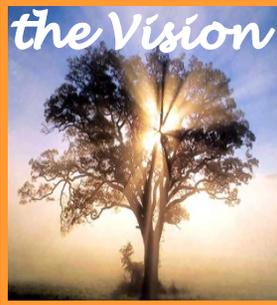


## MANIFESTING



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My thoughts are enriched by the creative spirit of God within me. I am filled with renewed enthusiasm, and my life is prospered!

I am a spiritual being, heir to the abundance of God's kingdom. My life is prospered and enriched.

I give thanks for God's prospering ideas that inspire me to live a full, rewarding life.

I am God's beloved creation, and I rely on God's ample provision to fulfill every good desire.

The presence of God is within and around me. I am alive with creative energy, awake to prospering ideas and open to unlimited goodness!

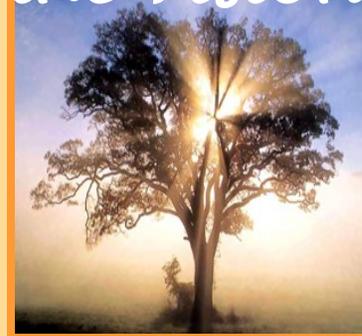
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***Open Hearts and Open Minds***

## MANIFESTING *the Vision*



***Growing our ministry for a  
brighter future.***

## A Word from our Minister



Dear Friends:

For a number of weeks now we have been talking about our capital campaign, "Manifesting the Vision." Our campaign theme reminds us that we are undertaking something that will have a major impact on the future of our spiritual community.

We began this ministry just 6 years ago, and we have accomplished a great deal in that time. As I mentioned at the Annual Meeting in March, we have reached a 'peduncle point' in our development. A peduncle is a plant stem topped by a large cluster of buds or a large single bud, ready to burst into glorious bloom for all to see. Like a peduncle at that 'too great to be contained' moment, we have been gathering energy, intention and enthusiasm for that time when we would be ready to purchase our own church home. We believe that the time to bloom in a grander way is now!

The number one goal every year since our beginning has been to have our own church home. This would allow us to (1) expand our programs and serve in greater ways (2) attract more members (3) establish this ministry on a solid foundation for future generations, who will also benefit from our transformative teachings.

This brochure is intended to help you catch a vision of what Unity North Tampa can become and what we can accomplish together. Unity World Wide has a rich heritage of serving those who want to know God and want to live the Jesus Christ teachings in everyday life. The Unity message is unique and so many don't yet know who we are and what we offer. Countless people around the world have been healed and blessed by Unity's message. In the same way, our ministry has also helped many people in our area find the healing, peace and joy of the abundant life promised by Christ. Fully manifesting our vision will require each of us to step out in a deep, strong faith, and unprecedented commitment.

Our "Ways to Make an Over and Above Gift" pamphlet explains how giving appreciated assets such as investment securities and real estate can provide an excellent way to make a generous gift and avoid tax liabilities. The church already has an investment account that can immediately receive these types of gifts.

Whatever we give to "Manifesting the Vision" is an investment in our life transforming Christ based teachings. Our gifts help perpetuate this Unity spiritual community that is committed to being a healthy, diverse, spiritual community of peace, faith, inspiration and unconditional love. It is our intention to leave a lasting legacy of loving service.

*May all who come behind us, find us faithful.  
May the fire of our devotion light their way.  
May the footprints that we leave,  
lead them to believe.  
And the lives we live inspire them  
along their way.*

## In Closing

As we give generously and joyously, and receive humbly and gratefully, we align ourselves with the infinite constant flow of Divine Abundance. Scripture tells us that true giving is a joyous and worshipful experience. It is an expression of our love and thanksgiving to God, recognizing that God is the one and only Source of all that exists.

As we give where we are spiritually fed we are recognizing that everything is God's. We own nothing. We are stewards of what we have for temporary use this lifetime. At the same time we own everything there is because we are heirs and beloved offspring of our Heavenly Father Mother God. Our greatest inheritance is the realization of our true nature as is revealed in Colossians 1:27: "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

## Our Giving



To determine the amount of your gift to “Manifesting the Vision”, begin by being open to Divine Guidance in prayer and meditation. As you discern the amount that God is guiding you to give, know what you are inspired to give will be provided for you as you are open to being a channel for the abundant flow of God’s good through you.

The chart below can help you plan your giving. You may want to divide the total amount by 156 weeks to determine your estimated weekly giving over the 3 year period of the campaign. Some people prefer to give monthly, others may want to give annually. However, giving does not have to be in equal increments over the 3 years. You might be able to give more in year 3 than in years 1 or 2. Or for those who can, giving the largest portion in the first year will help us in having the funds available to acquire property right away.

Weekly	Monthly	Annually	3-Year Total
\$1,000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$156,000
500	2,167	26,000	78,000
300	1,300	15,600	46,800
200	867	10,400	31,200
150	650	7,800	23,400
100	433	5,200	15,600
75	325	3,900	11,700
60	260	3,120	9,360
50	217	2,600	7,800
40	173	2,080	6,240
30	130	1,560	4,680
20	86	1,040	3,120
10	43	520	1,560

We know that the church is not a building. The real church is people who pray together, who serve together and who support each other in expressing the Christ Within each one of us. While owning a building is not why we exist, it does have a significant role in what we can do as a spiritual family. It is where we worship, where we learn, where we connect in fellowship, where we serve, and so much more. It's also a powerful symbol to others who see us as an example of what Unity stands for. It allows others to see our commitment to the Unity way of life. Owning our own church home will enable us to minister more effectively to each other and to the larger community.

I trust that you have been praying about your own involvement in "Manifesting the Vision." We will not be able to manifest our vision without prayer and dedication. As you seek Divine Guidance in what is yours to do, I know that you will answer the call to make a real difference in the future of Unity North Tampa. I also know you will be blessed beyond measure for all the time, talent and treasure you give to this program. It is time to bless and be blessed in an awesome way by the infinite abundance of the Riches of Spirit!

In Loving Service,

Rev. Virginia Walsh  
Founding Minister



Our first Prayer Chaplains with Rev. Virginia:  
Nyela Oluchi Hope, Brenda Rouse,  
Program Founder, Dianne Dugan and Rachel Edmund.

*“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.” - Malachi 3:10*



Left - Our original Steering Team, Easter 2007, at Wingate Inn: Catherine Heim, Brenda Rouse, Rev. Virginia Walsh and Suzanne House. Right - Suite 104 here at Woodfield Square, was our only suite in 2007: Dana Carver, Rev. Virginia and a visitor. Note the coffee makers behind Dana which was our 'Fellowship' area.

## Our Beginning

In early 2007 a small group of us had a vision to create a Unity spiritual community for north Tampa. Four of us met several times a week at first, usually in restaurants, spending hours sharing lunch or coffee and our vision of this new spiritual community. We wanted the inspiration of the Unity teachings of unconditional love and unshakeable faith to be the foundation of this community. We wanted to foster diversity, acceptance and a spirit of co-operation and co-creation. We envisioned a healthy, supportive environment for empowerment and a deeper knowing of our oneness with God and each other.

In March of 2007 we began having Sunday Services in hotel meeting rooms on Fowler Avenue. There were about 14 people at our first service. By June we had found a 1,000 square foot office space to rent. It took a lot of faith and courage to sign that lease. This space, Suite 104, provided a 'sanctuary' area up front, a tiny office cubicle, another tiny room for little ones, a table for serving coffee and 1 bathroom. Like a tiny acorn that grows into a mighty oak, we have had a lot of growth from a small beginning, and we believe we have great potential, for manifesting so much more.

*"You shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established for you: and the light shall shine upon your ways."  
Job 22:28*

We encourage each of you to be a part of what God is doing here and now in our spiritual family. The leadership of this campaign has already been asked to make their estimate of giving on May 16th. With prayerful consideration you and your family are asked to make a God-directed commitment on June 2, 2013, by turning in your Commitment Card during our special Celebration Sunday service.



**Celebration Sunday** - June 2 will be a very special Sunday in the life of our spiritual community. We'll have one Sunday Service that morning at the Recreation Center at Windsor Park Residential Community. You will be invited to bring your Commitment Card with your pledge for giving to our capital campaign. With a special message, commitment ceremony, fellowship, food and music, we'll celebrate God's opulent blessings in our lives and for our ministry.

**First Fruits Sunday** - We will begin bringing our first contributions on First Fruits Sunday, June 16. Giving to "Manifesting the Vision" may be done weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly or a three year period as each person desires.

## Our Goals

Our professional campaign consultant Tom Melzoni, determined from the information he gathered last December that this congregation has the potential for raising \$400,000 or more, over the next 3 years. Team Leaders for "Manifesting the Vision" describe our potential as having 3 possible levels: an "Abundance Level" of \$300,000; a "Prosperity Level" of \$375,000 and an "Opulence Level" of \$450,000. These levels of success will depend on how big we dream and how much we set aside limiting beliefs and let God express in a miraculous way through each of us. In the process we will each be prospered as we develop truly opulent spiritual consciousness, proving that God is our all-providing, unlimited Source.

## Spiritual Partnership



Although this is a big challenge we can be successful through the Infinite Power of God within us. In partnership with the Divine and with each other, we can achieve success beyond our wildest dreams. We have seen the Grace of God at work in our lives and in the life of our spiritual community. We are open and receptive to Divine Guidance providing the wisdom and the inspiration to make and allow this campaign to be an overwhelming success. We know that as we make God our partner in this endeavor, we will truly be blessed far beyond all expectations.

*Please consider joining a Master Mind Prayer group to pray with each other for personal goals and for the success of "Manifesting the Vision."*

As we pray about how we can support this bold vision, we remember that everything that exists came from God and belongs to God. We are simply temporary managers of God's entrusted wealth. As we allow Divine Will to be our will, our giving will be a "blessed" experience for us. King David realized this as evidenced by 1 Chronicles 29:14: *Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from your hand.*"

We understand that a capital campaign requires faith, commitment and investment. We seek Divine Guidance in knowing how we can truly make a difference for good as we ask God to give us the wisdom and courage to give according to Divine Guidance and Inspiration. Investing in our spiritual well being means we may have to reassess our priorities and provide a measure of stewardship above and beyond what we have ever considered before. By raising the level of personal commitment and dedication, we will successfully celebrate God's work by strengthening, expanding and enhancing the well being of our spiritual home.

*"The spiritual blessings and benefits of doing God's will cannot be underestimated."*

## Growing in Faith



As we have grown, we have rented additional suites, and now we have 4 suites that add up to 4,000 square feet of rented space and a storage shed. With 2 Sunday Services and many events during the week, we feel pretty confined - not to mention having only 4 toilets for everyone!

Our attendance for the Easter Celebration Service was 153. We have held Easter Celebrations at another location in order to have all of us together at one service on that special day. The combined attendance of our two regular Sunday services is usually about 115 at this point.

We have also been growing in programs and activities to provide opportunities and support for personal transformation. We are serving our larger civic community with our Homeless Outreach that continues to be an important part of our ministry along with a budding Youth Ministry. Additionally, we rent meeting space to other non-profits who offer beneficial programs.

We have no debt, and we're blessed to have been able to stay current in paying our expenses while growing our Building Fund to \$146,000. Much of that fund came from a single gift of \$100,000 - which reminds us to always be open to extravagant unexpected good flowing to us at any moment!

Since the beginning of this spiritual community, God has richly blessed us. Many lives have been changed as people have found inspiration, encouragement and healing here. So many of our volunteers have generously shared their time, talents and treasure, as they strive to be an expression of the Indwelling Christ and within themselves while seeing the Christ in others. Now it's time to move to the next level!

## Planning for Opportunities



The Leadership Council has determined that it's time to step out in faith and take bold action again, just as the 22 Founding Members of this spiritual family did 6 years ago. We are now entering a new era as a developing Unity ministry. This is a time with new challenges and new opportunities.

It is time to pray about how Unity North Tampa can be of service and a blessing to others in the future by living and sharing the Jesus Christ Teachings. It is time to *dream big and trust God* to provide resources and guidance in order to have adequate space for future services and programs of the church.

Our lease expires in August. The real estate market still has properties at reasonable prices. We've been looking for the right and perfect church home knowing that we are being guided to the right property in the right location at the right price at the right time. Our "Q & A" brochure has more details about our property search and options for creating a new church home. A new church home would provide:

Higher quality Sunday Services - better lighting and sound, more seating space, and a raised podium will allow a better worship experience.

Deeper Fellowship/Relationship opportunities - more space will allow more of us to comfortably share times of fellowship. A well equipped kitchen will enhance the quality of our hospitality options and allow better food service for our Homeless Outreach.

Enhanced Spiritual Education - more classrooms for adults and youth will allow for better programs.

More visibility - our own facility on our own property will provide more visibility and more credibility as an established spiritual community.

***Our new church home will provide an opportunity for us to deepen our relationship with God and with each other and draw others into our spiritual community.***

The future of our spiritual community depends on our commitment to providing a firm foundation for this spiritual home. Together we can create a lasting legacy for future generations.



## Our Future

In order for this budding Unity ministry to grow, evolve and thrive as a center for authentic spiritual growth in north Tampa we have to make a substantial investment in its future. It depends on our increased faith in God as our unlimited Source. It depends on each of us truly knowing that we "cannot out-give God." No matter how generous we are in supporting the will and the work of the Christ, God always gives us more in return.



The future of our spiritual community depends on the willingness of each one of us to let God express in a magnificent way through us to do the work of "Manifesting the Vision" of owning our own church home. It depends on each of us searching within to acknowledge the value of a spiritual home that feeds our soul, and brings new joy, peace, healing and strength to our life.

The future of our spiritual community depends on each of us being willing to make changes in our lifestyle to be able to give in a radical way to manifest our shared vision. It means giving "over and above" our present contributions for the next three years because we'll still have the usual operating expenses as we continue to serve in this time of transition. Please read our "Ways to Make an Over-and-Above Gift" brochure for creative ideas for finding unexpected ways to give.

As we allow our giving to change our living, we open to having great things manifest through us and for us. As we give to ensure our spiritual well being and to serve God, we will be given greater supply to share so that we can give in radical ways and receive radical blessings!