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### **Audio Ministry Mission Statement:**

Our purpose is to monitor and maintain the Sanctuary sound system. We also record Sunday services as well as other significant events in CD and tape format and have them available to purchase through the Book Store. We also forward the Sunday meditation and lesson to the Webmaster. They are available for listening only through CCU's website.

**Chairperson:** Bob Gajewski

**Committee:** In addition to the chairman, Bob has trained a few other people to run the equipment. Interested folks can see Bob Gajewski. This ministry does not meet as a committee.

### **Beautification Mission Statement:**

The Beautification ministry supports the "nurturing environment" of CCU, as well as Unity principles, by maintaining conditions and standards of beauty and order in our physical environment.

**Chairperson:** Mary Jo TenEyck

**Ministry:** We meet frequently throughout the year to both plan and carry out tasks and projects that support our ministry goals.

### **Bookstore Mission Statement:**

To make available for purchase, books and materials that reflects Unity's teachings and principles. Also available for sale are The Daily Word, Unity Magazine and other New Thought journals.

**Chairperson:** Paulie Gajewski

**Committee:** A small group of people are trained to handle sales and service on Sunday mornings, and other times as needed. To support the bookstore or get involved, see Paulie.

### **Bylaws Ministry Mission Statement:**

The bylaws committee is an adhoc committee whose mission is to review the bylaws and make any necessary changes as required by the bylaws themselves. Once this is accomplished and presented to the congregation, the adhoc committee will no longer exist, until it is formed again in five years.

**Chairperson:** Bob Gajewski

### **Choir Mission Statement:**

To raise up our voices and sing out the love of God.

**Director:** Scotty Ginett

**Choir:** Volunteers are recruited for holidays and special event music. All are welcome. If you like to sing, see Sharon.

### **Church Directory/Name Tags Mission Statement:**

To make sure the information in the directory is kept current and requests for name tags are fulfilled on a regular basis.

**Chairperson:** Marie Hedrick

### **Church Photographer Mission Statement:**

To capture the beautiful moments of our church so that others may experience with their eyes what is felt in the heart.

**Photographer:** Mike Gacek

### **Circulation Day Mission Statement:**

To circulate love throughout the community by providing a day when everything you touch and that touches you can be yours. Every June, the congregation is invited to bring to church anything that is not currently being used in our households, but could be used by someone else. On a particular Saturday, the community is invited in to pick up anything that they can use. There is no cost. This event, much like a “free” garage sale, supports the principle of circulation.

**Chairperson:** Paulie Gajewski

**Committee:** Many volunteers are needed to help make this day run smoothly. Paulie usually begins recruiting help a few months early. To get involved, see Paulie.

**David Hawkins Study Group:** This group will be aligned with and devoted to the teachings of David R. Hawkins, MD, Ph.D. and will serve as a vehicle of Divine Will to support our advancement in consciousness of service to God and humanity. The group meets **every other Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** The first book will be Transcending Levels of Consciousness.

**Facilitators:** Carole Frank and Jeffrey Smith. Love offering. For more information, please email Carole at GW2Carole@aol.com. Rev. Eleanor recommends this class only for people who already have a background in Unity or metaphysics.

### **Earth Keepers Mission Statement:**

This ministry serves CCU by caring for the gardens and grounds.

**Chairperson:** Mike Gacek

**Committee:** Volunteers adopt gardens to plant, weed and tend. Clean up days are scheduled to address raking, trimming, and general grounds maintenance. The chairperson also manages our hired groundskeeper who mows and shovels snow. To help out, see Mike Gacek.

### **Financial Prosperity Mission Statement:**

The Financial Prosperity Ministry clarifies, teaches and implements financial stewardship practices which support the enfoldment of Christ Church Unity as a divinely prosperous center inspiring human transformation.

**Chairperson:** Leslie Wright

**Committee:** Meets monthly to develop the annual budget, investigate and develop our financial practices, explore fund raising, etc. To get involved, see Leslie Wright.

### **Food Box**

Our church as a whole provides a food box where we collect nonperishable food on a continuous basis to give to people from the community who ask for food. Donations can be brought in at any time. The need for this is ongoing.

### **Greeters Mission Statement:**

To welcome, provide hospitality, and directions to all who enter Christ Church Unity.

**Chair person:** Jackie McCullough

**Committee:** The Greeting committee at CCU has the honor of greeting each person as they come in the door on Sunday morning. We offer you a warm smile and warm hug or handshake. We answer questions and when there are new people we have them put their names and contact information in the registration book and give them a nametag so others can address them by name. We help them find their way around and answer questions about Unity and our church. Greeters sign up for particular Sundays and work as a pair. To get involved, contact Jackie.

**Historian Mission Statement:**

To maintain records of our church so that future generations may enjoy, be inspired by and learn from the legacy of Unity in Rochester. The Historian also works with the Church Photographer to amplify printed sources with photos of church events. The Historian position is now open.

**Lending Library Mission Statement:**

To provide materials on New Age, New Thought and Unity philosophy and history for free circulation.

**Librarian:** Sylvia Barker

Church members may sign out materials and are asked to return them in a timely fashion. Donations to the library can be made through Sylvia.

**Music Committee Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to bring spiritually uplifting music to the congregation. The church has a song leader, who joyfully leads the congregation in hymns.

Our goal is to expand our Music Ministry. Our choir now sings on a monthly schedule and for holidays. Music resounds in the souls of us all.

**Chairperson:** Jane Faust and Scotty Ginett

**Committee:** Meets periodically, as needed. To get involved, please see Jane or Scotty.

**New Horizon Mission Statement:**

Appointed by the Board in 2007, this ministry serves to develop a five year strategic plan for Christ Church Unity. The committee has been seeking input through a variety of channels and activities. The plan (MAP) currently includes four major areas, with strategies and goals in those areas reflect values that have been identified by CCU membership as important to this congregation.

**Chairperson:** Donna Ries

**Meet:** Usually monthly, and as needed.

**To get involved:** Contact Donna Ries or Leslie Wright

**Newsletter Mission Statement:**

To communicate with our membership and friends the joy, happenings, inspiration, and teachings of our church.

**Editor:** Bernie Bowie

**Nominating Committee Mission Statement**

A Nominating Committee, formed at least three months prior to the Annual Membership Meeting, shall initiate a search for at least two qualified candidates for the Board of Trustees.

**2010-2011 Chairperson:** Paula Bramwell

The **committee** consists of the Minister, three other active members selected at the Annual Meeting by the membership, and a representative of the current Board of Trustees.

**Platform Assistant Mission Statement:**

To serve the congregation at Sunday Service by providing concise announcements regarding church activities in an inviting and connected manner.

We have worked to streamline the announcements while maintaining the key elements in sharing vital information of church activities.

**Chairperson:** Donna Ries

**Team:** Volunteers are trained and scheduled by Donna. To be a platform assistant, please contact her. The group meets on an as needed basis.

**Policy & Procedure Manual Mission Statement:**

To ensure that all facets of the church are nurtured and implemented with clarity, consistency, understanding and love.

**Secretary:** Marie Hedrick.

**Prayer Chaplaincy Mission Statement:**

To bring prayer to the people.

**Chairperson:** Jane Faust

**Chaplains:** Our Prayer Chaplains visit members in their homes, hospitals, or other settings to provide prayer and spiritual support. Chaplains must receive extensive training. If interested, please see Jane Faust.

**Prayer Team : Mission Statement:**

Awakening to the Christ within ourselves through prayer, we affirm the Divine Identity in others, so they can see it in themselves and receive its blessings.

**Coordinator:** Jane Faust

**Team:** Volunteers are available each Sunday after the service to provide one-on-one prayer. The team meets regularly to pray and plan activities that support the prayer life and spiritual well being of the congregation. To get involved, please see Jane or Reverend Eleanor.

**Prosperity Projects Mission Statement:**

The Prosperity Projects group is so named to underscore the Unity principle that we are prospered through giving. Through the leadership of this group the church gives food baskets and gifts for children at Christmas to individuals and families in need. We also collect and send gift boxes of personal items to our troops overseas in the spring. These items are collected as gifts from our congregation members and other donors.

**2011 Chairperson:** Carole Cafalone

**Ministry:** Members currently meet, plan and carry out activities to support this mission in the fall and early winter, leading up to Christmas. Projects to support our troops are carried out in February and March.

**Publicity Committee Mission Statement:**

To reach out to the community and publicize our church teachings, activities, and events. To maintain our Facebook page and develop other forms of publicity.

**Chairperson:** Paula Fletcher

This committee is in the early stages of development and welcomes new people to give ideas and help.

**Remembrance Mission Statement:**

The Remembrance Ministry contributes to creating a nurturing environment at Christ Church Unity by reaching out with expressions of love and support to our congregation in times of joys and challenges.

**Chairperson:** Marilyn Hampton

**Ministry:** Meets as needed to plan and implement initiatives to meet the needs of our homebound members as well as general congregation. See Marilyn Hampton to become involved.

**Sanctuary Ministry Mission Statement:**

To maintain a sacred atmosphere which promotes serenity and love. To assist the minister with Sunday services, special services and holiday observances by making material preparations for the sanctuary.

**Chairperson:** Eleanor Celentani

**Ministry:** This group does not have meetings but serves as needed. More new people are invited to join and help. Please contact Rev. Eleanor if you would like to be a part of this.

**Sign Ministry Team Mission Statement:**

Our purpose is to change the message on the sign in the parking lot each week as an effective way to communicate with passersby. Weekly changing of the message causes more people to look at our sign each week. We are looking for messages that serve to awaken people to their Divine Identity. This is our opportunity to be of service to the Vision Statement of Christ Church Unity.

**Chairperson:** Mike Gacek

**Committee:** A small group of volunteers works with Mike to schedule weekly message changes.

**Social Committee Mission Statement:**

To plan and implement social events; involving set-up, food preparation and serving. The Social Committee provides refreshments during the Sunday coffee hour, and birthday cake once per month. These items are donated by members of the committee. Love offerings from the congregation for refreshments supplement the church's budget for the Social Fund which helps to pay for large events such as our Thanksgiving Dinner and Summer Picnic. The Social Committee organizes a number of holiday events each year, and also assists with occasional luncheons after Sunday service and before Congregational meetings or special events.

**Chairperson:** Anita Gaiteri

**Committee:** Volunteers work with Anita to support a variety of events. See Anita to be involved.

**Sunday Offering Counters Mission Statement:**

To oversee the inflow of love and prosperity that our church brings forth when we gather as one.

**Chairperson:** Sharon Peters

**Volunteers:** Our counters work in pairs and are scheduled by Jeannie. To become a counter, contact either the treasurer, Sharon Peters, Reverend Eleanor, or Jeanne.

**Sunday Service Special Roles:**

On the display table in the lobby there are folders where you may sign up to read the Daily Word during our Sunday services, or to provide flowers for the sanctuary. We welcome more people in these roles.

**There is Only God: Studies in Nonduality**

This group is investigating and discussing teachings and writings from both the traditional major spiritual sources, and the inspiring and transformational offerings of many contemporary nondual teachers. The primary objective of the group is to provide a free and open exchange of spiritual ideas and information in a spirit of fellowship and reverence for the One Divine Nature ever present in all beings. **Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon;** facilitated by Les Collins. New people welcome.

### **Thriving in Unity Champion Mission Statement:**

Thriving in Unity is an initiative developed by the Association of Unity Churches International and is intended to help Unity ministries prosper and be all that they can be. Thriving in Unity 1.0, which was adopted by Christ Church Unity in November of 2008, consists of 12 benchmarks which are designed to assist with practical steps to raise consciousness, develop our organization, enable cultural shifts, and build community.

**Leader:** Mary Jo TenEyck

**More Information:** [www.thrivinginunity.org](http://www.thrivinginunity.org) or see any Board of Trustee member

**Benchmarks:** Use of AUCI videos, Thriving Ministry Model Workshop, Welcoming Practice, Maintain up-to-date web presence, host a guest event, chaplaincy program, spiritual social action event, book studies, peacemaking, practice of thriving program (prosperity), green facilities assessment, weekly service and class attendance.

**To Get Involved:** Please contact Mary Jo TenEyck. Several benchmarks currently need leadership.

### **Usher Team Mission Statement:**

The ushers provide a welcoming and facilitating presence during worship and special services.

**Chairperson:** Marie Hedrick

**Volunteers:** The ushers are to make sure the sanctuary is warm and welcoming looking. The lights are adjusted during the meditation. They welcome congregants as they come into the sanctuary with a warm smile and perhaps a hug as they present them with a bulletin. They take up the Sunday offering at the end of the service. Most importantly, the ushers are part of a team with the greeters to welcome people to a spiritual experience at Christ Church Unity. Volunteers are trained and work in pairs. They are scheduled through Marie. To become an usher, please see Marie Hedrick.

### **Website Mission Statement:**

To greet all those who seek out our church on the internet with information about us, and what we stand for; to provide resources such as audio files of our Sunday messages, prayers and related links.

**Webmaster:** Emily Carpenter

### **Youth Education Mission Statement:**

Provide a caring, nurturing, friendly, welcoming environment for children of all ages and teens. Help our youth develop by teaching Unity principles and curriculum through the arts; story, drama, puppets, and visual arts. Help teens grow through discussion and study with peers.

**Youth Ed Director and Lead Teacher:** Marna Rossi

**Teen Group Teacher:** Leslie Wright

**Volunteers Assistants:** Volunteers assist Marna in the Sunday School on an as needed basis. To get involved, see Marna or Mary Jo TenEyck.

**Nursery Coordinator:** Needed