



Ministry Information Packet

**Unity on Greenville
Dallas, TX**

August 2023

Unity on Greenville has been a foundation of love for 80 years! Our location is iconic at the corner of Greenville Avenue and McCommas. This beautiful sanctuary and church have served this corner for 100 years and Unity for 80!

This was the first and original established Unity Church in Dallas, Texas, and continues to be a beacon of light for the community. Our beautiful restoration of the interior shows the care of this community. Walking into the sanctuary, you will feel the love and sense the sacred!

ABOUT THE MINISTRY

Nestled at the corner of McCommas and Lower Greenville, Unity on Greenville stands out as a gem in this eclectic Dallas neighborhood. Built in the 1920s, the church is an anchor to restaurants and a variety of shops. Known by the community as “the yellow church at the corner”, it stands as a guidepost for many. There is a great vibe around the neighborhood that boasts highly desirable single-family homes and apartment communities alike. Since the mid-1950s Unity has opened its doors to this neighborhood and draws attendees from communities to the north and south of Dallas.

Our spiritual community is an intimate gathering of those who are long-term members as well as those who are hearing of Unity for the first time. The tagline “Practice a Positive Path for Spiritual Living” is truly how all people are greeted at Unity on Greenville. Be it a support group, meditation, class, neighborhood association meeting, or in a Sunday celebration service, all are greeted with open arms and open hearts.

The Sunday morning dynamic message is accompanied by an outstanding offering of original compositions by the Music Director.

Unity on Greenville is minutes from downtown Dallas, which offers all the cultural activities of a large thriving city. Dallas and surrounding areas are diverse in faith, race, culture, and gender orientation, and are represented in our Ministry. There are many opportunities for social and cultural exchanges. A plethora of offerings in the arts and entertainment enhance Dallas living.

Area Served: Greater Dallas County which includes 14 cities. Dallas Metroplex area that surrounds Dallas County.

Physical description of the area: Urban

Trendy neighborhood with mixed-business use with busy sidewalks filled with locals and visitors all week. The area is bustling!

Proximity to other Unity ministries and/or new thought centers:

Unity on Forest Lane is in North Dallas (7.5 miles); Unity of Irving is in Irving, Texas. (13 miles); Unity Arlington (32 miles); Unity Fort Worth (44 miles); and Center of Unity (Grapevine, TX – 26 miles).

Did your ministry participate in transitional ministry activities with a certified UWM Consultant **relating to the current opening?** **Yes**

If yes, please list the date, activities, and the facilitator during the current vacancy period:

- Rev. Doug Duerr served as our Interim Minister and Transition Specialist. March-November 2022
- Community connection early spring, rebuilding infrastructure April-July 2022, onboarding new administrative staff March-June 2022.
- Board training in April 2022 co-led by Rev. Cynthia Vermillion- Foster

People: Size of mailing list: 467 **Average Sunday attendance:** 28 Current
Formal (voting or active] membership: 50

Special group if any (ex: YOU, NGU, Youth & Family, women's group, support groups, etc.):

Spiritual Care Team, Sunrise Dallas – AA group, and various community groups meet here along with healing/exercise classes. We are fortunate to have a wealth of usable space!

We participate in the following activities:

- Small Group Ministries
- Community Outreach
- Spiritual care team
- Christmas Angels (Pay it Forward Dallas)
- School Supplies (Interfaith Housing Coalition)
- On-site food pantry
- Publications
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, livestream)

Other: Weekly E-news, livestream on Facebook, our web page and YouTube channel. We have a robust on-line presence and social media connection on Facebook by a very capable team!

Other employees (teachers, secretaries, accountants, maintenance, etc.) We have:

- Contract Staff Music Director
- Contact Staff Media Manager
- Two contract AV Technicians

- Staff remote Youth and Family Director (Ended March 2023 due to lack of participation)
- Contract Housekeeper
- Contract Landscaper
- Contract Accounting/Booking Services

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Incorporation: **Date:** 02/19/1974 **Bylaws - Adopted/revised when?** 02/28/2021

Are your bylaws structured as the current Unity WM by-law template? Yes

<https://www.unityworldwideministries.org/recommended-bylaws-unity-ministry>

Has the ministry developed Vision, Mission, and core values? Yes, in 2016

Our Mission is:

With Divine Love as our foundation, we live Unity principles, we awaken to Truth, and we affirm the innate goodness of all and our oneness with creation.

Our Vision is:

We see a world where every being lives in awareness of their sacred oneness and divine light.

The **core values** that have been determined to be most important to this spiritual community are:

- Unconditional Love
- Conscious spiritual transformation
- Spirit of Service
- Acceptance and inclusion
- Expression of Divine Light

What have been the most important events in the history of your ministry?

- 80 years of Love! Anniversary celebration dates to be determined
- February 2022: Full reopening from pandemic closing with renewed energy and excitement!
- 2015: Renew, Refresh and Restore (refresh of our interior spaces)
- 1993 Capital Campaign to add second floor

In the last 3 years, what activities/special events in the ministry were well attended and/or appreciated?

- Monthly Bountiful Congregational Potluck Banquet
- Annual Women's Retreat
- Annual Holistic Fair
- Annual Fall Banquet
- Annual Christmas Concert
- World Day of Peace
- Bake sales
- Outdoor BBQ's
- Art gallery showcased in bookstore

What does the congregation want to accomplish in the next 3 years?

- An increased and engaged membership that is diverse in its inclusion of truth seekers of all ages, genders, and backgrounds.
- A vibrancy in the local community that surrounds the church.
- Congregants and visitors experience an abundant, safe, and sacred community.

ABOUT THE POSITION

Characteristics We're Looking for in a Minister

Unity on Greenville is seeking a joy-filled licensed/ordained Unity minister, minister candidate, or those who can be considered under Special Dispensation. Our ideal candidate is known for their leadership, dynamic presence, love of people, and commitment to our diverse communities. They live in alignment and embody Unity principles and are open to all faiths. They may be currently serving as an associate or assistant minister, a Spiritual Leader, long term LUT's or Minister from the Centers for Spiritual Living.

The minister leads and takes initiative in creating inspirational Sunday services, performs pastoral care and ongoing education, and coordinates our music team and community service opportunities. They have strong administrative skills and partner easily with our new ministry admin, board, and teams on a regular basis.

