

Unity Great Lakes Regional Conference September 24 - 26, 2024 Newcomers' Orientation

Welcome to Unity Worldwide Ministries, Great Lakes Region.

Vision / Mission / Values

- Awakening Oneness, we empower an evolving consciousness that spiritually transforms the world.
- We serve, build, inspire and empower ministries, ministers, credentialed leaders, and laity.
- Committed, empowering, evolutionary, integrity, collaborative, and love.

Member Covenant

We commit our love and support to the Unity Great Lakes Region, its vision and its mission. As individual members and as representatives of member ministries, we set the intention to do the following:

- Actively engage in our spiritual growth
- Enthusiastically participate in voluntary service to the region
- Consistently include the regional organization in our tithing practice
- Attend all membership meetings
- Regularly support regional functions
- Regularly acknowledge the loving service of regional staff and volunteers

Prosperity Affirmation

Our Great Lakes Unity Region prospers abundantly. Our members freely and consistently give a portion of their tithes to the region each month. We give thanks that we have more than enough funding to fulfill our mission and bring forth our vision.

The Great Lakes Geographical Region

Iowa (partial), Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky (partial), Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri (partial), Ohio, Wisconsin

Membership

Those people and organizations eligible for membership include:

- Any individual who is an Ordained or Licensed Unity Minister, Spiritual Leader or Licensed Unity teacher in good standing with Unity Worldwide Ministries, who resides within the Great Lakes geographical region as defined by Unity Worldwide Ministries.
- Any Unity ministry, traditional or alternative, in good standing with Unity Worldwide Ministries, that is located within the Great Lakes geographical region as defined by Unity Worldwide Ministries.

We have a “pro-active” membership. According to our Bylaws, “A member shall retain membership until said member releases membership voluntarily or no longer meets the qualifications for membership as described in these Bylaws.” Renewal of your membership with UWM also establishes your membership in the region.

Services the Region Provides - Our regional organization supports our members in four major areas:

Connection: We support our members by providing them opportunities to connect with each other on both a personal and professional level. We also provide connection opportunities for people who participate in our member ministries. Some of these opportunities include:

- Annual Great Lakes Regional Conference
- Website – www.greatlakesunity.com
- Facebook Page – Great Lakes Unity
- Monthly e-newsletters

Youth Events: coordinated by our Youth Events Director

- Spring Unitreat
- Annual (June) Y.O.U. Rally
- Fall Y.O.U. Retreat
- YFM connections and trainings via Zoom

Learning: We support our members in becoming more skillful and effective at spreading our beloved Unity teachings to our communities and our world. We provide learning opportunities to them and to their leadership teams. Some of these opportunities include:

- o Interactive Webinars
- o Trainings provided at our Annual Regional Conference
- o A wide variety of trainings and workshops focused on Youth and Family Ministry and Multigenerational Ministry
- o Board Training, Peace Skills Training, Healthy Congregations Training, and more

Resources: We provide knowledgeable people for our members to turn to when they have questions or concerns about their ministries.

- Cassidy Meeks, our Youth and Family Coordinator provides telephone and email support to YFM Directors and Volunteers, Teen Leaders, and Ministers / Spiritual Leaders on a wide variety of topics related to youth ministry, teen ministry and multi-generational ministry.

- Susan Liddell, our Licensed Unity Teacher Representative provides telephone and email support to LUTs and those wishing to become licensed.
- Currently other support need are being provided through UWM – see our menua of service for further information.

Organizational Structure and Practices: We commit to providing a healthy and vital regional organization that is run professionally and with integrity.

Financial Support

This organization functions through the financial support of its membership. Affirming that the regional organization is a source of spiritual nourishment for the membership, both individual members and member ministries are expected to support the work of the organization by including the regional organization in their regular tithing plan.

Tithes can be sent to:

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PO Box 162
Greenville, WI 54942-9747

Or via our website at:

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/4648556