

## Guidelines for TIO Articles

Thank you for your interest in writing for **The Interfaith Observer (TIO)**. Below are guidelines we follow when considering an article for publication:

TIO is inviting creative, insightful, and powerful voices to:

- 1) Write articles of 800-2000 words in length relating to the theme of TIO's upcoming issue, geared toward the everyday reader. Reach out to Megan Anderson & Tahil Sharma at [TIO@seattleu.edu](mailto:TIO@seattleu.edu) to learn what this theme is.
  - We desire articles that focus on the stories and the narratives that impact how we think of religion and interfaith cooperation and its role in society
  - We seek stories that engage the intersectionality of the interfaith movement around various themes and issues
- 2) *Do* include art, images, and/or photographs related to their piece (please source the image as well and, if relevant, provide us with a link to where it came from)

We are looking for inspiring articles that are:

- Geared toward both the newest and most seasoned members of the interfaith movement.
- Not just feel-good stories, but rather stories that help readers reflect upon and evaluate the purpose and role of religion *and* the interfaith movement in society, as well as the writer's own part in shaping the movement.

We are *not* looking for:

- Book reviews or poetry
- Academic journals
- Self-promotion pieces
- Confessions or personal journal entries
- Solely feel-good narrative articles (e.g. Why is peace important?)

TIO invites writers to speak from their heart about their experiences and insight in the movement while being sure that their issue speaks to a specific matter that affects individuals and communities involved in the work of religious pluralism.

### Compensation

TIO will offer \$75.00 USD to:

1. Contributors we publish, to compensate them for their writing.
2. You will also be asked to provide a 15-minute audio podcast-style interview about your piece, and you'll be provided a link to share on your own social media that promotes your work.
3. And, of course, the Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement (CEIE) and TIO will highlight you on their social media channels and the CEIE university web platform.

