

# 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

## Minister Report

### 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- **UOTR 25th Anniversary**
  - We celebrated the church's 25th Anniversary in May with a fabulous week of events including visits by Unity World HQ CEO James Blake, founding minister Rev Shipley Allinson, former music director Curtis Haynes, and multi-platinum singer-songwriter Jana Stanfield
- **5 Years as Senior Minister**
  - I celebrated 5 years as senior minister of UOTR. I continue to be humbled by the support and love this community has doled out on me.
- **Science of Mind Magazine Profile**
  - I was profiled in the November issue of Science of Mind Magazine. The Centers for Spiritual Living (formerly Religious Science) prints almost 30,000 copies a month. I was honored to introduce those readers to UOTR
- **Church Consulting with Rev Gary Simmons**
  - It is a well-documented fact that the way church model has not changed in a few hundred years, and it's a model that is not working well for our times. Based on numbers (attendance, donations), every church in every denomination is experiencing significant decreases. Unity church consultant Rev Gary Simmons has created a new model for how we think about church dynamics and processes, based on Ken Wilbur's work. This is a multi-year commitment that involves board training, minister coaching, and implementing new programs.
- **Vote To Sell Property**
  - The church community (members and non-members) voted almost unanimously to sell the 58 Macy St property. We accepted that, as well as this property has served us over the years, it is no longer financially feasible to continue to own it, as well as be a commercial property rental business.

## 2020 UPDATES

- **Wednesday Night**
  - Due to extremely low attendance and other financial constraints, we will no longer have a Prayer & Meditation Service on Wednesday nights. Instead we will be offering Unity Spiritual Education & Enrichment classes. These can be taken both in person and remotely via Zoom Video Conferencing.
- **Order of Service**
  - The order of service has been changed significantly for the first time since I started in 2015. This new flow is intended to create a seamless music experience that facilitates a transition of energy from head to heart. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive to the change.
- **SpiritGroups**
  - We successfully launched SpiritGroups, a small-group in-home program that will run all year and allow for greater and deeper congregant connection other than Sunday morning. This was one of the recommendations from church consultant Rev Gary Simmons.
- **New Operations Director**
  - We hired a new Operations Director. MaryJane Dwyer brings a wealth of operations and consulting experience. Her strengths include assessing what organizations need to not only be more efficient, but to maximize their resources. We are grateful to have her on the team.
- **Presenting at Conference**
  - This year I will be presenting a workshop at the 2020 Unity People's Convention based on the book I'm writing called **Through The Valley: 7 Stages Of Grief As A Spiritual Practice.**
- **Featured minister at WDOP**
  - In September I will be one of the featured ministers at Unity Village's World Day Of Prayer events.