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Greetings Unity of Cedar Rapids Ministry Hiring Team!!

It was wonderful stopping in to share a Sunday morning service with you on August 10th! I was blessed to be able to connect with several familiar faces, and catch up a bit. My time there brought back the inspiring, warm, and welcoming experience of last summer. Thank you for the heart hug.

While I was regrettably unable to continue our negotiations for the position with Cedar Rapids in the summer of 2024, my circumstances have changed since then. Tom and I have discovered that it is feasible for us to move to Iowa if the outcome of our conversations are favorable for both parties. Today, I am requesting the opportunity to discuss the possibilities of becoming the next minister for Unity of Cedar Rapids.

But first, let me update you on my activities since we spoke last. Following our communications last August, I took time off to reflect, reassess and regroup. Afterwards, I began working part time for a private tutoring company in a town nearby that supports students who have lost their motivation and / or learn a little differently. I appreciate the time I spend there and all the ways I work to uniquely support those I see. I continue to work there currently.

In addition to tutoring, I've been a guest speaker at Unity of Naperville, Unity Spiritual Center of Woodstock, and Unity of Appleton. It is always a gift whenever I visit these communities. Feel free to check out a sample of my talks online:

Unity of Naperville- 1/5/25

<https://www.youtube.com/@UnityNaperville/streams>

USCW- 2/9/25

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7_DlrIS-w

Unity of Appleton- 2/2/25, 3/2/25, 4/6/25, 5/25/25, 6/29/25, 7/20/25.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAZNjwikWLE>

When not tutoring or guest speaking, I follow local and national events and participate in peaceful social action events in my community. My early experiences led me to volunteer for the local party where I was appointed as Precinct Committee Person for my township last April. I have rung over one hundred doorbells introducing myself and sharing information. But it didn't stop there. Just a few weeks ago, my friend and I partnered up to hold an ice cream social open house for our constituents which included meeting some of their local elected representatives. Even though it rained the day of the open house, we still had a blast with twenty-three adults and five children in attendance! These activities pushed me beyond my comfort zone, but have been an extremely valuable experience in showing me the desire and need for community connection! It also expanded my awareness of my community through the variety of people I've met, but it hasn't quite checked all my dream life boxes. I still enjoy being a minister because it incorporates community action activities AND the responsibility to dive deep into the Divine presence and discover insights that shed light on new ways to live.

I would love to explore partnering with Unity of Cedar Rapids because I believe we will be stronger together during a time unlike any other as we walk, witness, and dream of the world we want to create. We won't just survive, we will thrive through connection, community, and collaboration. Together, we can expand our spiritual awareness and share the wonder and joy of God's love!

In the silence, I listen
From the heart, I pray
With the song, I dance
On the journey, I walk with you.

Sincerely,

Marypatrice E. Wendt



PERSONAL QUALITIES

- Communicator
- Self starter
- Authentic/transparent
- Start to finish collaborator for special events with a team ethic
- Supporter of member involvement
- Compassionate listener
- Values: baking, hiking, dancing
exercising, socializing, learning

I celebrate life with my husband, Tom, family-biological and spiritual, and support my community through spiritual social action.

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MARYPATRIECE E. WENDT

Unity Minister

I am excited to explore and develop the possibilities within myself and others!

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

Spiritual Leader/ Minister

Unity Spiritual Center of Woodstock, IL
Sept. 2017-Sept. 2024

- Proficient in many Google Suite menu areas, Facebook, Constant Contact, and Zoom
- Facilitated online and in person classes
- Sunday Guest speaker for other ministries
- Created sacred services, processes; trained Prayer Chaplains
- Initiated meet ups for visitors and members
- Envisioned Woodstock, IL's first World Peace Day into reality
- Provided invocation support for local county board meetings
- Community involvement: Northern Illinois Hospice, Re-Member, local groups, social action and the Woodstock Chamber
- Welcomed 4-6 new members each year.

Special Education Teacher

Brightmont Academy

Barrington, IL February 2025-present

- Tutoring private and school district students
- Collaborate with other instructors
- Complete assessments and records

Palatine Consolidated School District 15

August 2004- May 2024

- Facilitated communications between relevant parties
- Collaborated with service providers
- Completed legal documents and implemented plans
- Gathered and recorded data in a timely manner
- meeting leader
- Managed challenging and problem solved student behavior
- Created daily lessons/activities

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Ordination

Unity Worldwide Ministries Field Ministerial Program
June 2022

BA of Science in Education/Reading Specialist

Northern Illinois University BA May 2004
Olivet Nazarene University MS May 2011

DEMOGRAPHICS OF MINISTRY – FOR Rev. Marypatrice Wendt

Consider the natural affinity you have with the people you serve. What is that demographic? Consider the joy you will experience as you actively have the opportunity to minister to and engage in ministry with that demographic in your next position. Rank each of the nine categories below in order 1-9 with 1 being your strongest area of affinity, by navigating to the "click to rate" indicator to the left of each category. Your self-assessment will help us to connect you with ministries that most value your joy in ministry.

click to rate

1

Building Leaders and Teams, and Empowering Others

- Keeps mission, vision, values, and the WHY this ministry exists current
- Plans for continual training of leadership and volunteers, ministry growth, and outreach
- Implements training for boards, staff, and volunteers and fosters a team-based culture
- Plans for training and utilizing licensed Unity teachers (LUT) as an integral part of the ministry
- Planning for building financial development strategies
- Incorporates training for Youth & Family Ministry, youth, YOU, Next Generation
- Develops and leads worship experiences collaboratively with others involved

click to rate

2

Focus on Prayer, Meditation, Pastoral Care, Chaplaincy

- Demonstrates prayer consciousness and facilitates prayer & meditation classes & experiences
- Compassionate and caring person, sensitive to others' needs and emotions
- Focus on the pastoral care needs of the intergenerational congregation
- Helps people develop a spiritual life and a prayer consciousness within the ministry
- Ministers to people in crisis, offer guidance in solving problems
- Makes hospital visits, visits shut-ins and nursing homes, prayer with members
- Facilitates training for chaplains and utilizes chaplains within the ministry

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5

Outreach into the Local Community

- Demonstrates a desire to engage and support the local community members
- Compassionate and caring person, sensitive to others' needs and emotions
- Community Organizer skills to coordinate with multiple volunteers and outside organizations
- Problem solver who recognizes the third option, shows persistence, and follow through
- Negotiates and/or compromises, seeking the highest outcome for all involved
- Demonstrates appreciation for volunteers, staff, board, and congregants of all ages
- Compassionate listener and deals effectively with different points of view

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6

Working with a Specific Group (Kids, teens, seniors, men, women, LGBTQ, etc.)

- Maintains confidentiality, understanding the laws around mandated reporting
- Helps people of all ages develop a spiritual life and a prayer consciousness within the ministry
- Models and teaches open attitudes with a diverse population
- Ministers to individuals and families in crisis, offer guidance in solving problems
- Act as a resource to additional community and support services

click to rate

7

Spiritual Social Activism

- Invites others to become involved and is a team player - yes
- Models and teaches open attitudes, active listening, and tolerance with a diverse population
- Consciously educates themselves and others on the topic - revamping culture conversation
- Maintains a respectful presence regarding spiritual social activism - yes
- Helps to develop an inclusive consciousness within the ministry - yes

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8

Audio/Visual(A/V) Technology Acumen

- Adept with a variety of A/V technologies to enhance the overall worship experience
- Skilled in the use of virtual meeting applications (Zoom, WebEx, Meet, Teams, etc.) I use
- Demonstrated success in delivering virtual and hybrid presentations and training - yes
- Embraces the use of social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) in support of the ministry's mission, vision, and values. I use learning

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9

Environmentalism

- Knowledgeable of and proficient in environmental awareness for this geographic location
- Compassionate and caring person, sensitive to the environment and connection to the planet
- Community Organizer skills to coordinate with multiple volunteers and outside organizations
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3

Health & Wellbeing

- Knowledgeable of and proficient in health, healing, exercise & nutrition
- Compassionate and caring person, sensitive to the mind-body connection
- Community Organizer skills to coordinate with multiple volunteers and outside organizations
- Problem solver who recognizes the third option, shows persistence, and follow through
- Negotiates and/or compromises, seeking the highest outcome for all involved
- Demonstrates appreciation for volunteers, staff, board, and congregants of all ages
- Compassionate listener and deals effectively with different points of view

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4

Administration

- Knowledgeable of and proficient in applying ministry bylaws, policies, and procedures
- Proficient in executing fiduciary responsibilities, developing prosperity awareness, and maintaining a balanced budget
- Follows office management best practices and use of office systems (software)
- Empowers staff and volunteers, delegates well
- Implements training for boards, staff, and volunteers and fosters a learning culture

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

For most ministers, geographic location is a key factor in your decision-making process. Whether you are looking to stay close to home, need a change for family or health concerns, or just seeking new adventures in places far from home, *location does matter*. In this section, please identify your TOP THREE regional preferences. Then, navigate to the "[click to rate](#)" indicator to the left of the regions. Rank your top three in order: 1, 2, and 3 with 1 being your top preference. Of course, these are not binding should you find your perfect fit elsewhere, but your response will help us to guide you to opportunities that best fit your geographical preference.

Preferred geographical area in which to reside - select top 3 in order of preference:

[click to rate](#)

Northeast US (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut)

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Eastern US (Washington DC, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware)

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Southeast US (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi)

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Great Lakes US (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Tennessee)

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Northern mid-continent US (North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming)

[click to rate](#)

Midwestern breadbasket (Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado)

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Southern mid-continent US (Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico)

[click to rate](#)

Northwest US (Washington State, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, Montana)

[click to rate](#)

Western US (Northern California (Los Angeles area + north, northernmost 2/3 Nevada, Hawaii)

[click to rate](#)

Southwest US (Arizona, southernmost 1/3 California, southernmost 1/3 Nevada, Utah)

[click to rate](#)

Canada (Please contact the Canadian Regional Representative)

[click to rate](#)

Puerto Rico/Caribbean islands

[click to rate](#)

Pacific Islands

SPIRITUAL EXPERTISE AND EDUCATIONAL PASSIONS FOR *Marypatrice Wentt*

Unity congregations need to know who their demographic is and where their demographic is located. Ministries look to their leaders to be a source of spiritual knowledge and inspiration relative to their chosen demographic. When seeking a new congregation, it is so important to find how the ministry's and minister's priorities align.

In this section, please identify your area(s) of focus by following the guidance next to each item, then, navigate to the "[click to rate](#)" indicator to the left of the options to record your rating or preference.

- 1. Ministry Location.** Place an "X" next to the primary location of the ministry's demographic / of the demographic you desire to serve. (Select one)

[click to rate](#) In-person

[click to rate](#) Online

[click to rate](#) *X* Hybrid

- 2. Ministry Type.** Place an "X" next to the description that best describes the type of ministry you desire to serve. (Select one)

[click to rate](#) Congregation-Based

[click to rate](#) Community-Based

[click to rate](#) *X* Service-Based

- 3. Age Groups.** Please identify your TOP THREE age groups with which you have a natural affinity. Rank your top three in order: 1, 2, and 3 with 1 being your top age demographic group.

3 [click to rate](#) 70's and up [click to rate](#) 20's & 30's

1 [click to rate](#) 50's & 60's [click to rate](#) Teens & Young Adults

[click to rate](#) 30's & 40's *2* [click to rate](#) Kids & Families

- 4. Interests/Area of Expertise:** Please identify your TOP THREE areas of expertise and interest. Rank your top three in order: 1, 2, and 3 with 1 being your strongest area of knowledge or interest.

1 [click to rate](#) Sunday Services

3 [click to rate](#) Outreach in the Community

2 [click to rate](#) Prayer & Meditation / Pastoral Care

[click to rate](#) Earth Care

[click to rate](#) SpiritGroups

[click to rate](#) Interfaith & World Religions

4 [click to rate](#) Development and Facilitation of Classes

[click to rate](#) Current Trending Spirituality

→ I empower others so I can spend time in the community

- 5. Spiritual Expertise and Educational Acumen:** Please identify your TOP THREE areas of expertise. Rank your top three in order: 1, 2, and 3 with 1 being your strongest area of expertise.

3 [click to rate](#) Unity Foundational Teachings

[click to rate](#) Classic Unity Authors

2 [click to rate](#) Bible and Metaphysics

1 [click to rate](#) New Thought Authors

[click to rate](#) Fillmore (Only)

[click to rate](#) World Religions

[click to rate](#) Current Trending Spirituality

POWER OF FOCUSED MINISTRY
WHOM ARE YOU SERVING? WHY ARE YOU IN MINISTRY?

If you've had the opportunity to attend one of Rev. Shad Groverland's Power of Focused Ministry workshops, you've already been asked to consider WHOM are you serving and WHY you are in ministry. If not, take time now for some introspective reflection (and possibly some prayer) before answering the following questions. Please be succinct, limiting each response to 3-4 sentences.

More information on the workshop: [The Power of Focused Ministry Workshops | Unity Worldwide Ministries](#)

WHO is your target audience? 40s and up.

(Click or tap here to enter text)

WHY are you in ministry? To grow spiritually and share the journey with others.

(Click or tap here to enter text)

What does your target audience need? They need community, connection, ^{spiritual} ideas, and opportunities to make a difference

(Click or tap here to enter text)

What is your target audience interested in? (May differ from what you believe they need.)

(Click or tap here to enter text)

Sharing their talents, learning new ideas and tools for spiritual growth.

What does your target audience enjoy? (How to engage or keep them coming back.)

(Click or tap here to enter text)

Creative workshops, potlucks, and friendships

Where do you find your target audience?

(Click or tap here to enter text)

Through word of mouth, more spiritual than religious signage, FB posts, and community events (World Peace Day).

Describe your vision of the perfect ministry.

(Click or tap here to enter text)

A ministry which honors and learns from the past, activates the present with taking risks and having authentic, transparent conversations and boldly aiming towards creating the future.