illinois.”

5. CITING THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS
Be clear in references to the Book of Concord. Citations should specify either Concordia Triglotta, the
Tappert edition, the Kolb-Wengert edition, or the Göttingen edition.

6. CITING LUTHER’S WORKS
The American edition of Luther’s Works is abbreviated and italicized. Example: LW 50:234.

7. CITING HYMN TITLES
Titles and texts from hymns and songs should follow the wording and punctuation of the source. After a
first complete spell-out of the title of a hymnal, subsequent references are italicized and abbreviated.
Example: Lutheran Service Book (LSB).
8. PARENTHEtical Citations in Text
Documentation of Bible verses, references to the Lutheran Confessions, and the American edition of Luther’s Works should be included in parentheses in the text instead of including the citation in the footnotes.

REview Grammar, Spelling and Style Before Submission

1. Review Grammar and Spelling Before Submission
It is strongly suggested that each article be checked with “Grammerly” or similar program before submission. Review by a skilled copy editor is also strongly encouraged. Please double check spelling and consistency in style.

Submission

1. Submission of Article and Suggested Illustrations with Captions
Submission of all text and illustrations to be sent to Dr. Wohrable at editorchiq@gmail.com. (Please advise Dr. Wohlrabe if your article was / will be submitted to other publications.)

2. Also Submit Author Resume / Vita
Each issue contains “About This Issue,” written by Dr. Wohlrabe. Please submit a brief vita / resume to be used in crafting “About this Issue.”

If Your Article is Published in CHIQ

1. Gratis Copies of CHIQ for Published Authors
Authors who have their articles published in CHIQ are given 3 gratis copies of the issue in which their article appears. Please include your shipping address with all articles submitted.

2. Cover Layout
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