

2010 Committees Mission Statements and Descriptions

Audio Ministry Mission Statement or Purpose

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.

Bookstore Mission Statement or Purpose

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 or Purpose:

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 Director Mission Statement or Purpose:

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

Leader: Sharon Peters

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 or Purpose:

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 or Purpose:

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

Circulations Day Mission or Purpose:

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.

New 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 will meet **every other Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**, starting **Jan. 11, 2010**. Since this is a study group, participants will be expected to complete reading assignments in between classes, and members are required to have read at least one of Dr. Hawkins' books before signing up for this class. 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 or Purpose:

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.

Fun Club Mission Statement or Purpose

To promote friendship among church member.

Chairperson: Sylvia Barker

Committee: Members gather occasionally for informal social activities such as plays, movies, dinner, etc. To get involved, or share ideas, see Sylvia.

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 or Purpose:

To maintain records of our church so that others may experience where we've been, but most importantly, where we're going.

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 or Purpose

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

Our goal is to expand our Music Ministry. It is our hope to bring together choirs more often to grace our Sunday Service. Music resounds in souls of us all.

Chairperson: Jane Faust

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

New Horizon Purpose: 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 or Purpose:

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

Editor: Bernie Bowie

Nominating Mission or Purpose

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.

Chairperson: Perlis Trahan

The **committee** consists of the Minister and three other active members selected at the Annual Meeting by the membership.

Planning & Beautification Mission Statement or Purpose of Group

Proactive planning, identification and implementation of long-range goals, improvements and events, which serves the mission & vision of Christ Church Unity.

Chairperson: *open to nominations*

Committee: Volunteers meet at least monthly to plan and implement. This is a busy committee and lots of help is appreciated.

Platform Assistant Mission or Purpose of the Group

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 or Purpose

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 or Purpose

To bring prayer to the people.

Chairperson: Jane Faust

Chaplains: Jane Faust and Sharon Peters 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.

Prayer Team : Mission Statement & Purpose

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 Project Mission Statement or Purpose of Group

To send Christmas cards and packages to service men and women. To give food baskets and gifts for children that are in need for the holidays.

Chairperson: Alicia Mercer

Committee: Members currently meet, plan and carry out activities to support this mission in the Fall and early winter, leading up to Christmas. See Alicia to get involved.

Public Relations Committee Mission or Purpose

To reach out to the community and publicize our church teachings and activities.

Chairperson: Paula Bramwell

Remembrance Mission Statement or Purpose of Group

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: Coby Nichols

Committee: Meets as needed to plan and implement initiatives to meet the needs of our homebound members as well as general congregation. See Coby to become involved.

Sanctuary Ministry Mission or Purpose

To maintain a sacred atmosphere which promotes serenity and love.

Chairperson: Eleanor Celentani

Sign Ministry Team Mission Statement or Purpose

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 or Purpose

To plan and implement social events; involving set-up, food preparation and serving. Money is generated from the love offerings for the donated baked goods and other assorted refreshments that are provided after Sunday morning services during the time of fellowship.

Chairperson: Anita Gaiteri

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

Sunday Offering Counters Purpose:

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.

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 or Purpose:

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 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 Purpose: 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 & Purpose:

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

Web Benchmark Chairperson: Mike Gacek

Welcoming Committee Mission & Purpose: To oversee, coordinate and improve the different components of welcoming new people to the church.

Chairperson: Paula Fletcher

Youth Education Mission:

Provide a caring, nurturing, friendly, welcoming environment for children of all ages. Help children develop by teaching Unity principles and curriculum through the arts; story, drama, puppets, and visual arts.

Head Teacher: Marna Rossi

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