

## INSIDEOUT WRITER APPLICATION

### For Summer 2025 project: “Another Way”

Thank you for your interest in writing for InsideOut. Please complete this application and return it with your writing sample to [insideout@chalicepress.com](mailto:insideout@chalicepress.com) by April 15, 2023.

#### 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:  
Younger and Older Children, Older and Younger Youth, and Intergenerational activities. We will also select writers for worship sections divided for Children and Youth.
- Assignments will be made by May 15, 2023.
- Prior to a Writer’s Conference, all activity writers will receive the 2025 Outline and a copy of the first draft of the Biblical and Theological Reflections.
- Writers will participate in an online conference for orientation and collaboration. This event will be set once a writing team is selected, based on their available dates in May, June, or July.
- This project’s emphasis will be the internal and external change that comes with being people of God.
- Draft deadlines will be clearly stated in the writing contract with the final manuscript due on October 10, 2023.
- Upon acceptance of the final manuscript, the Daily Activity writers will be paid a fee of \$800 for the submission. Worship writers will be paid a smaller fee to be negotiated with the editor.

#### 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 based on our provided prompts 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 or childhood development.
- 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 the online Writer's Conference.
- 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.InsideOutCurriculum.org](http://www.InsideOutCurriculum.org).

#### 4. Process for Application

##### Writers of Age-Level Daily Activities

- Attach a writing sample for each of the following activities written appropriately *for either youth or children*, and for an outdoor setting. Remember that longer does not mean it is better. Be clear, creative, and concise, using the InsideOut style seen in our samples.
  - **Bible study** activity on **Matthew 3:1-6**. The theme for the day is “Wild Ideas.”
  - **Game or creative activity** based on **Numbers 27:1-8,11b**. The theme for the day is “Change the Rules.”
  - **Prayer experience** based on **Acts 10:1-36**. The theme for the day is “All In.”

##### Writers of Worship

- Attach a writing sample, providing the following that can be used outdoors with no technology.
  - **Litany** focused on Luke 18:9-14. The theme for the day is “Get Real.”
  - **Scripture** presentation of Acts 10:1-36. The theme is “All In.”
  - **Contemplative** time based on Matthew 3:1-6. The theme is “Wild Ideas.”

##### All Writers

- Complete your writing samples, and the application on page 2 by the deadline.
- Return both to [InsideOut@ChalicePress.com](mailto:InsideOut@ChalicePress.com) by April 15, 2023.



## APPLICATION

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

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Your Denominational Affiliation:

In a separate document, please respond to these questions:

1. Please briefly describe your outdoor ministry experience.
2. Briefly describe your other qualifications for this task.

Designate your first and second choice for the section you would like to write:

- Younger Children (Grades 1-3)
- Older Children (Grades 4-5)
- Younger Youth (Grades 6-8)
- Older Youth (Grades 9-12)
- Intergenerational (Pre-Reader – 2 grade with adult partners)
- Worship: Children
- Worship: Youth

**Don't Forget to Attach Writing Sample and return with this form to**

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