

All nominations were received 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting and Election as per the bylaws of Unity Village Chapel: Section 6.10 C 3

We strongly encourage you to attend the annual meeting. We need your energy, your vote, and your consciousness to do the business of our church. We will have absentee ballots available in the Chapel office for those who will be out of town on March 15th. To use this absentee ballot system, we ask that you come by the Chapel office prior to close of business at 4 pm, on Thursday, March 12th to complete your ballot.

We are becoming what we have envisioned: a thriving, growing community of people who follow the Unity principles in living Christ-centered lives. This is an exciting ninth year for us, and we look forward to your presence and consciousness at the annual meeting.

Namaste, Your Board of Trustees

**Mark your calendar:**

**Sunday, March 15, 2015**

**11:30 am**

**Unity Village Chapel  
Annual Meeting and  
Potluck Lunch  
In the Community Center**

- Certified Members sign in at the registration tables to get your ballot.
- Join us in the Community Center—enjoy your meal and participate in the annual meeting.
- Agenda items include:
  - ⇒ Election of two (2) new members to the Board of Trustees (biographies of nominees in this mailing).
  - ⇒ Elect a member and alternate to the 2016 nominating team.
  - ⇒ Vote on proposed changes to the bylaws (included in this mailing).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,

Your Board of Trustees



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# Election Information for Board of Trustees

for



**Annual Meeting and  
Potluck Lunch  
March 15, 2015  
11:30  
In the Community Center  
Fellowship Hall**

**Tel: 816-251-3590**

**Bylaw amendments proposed for the  
March 15, 2015 Annual Membership Meeting**

\*Full copy of the bylaws are available online

Proposed amendments to bylaws would change the interval for conducting a membership census from two years to three years. Amendments would change three subsections of the bylaws. In the language below, the relevant subsections are provided with the proposed changes in parenthesis and italics.

Article IV—Membership

Section 4.02 Certification of Membership

(subsection) B In two-year (*three-year*) intervals the Board Secretary shall re-certify the membership by conducting a census of the congregation for the purposes of establishing a credible list of registered members...

Article VI—Board of Trustees

Section 6.09 Duties and Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

(Subsection) O In two-year (*three-year*) intervals, the Board Secretary shall re-certify the membership by conducting a census of the congregation

Article VI—Board of Trustees

Section 6.15 Duties of Officers

C Secretary The Secretary will:

(Subsection) 5 Conduct a census of the congregation in two-year (*three-year*) intervals for the purpose of re-certifying registered membership as outlined in Section 4.02(B).

**Rationale**

***The purpose of the membership census is to assure that a reliable list of certified members exists.***

***Such a list provides that those congregants who are qualified as members are the ones who vote and who can be considered for candidacy for the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is confident that a three year interval:***

- ***Does not adversely affect the integrity of membership voting at the annual membership meetings or at any special membership meeting***
- ***Would allow the Board more time to attend to strategic planning, training and financial oversight.***



Linda Rae Chappell

Linda has attended Unity Churches since she was 8 years old. After moving to Lee's Summit she became a member of Unity Village Chapel in January 2013. As an active volunteer she serves as secretary for the Sisters of Myrtle Fillmore, helping with memorial lunches and other projects. She is also on the money steward team and assists the Youth and Family Ministry projects. Linda is self-employed with "Spirit Works Cheerleading and Dance Company," she has conducted summer cheer camps, been a featured speaker at conventions and served as a judge for competitions. Her love for Unity teachings has been a guiding force in her life. Feeling called to serve on the Unity Village Chapel Board of Trustees, Linda says, ***"I am very enthusiastic, positive and pumped, and I know how to organize and get things done."***



Janet Galvin

Janet has attended Unity Churches for several years and joined Unity Village Chapel in January 2013. Her Unity experience has included several prosperity classes, women's retreats and book study groups. Prior to finding Unity, she served her former churches in Eucharist ministry, as a children's day camp counselor and a sponsor for families in need. She has also owned 2 businesses. ***"Unity Village Chapel is located in the equivalent of Mecca for the New Thought Movement. Therefore it is in the position to be the flagship ministry of the New Thought Movement. I am a confirmed extrovert and enjoy connecting people with a creative, consistent marketing campaign and would like to serve in a role that helps expand both the membership and message."***



Ronna Gjesfjeld

Continuing a spiritual journey that ignited here 3 years ago, Ronna became a member of Unity Village Chapel in January 2013. She states, "I absolutely enjoy being a member of the Volunteer Ministry-the people who keep things running smoothly." Currently Ronna is the group leader for the Angel Assistants who support the Sunday Speaker and Musicians. She serves on the Power Point Team and has for the past two years facilitated a Sacred Circle as well as supporting several fundraising activities for the Chapel. ***"I wish to convey my heart-felt interest in being a member of the Unity Village Chapel Board of Trustees. I have succeeded in an administrative support role for over 25 years and believe that experience will be an asset to the Board of Trustees."***



Anna Griesbach

Anna has attended Unity Village Chapel for over 2 years and has been a member since February 2014. Anna prayerfully steps forward to serve when she is called, volunteering on the Social Action Ministry Team, Power Point Team and assisting with Potlucks and other Chapel events. She has participated in several classes as well as the Adventures in Spirituality fall program. With 27 years as a middle and high school teacher, Anna has professional experience on development teams, coordinating and sponsoring programs, contract negotiations, coaching, and serving on various committees at the district level. She shares, ***"My spiritual practice is ever evolving...I believe the items mentioned describe the qualities and assets I can bring to the Board of Trustees."***



Jan Marie Sajna

JanMarie has attended Unity Churches for over 2 decades and joined Unity Village Chapel in February 2012. Outside of Unity, she has served on various educational committees and is currently enrolled in Holos University. Her volunteer service at Unity Village Chapel includes hosting a sacred circle, selling tickets for Movie Nights and providing treats for fellowship. JanMarie believes her organizational skills, many years of service as committee chair on the local and state level and her ability as a public speaker will be an asset as a member of the Board of Trustees. ***"My intelligence, creativity, mindfulness, spiritual intention and desire to serve qualify me for this position."***



Larry Smith

Since becoming a member of Unity Village Chapel in December 2008, Larry has taken a plethora of Unity courses and actively participated in Unity activities throughout the Kansas City area. He has volunteered as an usher and greeter, helped to create our Core Values and currently works with teens in our youth program twice a month. Larry feels called to serve on the Board of Trustees, saying, ***"I believe I have the ability to see the 'big picture' and a desire to see people succeed. It is my intention to continue learning and growing. I am loving and caring and respect the choices and beliefs of others and seek to resolve any discrepancies in order to promote peace and harmony. I bring an open mind to situations and look for ways that I can make a positive difference."***