



# New Member Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of Unity Church of Wimberley! Becoming a member is an important choice in your spiritual journey. We thank you for following your heart and considering becoming an “official” member of our spiritual family!

**Requirements for Membership at Unity Church of Wimberley include:**

- 1) Please read this entire membership packet and complete pages 1 & 2 and return to the church office, or email it to *business@unityofwimberley.com*.
- 2) View the movie “What Is New Thought?” on Amazon Prime. You can also borrow a copy from the church or arrange to view it at the church.
- 3) Acceptance by our Board of Trustees at the next meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month), according to Church Bylaws.
- 4) Optionally participate in our new member reception.
- 5) Answer the following questions (you may continue on the back of this page if needed):

Why do I desire to be a member of this community? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What might be my unique contribution to Unity of Wimberley? \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TEL (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

TALENTS/HOBBIES: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been a member of another Unity church.

Unity Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! I would like my children to become Youth Members (under the age of 18) of Unity Church of Wimberley!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Yes! I would like to become a member of  
**Unity of Wimberley!**



As stated in Article IV of our bylaws, I endeavor to live in accordance with the principles of love and truth as taught by Unity and further the work of this ministry through active attendance, love and support through tithing of time, talent and treasure.

Thank you, God!

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Signature

Date

## **WHAT UNITY of WIMBERLEY MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW**

*Unity of Wimberley is an evolving, innovative and collaborative ministry that offers the teachings of both Unity and Religious Science/Science of Mind\*. We are at the forefront of a world-wide movement to join our shared spiritual wisdom and experience to help millions of people transform their lives and therefore raise the consciousness of the entire planet.*

Unity is a positive, practical, progressive approach to Christianity based on the teachings of Jesus and the power of prayer. Unity honors the universal truth in all religions and respects each individual's right to choose a spiritual path.

### **The Five Basic Principles of Unity**

1. There is only one Presence and one Power active as the universe and as my life, God the Good.
2. Our essence is of God; therefore, we are inherently good. This God essence, called the Christ, was fully expressed in Jesus.
3. We are co-creators with God, creating reality through thoughts held in mind.
4. Through prayer and meditation, we align our heart-mind with God.
5. Through thoughts, words and actions, we live the Truth we know.

Our former minister, Rev. Ellen Debenport, wrote a book in 2009, *The Five Principles*, which is used throughout the Unity movement to explain the universal spiritual principles that govern our lives. It is available in the church bookstore or from Amazon.

### **UNITY HISTORY**

The **Unity movement was founded** by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore. After Myrtle's remarkable healing, utilizing prayer and affirmations, many who were seeking help became interested in how she accomplished this healing. From small prayer circles in living rooms, Unity grew. The first issue of Unity magazine was published in 1889. The teaching of the practice of prayer, through classes and correspondence, led to the establishment of Unity School of Christianity, where Silent Unity began, along with Unity Institute (seminary) and a publishing arm for magazines and books.

The Fillmores never intended to start a church. They thought their spiritual discoveries could be used alongside any church's teachings. But over time, Unity classes grew into churches. Unity now has an estimated 1,000 spiritual centers, churches and study groups all over the world.

The Unity movement is overseen by two cooperative organizations. **Unity Worldwide Ministries at Unity Village (aka Unity School of Christianity)** offers publishing, education, retreats and prayer for people from many different denominations, most of them are *not* members of Unity churches. **Unity Worldwide Ministries** is the support organization for Unity churches and is currently taking ownership of all education for ministers, teachers and lay people. Details on Unity's history, beliefs and purposes are on the comprehensive website, [www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org).

### **UNITY TODAY**

The **Silent Unity** prayer ministry has had someone praying constantly for 125 years and offers nearly 2-million prayers a year by letter, telephone, email and now text. Silent Unity offices around the world offer prayers in English, French, German and Spanish. You may call anytime for an immediate, live prayer with a prayer worker. Call 1-800-NOW-PRAY. You may also text a prayer request using the app **uPray**.

The *Daily Word* devotional booklet has been published by Unity since 1924 and is now available online, by email or by text message. It is published in six languages and circulated in 150 countries. [www.dailyword.com](http://www.dailyword.com)

**Unity magazine** is for spiritual seekers. The bimonthly issues include thought-provoking columns, articles and features on a variety of topics – relationships, meditation, divine potential and more. Subscribe or request a free trial at [www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org) under Publications.

**Unity Village** is an incorporated town 15 miles southeast of downtown Kansas City, Missouri, and is the spiritual home and headquarters for Unity School of Christianity. The Mediterranean-style campus includes 1,400 acres of wooded countryside including formal gardens and fountains, an extensive metaphysical library, bookstore and the Unity Village Chapel, a flagship church. See more at [www.UnityVillage.org](http://www.UnityVillage.org).

**Retreats** are probably the best way to experience Unity Village. Several retreats a month are offered through the Awaken Whole Life Center, some with well-known speakers, some focusing on prayer or on groups such as African-American families, LGBT or Spanish-speaking members of Unity. You may even stay for free if you work on sprucing up the Village at a Nehemiah Retreat. Go to [www.UnityVillage.org](http://www.UnityVillage.org) and click on Retreats.

## UNITY OF WIMBERLEY

Unity of Wimberley, **founded in 2003**, is located on 43 acres of beautiful Hill Country land three miles from Wimberley Square. We have an outdoor labyrinth on the north side of the building. The church offers memberships for its junior Olympic-sized swimming **pool** and also has tennis courts available for use. At [www.unityofwimberley.com](http://www.unityofwimberley.com), click on Unity Hill then Pool Memberships and Classes.

The church is owned by its members through the **Church Family Ownership program (CFO)**. Members came up with \$750,000 to buy this property in 2008, and the church is paying back their notes with interest over 25 years. Refinancing in 2013 set payments at roughly \$3500 a month with only slight increases in the future.

A **board of trustees** oversees the business of the church. Trustees are volunteers who are elected by church members at the annual meeting, which is always on the fourth Sunday in January. The board meets monthly on the third Monday at 6:30 pm, and meetings are open.

The **church office** keeps regular business hours. If you have a question or need something regarding the church, call 847-6587. Mondays-Thursdays between 10 am and 4 pm are best for church business. You can email Lea at [business@unityofwimberley.com](mailto:business@unityofwimberley.com).

One way we **communicate outside Sunday services** is the Unity of Wimberley Resource Page on Facebook. Be sure to join. This is where we not only post pictures of church events but ask each other things like, “Who knows a good plumber?” It’s a private group just for us. We also have a public Facebook page called Unity of Wimberley, Texas.

If you want to know everything that’s going on at church, subscribe to the **e-newsletter**, delivered every 2 weeks to your email inbox. Subscribe on the home page of the church website. Also be aware the website includes a **membership database** where you may look up names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for others in the church. Go to [www.unityofwimberley.com](http://www.unityofwimberley.com) and click on Members Only to set up your account. Be sure to include your picture! It helps us get to know each other.

Unity of Wimberley has just begun **“Live Streaming”** our services each Sunday. You can view these services by going onto our website and clicking on the livestream link. [www.unityofwimberley.com](http://www.unityofwimberley.com).

The **bookstore** stocks books of interest to spiritual seekers and lots of great spiritual items gifts. **CDs of Sunday services** are available in the bookstore after services. The talk and meditation are on the website at [www.unityofwimberley.com](http://www.unityofwimberley.com).

**Children** are always welcome at Unity of Wimberley. Their Sunday classes coincide with the 11 am service. We have groups for babies, pre-school and elementary age children. The teens are called Youth of Unity or Y.O.U. You can contact our Youth & Family Ministry Director, Evy Wilkinson at [YFM@Unityofwimberley.com](mailto:YFM@Unityofwimberley.com)

Volunteers work hard to keep up the **wildlife exemption** on the property, which will enhance its value should it ever be sold. Wildlife Workday is once a month. If you are interested in working or receiving the wildlife newsletter, email [wildlife@unityofwimberley.com](mailto:wildlife@unityofwimberley.com) or see the Wildlife Page on the church website.

### **Vision**

We are an open-hearted spiritual community, powerfully transforming our world by honoring the sacred in all.

### **Mission**

Inspired by our shared spiritual awakening, we offer practical teachings that empower healthy, abundant and meaningful living.

## **\*Centers for Spiritual Living / Science of Mind**

Our **MISSION** is to provide spiritual tools for personal and global transformation.

Our **PURPOSE** is to awaken humanity to its spiritual magnificence.

Our **VISION** is a world that works for everyone.

### **What is Centers for Spiritual Living?**

Centers for Spiritual Living (home office based in Golden, CO) is an organization of nearly 400 spiritual communities around the globe that provide spiritual tools to transform personal lives and help make the world a better place. At Centers for Spiritual Living, our spiritual communities teach powerful principles for personal growth and global transformation, honoring all paths to God.

### **Who founded of Centers for Spiritual Living?**

Dr. Ernest Holmes founded the spiritual movement that started Centers for Spiritual Living. Born in 1887 on a small Maine farm, Dr. Holmes spent his youth outdoors, asking himself "What is God? Who am I? Why am I here?" This questioning led to his book, *The Science of Mind*, which outlined the foundational viewpoints of modern New Thought. In this book, Holmes stated "Religious Science is a correlation of laws of science, opinions of philosophy, and revelations of religion applied to human needs and the aspirations of man." He also stated that Religious Science/Science of Mind (RS/SOM) is not based on any "authority" of established beliefs, but rather on "what it can accomplish" for the people who practice it.

### **What is Science of Mind®?**

Science of Mind® (also referred to as Religious Science) is the core teaching of Centers for Spiritual Living. Science of Mind is a philosophy that integrates spiritual truths with science and physics. Simply put, Science of Mind teaches the unity of all life. Intentions and ideas flow through a field of consciousness, which actually affects and creates the world around us. This idea is common to most major religions and is supported by the teachings of psychology and quantum physics. In Science of Mind, we believe that the secret to living a successful life is to consciously choose positive and productive thoughts. Put another way, "As you think, so you become."

## **Science of Mind® Magazine – A Guide for Spiritual Living**

Science of Mind Magazine was first published in 1927. The phrase, “Change your thinking, change your life” was coined by founder Ernest Holmes and used on the magazine’s cover for decades. Every issue contains thought-provoking articles with today’s cultural change agents such as India.Arie, Deepak Chopra, Iyanla Vanzant, Jeff Bridges, Arianna Huffington.

Articles on personal and global transformation support meaningful change in our readers, our communities and our world. Monthly topics include health, money, fitness, relationships and reviews of the best in New Thought media. Our ever-popular Daily Guides offer insights and affirmations to make each day shine.

Filled with practical information on developing your spirituality and creating a world that works for everyone, this monthly magazine is for spiritual seekers of every faith.

The magazine is available in both print and online-only format. To subscribe, visit:

<http://csl.org/en/publications/science-of-mind-magazine>

### **Are Science of Mind and Religious Science the same?**

Religious Science is the name of the church that Dr. Ernest Holmes started, which was the precursor to Centers for Spiritual Living. Members of Centers for Spiritual Living often use the phrases Science of Mind and Religious Science interchangeably.

### **Is Science of Mind a real science?**

In Science of Mind, we believe that the fields of religion and science are complementary, and that science will prove what the mystics have said for thousands of years about the nature of God, human beings, and the Universe. These beliefs are being proven even now by many quantum physicists who have found that the universe is made up of energy that cannot be destroyed and is infinitely intelligent. Science of Mind is also scientific in that it uses laws of nature to prove spiritual principles. Any person can experiment with the principles and measure the results.

### **What is the role of prayer within Centers for Spiritual Living?**

Centers for Spiritual Living honors all forms of prayer. In addition, we teach a unique and scientific form of prayer called Spiritual Mind Treatment. This powerful, affirmative method of prayer (developed by Dr. Ernest Holmes) harnesses the creative process of consciousness. This type of powerful, scientific prayer allows new levels of health, wealth, love, and wholeness to become a reality in our lives.

### **Do Unity and Science of Mind teach the same thing?**

Essentially, yes. Some of the terminology may differ but both the founders of Unity (Charles and Myrtle Filmore) and Religious Science (Dr. Ernest Holmes) studied under the same master teachers. The basic principles of both agree that there is only one Power (energy, life force) and Presence in the Universe that created everything and that Power is in each of us, expressing *as us*.

### **How can I learn more?**

Centers for Spiritual Living offers numerous ways for you to connect with us both in person and online. To learn more, <https://csl.org>

*Unity of Wimberley’s Senior Minister Rev. Jill Carey has been an Ordained Unity minister for more than 25 years. She can be reached at [minister@unityofwimberley.com](mailto:minister@unityofwimberley.com).*

*Associate Spiritual Leader Kit Holmes has been involved with both Unity and Science of Mind for nearly 20 years. She has been a Licensed Religious Science Practitioner (RScP) since 2010. Kit can be reached at [asl@unityofwimberley.com](mailto:asl@unityofwimberley.com)*

## **Volunteer Teams**

**Please contact the team leader of each group for more information.**

**YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAM, TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS-** Our UniBabies, UniTots, UniKids , UniTeens and Y.O.U (Youth of Unity) gather every Sunday during our 11 am service. Volunteers assist in guiding our youth through Unity curriculum, taking the kids on hikes on our nature trails, assisting lead classroom teachers, and tending to our tiniest congregants. If you are interested in volunteering with the children, please contact Evy Wilkinson, Youth and Family Ministry Director at [yfm@unityofwimberley.com](mailto:yfm@unityofwimberley.com).

**CARE TEAM-**The Care Team is called to action whenever someone in the church family is in need of anything from Get Well wishes to a ride to the hospital. They call, drive, clean, care for kids, cook food and make hospital visits. For information please contact Betty Potts at [bettyjopotts@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyjopotts@yahoo.com).

**WELCOME TEAM-**The Sunday Welcome Team are the friendly folks who greet everyone on the way into church on Sunday, especially newcomers who often have questions. The team arrives 30 minutes early, one rotating team member ushers in late-comers, hands out collection plates, and does a congregation head count. This a great way to meet new people and prepare a warm and welcoming environment for our first-time visitors. For information please contact Karen Stocki at [karlken@me.com](mailto:karlken@me.com).

**SILENT PRAYER TEAM-** This team holds a prayer consciousness for the entire community especially for requests in the sanctuary prayer box. These requests are confidential and not specifically shared with the Prayer Team. The Team prays privately at home during the week. It is open to anyone who would like to engage in conscious prayer for our community and the world at large. For information, please contact Rev Jill Carey at [minister@unityofwimberley.com](mailto:minister@unityofwimberley.com) or Kit Holmes at [ASL@unityofwimberley.com](mailto:ASL@unityofwimberley.com).

**PRAYER CHAPLAINS-** Our chaplains are specially trained to lead prayers during Sunday services and pray one-on-one with people afterwards. Feel free to ask them for prayer about whatever is on your mind. For information, please contact Rev Jill Carey at [minister@unityofwimberley.com](mailto:minister@unityofwimberley.com) or Kit Holmes at [ASL@unityofwimberley.com](mailto:ASL@unityofwimberley.com).

**BOOK STORE TEAM-** Every Sunday we open the Book Store which offers a selection of classic Unity titles, such as, *Lessons in Truth* by Emilie Cady, along with a wide variety of New Thought literature as well as a wide selection of spiritual items and gifts. Join the Team to help out before and after the Sunday service. For more information, please contact Sharon Criswell at [bookstore.unityofwimberley@yahoo.com](mailto:bookstore.unityofwimberley@yahoo.com).

**POTLUCK TEAMS-** One of our favorite traditions is Potluck, which is served immediately following the 11 am service on the first Sunday of every month. Potluck is a wonderful way to prolong our Sunday experience by enjoying a delicious meal while chatting with old and new friends. We have three potluck teams, so each one hosts once per quarter, which means planning, setting up, serving and cleaning up. For information, please contact Evy Wilkinson at [yfm@unityofwimberley.com](mailto:yfm@unityofwimberley.com).

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT TEAM-** Blessed by 43 acres of breathtaking Hill Country property, we maintain a wildlife exemption on all but seven acres. Meeting the qualifications for that exemption involves many opportunities to commune with and be good stewards of the beautiful natural environment we enjoy. The wildlife team works once a month to monitor our bird feeders, monitor the birds, build brush piles to protect small animals, and maintain the walking trails. For information, please contact Xander Vaughan at [xander.vaughn@gmail.com](mailto:xander.vaughn@gmail.com).

**FLOWERBED TEAM-** Our lovely xeriscape flower gardens present never-ending opportunity to the gardening enthusiast along with those who just love to pull weeds! Through drought and floods, and through all four seasons, they're calling for tender loving care. For information, please contact Dianne Slade at [adh.slade@gmail.com](mailto:adh.slade@gmail.com).

**LABYRINTH TEAM** Walking a labyrinth is an ancient way to get centered, literally and metaphysically. Ours is open to the public, and volunteers keep it free from weeds and debris. For information please contact Cynthia Millonzi at [cynthiamillonzi@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiamillonzi@gmail.com).

**SERENITY GARDEN TEAM** A lovely fenced area with raised plant beds, our Serenity Garden is open to "Adopt-A-Section" if you want to maintain your own garden plot. Be aware water is scarce! For information, please contact Tommy Potts at [tommylynnpotts@yahoo.com](mailto:tommylynnpotts@yahoo.com).

**Refreshment Co-ordinator Team-** Help gather and prepare snacks for classes and events at the church and assist with clean up afterwards. For information, please contact Betty Potts at [bettyjopotts@yahoo.com](mailto:bettyjopotts@yahoo.com).

## Unity Groups

**Uni-Men's Fellowship Group** - This group meets for their monthly Uni-Men's Breakfast at the church on the second Saturday of each month at 9am. Bring a breakfast dish and join their fellowship. They also get together for "Men's Night Out" on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening of the month at the Hays City Store around 5:00 pm. For information, please contact Scott Price @ [scottintheriver@gmail.com](mailto:scottintheriver@gmail.com).

**Wise Women Monthly Brunch**-- Join these wonderful women for brunch and social gathering on the third Saturday of each month at the church. Bring a breakfast/brunch dish to share. All women of Unity and their friends are welcome. For information, please email Karen Stocki at [karlken@me.com](mailto:karlken@me.com).

**Insight Meditation**—The Wimberley Sangha Meditation group meets at 6 pm on Thursdays at the church. Silent and walking meditation, then discussions. For information, please contact Dorothy Knight at [dknight17@austin.rr.com](mailto:dknight17@austin.rr.com).

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY TEAM** At least twice a year, we recruit volunteers to help clean up our stretch of highway along FM 3237 that bears our name. We meet at the church for coffee and snacks, then load up and spend an hour or so beautifying the roadside. This is such an easy way to contribute to our good image. For more information, please contact Anne Hollows at [annelhollows@gmail.com](mailto:annelhollows@gmail.com)

*We would love to have you join our teams & groups!*