

Unity Northwest Region (UNWR) 2025 CONFERENCE

September 17-19, 2025
UNITY OF BELLINGHAM, WA

LEADING THROUGH THE FOG
WHAT'S YOUR COMPASS?



This Conference is not a formal event, feel free to dress comfortably and casually. Bring comfortable shoes for walking outside on uneven ground.

This conference offers three tracks, designed to meet the needs of many. You are free to attend whatever session calls to you, regardless of the track.

Track 1: For those in spiritual leadership, full time or simply contributing, paid personnel or volunteers, this track is designed for those who guard and guide spiritual consciousness in our communities.

Track 2: For those who are serving on the board or who might want to serve. This track is designed for those who guard and guide the physical, financial, and emotional well-being of the community. These sessions count as board trainings.

Track 3: For those involved with creating and leading the musical dimension of our services. This track is designed to offer resources, deepened awareness of the role music can play, and the opportunity to make music together.

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 17

9:00-10:00 am Welcome and Opening – Board President Rev Diane Robertson

Celebrating the Gifts of the Earth Ceremony Rev Susan Gumm

10:00–12:00 pm **Workshop Choices**

•**Unleashing Your Musical Potential** –Music Director Laura Dubois and ministerial team member Jon West will share the vision and methods they use to create musical magic at Unity of the Valley in Eugene, Oregon.

•**Preparing for Danger-Perceived or Real** –Local police and Frank Patka from Changing Patterns, Inc. This workshop will cover necessary attitudes, practices, and policies to prepare for an unthinkable event and address how to handle welcoming those coming to your church community who have served time in prison, including sex offenders.

•**Issues of Spiritual Leadership** – UNWR Board. This highly interactive program offers a time to get to know others and share our ‘best’ ideas. What is working in your community that you wish to share? What challenges are you facing? Collaborate with others to expand your ideas.

- 12:10-1:30 pm **Spirit Animal Treasure Hunt** – play with new friends while finding a spirit animal with a message for you.
- 1:30-6:15 pm **Time on your own** – Explore Bellingham, relax, and/or just visit with others – lunch and dinner on your own
- 6:30-8:00 pm **Guiding Our Communities Through the Fog** – Join us for an enlightening program with our Keynote Speaker, Rev Ruth Miller as she offers insights about where the world is and what's unfolding; some new understandings from the world of brain research into how our consciousness effects our experience; and how our Unity Principles are our "fog lights" on the road ahead.

Thursday, September 18

- 9:00–10:00 am **Cinema Divina Meditation**—Rev Terry Murray
Walk of Abundance – tithes and offerings
- 10:00–12:00 pm **Workshop Choices**
- Musical Ministry Resources**—Sue Riley — Explore the amazing body of work, in a wide variety of formats, that will work in centers with no music team as well as those with a full music ministry. Singer/songwriter/speaker Sue Riley will share online resources, choral libraries, songbooks, and the empower Music & Arts superstore.
 - Financial Literacy** — Rev Don Barton — Learn the intricacy of reading financial reports and guiding your ministry to abundance.
 - Spiritual & Emotional Maturity in Leadership** — Rev Carrie Kenyon – Explore how self-awareness, compassion, and spiritual grounding strengthen board leadership and support a thriving, conscious ministry.
 - Thriving Regardless** — Rev Ruth Miller – Continue the discussion of leading our congregations in today's spiritual and political environment.
- 12:00 – 2:00 pm **Community lunch** at Unity of Bellingham – provided for all attendees.
- Social Activism** — Bonus lunch & learn workshop -- Rev Cylvia Hayes (optional)
- 2:00 – 5:00 pm •**Water – an Introspective Workshop** – DANIEL NAHMOD – this amazing workshop led by Daniel Nahmod will guide you through his stories and songs to discover your next steps. Bring a journal.
- 5:15-6:45 pm **Community Dinner** – provided for all attendees
- 7:00-8:30 pm **DANIEL NAHMOD SPECIAL CONCERT** – an unforgettable evening with music by Daniel Nahmod

Friday, September 19

- 9:00- 9:15 am **Musical Alignment** led by our attending musicians
- 9:15 – 10:00 am **Unity World Headquarters presentation** -- Rev Jim Blake
Learn about all the happenings at UWH and the future of Unity Village and our movement.
- 10:15 – 10:45 am **Unity Worldwide Ministries presentation** -- Rev Cylvia Hayes and Rev Don Barton (current UWM board members) – Hear the latest and have the chance to ask questions about the changes planned for the future of Unity; Earth Care update.
- 11:00 – 12:30 pm **CLOSING CEREMONY**
Honoring our UNWR Board and closing ceremony with our sacred bundles.
Music by Daniel Nahmod.

UNWR Conference Team

Rev Susan Gumm, Chair

Rev Jane Hiatt

Rev Frank Castro-Wehr

Rev Carrie Kenyon



THANK YOU!

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS
GOES TO THE MANY
VOLUNTEERS AT UNITY OF
BELLINGHAM HELPING TO
MAKE THIS CONFERENCE
AMAZING!