



Unity Church of Hawai'i fosters personal transformation, creative relationships, and compassionate sacred service

February 2023

Dear Unity Member,

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, we trust you are healthy and drawing strength and resilience from your daily spiritual practice and connection to our Beloved Community. We affirm that the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Spirit is alive and well in you, your family, and all of your endeavors.

We invite you to join us at the **Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 12:00 PM**. The meeting will again be a hybrid meeting (you can attend **in-person or via zoom**). Please be prepared to give the necessary time, at least 2 hours, for the following agenda items:

Opening Prayer / Lighting of the Christ Candle
Introduction of Online Facilitator and Instructions
Establishment of Quorum
Online Voting Process and Standing Rules / Special Rules
Reading of the Mission and Vision Statements / Q Card
Election of New Board Members, Introduction and Voting
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Ministries Reports: Senior Minister, President, Treasurer,
Endowment Foundation, Facilities / Unity School
Unfinished Business
New Business
Blessing for our Spiritual Community / Closing Prayer

We wish to thank the four Trustees who have served and completed their positions which are now open: Debbie Catania, Anne Valeron, and Thomas Gallagher for fulfilling the entirety of their 3-year terms, and Hinano Rey for fulfilling her 1 year position. **These three (3) three-year and one (1) one-year positions are now open for election and/or re-election.** We are blessed to have three (3) highly-qualified and talented nominees seeking to fill these positions; their biographical statements are enclosed. Also included in this packet are the approved 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes, and the Standing Rules adopted by your Board of Trustees.

We look forward to being with you either in person or virtually and ask for your support. Mahalo on the behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Thomas E. Gallagher, M.D.

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President, Board of Trustees

Attached:

1. Biographical Statement for Trustee Candidates
2. Last year's Board Approved Annual Meeting minutes
3. Standing Rules



Juliet Carlson

Aloha! I have been attending Unity Church of Hawaii for over 27 years. I was married here in 1995 and joined the membership with my parents in 1998. I was active as a volunteer in the office and in Twice Blessed for a few years; then spearheaded with a team, the program "Conversations That Matter" for over 3 years. I have completed all of the SEE and Leadership classes and have attended numerous workshops and other classes for the last 17 years. My spiritual journey has led me to become a Prayer Chaplain as well.

My history with the church has been quite a journey and now I feel we are at a turning point towards increasing oneness with the Integral Ministry and the Beloved Community at our fingertips. I feel the positive excitement and am eager to serve on the Board with Rev Tim, where I feel I can offer up compassion, integrity, honesty and faithfulness. My history as a Casting Director should come in handy too! Mahalo!



Cindy Hensley

Cindy Hensley has her master's degree in teaching with an emphasis in special education. After graduating from the University of Oregon, she returned to her home in Anchorage, Alaska where she taught in an Adult Transition Program for many years. During this time a seed was planted in her consciousness as she was being "called" to start her own company that would provide services to adults with Intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) after they graduated from school. In 1999, Cindy and good friend Vic took a leap of faith and began a grassroots company (Cindy and Vic's R&R, Inc.) to provide continuing education, services, supports and FUN to adults who experience

I/DD. Today, that two-person grassroots company has grown substantially. Cindy and Vic's R&R, Inc. now own and operate 5 assisted living homes, provide services, and supports to over 60 adults with I/DD and have over 30 support staff employed.

Cindy has a deep faith with roots in New Thought through the Church of Religious Science now referred to as Centers for Spiritual Living. She has been a Religious Science Practitioner (RScP) through the Alaska Center for Spiritual Living since 2010. Cindy came to Hawaii in 2009 when

she met her beloved partner Pat. Pat introduced Cindy to Unity Church of Hawaii where she immediately felt “at home” and connected through this beautiful New Thought Organization.

Over the years in Unity Church of Hawaii Cindy has volunteered with many committees and been actively involved. Cindy is currently the Prayer Chaplain Director, on the Worship team, the Strategic Planning committee and supports the youth and family ministry. Cindy has a strong prayer consciousness and believes that in God all things are possible. She is thrilled to continue working alongside Unity’s spirit led and spirit fed members toward the mission, “Centered in God we transform lives and inspire people to make a positive difference in the world.”

SHORT SNAPSHOT FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND INTRO OF CANDIDATES

Cindy Hensley has been a Religious Science Practitioner since 2010. Her roots in New Thought made Unity Church of Hawaii a perfect match for her when she began spending time on Oahu that same year. At Unity Cindy found a welcoming community, people like herself steeped in prayer and great music at each Sunday Service. ☺ Over the years Cindy has been involved in many activities and has served on several committees. Cindy is currently the Prayer Chaplain Director, is on the Worship Team, the Strategic Planning Committee and supports the youth and family ministry. This year Cindy got the “call” to run for the Board of Trustees. She is thrilled to continue working alongside Unity’s spirit led and spirit fed members toward UCOH’s mission, “Centered in God we transform lives and inspire people to make a positive difference in the world.”



Lisa Hinano Rey

Lisa Hinano Rey is passionate about protecting the precious cultural and natural resources of the Pacific Islands. She has researched ecology in Hawai’i and French Polynesia. She has engaged in environmental projects at several levels, including policy, education, and outreach, regulation and compliance, and through in-service community based restoration. Her passion is driven by the awe inspiring beauty of the islands and passion for contributing to the place and community. Hinano works for a non-profit and teaches at Windward Community College. She has been a part of UCOH since the 90’s and has been a member for four years.



Unity Church of Hawaii
 Annual Membership Meeting
 Date: March 6, 2022
 Unity Church of Hawaii Chapel and Zoom

AGENDA	INFORMATION ITEM/DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS	FOLLOW-UP/ACTION
Lightening of the Christ Candle	Reverend Margie Hyatt	NONE
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.	NONE
Opening Prayer	Reverend Margie Hyatt	NONE
Introduction of Online Facilitator and Instructions	President Thomas Gallagher introduces Reverend Johanna Kelly	NONE
Quorum required: 25	Letrice Mitchell - A quorum was established with 53 members present.	NONE
Online Voting Process and Standing Rules/Special Rules	Thomas Gallagher	NONE
Approval of Minutes	Thomas Gallagher 2021 Annual Minutes approved.	Approved
Process for Approving Future Minutes	"Each of you has been sent a copy of the minutes of the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting. As per the UCoH bylaws, the Board of Trustees approved these minutes at the April BoT meeting and thus the membership does not need to approve them. This was addressed at the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting."	NONE
Reading of the Mission and Q card Statements	Jan FitzGerald	NONE
Nominations of Trustees	Thomas Gallagher "This year there are only full term positions of three years each to be filled."	NONE



Nominating Committee Report	Rosie Kaiser "The Nominating Committee hereby submits the following names as the slate for Board of Trustees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marsha Bonita Jackson-Bethards • Jerry Denton, currently serving • Mary Paulson, currently serving • Ralph Whitaker, currently serving" 	NONE
Elections of New Board Members	There were no nominations from the floor. Voting closed without objection.	NONE
Vote on Bylaws Amendment, Introduction and Explanation	Michael Hamnett – Vice-President of the Endowment Foundation "Mr. President, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Endowment Foundation, it is moved to approve the amendments to Appendix 2 as proposed."	NONE
Treasurer's Report	Debbie Catania	NONE
Prayer of Thanksgiving	Reverend Denese Schellink	NONE
Lead Minister's Report	Reverend Denese Schellink	NONE
Board President's Report	Thomas Gallagher	NONE
Endowment Foundation's Report	Sally Hartman	NONE



Facilities Report	Jerry Denton	NONE
Family Based Ministry Committee Report	Letrice Mitchell	NONE
Ministerial Search Committee	Juliet Carlson	NONE
Unity School Report	Sergio Galisa	NONE
Election of 2022-2023 Nominating Committee	Elected 2022-2023 Nominating Committee Members: Cindy Hensley David Grisham Alternates: Sue Bergman Michael Hamnett	NONE
Result of Board Elections	Members elected: Jerry Denton – 3-year term Mary Paulson – 3-year term Ralph Whitaker – 3-year term	NONE
Result of Vote on Appendix 2: Investment Policy Statement Amendments	There are 2/3rds in favor and the amendments of the bylaws are adopted: 47 Yes, 1 No.	Approved
Blessing for our Spiritual Community/Closing Prayer	Reverend Johanna Kelly	NONE



Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:42 P.M.	NONE
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**Standing Rules Approved by the Board of Trustees
For the March 5, 2023 Annual Meeting Unity of Hawai'i**



1. **Meeting Format.** The 2023 annual meeting of Unity of Hawai'i will be a hybrid meeting conducted in person and with Zoom Technology and shall be considered the same as an in-person meeting. The meeting will begin promptly at the hour announced and order must be maintained at all times.
2. **In Order to Vote.** If a member is online and wishes to vote, they must join the meeting using a PC/MAC, tablet or smart phone that has the Zoom app downloaded on it. Those in person will vote in the manner directed by the Chair.
3. **Login Instructions.** Voting members will be provided a meeting invitation and password approximately twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting which will allow them to enter the virtual meeting room. No voting member may share his/her login with anyone else and each voting member must sign in on a separate computer, tablet or smart phone in order to vote. Only voting members of Unity of Hawaii will be authorized to attend the meeting as participants. Others wishing to observe the proceedings may watch the meeting via live stream. A quorum will be confirmed using the participant logon report within Zoom.
4. **Screen Name.** Before signing into Zoom voting members need to assure that their name appears as "First Name Last Name" (i.e., Jane Smith) so they can be clearly identified by the Chair.
5. **Addressing the Chair.** Only voting members may address the chair. Voting members once recognized must give their name before beginning to speak. Discussion, including questions and answers, must be directed to the Chair or through the Chair when these are in order.
6. **Seeking Recognition to Speak.** To seek recognition, members must use the "raise your hand" tool in Zoom. Once called on to speak members must state their name before beginning to speak.
7. **Actions by Recognized Members.** Voting members once recognized may do any one of the following: make or second a motion, speak in debate, or ask a question. No speech may be followed by a motion.
8. **Speaking Limits.** Voting members may not speak for more than three (3) minutes on any question under discussion, nor more than once on each debatable motion. Speakers shall conform to the ruling of the timekeeper.
9. **Interrupting Items.** Any voting member who wishes to raise point of order or appeal a ruling of the Chair shall raise their hand, unmute their microphone and state clearly "point of order" or "appeal" and then wait to be recognized by the Chair before proceeding.

10. **President.** The President of the Board of Trustees will act as chair of the annual meeting. Should it be necessary, the Chair of the Board can temporarily relinquish those duties.
11. **Proposals to Amend or Substitute.** All proposals to amend or substitute for an item of business may be made by a voting member and seconded by another voting member. All amendments to be proposed to any item of business must be sent to annualmeeting@unityhawaii.org no later than February 29th at 5:00 p.m. When recognized the mover and seconder shall give their name. The maker of any debatable motion shall be given the first opportunity to speak to that motion.
12. **Making Voting Clear.** The chair shall attempt to clearly state what is being voted upon prior to any vote being taken so that all voting members may understand the effect of their vote before casting it.
13. **Anonymous Voting.** In-person and the online voting system in Zoom shall be used for voting. There will be no voice votes. However, to facilitate action on matters of general agreement, the adoption by the voting members of matters by unanimous consent may take place.
14. **Signing In and Out.** Members shall identify themselves as required to sign into the Internet meeting service, and shall maintain Internet and audio access throughout the meeting whenever present, but shall sign out upon any departure before adjournment.
15. **Technical Requirements and Malfunctions.** Each member is responsible for his or her audio and Internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting.
16. **Forced Disconnections.** The chair may cause or direct the disconnection or muting of a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting. The chair's decision to do so, which is not subject to appeal shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes.