



1901 NW Blue Parkway  
Unity Village, MO 64065  
816-524-3550

## **ABOUT UNITY**

The Unity movement was founded by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore in 1890 as a healing ministry based on the power of prayer and the power of our thoughts to create our own reality. The Fillmores regarded Jesus as the great example rather than the great exception; interpreted the Bible metaphysically; and taught that God is present within all of us.

Today, Unity offers a positive path for spiritual living with teachings that help people live healthy, prosperous and meaningful lives. Its headquarter operations at Unity Village, Missouri touch millions of people each year through books, a non-denominational prayer ministry called Silent Unity, publications such as *Daily Word®* and *Unity Magazine*, an online radio network at [www.unity.fm](http://www.unity.fm), and spiritual education classes, events and retreats.

The movement also includes about 1,000 churches and spiritual centers worldwide. In 1965, the Association of Unity Churches was formed by ministers and churches for the purpose of establishing new churches, supporting existing ones, ordaining ministers and licensing teachers. The Association, which is now called Unity Worldwide Ministries, is the sister organization of Unity World Headquarters at Unity Village.

## **BASIC PRINCIPLES**

The five basic ideas that make up the Unity belief system are: 1) God is the source and creator of all. There is no other enduring power. God is good and present everywhere. 2) We are spiritual beings, created in God's image. The spirit of God lives within each person; therefore, all people are inherently good. 3) We create our life's experiences through our way of thinking. 4) There is power in affirmative prayer, which we believe increases our awareness of God. 5) Knowledge of these spiritual principles is not enough. We must live them.

The Unity movement is open and welcoming of all individuals regardless of race, color, gender, age, creed, religion, national origin, ethnicity, physical disability or sexual orientation.

## **LGBT INCLUSIVE**

Unity teaches that all people are created with sacred worth and that no one exists outside the heart of God. Its basic principles state that God is Good, and because all people exist within God, they also are inherently good.

To reflect its inclusiveness, Unity issued a formal Statement of Diversity in 1995::

“We believe that all people are created with sacred worth. Therefore, we recognize the importance of serving all people within the Unity family in spiritually and emotionally

caring ways. We strive for our ministries, publications and programs to reach out to all who seek Unity support and spiritual growth. It is imperative that our ministries and outreaches be free of discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, age, creed, religion, national origin, ethnicity, physical disability or sexual orientation. Our sincere desire is to ensure that all Unity organizations are nondiscriminatory and support diversity.

In our effort to reach out to all people as did our Way Shower, Jesus Christ, we support the modification of our facilities to make them accessible to all people, regardless of physical challenges; the translation of our materials into Braille and other languages; and respect for the wonderful variety of human commitments and relationships.

We encourage ministers, teachers and others within Unity to honor the strength of diversity within their spiritual communities. It is with love and in celebration of our unity, in the midst of our wondrous diversity, that we affirm this position.”

Additionally, in 2011, Unity launched an LGBT Resource Center on its website ([www.unity.org/lgbt](http://www.unity.org/lgbt)) to provide spiritual resources geared to the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community. The resource center includes articles, podcasts, prayer support and a list of Unity churches and centers around the country. Site resources are provided by teachers, authors and contributors both inside and outside the Unity movement.

## **MARRIAGE RIGHTS**

Though Unity takes no official position on social issues, Unity churches are free to support same-sex marriages. [Unity Village](#), the world headquarters of the Unity movement, and many churches and centers perform holy unions and marriages where they are legal.

## **LGBT MINISTERS**

The Unity movement accepts and welcomes LGBT ministers, licensed Unity teachers, and ministerial and licensed Unity teacher candidates. While no specific data is available, a sizeable percentage of Unity ministers and congregants are connected to the LGBT community.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

World Headquarters at Unity Village  
1901 NW Blue Parkway  
Unity Village, MO 64065  
816-524-3550  
[www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org)

Silent Unity 24/7 Prayer Ministry  
1-800-669-7729

Unity Online Radio  
[www.unity.fm](http://www.unity.fm)