



EarthCare Connections

An Offering from Your Unity EarthCare Ministry Team

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EarthCare Program Changes

While the requirements for the three levels of achievement of the EarthCare Program haven't been changed, it has been significantly shortened and made easier to read. In addition, a number of support documents have been revised or added to the website in order to provide more support to congregations that are interested in participating in the program. These include:

- History of Unity EarthCare
- Vision: Covenants, Vision Statements, Mission Statements and Action Plans
- Starting a Green Team and Keep It Going
- Awakening the Dreamer through Unity: What You Need to Know
- Awakening the Dreamer through Unity: User Manual
- Awakening the Dreamer through Unity: Video
- Congregational Green Star Award
- Internal Environmental/Energy Analysis

To access the EarthCare Program and its support documents, please go to:

www.unityworldwideministries.org/earthcare

Awakening the Dreamer through Unity

In August 2017, Mike McCord hosted a conference call for representatives of congregations who are interested in bringing the Unity adaptation of the Awakening the Dreamer symposium to their religious center.

The [original symposium](#) was created in 2005 by the [Pachamama Alliance](#), with the purpose of bringing forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, socially just human presence on this planet. To date, the symposium has been presented in over 70 countries in 12 languages. In order to assist congregations in integrating an earth-oriented spirituality into their ministry through the EarthCare Program, the EarthCare team has added **videos, teachings and quotes** from leading Unity theologians and teachers. The symposium has also been adapted to include a **two-hour format** in addition to the standard 3.5-hour presentation.

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As founder Lynne Twist says, “It’s clear that when two organizations like Unity and the Pachamama Alliance can align in action, that a powerful force is unleashed in the world—such is this moment. I’m thrilled to see our partnership manifested now with Unity adaptations of Pachamama Alliance tools and strategies that can spread far and wide through the Unity network, awakening many thousands more people into action for our shared vision of an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, socially just world.”

Training for Presenters

Because the symposium requires a live presenter, several types of training opportunities are offered through the Pachamama Alliance.

First, there is an online training module for people interested in becoming facilitators. It is the perfect opportunity to get started with presenting Awakening the Dreamer Symposiums. The training helps in the following ways:

- Further understand the spirit that inspired the Awakening the Dreamer Symposium.
- Become familiar with the purpose and intentions of the Symposium and the opportunities for bringing about individual and social transformation that it offers.
- Learn about resources available to you in presenting Symposiums, and more!

The Online Orientation, available at pachamama.org is usually something that people do on their own, but it is highly recommend that you connect with each other after you have done the training. You can address questions that came up together, discuss best practices and support each other.

To learn more about online training, please contact maisa@pachamama.org.

Secondly, a three-hour Skype presentation is periodically offered with representatives of the Pachamama Alliance. In addition to downloadable versions of the Facilitator Manual and other resources from the in-person Facilitator Training, the new online offering features four new videos:

- **An Introduction to the Symposium:** Its origin, purpose, and four key questions.
- **Getting Grounded as a Facilitator:** This section helps you understand where the Symposium comes from—a space of possibility and transformation and being in touch with what’s possible.
- **Facilitating the Symposium:** An exploration of the core skills that are a key part of any successful Symposium—speaking from the Manual, leading exercises, and creating space.

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- **Putting It All Together:** How to transition from reading the Manual to hosting events.

This new content offers something for everyone and is a great starting point for those of you who want to deliver this work in your local community, and share the powerful message of the Symposium.

The next Skype webinar will be on **October 14**. To register, go to:

landing.pachamama.org/online-facilitator-training

Finally, there are a number of resources available. We especially recommend **Awakening the Dreamer through Unity: What You Need to Know** on the **EarthCare Webpage**, as it contains important computer-specification information that you need to know before beginning.

Also check out the **Orientation to Presenting the Symposium** on the Pachamama website.

New EarthCare Congregations

The EarthCare Team is proud to announce the following congregations that have been certified as **EarthCare Congregations**:

Unity of Las Vegas, Nev. (Level A)

Unity Community of Central Oregon, Bend, Oreg. (Level B)

Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing, Mich. (Level B)

Cylvia Hayes Joins EarthCare Core Team

The EarthCare Team is pleased to announce that Cylvia Hayes is the newest member of the Core Team. Cylvia is an award-winning New Economy strategist known for speaking truth to power. Her mission is to do her best to accelerate the transition to an economy that is environmentally restorative and provides opportunities for people to prosper regardless of income, ethnicity, or gender.

She is founder and CEO of 3Estrategies, a new economy consulting firm. While serving as First Lady of Oregon, Cylvia led the Oregon Prosperity Initiative, taking a systemic approach to poverty-prevention.

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Cylvia co-chaired the team that developed Oregon's Renewable Energy Standard, Renewable Fuels Standard, and other clean energy policies.

Not only is Sylvia a gifted speaker and writer, including publication in *Huffington Post*, *Grist*, *Green + Solar Building* and others, as a member of the Unity Community Center of Central Oregon, she brings much-needed geographic diversity to the team from the Northwest Region.

Welcome, Cylvia!

Mentoring Program and Healthy Eating Calls

Please join David Cordova for mentoring calls regarding **Healthy Eating on the first Saturday** of the month, and **general mentoring on the second Saturday** of the month, at **12 noon, Eastern Time**.

For more information, please contact David at davecordova@msn.com, or by calling 210.825.8422.



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