



Annual Meeting of Northwest Region Unity Worldwide Ministries

Tuesday September 22nd, 2020 Online Conference

Unity Northwest Region Board of Trustees: Rev. Rachel Simpson, Chair, Rev. Jane Hiatt, Vice Chair, Rev. Terry Murray, Treasurer, Rev. Linda Spencer, Secretary, Linda Andres, LUT, Member, Rev. Cheryl Mayes, Regional Rep., Barbara Thorp, LUT, LUT Regional Rep.

Opening Prayer given by

Rev. Rachel Simpson

Welcome

Rev. Rachel Simpson

Regional Business and Sign-in

All ministers and LUTs plus 4 people from each ministry are eligible to vote
Eligible people sign in on Chat Window for quorum

Blessing of Ministers, Ministries, Licensed Teachers new to the NW Region

Rev. Rachel Simpson

- Rev. Ron Palumbo began with Unity of Yakima Spiritual Life Center on June 1st
- Rev. David McArthur is now retired and has returned to the NW Region, now residing in Poulsbo
- We also welcome Denise Shelley who is living in Poulsbo

Changes in Leadership

Rev. Rachel Simpson

- 15 Unity Centers are currently without a minister or spiritual leader
- Unity of Grants Pass and Unity of Ashland have closed their doors
- Revs. Rich & Chris Broderhausen of Unity Center of Divine Love & Light retired at end of 2019
- Rev. David Eliot has retired from Unity of Tacoma
- Rev. Linda Fisher is no longer at Unity of Bremerton
- Bob Trask has stepped down from spiritual leadership of Unity of Bellingham

Rev. Patty Williams was designated as Parliamentarian

A Quorum of 35 was established using the Chat function

Rev. Linda Spencer

Approval of Minutes from 2019 Annual Meeting

Motion to approve Rev. Jane Hiatt
Second Rev. Terry Murray
Discussion None
Approved

Appreciation of Staff and Team Leaders

Rev. Rachel Simpson

MarySue Brooks continues as our Executive Assistant
Peggy Miller has retired as Bookkeeper and our new Bookkeeper is Marlisa Johnson
Karen Reddick continues as our webmaster
Nick Muncie-Jarvis is doing a great job as YOU Consultant
Chris Castaldi is continuing as our wonderful Uniteen Consultant
Conference Team: Rev. Rachel Simpson, Rev. Jane Hiatt, Rev. Lisa Davis, Rev. Marla Mason,
Laura DuBois, and Becca Palm

Reports from our Staff & Representatives to Unity Worldwide Ministries – sent to you by email

Board Chair Annual Report to Membership Rev. Rachel Simpson
Started mid-March leading a daily online meditation along with other people from our Region
Added Covid Response page to website with online resources
Added Music resources page to website

Regional Representative

Rev. Cheryl Mayes

Has been Regional Rep. for 5 years and has done Board trainings with 9 churches in the Region
Thrilled that Rev. Terry Murray has become the new Regional Representative
(Linda Andrus will take over as Board Treasurer)

Licensed Unity Teacher Representative

Barbara Thorp, LUT

She provides information about changes in the LUT program and what educational requirements are needed for re-licensure.
She is excited about the number of people in our region who are taking spiritual education and enrichment classes in preparation for LUT licensure and the ministerial training program.
She also provides spiritual support

EarthCare

Cylvia Hayes

This program helps organizations meet requirements for a green footprint
59 total congregations who have certified – 5 in the Northwest plus some working toward it
Right now are working on how to bring alternative ministries into the EarthCare program
This is a great time for working on changes in your church to improve your green footprint

Reports from our Youth and Family Ministries

Youth Events Report

Nick Muncie-Jarvis

Levels of Balance Retreat (Pre-Covid)

37 participants from 9 ministries

Learned how to stay calm, balanced and spiritually connected

40th Annual Youth Team Conference at Gold Bar - “Plant, Harvest, Renew”

Rev. Jane Simmons, Rev. Diane Venzera, and Penny Gruver were guest speakers

52 people from 13 ministries

Theme: to empower youth, give them the freedom to fail, believe in them, see them for who they are and show them you care

For someone new to Youth Team: This event will change your life, your heart will fill with love and ideas for Unity youth. It offers a place to share, rejuvenate, learn and grow.

First Online YOU Rally – we were the first region to do an online event

32 people from 9 ministries: Encompassing Your Truth

Took a fair amount of work, but was very successful and was able to share with other Regions

June – Online Kids Camp – “Spread Your Wings and Fly”

Both live and pre-recorded segments – could log-in when they had time to do activities

17 people from 7 ministries

July – Online YOU Rendezvous – “The Artistry of Reality”

19 people from 8 ministries

Launched three new ongoing events for YOU’ers: Movie Talk, Book Club and Sacred Sundays

Once a month discussing spiritual themes in movies and books and have a spiritual service

Upcoming YOU Retreat: “The Power of Stories and Their Role in Our Lives”

2021 Youth Team Conference the last week in February

Uniteen Report

Chris Castaldi

1st online Unitreat: “The Wisdom of Us”

6 sponsors planned the retreat plus Rachel’s technical support

Sent a “camp box” to each participant

12 youth and eight adults from eight Unity centers around the region

Service project – a wisdom bench – will go to Cispus Learning Center

Fall 2020 – Intention to continue connecting with youth and to support the Uniteen team

October Uniteen Movie Night for connection and conversation

Online Unitreat Nov 6-8

Currently only ministers and LUTs are qualified to serve as Board members

Change proposed that qualified lay people can be on the Board as well

Motion: Cheryl

Second: Debbie Taylor

Discussion

Lisa Davis moves amendment that we have a limit of two active lay people

Second: Terry

Discussion

Approved

Original motion approved as amended

Board Elections for 2020

Nominating Committee: Cheryl Mayes, Karen Lindvig, and Lisa Davis

Two full terms are for reelection and two terms are up for 1 year each.

Nominees:

Rachel Simpson, and Jane Hiatt re-elect for full terms.

Rev. David McArthur and Joanna Gabriel for one-year terms

Motion to cast a unanimous ballot

Motion: Debbie Taylor

Second: Terry Murray

Passed

Vote to accept slate as presented – approved

Rev. Rachel Simpson

Rev. Cheryl Mayes

Prosperity and Stewardship

2020 Financial Report

Budget for 2020 - \$74,253

Currently income is at 90%

Expenses are at 92%

Granted a Payroll protection loan of \$6,000

Love Offering and dedication

Rev. Terry Murray

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Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn – Nick Muncie-Jarvis

Second – Rev. Marla Mason

Passed

Rev. Linda Spencer