

## Regional Representative Annual Report – 2022

Unity Northwest Region of Unity WorldWide Ministries

September 15, 2022

Dear Northwest Region Friends,

March 1<sup>st</sup> of this year I took on the responsibility of Northwest Regional Representative. After six and a half months, I understand the purposes of this part-time position much more clearly than when I started. To me, they are:

1. To serve our Regional Ministries as a source for important information and as referral facilitator for answering church questions and concerns.
2. To serve our Regional Ministries as an advisor to Ministers, Spiritual Leaders and Church Leadership to help empower them in finding solutions for church needs and challenges.
3. To serve our Regional Ministries which are having organizational challenges. I do this as a representative of the Northwest Region and Unity Worldwide Ministries.
4. To serve our Regional Ministries as their advocate with the Northwest Region and Unity WorldWide Ministries regarding needs that I am made aware of or discover.
5. To serve as a communication channel between our Regional Ministries, the Northwest Region and Unity WorldWide Ministries through being an active member of the Northwest Regional Board and the Unity Worldwide Ministries Standards Team.

First and foremost, please note that I am available and willing to serve Ministers, Spiritual Leaders and Church/Center Leaders. Recently, we have enhanced the visibility of my contact information on several areas of the Northwest Region's excellent website, **Unitynwregion.org**. My email and phone number now appear in several places there, making it easy to contact me.

By the way, I encourage you to visit the website to stay current with timely and important information regarding trainings, events, resources and easy access to newsletters. Oh, and do read the **Regional Monthly Newsletters** when they are sent to you and **The Path** from Unity Worldwide also. I experienced the daily demands of ministry for 27 years and know that in the midst of challenging situations, or busy times, we may not pause to read those communications, although the answers or solutions we seek may be right there in front of us!

My first intention as your Regional Representative, was to contact all the Regional Ministries by speaking directly to their Ministers, Spiritual Leaders or Church/ Center Leaders and to update ministry information, contact numbers, emails etc. and share available resources. So far I have gotten to most, but not all. Just a few days into the process, an organizational challenge in one of our ministries took 35 hours of my time to settle. The reason it took so much of my time was

that Unity WorldWide Ministries was reorganizing, so that situation was up to me to handle. There have been a few similar challenges since that one, although now that Unity WorldWide Ministries has gotten reorganized there is a more assistance available if a referral is in order. The new Ministry Development Coordinator, Rev. Joanne Burns, is particularly capable and helpful.

Serving on the Unity Worldwide Ministries Standards Team has opened my eyes to the intricacies of dealing with a large organization with multiple entities to answer to and gain approval from. However, I have learned to be grateful (mostly) for the processes involved and totally grateful for the people who work so diligently to get intelligent policies and procedures in place.

I also feel immense gratitude for our Regional Board and staff, who are excellent individuals committed to doing excellent work. Previously, I was on the Regional Board for 7 years altogether and was Board Chair for three of those years. I truly appreciate the leadership of Rev. Rachel Simpson and the other Board Members (all of whom give their time and energy voluntarily), especially through the challenges presented by the last few dis-eased years.

Thank you for sending me to our Unity Worldwide Ministries Convention in June! I had a full day meeting with the Standards Team and attended a Board Training facilitated by Rev. Toni Boehm, Lead Manager of Ministry Consultants and Transition Specialists. The rest of my time was spent connecting with people from our Northwest Region, other Regional Representatives and some Unity Consultants and attending workshops which I felt would be most beneficial in my service to our Regional Ministries. From all this activity I learned a lot and concluded, although I was encouraged to become a Unity Consultant qualified to deliver the various trainings Unity Worldwide offers, that the scope of purposes I outlined above is plenty for a “part-time” endeavor.

By talking with and assisting leaders in Churches/Centers in this past six and a half months, I have witnessed how the work of Church/Center ministry has changed and become even more challenging since my semi-retirement December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. I am so impressed with the level of commitment and dedication shown by Ministers, Spiritual Leaders and Ministry Leaders to continue to teach Truth and to care for their congregations. I am in awe especially of Board Chairs, and also Church Boards and members to face the sometimes-daunting task of maintaining a ministry without a Minister or Spiritual Leader.

Ministers, Spiritual Leaders and Church/Center Leaders, you can help me in my work by reaching out to me if I haven't contacted you yet, anytime you have a ministry concern, or to apprise me of changes affecting your Ministry. Also, I am putting together an in-person speaker's list and would appreciate information on available, high-quality speakers in your area. Thank you.

Sincerely, Rev. Rich

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"Someday... we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire." - Pierre Teilhard de Chardin "Let today be that day! Feel the warmth!" - Rich Brod.