

Question 1a: How do you define Unity Worldwide Ministries to others?

Question 1b: What in your estimation distinguishes Unity Worldwide Ministries from traditional Christian movements?

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- We believe that describing UWM was not the intent of your question, so we answered that question stating, here is how we describe the Unity movement to others.
- One person describes Unity as an inter spiritual community.
- Practicing different faith traditions, therefore inter spiritual.
- Unity is worlds apart from the world at the time the Fillmore's wrote and provided their teachings. This is a different world now. They felt that they needed to somehow find a way of describing themselves in that context. We are far past that. Christianity is worlds apart from our teachings. We do not teach, Jesus died for our sins, salvation/heaven/hell, etc.
- Especially today, with Christian Nationalism at the forefront, we want to separate ourselves from that.
- We consider ourselves New Thought. We don't need to add anything to that. We are free to teach from many paths to God.

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Question #1: How do you define Unity Worldwide Ministries to others?

- Talk about what Unity it means to me – openness to all religions – diversity, inclusion, all faiths and all people – spiritual growth and development – UNITY means a wonderful place for spiritual development.
- Emphasize the idea that we don't have to give up any membership with any other religion – join or attend – we are a welcoming and safe place – inclusive.
- Originally founded in Christianity – but our founders explored all religions, grounded in prayer, honor all religions and all people – it's a way of living
- Path to move from religious mindset to spiritual growth and development
- God is everywhere present, including nature
- Use the Unity Principles as a foundation of what we follow – simple, easy to apply
- Jesus not the great exception but the great example

Question #2: What distinguishes UWM from other religions?

- We don't take the bible literally – metaphysical interpretation.
- Pray with affirmative prayer.
- Prosperity consciousness vs. just giving money to the church.
- Explain the process of the founders and the movement.
- We encourage people to walk their own path – it's up to them to adopt the right practice for them.

- We teach people that they have the answers within, we are here to support not tell them the way.
- God is imminent and transparent.

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Question 1a: How do you define Unity Worldwide Ministries to others?

- Unity leaves no one out,
- Positive path to spiritual living, original inclusive ministry of Jesus.
- A spiritual path, positive who is rooted in Christianity but not bound by it mostly the same although without Christianity
- Unity as a movement, identity as Christianity
- UQM responsible from ministry, ministers, education
- UWH property, print, and prayer
- Question 1b: What in your estimation distinguishes Unity Worldwide Ministries from traditional Christian movements?
- Metaphysical lens way of viewing Jesus' ministry bible
- Not Dogmatic Address fear of Christian nationalism
- What is the greatest benefit of our teachings, practicality.

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Question 1a: How do you define Unity Worldwide Ministries to others?

- Umbrella organisation, not the head church. Resource for the members and maintain standards. Credentialing org. Similar to a Trade organisation. Did not like Shad G. presentation (which appear to have been different from one time to another).

Question 1b: What in your estimation distinguishes Unity Worldwide Ministries from traditional Christian movements?

- No conversion required, no need to claim Jesus as our Lord and Savior, no focus on the experience with Jesus' body and blood, no need to affirm that Jesus died for our sins, etc. UWM is not Christian but comes from Christianity. As Myrtle Fillmore expressed it, it is a theology decidedly eclectic. We are followers of Jesus teachings as we recognize his message of hope, love, equality, and equity. Unity is based on way showing and not prescribing or being prescriptive in individual spiritual growth/path.

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- Question 1b) Doorways to explore (looking at other religious faiths) other paths towards
- If we aren't based on Christianity, then what are we based on?
- Basis of Christianity - Love God and love one another

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- We had four in our group. All four agreed we do not want to see Unity branded as specifically Christian. We discussed describing Unity as spiritual rather than religious. We do not believe in an “Out-there” God waiting to reward or punish but rather a God that is in and through all things including us. More like Star Wars, “The Force.” Unity is about Oneness. Also, Christ is not Jesus’s last name. Jesus was a human person who so awakened to spiritual truth that he embodied Christ consciousness. Rather than being an unattainable exception as many of us were taught, Jesus is an exceptional example.
- Other aspects that came up in our discussion were that Christianity in the U.S. is now actually “Toxic”. Unity embraces the Truth in all religions. We also discussed that there might really be two distinct threads. One involves the Christianity thing. Two involves how strongly do we adhere to Fillmores. We thought the Fillmores would actually want us to be updating their language and concepts to be more attractive to people today.

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From our group:

Question 1a: How do you define Unity Worldwide Ministries to others?

- I rarely describe UWM, nobody really asks
- It’s a weird question, there’s no question what UWM is- they serve our churches;
- Serve ministers and ministries through education, ordination/credentials, and resources
- I don’t associate UWM with the definition of Unity- when someone asks what UWM is, I talk about the organization;
- The questions don’t relate to the identified topic- UWM is the membership of ministers and ministries, they teach and ordain, support how communities organize themselves
- Organizational structure for ministries, regions, and education/credentialing

1b from our group 1/2:

- We don’t teach the magical/unprovable doctrines (the Pauline doctrines); we don’t accept Christian dogma
- UWM does not require leaders to accept specific fixed doctrine/dogma; New Thought teachings can be taught through a variety of filters- spiral dynamics,

1b from our group 2/2:

- UWM offers open spirituality not experienced in traditional Christianity, we are a global movement that allows us to teach in context of people’s experience with Jesus (metaphysically)
- UWM doesn’t teach traditional aspects of heaven and hell and other literal interpretations.
- Other Christian denominations have a hierarchy of financial support, placing ministers at specific churches and rotating tenure at individual churches.
- Unity is an “entrepreneurial mode of ministry”- individuals and leaders are self-directed in their Unity experience based on their own Guidance.

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- Culturally Christian, spiritually unlimited. Christianity-Light, 5 principles.

- Jesus as way-shower, mystical movement, metaphysical interpretation of Bible vs. traditional, hire leaders vs. assigned by organization, respect and support for non-Christian faith traditions, respect and individual support of communities' individuality & service delivery for membership (church/spiritual center/congregant-led, minister-led/etc.)

Group #?

- Rarely asked about what Unity Worldwide ministries is. "The Mothership" that supports Unity churches, ministries, and ministers. A membership organization to support ministries. A positive experience of God.

Group #11

- Question 1a: How do you define Unity Worldwide Ministries to others?
- It's a membership program churches have an opportunity to join, by being a member we are provided with resources when changes happen in the church... bylaws, leadership support, support when there are issues, organizational support. Houses education. Job searching, ethics, credentialing.
- It's one of the branches of Unity, branch that support churches, ministries and ministers.
- Positive path to spiritual living.
- Says they support the ministries, organizational and administrative elements of ministries. Credentialing, bylaws

1B from Group 11

- Participant: Tarot cards, horoscopes, crystals, ACIM, etc., might bring someone to God, even though these might be vehicles outside ourselves, I have expanded on these ideas and they will invite us to look within, they can be much more mindful practices. Christianity is not about God outside, traditional christianity is.
- Participant: Distinction is non dualism, there is only one power and one presence, we don't honor another power. Unity is about Truth, and is everywhere, it is another name for God. Honors and learns from all traditions. Unity could play a huge role in helping people understand each other, rather than dividing, in an understanding of general unity.
- Participant: It's about oneness of Unity, recognizing there are many paths. Great Spirit, Great Creator, God, Spirit... many paths to our oneness.
- Participant: Question assumes we are Christian, so it's a poorly worded question.

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- Group 1 Readout: Question 1 A: The group does not speak to the general public about UWM, rather as Unity, a church organization. UWM is a resource for Unity churches for support and guidance e.g. curriculum decision such as Youth and Family ministries. UWM is an arm of the Unity movement that supports ministers in their educational programs and ministers. There is still confusion about the timeline and distinctions between what happened to differentiate Unity Village from the Association of Unity Churches, therefore, UWM is still somewhat confusing as differentiating itself from UWH. Question 1 B: Unity is a teaching based on the Bible as our sacred text. The difference is that the interpretation of its scripture is metaphysical as opposed

to the literal traditional Christian movements. Unity is more inclusive and embracing of other religious traditions and teachings. Unity is different for its inclusiveness more loving, and not strictly one way of accepting spiritual beliefs. Jesus is Wayshower.

Group #?

- 1A. We liked our "positive path for spiritual living". We are culturally Christian and spiritually and spiritually unlimited. Practical Christianity is key for some of us. Question: Who are our future potential future members? Either "all over the map spirituality" or those for whom traditional Christianity does not work. 1B Divinity of each of us--no different than Jesus. We self-actualize by living our life from our inner Divine Power. We are a part of God--hands, feet, voice. Affirmative prayer. Spiritual growth--our only goal is our own spiritual growth. Sin and the Bible interpreted metaphysically.
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- VC: WM supports churches, ministers, LUT, mediation
- AT: Doesn't come up often – membership class – ordaining body – congregants don't seem to have vested interest
- LS: ordaining body – Unity many different views
- VC: The curious thing: a lot of how we operate comes from UWH materials (DW, etc.), books for classes, etc. Should center content reflect UWM published materials? UWM as credentialing. If not, where getting content of courses? Who is making the decisions?
- VC: sometimes traditional is our way or the hiway. Unity open to different faith paths, all paths are equal
- GM: UWM said if operate as Unity Church need credentialed leader. Had to hire minister of record to remaining ministry in good standing. UWM has say in local ministries. Would ask that part of what of you should be doing or should UWH. We've run our church without a minister. But Board ran church. God a minister who decided he should run church & it didn't work out as well. If UWM is governing body, is there a desire for them to go off in a different direction as a whole. Our church is Fillmore, Christian – how is that different.
- AT: One of the things – the discord – UWM & UWH not be alignment or agreement on branding = rubber meets the road is at Christmas & Easter. Do you believe in virgin birth & resurrection? Do you believe in sin? I answer "no" – difference between literal & metaphorical
- JG: THE question actually interested in is how we describe Unity, not so much how describe UWM

Group #14

- Group 14: Identifier "Positive Path for Spiritual Living" What distinguishes? Don't believe that Jesus died for our salvation. Fear is a major motivator of Christianity. Love is the motivator for Unity. Unity says God is a loving, personal, co-creator. Fillmores also studied other

religions/sects. The 4 participants did not want to include Christianity in labeling Unity, even though we do honor Jesus as a way-shower..

Group #?

- 1a: We agreed that we rarely define UWM. While UWM and UWH are separate, the separation is very confusing for outsiders. No one in our group includes the term “Christian” in defining who we are unless also mentioning other world faiths/enlightened masters. We teach the Truth principles that show up in the teachings of Jesus and in many other world faith traditions.
- 1b. UWM by understanding of Unity must include other faiths as we expand into our Oneness. Traditional Christian movements are exclusionary, even from one another, “We know the Truth.” Traditional Christian movements also focus on sin and salvation, which we don’t.

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- over arching parent organization for ministers and ministers. UWH....
- Questions needed to be asked “What do we need in the field.” No heirachy...How to bring people back into church
-ditto Concern about the education departmentGod is not a he
- Unity means organization that provides the support and services to minsters around the world. God out there and God inside.
- Identity Statement. As printed in booklet

Group #?

How do you define UWM to others?

- Administrative arm or corporate offices
- Establishes what we should be teaching; sets policy and procedures
- Defines identity of denomination
- Grants branding license
- Worldwide organization that oversees everything that goes on in churches

What distinguishes UWM from traditional Christian movements?

- Anchored in Christianity but open and receptive to other spiritual paths
- Problem with the question – traditional lost the idea of what Jesus taught after the 1700’s; a break with that
- Traditional Christians seen as judgmental
- Metaphysical Bible interpretation distinguishes us
- Add progressive, New Thought to our description
- Christ-centered church; Christ is our Wayshower

Group #17

GROUP 17 –

- Practical Christianity or Practical Spirituality or Spiritual Community informed by Christianity and New Thought
- Our Uniqueness is:
- The elasticity of Unity is the attraction. Our ability to embrace all people and the spectrum of beliefs that support the Unity movement is what draws the people.
- It helps us step into compassion and understanding, using our principles and powers.
- The essential teachings of Unity are the closest to the messages of Jesus before Christianity lost the Messages of Jesus.

Group 17 part two We accept that we are both human and divine and have diverse views on Christianity.

- 5 Unity Principles are Prescription to live our spiritual beliefs – Applied Christianity...
- How you are going to live your life! This relates to the message of Jesus.
- We don't see Jesus as a saviour or as redeeming us, but we see it as we live at the intersection. of our human divine self.
- One of us would let go of the word Christian and the others would not.
- If we abandon Christianity, what is our point of reference then?!
- It is very helpful for those of us who don't want to get lost in self-righteousness. or idolatry.
- Without a reference, we will get lost.
- We might even end up teaching just new age forms of awareness.

Group #?

How do you define UWM to others?

- A practical, progressive religious community based on the teachings of Jesus and Unity founders, the Fillmores, and which emphasizes living out our values and beliefs in our daily life, through prayer.
- Christian community composed of autonomous churches under the umbrella of the Unity movement
- Difficult to tease out the differences between Unity Worldwide ministries and Unity Headquarters

Group #?

part 1

- How would you describe UWWM to others? It is the overarching organization, serving as a guiding authority for guidelines and assistance. Initially overlooked, it is essential for ensuring smooth operations, addressing issues, and establishing policies.

part 2

- Acknowledging the founders' Christian background and their unique approach, which involves a metaphysical interpretation of the Bible, it's recognized that the two organizations' distinct approaches can be confusing to the public. Emphasizing the importance of a unified statement, Unity takes responsibility for individual perceptions, interpretations, and honors all faiths, welcoming inspiration and truth from various sources.
- Recognizing the connection between science and spirituality, Unity sees God, Spirit, Higher Power, Universe, and Divine Mind as inherently good, eliminating any perceived separation. Individuals are encouraged to take responsibility for personal growth, understanding, healing, and contribute to the collective growth and healing of the world.

part 3

- Unity embraces inclusivity, rejecting dogma, and accepts individuals at any stage, fostering independent thinking and responsibility. The preference for spiritual over religious terms ensures a safe and open community, emphasizing Unity as a universal concept rather than a specific label. The use of "CENTER" in place of "Church" emphasizes an open and welcoming environment. When asked if Unity is a Christian group, the response centers on understanding the definition of the term "Christian."

Group #?

- The definition of Unity Worldwide Ministries is the organization that provides education and credentialing of the Ministers and Churches.
- Unity allows for independence of thought of the teaching of Jesus Christ and value the thoughts of others. There is only one Presence and one Power but there may be other paths to understand it.

Group #?

- Notes from our group - use both the two sentence statement and "A positive path for spiritual living.
- Emphasize - we're inclusive, open, loving. Talk about the 5 principles, meta Bible interp, mystical Christianity, Jesus as our teacher, Jesus' teachings, emphasize Oneness, affirmative prayer.
- A concern was expressed about the social position statements on UWM website. Many who are more conservative leaning politically no longer feel welcome in Unity, have left our churches. Would prefer to keep the focus on inviting people to trust their inner guidance, the Indwelling Christ.

Group #22

- group 22. talked about the lack of restrictive dogma. disquinish from traditional Christian movements. accepts everyone where there are without judgemtne/ inclusiveness. focus on the life and teachings of Jesus teachings. metaph

Group #?

- 1a) Uwm provides support for ministries and trains ministers. Also UWM seen as rudderless and without real direction 1b) some identified as Christian some as mystical Christianity. We focus on

integral spirituality and developing the whole self. We follow the teachings of Jesus but honor all paths. We are not an closed club. One described as non denomination spiritual group that welcomes all and sees god in all religions

Group #?

- 1A: A spiritual center living practical Christian ... metaphysical. 1B: Two Biggest differences: Jesus off the cross ... our Wayshower, Brother/Sister, can be your savior, also ... the concept of SIN ... which does not exist ... we are the One Power and One PRESENCE ... Certainly enjoyed the interaction with [name removed] from Unity Fort Worth, Texas ... Love our rapport, sharing and Unity

Group #?

- It is described as any other major organization. A member base like Lutherns or Baptist. On the large it was described as Christian based or christian friendly. self improving spirituality. PRACTICAL not theological and big on individualized expressions and, honoring of all paths but I personally see it as " A Cure to Christianity's Cancer" 1b: we are open to all, we honor all individuals and we are unapologetic about it! we learn metaphysically using prayer and Jesus. We are free from baggage which fosters healing in our own time, the bible is not our only tool we can use other guides, God within!

Group #?

Question 1b: What in your estimation distinguishes Unity Worldwide Ministries from traditional Christian movements?

- Many traditional Christian traditions follow creeds that we typically we do not follow. The Christian moniker can be confusing to others as we don't often interpret it the same way. It can put limitations on what we offer. We see Jesus as our wayshower not as a "savior." Teachings of Jesus versus about Jesus. We focus on Christ Consciousness. We typically have been open to different faiths/religions. We help all who come in the door regardless of personal religious or spiritual background. We don't disown Christian teachings but also do not put limits on only Christian teachings. There were also questions about how the "Christian" moniker might limit our audience and even students applying for ministerial school. Our principles and message are so broad they don't need to be limited by a religious title - they are larger than all religious title.

Group #?

- 1a. A positive path to spiritual living based on the teachings of Jesus
- only define UWM when teaching membership classes; roots in Christianity but not bound by those roots
- careful not to use the word Christian because we are not a Christian organization because Christianity is predicated on redemption and salvation through the crucifixion of Jesus
- principle of presence of God in each of us – the foundation for the presence of God on our spiritual path
- No one has ever asked for a definition of UWM; I just live my life and others recognize it

- Rooted in Christianity; accepting all spiritual paths
- Unity is a movement; Nigeria does not understand why there should be a discussion; we belong to Christianity

1b. The way we look at who and what Jesus was

- Fear seems to be the driver for us to want to separate ourselves from Christianity
- Metaphysics—how symbols—when interpreted—can give us insight into our own spiritual development
- Some Unity churches do not teach Bible, 12 Powers—different people pick and choose what Unity teachings they want/do not want
- Unity is a link in the great educational movement inaugurated by Jesus Christ...we need to stick with our roots; if the foundation is destroyed, nothing remains; we cannot try everything and become nothing
- I am less about overtly trying to teach a specific body of traditional Unity—what drives everything I try to do is what are our principles and practices that can help someone live a better life

Group #?

- Our breakout session consisted of 4 ministers. Each mentioned Jesus as a wayshower and teacher, not as a savior. One commented as well that UWM is a collection of Unity churches Two participants embraced referring to Unity as Christian - progressive, positive, practical and the basis of the Filmore movement. One minister viewed Unity from a more Spiritual perspective and was reluctant to define Unity, much like trying to define God. One participant referred to Christ Consciousness as a way to both define UWM and its differentiation. Shad's workshops were referenced and the logic of the need to target our audience.

Group #?

- UWM is the association supporting ministries and ministers, an organization serving churches under/within the larger movement.
- (Usually don't talk about UWM but rather the broad movement)
- Unity...a positive path to spiritual living; with roots in Christianity but branch out far beyond that (culturally Christian, spiritual not religious)
- Distinctions:
- Basic CORE tenants of Christianity as defined by Christian church are oppositional to Unity teachings
- Original sin
- Jesus our savior / only through Him
- Jesus is the ONLY son of God/only Divine
- Heaven hell
- Sin & redemption Christianity
- Bible word of God
- Vs ways Unity which opposes trad Christianity: (not limited to)
- Metaphysical

- God within
- Many paths to God
- Different interpretation of scripture/not word of God
- Christ consciousness
- At a time when many are running from identifying with Christianity (label), intriguing that we are running to it
- Consensus is that when we survey new members, strong majority would not join if identified as Christian.

Group #33

- Group 33 - 1) Culturally Christian but spiritually unlimited. Spiritual movement based on teachings of Jesus. UWM governance of churches, ministers and education. Christian based belief system but each individual find the Christ within them. Positive path to spirituality and use bible metaphysically as a new thought church. When asked what foundational book - Bible but other books also enhance spiritual growth - many in line with the Fillmore writings. Even someone saying Jesus is our savior can be interpreted metaphysically because Jesus showed us how to use the Christ Consciousness and that may save us. Some religions have Jesus dying for our sins baked into their theology and interpret bible literally. New Thought not only spiritual belief that doesn't see God as a person in the sky but our belief in the actions and messages from Jesus. Our oneness with God may distinguish us from other religions yet some have similar beliefs. Different at each unity church - really not a lot of unity in Unity

Group #?

- 3 participants (2 ministers, 1 lay person) We all agreed that Unity is more than a Christian denomination. We are comfortable with "practical Christianity" or "New Thought denomination" but not with "Christianity." We have many members with no christian background at all; buddhist, pagan, jewish, etc. The name Unity encompasses the idea that Unity is open to all and honors all paths. We agree that we were founded on Christianity but also recognize they were influenced by other spiritual traditions and Myrtle called her spirituality "eclectic" We differ greatly from Christianity because we follow Jesus but we do not worship Jesus. We do not follow the tenets or dogma of Christianity but we follow Jesus and work toward expressing the same Christ that was in him in our own lives. We believe in Jesus but welcomed and support everyone on their individual spiritual paths. Neither of the ministers call their ministries churches. We call them Spiritual Centers as was suggested during the identity/logo

Group #35

Group 35 -Q1A

- Most use the "Positive Spiritual Path" wording
- We are a Pro-Social Faith
- We follow the teaching of Jesus, not about Jesus
- Practical Christianity – we study the bibliography of wholeness

Q1B

- We are all the Christ , not just Jesus
- Metaphysical Bible interpretation
- No creed, we have a statement of faith
- 5 Principles
- We have different rituals
- We are accepting of everyone, we don't ask them to give up their beliefs
- Christ is an idea we all express
- We don't need to be saved – we are already whole
- Not born in sin. We don't treat them as sinners.
- We don't believe in Satan as an embodied being
- It's not about the world, but about what is happening in us: intrapersonal
- Openness, not exclusivity

Group #?

- Our group had 4 people- Vivian, Kaytah, Jan and me, Shanna. UWM is the support system for churches and ministers. We align with metaphysical Christianity. We agree that we are a positive path for spiritual living. We agree that our roots are in Christianity. When you build a house, you must have a solid foundation, and that is Christianity. We also believe in being a "safe haven" for those who are looking for a spiritual home.

Group #?

Question 1a: How do you define Unity Worldwide Ministries to others?

- All agreed to Positive path for Spiritual Living

Question 1b: What in your estimation distinguishes Unity Worldwide Ministries from traditional Christian movements?

- Traditional Christianity salvation from sin
- Unity believes we are Divine and not in need of being saved
- We are metaphysical Christianity, we interpret the bible metaphysically
- Traditional believes The Bible is the literal word of God vs. Unity derives meaning to this live and recognizes the Bible is historically influenced, and context.
- Much discussion about the word Christianity and its ever-changing associations

Group #38

- Q1A: UWM is mostly the governing body of the Unity movement. Lots of discussion on how we define Unity as a whole and within our individual churches/centers. Of the 3 of us, two of us consider us Christian and the other doesn't mention being Christian. Q1B: We distinguish ourselves from other Christian movements through our teachings of the Divinity Within and Raising Consciousness. We were Group 38 and there were 3 of us: [names removed]

Group #45

- Group 45: 1a - How do you define UWM to others? Education and ordination. 1b - What distinguishes UWM - multifaceted, Metaphysical approach, plus the incorporation of Jesus and Christianity.

Group #?

Question 1a: How do you define Unity Worldwide Ministries to others?

- Unity is a positive, loving religion—grounded in the Unity school of Christianity. She always prays In the name and power of Jesus Christ. You don't hear about Muslims debating if they are really Muslims. That is a key part of their identity.
- 2. UWM is a positive, progressive approach to Christianity. Followed by everyone is welcome in Unity.
- A positive, practical path of Christianity. More recently I have broadened to a Positive Path for Spiritual Living with the hope of reaching those who are off-put by traditional Christianity.

Group #?

- We are rarely asked about UWM by outside people, but we are asked about Unity. UWM is a support organization for Unity ministers and ministries.
- UWM is different because we don't have top-down leadership telling our churches what they can and can't do – it is more bottom up.
- The Unity movement teaches the religion/teachings of Jesus rather than about Jesus. We interpret the Bible metaphysically and believe that we each have a spark of the divine within.
- All that said, Unity is no more recognizable today than it was 30 years ago. There are many ways for people to pursue their spiritual paths today without ever stepping into a Unity church/center.
- Will a clearer identity bring more people into our churches and centers?
- We are like soap made by Procter and Gamble, a company that sells dozens of brands of soap. Every church/center may be a different brand of soap.
- While church attendance is in decline and spirituality is on the rise, shouldn't we be flourishing at this point in time? Why aren't we?

Group #?

Question 1a: How do you define Unity Worldwide Ministries to others?

- UWM is an association of Unity churches that serves Unity churches all over the planet. UWM is simple positive journey worthy to join at your own pace. UWM is an organization that supervises worldwide churches.

Question 1b: What in your estimation distinguishes Unity Worldwide Ministries from traditional Christian movements?

- Unity is not rule oriented. We are heart and love centered. We see Jesus and the Bible metaphysically. We also see Jesus as our Master Teacher, and do not teach that Jesus died for

our sins, but lived his life as an example for us to follow. Unity believes that Jesus is the great example rather than than the great exception.

Group #?

- Our group agreed that Unity Worldwide Ministries is the umbrella organization that serves the educational, and developmental needs of the centers, churches and study groups.

Group #?

- UWM's Focus is to support ministries, educating and credentialing bodies.
- Unity worldwide headquarters Prayer, "silent unity" and publishing and events retreats. They lease space on the campus and are under the umbrella of UWWHC.
- Different than traditional Christianity:
- All said not traditional Christianity. More spiritual and assisting people on their spiritual journey. Practical and positive. One participant that is in Europe is starting a UK European ministry in Malta and it will focus on family and children and will not be anything like traditional churches in any way. It was Ildiko Kudlik.
- See Jesus as a teacher and way shower on how live a full life, and not the ultimate savior. Don't agree with Christian dogma. See God as the ultimate creator of all and in all of us. Jesus taught us that. Focus on developing a personal relationship with God and learn tools to work with the power, especially prayer and meditation.

Group #?

- to question 1a: practical Christianity, 5- principals, Jesus-way shower;Educatioinal movement dedicated ti teaching the Truth contained in the 5-principles.

Group #48

- #48 1a - it is the sister organization within the UNITY MOVEMENT that supports the leadership (Ministers, LUT, Board) and ministries (including congregants!) through education/credentialing, worship/music, HR, and business organization resources. 1b - need to define within the unity movement what is meant by Christianity. Metaphysical interpretation of Bible, no dogma, more spiritual/not religious, not a hierarchical structure with UWM/UWH, more , different understanding of G-D and Jesus/Christ.

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Question 1a: How do you define Unity Worldwide Ministries to others?

Responses:

- I don't specifically describe UWM as a whole. I have a challenge separating the 2 very important entities in Unity as a whole. If asked about UWM, I describe programs, etc.
- I don't like the separation of UWM from the movement, but if asked, I describe it as our supporting organization to the churches I serve. I churches are separate entities. I do refer our Youth people to UWM for curriculum. Like other denominations, all of our churches are a little different from each other.

- When asked, I describe UWM as an association, consortium to support churches in various organizational ways.

Group #?

- These are the answers from our group during the zoom today. There was no way for me to type this in as my “report” in the chat, so I am sending it to you. The questions to be considered were not clarified, so the survey will not be useful as it was conducted. We could answer in terms of what we wanted UWM to be or what we understand it to be, but not as it understands or identifies itself.
- Report:
- How do you define Unity World Ministries
- to others?
- We tend to reference UWM as an umbrella organization that serves and ideally, unites, our Unity ministries.
- How are we different from mainstream Christian movements?
- Issues such as salvation, atonement, identity of Jesus, the Christ, Jesus Christ and Christ Jesus are matters for consideration.
- Mainstream Christian denominations tend to have written statements of faith, ideally, democratically mediated, in order to remain open to the context of culture and our experience of the Holy Spirit. The original frontispiece of LIT is a popular reference. Source materials compiled from writings of the cofounders of Unity are available from [Name Removed]

Group #63

- Group 63: 1A; People ask about Unity, but rarely specifically ask about UWM. We tend to answer about Unity but not UWM. Unity is typically described as a practical path to spiritual living. However, UWM is seen as the sister organization to UWH. UWM has the oversight of the spiritual side: education, ordination, ministers, and churches. UWH oversees the business and real estate side.
- Group 63: 1B: UWM distinguishes itself by its overall theology - dogma free, but teaches the 5 Principles, and it teaches the inner path to Christ Consciousness. We are also different in that we separate our spiritual side from the business side.

Group #92

- Only 2 of us in Grp 92 so really a discussion. One of us (unity Minister)from South Africa). described it as Metaphysical Christianity but had real issues with Jesus-comfortable with Christ consciousness. I am a board member at Unity Spiritual Center San Francisco we changed our name from Unity Christ Church to Unity Spiritual Center for a reason. We consider ourselves Inter Faith even though I know that is not UWM perspective. I am very comfortable with the existing “Positive Path For Spiritual Living.”
- Group 92 : What distinguishes UWM we are a Metaphysical Christian Movement. We are inclusive. We are a positive path to spiritual living.

