

This is the third installment of four (4) communications regarding areas important to our movement: Transformation Experience, Integration, Ethics Review System (ERS) and Finances.

Financial Challenges

SUMMARY: Income at Unity Worldwide Ministries has continued to reflect the decline experienced by our churches and other religious organizations. The finance and budget team brought this information to the board, and the budget has been modified so that we are operating within our income. The 2012 budget, which will be presented at Unity People's Convention, will be a balanced budget based on current levels of income. We deeply regret that those adjustments will affect some of our programs and some of the wonderful people who serve on our home office staff.

There are many factors impacting the financial health of Unity Worldwide Ministries. The world economic climate is one of these factors. The withholding of funds by some leaders and churches who have expressed opposition to the policies and directions of Unity Worldwide Ministries may also be a factor.

We know Charles and Myrtle Fillmore had prosperity challenges. Their demonstrations occurred in spite of challenges, as we know they persistently held to their vision.

We want to acknowledge, and give thanks for, those many individuals and ministries who continue to give generously to support the work of our association. We are committed to fiscal responsibility. The annual audit of our finances is presented and made available to our convention body every year.

The Unity Worldwide Ministries board of trustees, CEO and staff are totally committed to offering services that support and benefit our leaders and communities. Every area is being meticulously reviewed, and adjustments made, to present a balanced budget for the coming year. The intention is to have the initial exploration of integration funded privately.

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We are being called and guided to deliver Unity to the 21st century in a way that honors our founders and our history, yet calls us into a deeper, more challenging level of expression.

Our Unity message to the world is too sacred, too vital in these turbulent times, for us to be divided. We invite you into loving, compassionate conversation, honoring each other as we do so. We all want peace, harmony, respect and cooperation. Nothing is perfect. No system is perfect. No human being is perfect. Yet, we must all take our experience, whatever it is, and learn from it, moving forward in spiritual growth and manifestation.

There is an apt statement: **“Do not be afraid of tomorrow. I am already there.”** Where God guides, God provides.

In Unity,

James Trapp, president and CEO, and Unity Worldwide Ministries board of trustees