



## 2019 Convention Team Members

We are blessed to have so many talented, inspired members on the Convention Ministry Team!



**Rev. Sharon Ketchum**, Board Chair, UWM Board of Trustees

Sharon is an ordained Unity minister (1999) serving at Unity of Greater Lansing, Michigan. “As Chair of UWM’s Board of Trustees, one of my privileged duties is to serve on the convention team. What a great group of people to work with! I have attended all but one convention over the last 20 years and it truly is a privilege to be part of the co-creating process.”



**Debbie Allen LUT**, Unity Worldwide Ministries, Convention Coordinator

Debbie is a licensed Unity teacher (2003) and joined this team as the staff rep in 2017. “I have worked for UWM for 22 years in several different positions and am now serving as convention coordinator.”



**Rev. Toni Fish**, First Vice Chair, UWM Board

Toni is the minister of Unity in Frederick, Maryland, where she has served for over 12 years. Toni was ordained through Unity Worldwide Ministries’ Field Licensing Program and continues to serve as a mentor in that program. She has been active in Unity Worldwide Ministries at the national and regional level, serving on the Education Services Ministry Team from 2004 to 2009 and chaired that team from 2006 to 2008. From 2009-2011, she served as the president for Habitat for Humanity in Frederick County. Toni believes that translating the Unity principles into the language of the emerging new worldview is vital to her community and our movement. In an earlier chapter of her life, Toni spent 22 years in the corporate arena as an international information security and continuity planning consultant.



**Rev. Myra McFadden, Second Vice Chair, UWM Board**

Myra has served as senior minister of Unity of Kansas City North, Kansas City, Missouri, since 2009. Myra was ordained in 2009 from Unity Institute and she is also a licensed Unity teacher. She serves on multiple UWM ministry teams and is involved with the Unity South Central Region.

Passionate about diversity and true inclusiveness, Myra is committed to supporting Unity in bringing forward greater oneness within our movement in all levels of participation and leadership. She is also passionate about conscious social action and supports Unity's enhanced new practices of spiritual principle through compassion and love for all of humanity.



**Rev. Diane Scribner Clevenger, Unity of Naples, Florida, Co-Emcee**

Diane is an ordained Unity minister (1997). “I’ve had the delight of being a member of the Convention Team for several years. Serving Unity Worldwide Ministries in this way has opened my eyes to the clear intentions and mindful work that goes on at this level in Unity, and what it takes to

produce our international events.” Diane serves as one of our co-emcees for convention. “I love interacting with the people who are drawn to our conventions, the widely diverse environments in which we stage them, and the inspiring exchange of positively progressive, inclusive ideas that are generated when we, from Unity, comes together as One!”



**Rev. Shawn Moninger, Unity Center of Norwalk, Connecticut, Co-Emcee**

Rev. Shawn has been the senior minister at Unity Center of Norwalk, Connecticut, since September 2004. Rev. Shawn is the founding president of the board of Unity of New York, New York City, New York. He serves as one of our co-emcees for convention.

He began his spiritual journey in earnest in 1997 after a successful career as a lighting and sound designer in New York nightclubs. He has won four MAC Awards (Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs) and a Backstage Bistro Award, all for outstanding Technical Direction. (Becoming a minister was the only thing left to do after that.)



**Steven Bogard, Huntsville, Texas; Ballroom Coordinator**

Steven is happy to be of service to Unity Worldwide Ministries. This is his third convention working on the Audio/Visual Production Team. He was a founding member of Unity of New York, New York City, New York, where he was board president for eight years. He has been a member of Spiritus for over 20 years. Currently he lives in Huntsville, Texas, where he has his voice studio and is acting with companies in the Houston area.



**Chris Ashe, Wisdom Quest Ministries, Prescott Valley, Arizona; UWM Board**

Chris has been a whole life coach providing personal and business coaching services to people from all walks of life. He served on the Peace Team for six years under Rev. Dr. Gary Simmons and has recently returned to serve with this team. With his late wife, Rev.

Bonny Gilbert Ashe, he co-founded Unity in the Foothills, Litchfield, Connecticut. Chris is now providing consulting, training, and mediation services to churches under their alternative ministry called Wisdom Quest Ministries. Chris has loving served on the convention team for over 10 years.



**John McMahon, Unity of Bay City, Michigan; Treasurer of UWM Board**

John brings a wealth of administrative and board experience to our movement. He retired as full-time administrator of a Home Health Agency in Kansas City in 2010 to move to Bay City, Mich., to be with his husband, Rev. Greg Coles, senior minister of Unity of Bay City.

John holds a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of Kansas and a master of public administration, nonprofit management, from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Since moving to Michigan, John has immersed himself in volunteer activities at Unity of Bay City, serving on the finance team, two separate capital campaigns, and numerous other teams in support of their Unity ministry. He also serves on the finance team for the Great Lakes Unity Regional Conference.



**Rev. Shad Groverland, Unity of Boulder, Colorado; UWM Board**  
Shad Groverland is an ordained Unity minister (2016). He started working in A/V from the age of 12 years old, went on to study it in college, and has had a successful career as a sound engineer for most of his adult life. He feels that it is specifically his 13 years of working in the convention side of the MGM Resorts Hotels in Las Vegas that gave him just the right tools to assist and serve this team.



**Rev. Edith Washington-Woods, Unity of Syracuse, New York**  
Edith Washington-Woods is an ordained Unity minister (2009) and is senior minister at Unity of Syracuse in New York. She is a visionary who specializes in adult education and empowering effective, heart-centered leaders. She is passionate about connecting people together. Currently she is chair of the UWM Health and Wholeness Team. One of the primary responsibilities of this team is the Serenity Room offered annually at the Unity People's Convention.



**Rev. Toni Stephens Coleman, Unity of Omaha, Nebraska**  
Toni is an ordained Unity minister (2012). "Serving on the UWM Convention Team is a rich and wonderful experience. I learn so much from everyone on the team. Yes, the team designs the convention venue, but there is more. I love the practice of blessing the chairs before every event and consciously holding the high watch during business meetings. Being useful at convention feeds my soul. UWM has many teams, I encourage everyone to find a place to serve and share your gifts!"



**Rev. Teresa Burton, Unity San Francisco, California**  
Teresa is an ordained Unity minister (2018) and a graduate of the Ministry & Religious Studies program at Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute. Also an LUT (2014), Teresa is passionate about spiritual education and teaching all things Unity around the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. A former publishing professional, Teresa has more than 25 years of experience as a writer and editor and delights in clearly and creatively sharing information and ideas.



**Rev. Richard Carlini, Seattle Unity, Seattle, Washington**  
Reverend Rich discovered the Unity movement over 25 years ago in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and quickly became a Truth student. He taught prosperity classes and served on the Board of Directors. While board treasurer, the church initiated a building fund campaign and built a new building.

Rich later served as a prayer chaplain at Unity Temple on the Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri, then attended ministerial school and was ordained in 2004. He then pioneered a ministry in central Phoenix, Arizona. In 2008, he moved to Seattle, Washington, becoming the associate minister at Seattle Unity. Rev. Rich has served on various ministry teams and is preparing to teach a class on grief and bereavement for Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute. He has been a registered nurse for 44 years and involved in hospices nationwide for the last 25 years.



**Rev. Lisa Davis**



**Rev. Elizabeth Longo, Unity of Fort Lauderdale, Florida**  
Elizabeth Longo is the senior minister at Unity of Fort Lauderdale. She was ordained through Unity Worldwide Ministries' Field Licensing Program while serving at Unity on the Bay, Miami, Florida, as an associate minister. She currently serves the movement as a mentor in the Field Licensing Program and is a certified Ministry Skills team consultant.

Elizabeth is an inspirational speaker, teacher, and life coach who is passionate about awakening consciousness and the realization of the true Self. She was the keynote speaker at The Women's Summit in Orlando, Florida, "Be the CEO of Your Life," and is a certified yoga instructor and Oneness Blessing giver. She is trained in Emotional Freedom Technique, mediation skills, and non-violent communication. She facilitates

retreats, classes, workshops, and awakening seminars throughout the country. Her dynamic message speaks to the heart of who we are as unique loving divine beings here on a soul's journey to self-discovery and creating new possibilities for ourselves and others. Elizabeth was a stage, television, and film actress. She was a member of SAG, AFTRA, and EQUITY and also directed and wrote plays.



**Rev. Sandra Campbell**

Rev. Sandra is an accomplished writer, storyteller, and speaker. She is an ordained Unity minister and a graduate of Unity Urban Ministerial School (UUMS). She serves as associate minister at Unity Temple on the Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri. She is also on the board of directors of Unity World Headquarters and is executive director of UUMS. Sandra has been a member of Unity since 1974

and has served as a Sunday school teacher at Unity of Baltimore, Unity Village Chapel, and Unity Temple on the Plaza. She served on the Unity Temple board, sang in the Chancel Choir, and taught classes in the adult education program.



**Suzy Forrester, Administration & Finance Coordinator, Unity Worldwide Ministries**

Suzy takes your [merchandise orders](#) and handles the accounts payable, supports human resources, payroll, and the retirement plan. She will be serving at onsite registration.



**Celia Holman, Office Manager, Unity Worldwide Ministries**

Celia handles accounts receivable and human resources support and organizes office processes to create efficiencies and solutions. She serves as support to the convention team at onsite registration.

**Purpose:** To provide inspirational forums for our association to further our mission to create and support vibrant, diverse Unity leaders and communities that foster transformation and inspire people to make a positive difference in our world.

The convention meets prior to convention *and serves during the week of convention*. The convention team tasks are assigned by Unity Worldwide Ministries' staff to support the smooth operation of convention.

The team offers input on keynotes, seminars, general session programs, volunteer functions, timetable, Health and Wellness activities, and general ideas for the event.

### Responsibilities:

We create a loving atmosphere:

- To welcome all participants
- To serve where needed during the week of convention
- To embrace prayer, contemplation, and reflection

We promote creative professional- and self-development and spiritual growth through:

- Inspirational keynote speakers
- Educational seminars and workshops
- Spaces for informal interaction among participants
- Worship services
- Spiritual music

We present programs that provide:

- Practical and cutting-edge continuing education
- Leadership development
- Church development tools and resources
- Inspirational activities that enhance and uplift the skills and consciousness of ministry
- Forums for interactive dialogue on spiritual and practical ideas, providing opportunities for ministers, licensed teachers, youth, and lay people to support one another through sharing what works in ministry.