

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

The Interim Ministry Network is an ecumenical organization with members from a large number of denominations. All of its publications adhere to guidelines based on the principles of academic freedom.

1. Either in the same issue or in the schedule of annual publications, IMN will regularly provide diverse opinions in a fair-minded way.
2. Readers will be provided, without suppression or innuendo, material readers need to think intelligently for themselves and not dictated conclusions.
3. When a point of view is presented that is contested within the spectrum of scholarly opinion, readers should be made aware that the viewpoint is contested and not scientifically established fact. To the extent possible, readers will be given at the same time another point of view for comparison.
4. No political ideology or dogma shall be presented as “truth.” The goal of IMN publications is to respect the divergent opinion of others, to assess evidence and to support the pluralism of ideas that is the base of our democratic culture.

Submissions are reviewed for objectivity, relevance and value to the readership as a whole. Sermons, seminar presentations, speeches or research papers will be considered for editing for publication, as well as original articles.

PUBLICATION DESCRIPTION:

ReVisions. Our quarterly printed newsletter carries articles largely derived from the workshop content of the Annual Conference. It is a method to make sure all members get the most recent news and views whether they attend conference or not. As we get better and better speakers, we are asking them to write an article on their subject for the members who did not get to hear them. The publication is well received and we plan no substantive changes. The newsletter’s mission is being met.

ReFlections. Our monthly E-letter deals with subject of interest to pastors, interim or settled. It is our most popular offering and we plan no changes. In as many issues as possible we are including a selection of books on the lead topic. They are linked to Amazon for easy purchase. We receive a marketing fee for any purchase of any product made through this account.

ReConnections. On an eight-times-per-year basis we send a newsletter to 1,000 or more judicatories and church leaders on subjects of interest to denominational decision-makers. It also has a suggested library on the subjects written about. We plan no changes at the moment.

AUTHOR GUIDELINES

1. IMN retains the right of acceptance or rejection and the right to edit any and all submissions.
2. IMN does not endorse any commercial products, services or individuals offering products and services to the membership. Articles from both general members and associate members should reflect this objectivity and encourage the understanding and appreciation of general principals, concepts and the learning of techniques rather than attempting to publicize specific commercial products or services.
3. The IMN readership is composed of ordained and professionally trained ministers from a wide variety of Protestant denominations. The subject matter and level of writing should be set accordingly. Generally speaking, research-oriented material should be presented without extensive footnotes and references. Internal notes are preferable to end notes; endnotes are preferable to footnotes.
4. In occasion, the editor may determine that a submitted article does not meet the publication and editorial standards set by the IMN Board of Directors. In such cases, every attempt will be made to provide a review process to assist in article preparation. You are encouraged to discuss your topic idea with the editorial staff prior to submission.
5. In general, IMN publishes only original manuscripts that have not been published elsewhere. Excerpted material from previously published works is the exception, not the rule.
6. Publication of an article cannot be guaranteed.
7. Article length will depend on subject matter and editorial needs. IMN considers book and music reviews of 250 to 350 words, All other articles should be as follows:
 - a. ReVisions: 500 to 700 words
 - b. ReFlections: 700 to 1000 words
 - c. ReConnections: 700 to 1000 words
8. We will consider artwork to accompany articles.
9. We prefer submissions to be sent electronically in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, any version or PDF format. Submission must be sent to Crystal@imnedu.org .
10. In all submissions, include author's name, address, telephone and E-mail address. Also include a short (3-4 sentences) biography and a head and shoulders current photo.