

INSIDEOUT WRITER APPLICATION

For Summer 2020 project

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN WRITING FOR *INSIDEOUT*.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS *APPLICATION* AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR
WRITING SAMPLE TO INSIDEOUT@CHALICEPRESS.COM BY **APRIL 15, 2018**.**

1. About InsideOut: Christian Resources for Outdoor Ministries

InsideOut is an annual collaborative publication designed by partners from several mainline Protestant Christian denominations and published by Chalice Press. It provides camp leaders with a theme, daily scripture focus, in-depth theological and biblical exegesis, and activities designed to stimulate meaningful growth in an outdoor ministry setting. The resources provided are designed to be fully adaptable to multiple settings and formats. InsideOut is purchased by camp leaders, day camp directors, and denominational bodies for camp.

2. Project Scope

- Writers will be chosen for:
Children, youth, intergenerational-family, and biblical-theological reflections
- Assignments will be made by May 15, 2018.
- Prior to a Writer's Conference, all writers will receive the 2020 Outlines and a copy of the first draft of the Biblical and Theological Reflections.
- Writers will participate in a three-day conference for orientation and collaboration. This event will be set once a writing team is selected, based on their available dates in June or early July.
- This project's emphasis will be connecting to God in prayer while facing the world we live in and addressing the longings of our heart.
- Draft deadlines will be clearly stated in the writing contract with the final manuscript due on September 30, 2018.
- Upon acceptance of the final manuscript, the writers will be paid a fee of \$800 for the submission.

3. Criteria for writers

- All writers will have a deep faith, centered in Jesus Christ, and lived out in the Church.
- All members of the writing team will be competent writers. Previous publication experience is desirable. An unedited writing sample is required.
- Camping experience, including experience as a camp leader or counselor is preferred for age specific activity writers. Other children's and/or youth ministry experience is also desirable, as is a background in education in childhood development.
- Additional experience in creating prayer experiences and spiritual reflection resources preferred for 2019 project members.

- Biblical and Theological Reflections writer will be an experienced exegete. A graduate degree in biblical studies, a M. Div. or equivalent and a command of Greek and/or Hebrew are highly desirable. Experience in teaching the Bible to a lay audience is a must.
- Writers will be selected to represent diversity of age, race, culture, gender, denomination, and clergy and lay leadership.
- All writers must be able to attend a Writer's Conference. The travel, dining and living expenses for the Writer's Conference will be covered by Chalice Press.
- Please note that selection will be made on the basis of your skills for **writing curriculum**—that is your ability to write instructions for others to follow. Do not submit other kinds of writing such as a sermon, devotional, or reflective paper. You are encouraged to study the activity format for InsideOut and follow the provided template when writing your samples. You can find a sample at www.OutOfCurriculum.org.

4. Process for Application

Writers of Age-Level Materials

- Attach a writing sample (250 words or less per activity) for each of the following activities written appropriately *for either youth or children*, and for an outdoor setting. Refer to the attached sample from InsideOut for a general idea of style.
 - **Bible study** activity on **Jonah 4**. The theme for the day is: *Longing to Be Heard*. The emphasis is on God's willingness to hear our full range of emotions, even the negative, and the importance of us personally owning those feelings.
 - **Game or creative activity** based on **1 Kings 3:7-15**. The theme for the day is *Longing for Guidance*. The emphasis is on seeking God as a partner in decision making and the power of reflection in making decisions.
 - **Prayer experience** based on **Esther 4**. The theme for the day is: *Longing Together*. The emphasis is on our need to be in community and cry out together for the needs we share and those of our brothers and sisters.

Writers of Biblical-Theological Reflections

- Write 500 words on **1 Kings 3: 7-15**
 - The theme for the day is: *Longing for Guidance*. The emphasis is on seeking God as a partner in decision making and the power of reflection in making decisions.
 - Your audience is camp counselors (often young adults) and directors (often experienced faith leaders), to help them understand the story, its context, some of the theological issues related to it, and potential connections to campers. The goal is for campers to know that we can seek God's guidance, without expecting God to fix things, and that the process of reflection and discernment often creates a conversation with God.
- You do not need to be exhaustive; this is only a sample of your writing.

APPLICATION

You may wish to copy/paste this page, and use your word processing program to complete the application

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Denominational Affiliation:

1. Please briefly describe your outdoor ministry experience.
2. Briefly describe your other qualifications for this task.
3. Designate your first and second choice for the section you would like to write:

Children

____ Younger Children

____ Older Children

Youth

____ Younger Youth

____ Older Youth

____ Intergenerational/Family

____ Biblical & Theological Reflections

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