

***Installation & Rededication Service for
Ministers, Board of Directors and Congregation***

Mission Statement:

[Church] is a Christ-centered ministry that encourages ever-deepening spiritual growth. Individuals and families experience consciousness of God through prayer, worship, study, fellowship and service in a joy-filled atmosphere of love and acceptance.

Friends, we are gathered here today to install Reverend [Name] as Minister of this Unity church and rededicate ourselves to the principles of Truth and the purpose of this Unity ministry.

Official notification has been received by the Association of Unity Churches, Lee's Summit, Missouri, that Reverend [Name] has been duly selected to be the Senior Minister of this church.

Ministers of Unity churches act in a three-fold capacity in fulfilling their ministerial duties:

1. They serve as pastor of the congregation and counselor to all who come to them for help. They are the spiritual leaders of the people and have sole charge of the conduct of public worship, the performance of all ministerial functions, the direction of the youth programs and the selection of adult youth leaders and curriculum. They are the pastoral supervisors of the prayer ministry and have the privilege of ministering to the spiritual needs of the congregation.
2. They serve as an official and accredited teacher of Unity classes under the authority of the Association of Unity Churches in conjunction with Unity School of Christianity.
3. They serve under the bylaws as executive directors for the day-to-day business functions of this ministry.

I NOW PRESENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE CONGREGATION OF [Church], REVEREND [Name] TO BE INSTALLED AS THE SENIOR MINISTER OF THIS CHURCH.

(Minister comes to the podium and stands to the right of the installing Minister, who may make any desirable comment.)

Let us re-affirm our conviction as Unity students as I read the Declaration of Truth Principles. Will the congregation please join me in this responsive reading which is in your program.

Declaration of Principles

Leader: We believe there is only one presence and one power in the universe and in our personal lives, God the Good Omnipotent.

Congregation: God is the essence of absolute good. I am a channel through which good is manifest in this world.

Leader: We believe in the Divinity of men and women. That the principle of God is individualized and becomes personal through each person as The Christ.

Congregation: I am an individualized expression of God. I am a spiritual being. I am divine!

Leader: We believe that our mind is the instrument through which we manifest the power of God. Our thoughts create our reality.

Congregation: I dedicate my life to the power of prayer. I acknowledge that my every thought, word and deed is a prayer. I pray consciously.

Leader: We believe in the power of denial and affirmation as a process of prayer and a practical way to change our thoughts.

Congregation: I let go of the power of error thought and affirm positive life affirming words of Truth.

Leader: We believe in the practice of listening to God through the discipline of meditation.

Congregation: I become still and listen to my inner voice, the voice of God. I follow my inner guidance.

Leader: We believe in Jesus the Christ as our elder brother and wayshower. He was

the most perfect manifestation of the Christ.

Congregation: The teachings and demonstrations of Jesus are an inspiration to my life.

Leader: We believe our purpose in life is to demonstrate our understanding of these Truth principles and in doing so empower others.

Congregation: I am a true manifestation of the principles of Truth. I demonstrate them in my life. I am a blessing to all.

QUESTIONS TO THE MINISTER

Do you accept these principles and promise to adhere to them and make them the basis of your teaching?

(Answer: I do.)

Do you consecrate yourself to this ministry that you will do your utmost at all times to reflect the Christ within, in all that you think, say, or do?

(Answer: I do.)

Do you dedicate yourself to be constantly aware of the spirit within all people and that you will see only the perfect spiritual person, perfect in mind, body and in spirit?

(Answer: I do.)

Do you promise to minister faithfully and lovingly to the people now committed to your charge, and to seek ever to be an example of moderation, patience and loving kindness?

(Answer: I do.)

May the infinite spirit who empowers you to do all these things grant you the strength faithfully to perform the same, as in consciousness you respond to the prompting of the Father-MotherGod within you. Amen.

Installation Service for Board of Directors

Will the Board of Directors please come forward.

Members of _[Church], we now present to you those individuals who have been duly elected to serve on your Board of Directors.

(Name them and their positions.)

We are now prepared to empower them to act in this important position. Not only do these Board Members oversee the business affairs of your church, but their individual and collective awareness establishes a consciousness for the entire congregation. Recognizing the authority you have entrusted to them, we now charge them with this responsibility.

(Speaking to the Board) Do you promise to follow the light of Truth, seeking at all times to be aware of what is right, rather than who is right?

(Answer: We do.)

Do you accept Reverend [Name] as your minister and spiritual leader?

(Answer: We do.)

(Speaking to the president) Will you do all within your power to lead this congregation into the path of loyalty and unity, demonstrating such a strengthened steadfastness, purpose, and practice that this church shall stand as a shining light of Truth to the world?

(Answer: I will.)

Thank you, you may be seated.

Licensed Teacher(s)

Licensed Teacher(s) please come forward.

Your minister knows and understands the role of the Licensed Teacher. You are a part of the Ecclesiastical team, establishing and maintaining a continual consciousness of the spiritual vision of this church. The fruits of your work are manifested in the lives of yourselves, your students and your church.

Do you consecrate yourself to this spiritual vision and activity? Do you promise that at all times it will be obvious where your commitment is?

(Answer: I do.)

Thank you. You may be seated.

Members of the Church

Will the members of the church please stand. You are the voice of this church. You are the ambassadors of [Church] in this community. You are the backbone and the volunteers giving service. Do you promise to uphold and practice the principles of Truth moment by moment?

(Answer: I do.)

Do you promise to uphold the vision of this church?

(Answer: I do.)

If you have a differing opinion, do you promise to meditate first, think secondly and speak lastly?

(Answer: I do.)

Do you promise to give of your time, talent and treasure to this beloved activity known as [Church]?

(Answer: I do.)

Thank you. You may be seated.

Reverend [Name] , through the authority vested in me by the Association of Unity Churches, and acting on behalf of this congregation, I install you here and now as minister of the [Church], this [date], with all of the rights, privileges and obligations appertaining to your new position.

Let us pray.

We affirm that God's peace is with you as you teach, heal and serve this congregation. May the love of God dwell richly in your heart, your labor be fruitful and this ministry be a light unto the world. Amen.

Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you the newly forged team of the [Church]. Please join me in acknowledging and congratulating them.