

**MAS 643 Association of Unity Churches Polity 2 Credits/3CEUs**  
**Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 pm, Fall Term,**  
**Location is the Association of Unity Churches Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Classroom**  
**October 3 to December 13, 2007**

<b>Instructor Name</b>	Claudell County Multiple instructors from the Association of Unity Churches International  Classes will be held at the Association.
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<b>Required Texts</b>	Association Website: <a href="http://www.unity.org">www.unity.org</a>  Mosley G. & Dunlap R. (2006). <i>Association of Unity Churches International: Its beginning, its evolution, its vision for worldwide service</i> . Lee's Summit, MO: self-published.  For Nov 15 <sup>th</sup> class: <i>Building With Boards – The Foundation for Creating Spiritual Leaders</i> by Barbara O'Hearne
<b>Other Required Reading</b>	none
<b>Recommended Reading</b>	TBA

### Course Description

This class is an in-depth experience of the Association of Unity Churches International. Class will meet at the home office, when possible, and students will be introduced to the work, resources, and best practices each department offers to the field minister and ministry. Study of training programs, consulting services, and policy tools offered by the Association will enrich the students' understanding of the work into which they are embarking.

1. Vision and Governance of the Association
2. Participation of the Church with the Association
3. The Placement process
4. Peacemaking and Church-Leadership Review process
5. Licensing of Licensed Unity Teachers
6. Youth, Family and Small Group services
7. Consulting with Boards
8. Media and Marketing services
9. Benefits and Pension Plans
10. Pioneering
11. International services

12. Conferences: Regional and International
13. Music Services

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Articulate the various services provided by the Association of Unity Churches International.
2. Identify the consultants and materials available to ministry.
3. Define intent for future participation with the Association.

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Master of Divinity:

MD-2, MD-4

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Certificate in Unity Ministry:

C-2, C-4

### Class Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Reading Assignment	Paper/Exam/Activity
1	Thursday, October 4 1-4 pm	Vision, Mission, Values of the Association. Staff and Board, Governance information.		Rev. James Trapp
2	Thursday, October 11, 1-4 pm	Placement Process, contract negotiations. Transitional ministry.  Resume and cover-letter process.  Alternative ministries.		Rev. Joann Landreth
3	Thursday, October 18, 1-4 pm	Responsibility of churches/ ministers to the Association:  Annual reports, mailings, tithes, service team participation. & other issues  Church growth./ CLMRS		Rev. Carl Osier, M.D.
4	Thursday, October 25, 1-4 pm	Peacemaking Process &  CLMRS Process		Rev. Gary Simmons, ThD

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5	Thursday, November 1, 1-4 pm	Licensed Teacher Process : LUT Code of Ethics, Credit Classes and Unity Institute, working with Licensed Teachers  Media/Marketing		Shirley Kennedy LUT  Lisa Wittman & Barbara Quinn
6	Thursday, November 8, 1-4 pm	Youth and Family Services  Small Group Ministry		Rebecca Avery M.A. Rev. Kathy Kellogg  Bernadette Swanson LUT
7	Thursday, November 15, 1-4 pm	Consulting: Working with Boards	Assignment 2 due to Claudell	Barbara O’Heerne
8	Thursday, November 29, 1-4 pm	Development  Pioneering in the United States and Canada  & International Services		Lisa Wittman, & Barbara Quinn  Rev. Carmen Venus Baerga
9	Thursday, December 6, 1-4 pm	Benefits, Pension  Leadership & Organizational Development (LORD)		Rev. Young Bae PhD  Rev. Deborah Frownfelter M.S.
10	Thursday, December 13, 1-4 pm	Music Services  Conferences: International, Regional	Assignment 3 due to Claudell	Richard Mecdeci LUT  Debbie Ball

### Assignments for the Master of Divinity:

- Attendance and participation will be very important in this class.
- Review the Website for the Association of Unity Churches International ( [www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org)). Write a **four page information guide/pamphlet** for your congregation – introducing them to the Association of Unity Churches International and its materials and services. Fill this information guide with facts and information that would inform them of the greater movement of Unity Ministries and opportunities for participation. Tell them the reasons the ministry tithes to the Association and why the minister and ministry participates in the Association. Due at the end of week 9 (con’t)

3. Write a 8-10 page paper answering the following:

- Why is it important to have an Association for ministers and ministries? Explain?
- In what area of service to our greater Unity movement are you drawn to?
- Why is it important to participate in annual conferences, regional conferences, and in the training activities provided by the Association?
- What purpose does the alliance with other ministers and ministries have for you?
- If you are disappointed with the Association’s actions or decisions, what are your choices of action and responsibility?

This paper should include knowledge gained from the book by Mosley and Dunlap, the website, and personal experience. Due at the end of week 10

**Grading**

Assignment	Possible Points	Meets Learning Objective
Attendance and participation	30	1,2,3
8-10 page paper	40	1,2,3
Pamphlet for your church	30	1,2,3

**Final Grade Determination:**

- 90-100      A
- 80-89      B
- 70-79      C
- Below 70    Fail or redo.

**Assignments for the Certificate in Unity Ministry: (different assignments from above)**

1. Attendance and participation will be very important in this class.
2. Review the Website for the Association of Unity Churches International. ([www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org)) Write a brief, 1 page, single spaced, **newsletter article** introducing your ministry to the services and materials offered by the Association. Explain the reasons for your ministry participates with and tithes to the Association and your participation in the Association. Due at end of week 8.
3. Read the Mosley, Dunlap book and write a **2-4 page “teaching” handout about the Association’s history** for a future new-members class at your church. Due at end of week 10.

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Attendance and participation	30	1,2,3
2-4 page handout	40	1,2,3
Newsletter article	30	1,2,3

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