

Rev. Myra McFadden Myrtle Fillmore Award

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Myra McFadden has served as the senior minister of Unity of Kansas City North, Missouri, since 2011. Drawing upon 30 years of experience as a licensed psychotherapist and mental health professional, she currently teaches Pastoral Counseling for Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute. In addition, Myra has taught webinars on mental health for Unity Worldwide Ministries. She has also been a featured guest on Rev. Jacquie Fernández's Unity Online Radio show, *Voices of Unity*.

Myra has served previously on the UWM Board of Trustees and has enjoyed participating in a variety of UWM ministry teams, including the Licensing and Ordination Team, Admissions

Team, and Prayer Chaplaincy Team. One of her greatest joys comes from building leadership for the Unity movement. She has mentored many ministerial students during the past 11 years and has fostered spiritual leadership through a mentorship program she created within her church community. In addition, Myra has developed an innovative chaplaincy program that provides creative and compassionate care in an expanded and holistic way.

Myra is a Stage 3 colon cancer survivor after receiving her diagnosis in 2019. She led her community into a shared experience of health and wholeness by integrating faith and authentic joy throughout her treatment and recovery. A short film by Rev. Jacquie Fernández called, *Standing on the Bridge of Faith*, documents this journey.

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