

Membership at Unity of Lehigh Valley - 2022

Our bylaws outline that becoming a member at Unity of Lehigh Valley, with all the rights and responsibilities that includes, is a process that begins with filing an Application for Membership with the Office; continues through the Orientation Program; and requires an annual renewal by participation in the ministry and submitting a renewal card.

There are two classes of members described in our bylaws:

- **Active** members have full benefits of membership including the ability to vote and serve as a board member.
- **Inactive** members have failed to renew their membership and may not have the benefits of membership, including voting rights, until the membership is restored. If the membership is not restored within two years of becoming inactive, the name will be removed from the membership role.

Through this policy we have created a third class of membership.

- **Associate** members are supported in actively learning and growing at Unity of Lehigh Valley but may not vote on matters of governance or serve as a board member. Associate members may receive wellness calls from the Chaplain team. Since there are no governance rights, the bylaws are silent on Associate members.

Unity of Lehigh Valley is a thriving spiritual community and YOU are an important part of that community. Is Spirit calling you to step up to a higher level of commitment in membership? Say Yes!

New Members must take the New Membership Orientation consisting of 3 modules:

- **Part One:** The Unity Movement
- **Part Two:** Unity of Lehigh Valley
- **Part Three:** Unity Today

Transferring Membership

If you are a member in good standing at another Unity Worldwide Ministries member church, you may request a transfer of your membership.

Please complete the New Member application card and indicate your former home church. We request that you take the Welcome to ULV orientation class to become familiar with our organization and expectations.

We will contact your former church home to verify your membership.

Upon approval of membership, you will be subject to the same membership requirements for renewal and board service.

Membership Renewal

To retain your membership in good standing, members must maintain active participation in the ministry as evidenced in commitment(s) on the renewal card. Each fiscal year Active and Associate Members must indicate the desire to retain membership by completing and returning to the church a yearly membership renewal card.

In the event membership is lost and the congregant seeks to reinstate membership, the following shall apply:

- If membership loss was at or less than six (6) months, complete the renewal card and submit to the office.
- If membership was more than six (6) months but less than two (2) years ago, submit a request for reinstatement to the board outlining the circumstances of the lapse in membership along with a renewal card.
- If membership loss was 2 years ago or more at the time of the request, the congregant should complete all membership requirements for new members.