

Unity Church–Unitarian

Unity Church-Unitarian is a vibrant intergenerational congregation grounded in the history and heritage of liberal religion.

Our shared ministry enlists the whole church family in living out the values we proclaim. At home, at church, and in the world, we strive to usher in the reign of mutual respect.

The mission of Unity Church is to engage people in a free and inclusive religious community that encourages lives of integrity, service and joy.

If you have questions about the Community Outreach Program or the team application process, please contact Pat Haff, Coordinator of Community Outreach Ministries at the Church Office at 651-228-1456 or pat@unityunitarian.org.



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A Call to Service

Living at the intersection of spiritual development and social justice encourages members of Unity Church to reflect on how their spiritual lives inform the ways they serve, bless, and change the world. The Community Outreach Ministry Teams were created to further the ministry of Unity Church in service to the larger community.

About the Community Outreach Ministry Teams

The teams listed in this brochure engage the congregation in service, education, and advocacy to the larger community. Where possible, ministry teams form partnerships with community organizations, informing and extending the church's reach.

Most teams develop a beginning and a closing group spiritual practice for their meetings that take inspiration from literature, music, liturgical themes or reflective questions. Team members take time to reflect deeply on their actions in the world through discussions of appropriate magazine and newspaper articles, books, films, and their service experiences.

Unity Church-Unitarian is always looking for opportunities to expand its community outreach program through team ministry. Team applications are available online at www.unityunitarian.org or by contacting Pat Haff, Coordinator of Community Outreach Ministry at the Church Office.

You must be the change you want to see in the world. — Gandhi

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Affordable Housing / Project Home

This team addresses the affordable housing crisis through policy work, direct service and education. Through Project Home, Unity Church becomes home to homeless families in Ramsey County in the month of May. Community Partners include Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAH), St. Paul Council of Churches and Opportunity Housing Investment Fund (OHIF).

Center for Victims of Torture

The primary purpose of this team is to form a supportive, long-term, mutually beneficial relationship with the Center for Victims of Torture. This ministry team hopes to achieve a sense of connectedness with the Center for Victims of Torture and its clients and to develop a heightened sensitivity to the issues of torture, U.S. asylum, and other refugee concerns.

Evergreen Projects

Consisting of three areas, the Evergreen Projects at Unity Church hold monthly food drives, provide monthly meals for the Ramsey County Family Service Center, and provide “joyful fundraising” through the Quilter’s Group. The team also supports the Jeremiah Program that has a St. Paul community residential campus for low-income single mothers and their children.

Interweave

This team exists to lead Unity Church-Unitarian community as it expands and deepens its welcome and support of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer people and allies. The team’s community partnerships and action reflect Unity’s commitment to welcoming all sexualities and gender identifications.

Literacy and Education

This newly forming team is looking at ways Unity Church can support and advocate for literacy and education in our neighborhood and community. In partnership with the St. Paul Council of Churches, this team supports volunteers from Unity Church to be caring mentors for students at Webster Magnet Elementary School (across the street from the church). Another possible project is to provide tutoring for adults through the Minnesota Literacy Council.

Mano a Mano

This ministry team is dedicated to providing health care, and building clinics, public education, roads, and safe water supplies in impoverished communities in Bolivia. It’s community partner is Mano a Mano International, a nonprofit founded by Unity Church members.

Partner Church

The intent of the Partner Church Team is to develop a mutually rewarding relationship between the Unity Church community and that of our sister church in Homorodszentpeter, Transylvania, in Romania. The Unity Church community grows with the challenges of developing a cross-cultural relationship and as our relationship deepens with Homorodszentpeter, both congregations will experience a transforming love.

Racial Justice

What does white privilege mean? How do we connect with people of color in our community? How is our spirituality as Unitarian Universalists tied to racial justice? These are just a few of the questions this newly formed ministry team reflects and act on. Through meeting, cooking and singing together, members of this team are developing a new relationship with New Hope Baptist Church, a traditionally African American Church in West St. Paul.

Restorative Justice

The Restorative Justice Team engages team members, the Unity Church community, and the broader community in healing conversations and activities between and among people involved in or impacted by harmful behaviors or experiences. Their community partner, AMICUS, partners with inmates, ex-offenders, juvenile offenders and communities to build successful lives and stronger communities.

Sustainable Agriculture / Green Sanctuary

This team helps the congregation live out its commitment to the Earth by creating a sustainable life style for its members as individuals and as a faith community. Cultivating a connection to the land, food, and environment that sustains us is the spiritual foundation of this team. This team has several goals one of which includes becoming an accredited Green Sanctuary Congregation by the Unitarian Universalist Association.

All of the teams listed in this brochure have short and long-term volunteer opportunities available.

