



Starting Ministry without Following Established Procedures Policy

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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a coherent process for handling situations in which ministers begin ministries without following established UWM policies and procedures.

2.0 Scope

Unity Ministers who start ministry without following UWM policies and procedures.

3.0 Policy

When a UWM member minister begins a ministry without following established UWM policies and procedures, UWM recognizes the unilaterally binding decision on the part of the minister to rescind UWM membership.

4.0 Definitions

- 4.1 Unity ministers: individuals licensed or ordained by UWM
- 4.2 Unilaterally binding decision: a decision that is made by only one person without taking into consideration other parties. Such a decision binds that individual to certain consequences.

5.0 Responsibilities

- 5.1 Member Support will research reports that the minister has started a ministry outside of UWM policies and procedures.
- 5.2 The Member Support Coordinator will communicate with the minister. If the minister is unwilling to comply with policies and procedures, Member Support Coordinator will report this to the Board of Trustees via the UWM Managing Director, Board Liaison.
- 5.3 Board Chair will communicate with the minister via letter.
- 5.4 Board of Trustees will make the decision to recognize a unilaterally binding decision.