1.0 Purpose:
The purpose of this policy is to establish clear objective standards for Unity ministers that are consistent across all Unity ministerial programs and to create a clear process for evaluating applicants and candidates throughout the process.

2.0 Scope:
This policy applies to ministerial applicants and candidates for all UWM ministerial paths:
   2.1 Unity Field Ministerial Program
   2.2 Unity International Ministerial Program
   2.3 Unity Urban Ministerial School
   2.4 Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute

3.0 Policy:
3.1 All aspects of the credentialing process utilize one well-defined set of standards and rubrics to evaluate the individual’s readiness for ministry and progress in developing ministerial skills and consciousness.

3.2 The admissions process includes:
   3.2.1 An application
   3.2.2 Evidence that individual meets all prerequisites for ministerial program
   3.2.3 A psychological assessment
   3.2.4 An interview with trained members of the credentialing team

3.3 Progress interviews are conducted throughout the candidate’s ministerial education to ensure that candidate is progressing in alignment with standards and rubrics.

3.4 The credentialing team makes recommendations for licensing and/or ordination to Unity Worldwide Ministries’ Board of Trustees. The UWM board confers licenses and ordinations.

4.0 Definitions:
4.1 The Unity Field Ministerial Program is designed for individuals who are already serving in a leadership role in obtaining a Unity ordination. This includes individuals serving:
   4.1.1 As spiritual leaders in an approved Unity ministry. This could be a traditional pulpit ministry or an alternative ministry.
   4.1.2 In a leadership position in one of the following Unity organizations: Unity Worldwide Ministries, Unity World Headquarters, or the Unity Urban Ministerial School.

4.2 Unity International Ministerial Program is comprised of Unity National Schools who coordinate with UWM in educating Spanish-speaking and international students.
4.3 Unity Urban Ministerial School is a UWM-affiliated Unity educational program with a focus on urban and community ministry.

4.4 Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute is a Unity educational program that is part of UWM.

4.5 Standards and rubrics are a set of criteria defining Unity ministerial excellence and objective measurements for evaluation.

4.6 The Credentialing Team is comprised of Unity ministers who are trained in using the standards and rubrics and who evaluate applicants at admissions and candidates during periodic progress interviews.