

Northwest Region Annual Meeting

Regional Representative Report

September 15, 2026

It is an exciting, and certainly interesting, time to be serving as your Regional Representative! There have been a lot of changes in our Unity movement since Unity Worldwide Ministries joined Unity World Headquarters and became **Unity Communities & Leaders, or UC&L**.

Through all of those changes, my role as your Regional Representative remains much the same.

My role is to:

First, serve our regional ministries as a source of important information and as a referral facilitator when questions or concerns arise.

Second, serve as an advisor to ministers, spiritual leaders, and church leadership, helping empower you to find solutions to the needs and challenges of your ministry.

Third, support ministries that are experiencing organizational challenges. I do this as a representative of the Northwest Region and Unity Communities & Leaders.

Fourth, serve as an advocate for our regional ministries, bringing forward needs, concerns, and ideas that I become aware of to the Northwest Region and UC&L.

And **fifth**, serve as a communication channel between our ministries, the Northwest Region, and UC&L through my work on the Northwest Regional Board and the UC&L Standards Team.

Connecting with UC&L

Rev Pam Gutierrez has joined me in reaching out to all the ministries to share the importance of enrolling in Circle, the main platform to access information and resources from UC&L as well as updating your ministries' information with them. Year-end reports for both ministers/Spiritual leaders and ministries will be done through Circle for 2026.

Pam and I have been leaving voicemails for those we haven't been able to reach so far. If you have not talked to one of us, please contact me at **208-816-2225**. Sometimes the contact information we have isn't correct so we are encouraging every ministry to make sure its information with the region and with UC&L is current.

If you are not enrolled and would like some assistance, let us know. If you are enrolled, schedule some time and check out the resources. Also attend the monthly Townhall Meetings if possible. If not, they are recorded. It's a great way to keep up with all the changes and upcoming events.

Here is the best contact information for UC&L:

- URL for UC&L Circle: [Partnerscircle.unity.org](https://www.unity.org/en/find-a-community)
- <https://www.unity.org/en/find-a-community>
- U C & L Customer Care Phone
816-251-3565
Mon – Fri 7:30-4:30 central time
- Customer care email; unity@unityonline.org
- Employment Assistance for your church:
employmentassistnace@unityonline.org

Support for Smaller Ministries

I also want to say something specifically to our smaller ministries.

If you are a ministry that doesn't currently have a minister or a Minister of Record, **there are options and resources available to you**. You don't have to figure everything out by yourself.

Please reach out to me. I would be happy to talk with you about what those options might look like for your particular ministry.

Standards Team

I also want to give you a brief update on the work of the **Standards Team**.

The Standards Team is made up of Regional Representatives from the eight regions, including Canada. We are taking a fresh look at our policies through the lens of the **Charter**, making sure our policies are aligned with the Charter and also relevant to the changing world in which our ministries are serving.

The first major piece of this work is the **Code of Ethics for Leaders**, which is nearly ready. We were especially blessed to have **Aidan Dona**, who originally came from our region, guide us as we added a section addressing **Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies**.

The next step will be the **Code of Ethics for Ministries**.

Once these updates are completed and approved, I will reach out to the ministries in our region and share the information with you.

Several of you have also asked about **bylaws**. They are in the pipeline. We will address those after we complete the process with the Codes of Ethics for Leaders and Ministries.

A Personal Note of Gratitude

Before I close, I want to say what a privilege it is to work with the **Northwest Regional Board**.

We have a wonderfully dedicated group of people who care deeply about this region and about the future of Unity. We get a lot done, we support our ministries, we care about our youth, we tackle some pretty big issues and yet somehow, we still manage to have some fun along the way!

I am genuinely grateful for the commitment, creativity, and heart that each person brings to the board. It makes this work not only meaningful, but a joy to be part of.

Closing

My primary purpose as your Regional Representative is simple: **to support you and your ministries.** You don't have to wait until something becomes a crisis to reach out. Sometimes a conversation early in the process can make all the difference. So whether you have a question, a concern, an organizational challenge, or you simply aren't sure where to turn, **please reach out.**

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this region, and I am grateful for each of you and the ways you continue to bring Unity into your communities.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

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