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Unity appoints new Spiritual Leaders

Jim Yeaw & Sharon Bush are experienced and heart-centered

Jim and Sharon were officially and joyfully welcomed by our community as our new ministers during the Sunday service on August 14. They will job-share one full-time position.

Jim and Sharon began serving as guest speakers and Spiritual Advisors at Unity of Ft Collins in November of 2021. Council appointed them as our Interim Ministers in March of 2022. In the past 9+ months that Sharon & Jim have served our community, many of us have come to love them, and know them as deeply ethical and generous. Their extensive leadership experience is a great asset, as well as their style of leading by mentoring and proposing ideas, rather than imposing a hierarchical model. They have entrenched themselves in our community and feel they have found their spiritual home here.

Both our Search Team and our Council are in agreement that Jim and Sharon fit the bill in all of the areas our community members asked for when we began the search. The

Search Team put it this way: "They *get* us."

In the past months, their guidance has helped our community grow, improve and define ourselves in many ways, and we are confident that Unity of Fort Collins will flourish under their leadership.

Jim and Sharon will continue to deliver the Sunday message once a month each, and we will host guest speakers on the other weeks.

Sharon leads the Prayer Chaplain Ministry, is available for counseling, hospital visits, and will be teaching a



class on Unity basics this fall.

Jim leads classes and mentors the Tech Team, Marketing Team, and Welcome Team. He has expertise in strategic planning for churches, and **(continued on page 2)**



Our Outreach team teaches a Women's Health Education class in Guatemala.

Our Outreach Program—Unity International Projects

Unity of Fort Collins has a strong connection to Guatemala. A group from our community first traveled there in 2015, and has since returned five more times to the villages of La Bendicion and Nuevo Todos Santos.

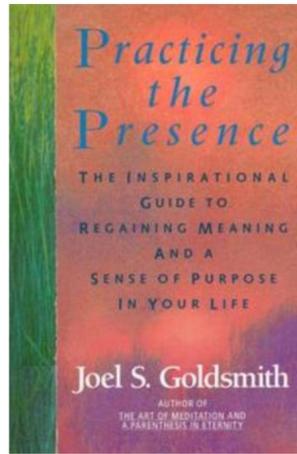
The commitment to these communities led Unity of Fort Collins to create an outreach team, Unity International Projects UIP). This heart-centered spiritual group is dedicated to creating health, sustainability and growth with these sister communities. Each time a

Class Spotlight: Joel Goldsmith Book Study Group

There is a small but mighty group meeting on Thursday mornings at 9:30 at Unity to discuss the teachings of Joel Goldsmith. The group is facilitated by Gloria Willis, who has been studying Goldsmith's work for 10 years.

The group has been discussing questions regarding the human condition and how to apply spiritual principles to them. For example: How do I manage the difficult relationships I encounter? What is the nature of God? Can being STILL really help me with finances? What is our responsibility with the Ukraine war?

Joel Goldsmith (1892-1964) is a celebrated lecturer, teacher and healer. In his over 50 books, Joel leads us step by step from the



frustration and incompleteness of human dissatisfaction to conscious union with our Creator.

The group started early in 2022 with just four members, and has grown to seven. Several of the participants have expressed that it's "the best part of their week." The group met for dinner after completing the first book study, and plans to continue that tradition after completing each book.

Currently the group is studying the book *Practicing the Presence*. New students are encouraged to join the group this fall when they start another Goldsmith book in October. Contact Gloria Willis for more information at 504-553-6477.

New Spiritual Leaders

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has authored 23 books on Unity Theology, practical Unity principles, and church management. He grew up in and was ordained as a minister in the Baptist Church, but eventually found that "spiritual, not religious" was a better fit for him.

Sharon survived a plane crash in 1980 that changed her life. Despite months of healing and therapy, she was transformed and surrounded by the light of God, even as she was widowed three times after the crash. She learned and teaches by example that it is not the events of life that make or break us, it is how we respond to those events.

Sharon also has a background as an accountant, hospital chaplain, meditation teacher, and performed a clown ministry. She loves teaching classes where students learn to release their negative thinking by observing their thoughts and feelings.

Jim and Sharon met late in life and each had families from previous marriages. They each have four children, (8 total) and 12 grandchildren. They met at a Sacramento, CA Unity Church in 2001, and were inspired together to apply for ministerial training with

the Unity Institute, graduating in 2007. They were hired as co-ministers of a Unity in Sun City, Arizona where they led a successful ministry for 12 years.

Jim & Sharon moved to Loveland in 2019 to be near family and enjoy a slower place, but soon discovered they really missed having a spiritual home and leading a ministry. They are excited and fulfilled by their roles at Unity of FC.

Welcome, Jim and Sharon!!



Unity Council and Search Team formally welcome Jim & Sharon as our new Spiritual leaders.

Unity Ministry Teams

Your Unity Council members, along with our Spiritual Leaders Jim Yeaw and Sharon Bush, met for a planning and visioning retreat on August 28th. Their primary focus was to discuss the tasks, leadership model, and direction of Unity of Fort Collins (UFC).

UFC has a tradition of leadership vested in its members. It is intentional that we are not minister-centric, and we recognize the talents and abilities of the entire community. This is reflected in our Sunday celebration services where members have an equal part in leadership participation.

Teams have been an integral part of our operations for some time. Our leadership sees a need for this to continue, and to be emphasized even more with participation from all active members, who are empowered to determine the focus and direction of their teams under the supervision of the Unity Council.

Our Ministry Teams include:

Chaplains—Providing prayer support to members

Facilities—Oversight of the building and grounds maintenance, care & use

Finance—Financial management, budgeting and fund raising

Marketing—Maintaining and creating our website, social media, newsletter, and all advertising & com-

munication methods and materials

Outreach —Working toward a better & more connected world through sponsorship and reciprocity both abroad and at home

Social—Planning events and enabling community interaction through picnics, dinners, movies, and other fun events

Technology— Oversight, planning and operation of our video, sound & livestreaming services

Welcome —Getting new attendees connected and engaged

Worship—Planning and coordination of messages and music for

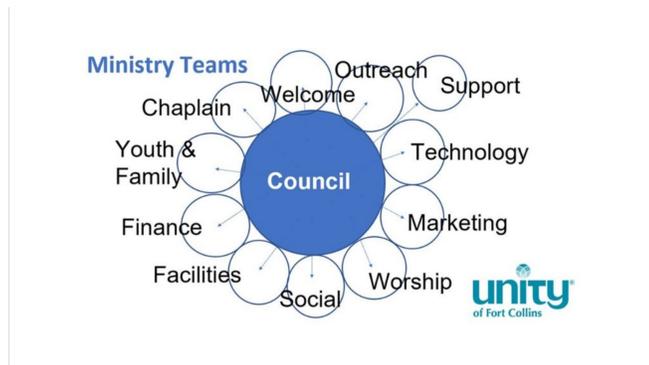
Sunday services

Youth & Family Ministry—Education, support and engagement for our youngest members, from nursery age through college.

The **Support** team operates differently: it consists of the ministers, a council liaison, and the office administrator who meet weekly to support the church operations.

These teams are your opportunity to have a voice in your community. We are looking for members to come forward and more actively participate as planners and leaders as we move forward in growing our community and creating more opportunities for connection and growth.

Which team fits your unique abilities? Please consider how you might contribute to Unity's success through your committed involvement on a team. Clipboards will be passed around on Sundays to sign up, or contact Julie in the office for more information on any team.



*Our Unity centers us
in light and peace
allowing us to recognize
our God within
and to radiate that love to the world!*