

# Declaration of Interdependence



*“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”—Matthew 18:20*

## **The Association of Unity Churches International dba Unity Worldwide Ministries (UWM) and Unity School of Christianity dba Unity World Headquarters at Unity Village (UWH)**

*“Interdependence”: (Of two or more people or things) dependent on each other.*

The pending transfer from UWH to UWM of the ownership, governance and management of UWH-UV's education programs, coupled with the potential move by UWM to the Education Building on the Unity Village campus, provide an opportunity of historical transcendence for the two recognized legal corporations within the Unity Movement. The expression of this opportunity will occur when the intentions moving us forward are mutually understood and shared. Spiritually, these intentions will reflect the Unity Teachings of “One Presence and One Power,” the living Spirit of God expressing as all aspects of life, as the bedrock on which we build. Likewise, all intentions in this document arise from the core teachings of Unity and will serve as unifying factors in our mutual relationship. This document seeks to bring these goals and purposes of both entities into fuller awareness and harmony.

### **Principle #1 – God Is the Only Presence and Power Active in the Universe.**

This principle calls us *always* to place our oneness in Unity at the center of any deliberations which may impact the other. Therefore, we declare our organizational interdependence as we work together, knowing we share a joint history and destiny for the perpetuation and expansion of Unity in the world. We agree the preservation and expansion of Unity in the world is our primary interdependent goal. We have a common history with deep roots in the teachings of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore. We have a shared mutual interest in the present. A shared future will create a broader and more powerful voice for Unity teachings in the world.

## **Principle #2 – Everything Is an Individualized Expression of God.**

This principle calls on us to honor not just the many different paths of divine inspiration but also the differences between our organizations. Together, UWM and UWH are the expression of Unity in the world. As individualized expressions of God and Unity, each organization has a unique focus and mission. Each organization is grounded in the history and teachings of the Fillmores and holds Unity Village as sacred ground. Each organization commits to emphasizing, complementing and prioritizing their distinct visions and missions in relation to each other to ensure the vitality of Unity in the world.

## **Principle #3 – Through the Power of Thinking We Activate Divine Energy That Expresses as Emotion and Manifests as Conditions. In This Way, We Create Life's Experiences.**

This principle calls us to be totally responsible for the content of our consciousness and the experiences that ensue. If we find ourselves out of alignment, we will take prompt measures to settle the matter quickly and reconnect to our natural state of harmony. We commit to honest communication and collaboration striving for alignment when there is disagreement in our endeavors.

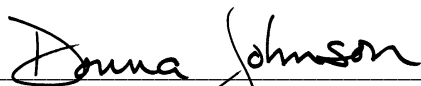
## **Principle #4 – Through Prayer and Meditation, We Come into a Direct Awareness of the Presence of God.**

The success of each organization is directly dependent upon discernment of divine guidance through prayer, meditation and contemplation. Therefore each organization agrees to hold one another in loving prayer consciousness, always believing Divine Order is harmonizing and prospering our way as we do what is ours to do. We make a commitment to pray together.

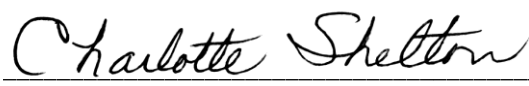
## **Principle #5 – Knowing the Truth Is Not Enough. We Must Integrate Action with Insight to Evolve, Transform, and Create Positive, Sustainable Change in Our World.**

In our rapidly changing world, this principle calls us, in our unity within Unity, to boldly and courageously step forward into the future we are called to express as the Unity movement. We are no longer propelled by conditions of the past. We honor our past, and are willing to be attracted by our future, working side by side to share Unity with the world.

**Therefore,** Unity World Headquarters and Unity Worldwide Ministries declare an interdependent, transparent and loving relationship with one another going forward. We are working together for the wellbeing of Unity. We know this mutually loving and supportive relationship exemplifies our true calling and our true purpose in Unity. This day, December 23, 2015, we affirm our oneness in God, and we affirm our unity in Unity.



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Unity Worldwide Ministries




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Unity World Headquarters at Unity Village


The DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE, dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2015 is executed in counterparts (including signature transmitted by email or facsimile), each of which is deemed an original, and all of which together constitute one executed Agreement:

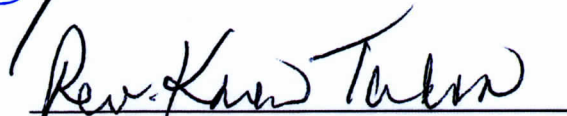
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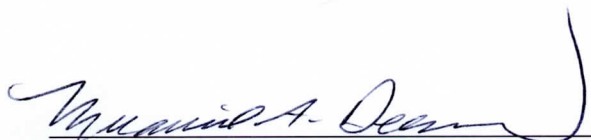
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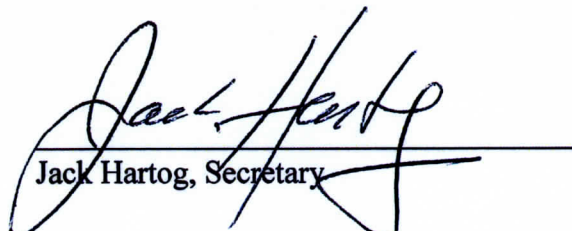
  
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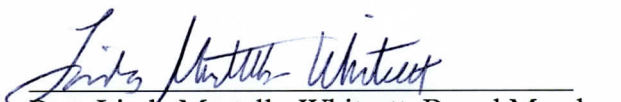
  
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