



"Send forth your light and your truth..."
Psalms 43:3

Unity On Campus Ministry

University of Michigan and Outreach at Eastern Michigan University
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Minister's Message

In these unusual uncertain and challenging times, the question arises, "How may I adjust, comfort, and get through these times with less stress and anxiety?" The answer is, reminding ourselves how our Wayshower, Jesus met such times. Matthew 4:19 Jesus instructed his disciples to "Follow me....", which are instructions for us as well, he will show us the way. In meditation I received an answer; Jesus also affirmed, "I and my Father are One, which indicates, no separation, but Oneness. Thus, the purpose of Unity On Campus, CommUnity Spiritual Center is to gather in CommUnity to deepen our awareness of our oneness with God, each other and with all life. Living with this understanding we minimize our stress and anxiety, and we remain whole, healthy, and safe.

Howard Caesar, in his book *One + One is One*, states, "Our goal is to evolve spiritually into an awakened oneness with God. So, oneness is something to awaken to and evolve toward as a consistent experience of being conscious of God's presence, energy and life being always around and in us." My personal affirmation is: "I am grateful for the activity of Truth in my consciousness, regardless of circumstances."

2020 to the present, UOC CommUnity Spiritual Center lessons have been geared toward oneness. Rev. Brian Draffon-Griffin and Rev. Anthony Stewart have been key presenters of lessons spiritually evolving toward oneness. These Biblical lessons have included readings from Teilhard de Chardin, *The Phenomenon of Man*, and Ilia Delio, *Christ in Evolution*. Life of mystics, Jesus, and Charles Fillmore were referenced to give examples of evolving toward oneness with God. The lessons were very inspiring with engaging discussion.

Lessons for future gatherings beginning September 2022 will continue to explore our spiritual evolution toward our oneness with God, each other, and all life. Board member will participate in presenting lessons. Howard Caesar's book *One + One is One (Making Oneness A way of Life)* will be a reference book for the gathering sessions. Gatherings will continue to be offered virtually on Zoom, second and fourth Fridays through June 2023.

May we continue to evolve spiritually through these often-stressful times.

Blessings,
Reverend Ernestine Griffin
Founder/Minister



Message from the Board President

Dear UOC Friends,

Thank you for another great year of continuous support. Despite the challenges of the previous couple of years, the ministry continues to grow and evolve. The UOC board thanks Steven McClary and Samantha (Tozzi) McClary for their UOC Board service which concluded earlier this year. We extend a very warm welcome to Christina Herbin to the UOC board. Christina has been a long-term participant with UOC and has joined the UOC Board this spring. Christina is part of the Psychology Faculty at Washtenaw Community College. I hope you will find the rest of this newsletter quite informative and interesting. Thanks again for being a friend and supporter of this ministry.

Warm Regards,
Luis G Guzman
UOC Board President



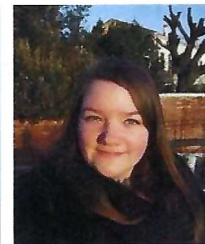
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Featured UOC Board Members



Steven McClary served as UOC treasurer, board member, and contributing member of the development of CommUnity.



Samantha McClary served as a student representative and was a contributing member of CommUnity.



Christina Herbin joined as a member of the UOC board in 2022 and contributed to the development of CommUnity.

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David Dodds and Unity On Campus

Interview conducted by Anthony Stewart



David
Dodds



Anthony
Stewart

David Dodds grew up in Down River in South Gate Michigan. He was born in 1994 and graduated from Anderson High School in 2012. He attended Unity in South Gate and then Renaissance Unity in Warren, MI with his parents Howard and Nanette Dodds. David said it was in high school where he first started to appreciate the ideas found in Unity.

One of the things he likes about Unity principles is that it opens his mind. He said he realized there were other possibilities to spiritual growth, and it freed him from any one particular religious practice or having to think in line with a particular dogma. David attended the University of Michigan in 2012 where has been a part of Unity On Campus in his freshman year. He got his undergraduate degree in the School of Education. David truly believes that humans positively impact each other. While working in preschool education for 2 years, he saw the need for educational reform in relation to Artificial Intelligence (AI). He went back to school and earned a Graduate Degree in Data Science and Machine Learning (AI). During that time David continued to be a vital attendee of Unity On Campus.

In 2018 he was part of the think tank that developed CommUnity Spiritual Center. He ran the children's church in CommUnity Spiritual Center and has been sharing in its rich spiritual talks ever since. David said a couple important things about CommUnity Spiritual Center is the comradery of being in contact with like-minded people and being part of one another's lives as we continue to grow spiritually. In his free time, David enjoys trail bike rides, and Brazilian-Jiu Jitsu.

He noted that he looks forward to a time when we can come together in person again.

Affirmation:

"As I pray, I connect my highest thoughts with my deepest faith. We wrap our world in prayer today, knowing God is greater than whatever we face—greater than illness, loss, injustice, and confusion. God is an ever-flowing stream of love and wisdom, pouring through each of us to anoint our earth with healing, harmony, and wholeness."

-Amen

Financial Prosperity Report

2020 Financial Prosperity Report

Total Income	\$28,775.88
Total Expenditures	\$28,123.10
Fund Balance (12/31/20)	\$1,783.59

2021 Financial Prosperity Report

Total Income	\$30,435.00
Total Expenditures	\$27,821.80
Fund Balance (12/31/21)	\$4,362.08

Unity On Campus's Friends Reception

The annual Friends reception took place virtually on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 4 PM EST. The theme this year was a Trip Down Memory Lane. A lively trivia game took place to learn more about the origins of Unity On Campus. We celebrated you and all Friends, Sponsors, Board members and Supporters of Unity On Campus.

Email unityoncampus@aol.com if you would like to receive an email copy of the presentation. We look forward to you attending next year!

UOC CommUnity Spiritual Center

Join us on Zoom the 2nd and 4th Friday, monthly at 7:00PM ET September thru June.

Zoom Meeting ID:
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