
Unity Urban Ministerial School

Winter Term 2026-2027 · Book List

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Ministerial Preparation (SEE) — First Session

F1105 Self-Awareness (prev F1045)

Mindy Tucker

Required

In the Flow of Life, Butterworth, Eric. Unity Village: Unity House, 1994

Conscious Living: Finding Joy in the Real World, Hendricks, Gay. San Francisco, CA: Harper, 2000

The Gay Hendricks book also appears as Conscious Living: How to Create a Life of Your Design — it is the same book with a different title; you may purchase either one.

F1107 Development of New Thought (prev F1003)

Vernelle Nelson

Required

Friends in High Places, Shepherd, Thomas. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1985

Background of New Thought, 3rd edition, Hicks, Mark. Austin, TX: TruthUnity, 2013 (free PDF at truthunity.net)

Recommended — not required

New Thought, Ancient Wisdom: The History and Future of the New Thought Movement, Mosley, Glenn, 2006

Online readings

[Background of New Thought — free PDF](#)

F1111 Metaphysics 1 (prev F1036)

Ytonna Finnegan

Required

Heart-Centered Metaphysics: A Deeper Look at Unity Teachings, Hasselbeck, Paul. Unity Village, MO: Unity, 2010

F1121 Bible Overview: Hebrew Scriptures (prev F1046)

Vernelle Nelson

Required

Reading the Bible Again for the First Time, Borg, Marcus J. San Francisco: Harper Collins, 2015

The Bible in one of the following translations: the NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) or the NET (New English Translation)

Hebrew Scriptures Handout Packet (download)

Recommended — not required

The New Interpreter's Study Bible. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2003

Don't Know Much About the Bible, Davis, Kenneth C. New York: Harper Collins, 2004

Re-Claiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World, Spong, John Shelby. New York: Harper Collins, 2013

In the Handout Packet download, the instructor information is from the Summer classes — everything else is correct.

Ministerial Preparation (SEE) — Second Session

F1102 Twelve Powers of Man (prev F1033)

Sandy Boyer

Required

Divine Audacity, Martella-Whitsett, Linda. Hampton Roads Publishing, 2015

Twelve Powers of Man, Fillmore, Charles. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books (free online at truthunity.net)

Online readings

[Twelve Powers of Man — online text](#)

F1104 Meditation Practice (prev F1044)

Richard Pacheco

Required

Meditation For Dummies, 4th edition, Bodian, Stephan. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2016. ISBN 9781119251163

Companion

Heart-Centered Metaphysics: A Deeper Look at Unity Teachings, Hasselbeck, Paul. Unity Village, MO: Unity, 2010

F1112 Metaphysics 2 (prev F1037)

Marygrace Sorensen

Prerequisite: F1111

Required

Heart-Centered Metaphysics, Hasselbeck, Paul. Unity Village: Unity House, 2010

Recommended — not required

The Revealing Word, Fillmore, Charles. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books, 1959 (also free online at truthunity.net)

Online readings

[The Revealing Word — online text](#)

[Lessons in Truth — audio](#)

[Lessons in Truth — online text](#)

F1122 Bible Interpretation: Hebrew Scriptures (prev F1005)

Glenda Walden

Prerequisite: F1121

Required

Bible (New Revised Standard Version)

Metaphysical Bible Dictionary. Unity Books, Unity Village, MO (or truthunity.net)

The Revealing Word, Fillmore, Charles. Unity Books (or truthunity.net)

Let There Be Light, Sand Turner, Elizabeth. Unity Classic Library, Unity Books, Unity Village, MO (or truthunity.net)

F1123 Bible Overview: Christian Scripture (prev F1047)

Vernelle Nelson

Required

Fillmore Study Bible – The New Testament, Fillmore Bible Society, 2023 (free online at truthunity.net)

Online readings

[Fillmore Study Bible — The New Testament](#)

Second Year Ministerial Studies

BI5013 Bible Studies OT — required

Robert Brach

Required

An NRSV version of the Bible (preferably an annotated version such as the New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha)

Metaphysical Bible Dictionary. Unity Books, Unity Village, MO (or truthunity.net)

The Revealing Word. Unity Books, Unity Village, MO (or truthunity.net)

The Old Testament: An Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, 2nd Edition, Harris, Stephen L. and Platzner, Robert L. McGraw Hill, Boston, 2008 (earlier editions are okay too). Reading assignments use the 2nd edition page numbers, so you may need to look for the material in later or earlier editions.

Let There Be Light, Sand Turner, Elizabeth. Unity Classic Library, Unity Books, Unity Village, MO

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Required

The Power of One Accord: 7 Spiritual Keys to Harness Synergy in the Boardroom, Second Edition Revised and Expanded, Manuel, Charline E.

LeaderShift, Maxwell, John

Boardroom Culture Shock: 7 Strategies to Amplify the Competence and Capacity of Board Culture, Manuel, Charline E. Best Seller Publishing

DI1002 History of the African American Church — required (prev HI1037)

Karen Saunders

Required

The History & Heritage of African American Churches: A Way Out of No Way, Wheelchel, L. H. Paragon House: St. Paul, MN

PBS Special: The Black Church — This Is My Story; This Is My Song (available from Amazon, to view online with PBS Plus, or to borrow from your local library)

Recommended — not required

Fortress Introduction to Black Church History, Pinn, Anne H. (2002). Augsburg Fortress: Minneapolis, MN

IS2002 How We Gather (prev MM2001)

Vernelle Nelson

Required

Living a Golden Life, Nelson, Vernelle. amazon.com, 2017

How to Let God Help You, Fillmore, Myrtle. Unity Publications

Third Year Ministerial Studies

BI5023 Bible Studies NT (Acts-Philemon) — required

Robert Brach

Required

An NRSV version of the Bible (preferably an annotated version such as the New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha)

The New Testament: A Student's Introduction, Harris, Stephen L. Boston: McGraw-Hill (a used copy, 6th edition if possible; any edition works)

Be Ye Transformed: Acts through Revelation Metaphysically Interpreted, Sand Turner, Elizabeth. Unity Books, Unity Village, MO, 1969 (or truthunity.net)

Metaphysical Bible Dictionary. Unity Books, Unity Village, MO (or truthunity.net)

The Revealing Word. Unity Books, Unity Village, MO (or truthunity.net)

DI1001 The Soul of Ministry (prev CU4307)

Sandy Boyer

Required

Creating the Beloved Community, A Handbook for Spiritual Leadership (The Beloved Community and Spiritual Leadership), Lockhard, Jim, 2017

The 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership: A New Paradigm for Sustainable Success, Chapman, Diana, Dethmer, Jim, Klemp, Warner. 2nd Edition

IS3003 Advanced Metaphysics III

Carole Lunde

Prerequisite: IS3001, IS3002

Required

Without the Smell of Fire, Lanyon, Walter C. (available at Amazon)

There's No Messiah and You're It, Levine, Rabbi Robert N. (available at Amazon and Jewish Lights Publishing)

MM1005 Evolving Ministries & New Church Planting (prev MM4205)

Beci Rohkohl

Required

Becoming Church: A Trail Guide for Starting Fresh Expressions, Edwards, Luke S. Tyndale House Publishers, 2021

How to Pioneer (Even if You Haven't a Clue), Male, David

Recommended — not required

The In-Between Church: Navigating Size Transitions and Congregations, Mann, Alice

MM2004 Media Technology III — Multimedia & Production

Richard Pacheco

No books required; all materials will be online.

SJ1002 Unitive Leadership Skills (prev CU4308)

Valorie Gunsch

Required

Unitive Justice: Bending the Arc of Justice Toward Love, Clute, Sylvia. KWE Publishing, 2024

Internship

IY1002 Credo (prev IS5922)

Warren Teachout / David Adams

Required

Maybe It's You: Cut the Crap, Face Your Fears, Love Your Life, Zander, Lauren Handel