Principled Ministry During a Pandemic

This topic is highly politicized, polarized, and like a minefield of trigger points.

Please be mindful of what comes up for you and allow yourself to just be with it.
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Is how we are handling this pandemic in alignment with our Unity principles?

Do we agree on what Unity principles are?
The truth about this Pandemic

Covid is not real.

and...

Covid is very real.
There is no reason to wear a mask or get vaccinated.

and...

There is every reason to wear a mask and get vaccinated.
Nobody is right, nobody is wrong.

and...

Everybody is right, everybody is wrong.
As long as we are in the physical experience, we live in a world of duality, each creating our own reality based on our perceptions and beliefs about reality.
“Here again we are confronted with the two worlds: the world of pure Consciousness and the world of material sense. All who live in material sense know fear.”

- Joel Goldsmith
In the world of duality there will be separation and conflict because it is primarily based on fear.
Fear
False Evidence Appearing Real
Each of us in the dualistic physical experience gathers “evidence” from our experts, to support our own perceptions and beliefs...

creating a reality, based on a limited viewpoint.
“Man's consciousness is formed of mind and its ideas. These determine whether he is healthy or sick. Mind is the common meeting ground of God and man. Only through its study and the observation of all the conditions and factors that enter into its operation can we come into the realization of God as abiding health and sustenance...
“You are compassed about with thought barriers, your heredity, your education, your own thinking. Your degree of health is determined by your thoughts, past and present. These thoughts may be true or false, depending on your understanding and use of divine law.”

- Charles Fillmore
Evidence based in fear is likely misleading and polarizing.

Evidence that does not take into account God, Spirit, or the power of the mind, is likely not telling the whole story.
Fear as the Trickster

It’s the government’s fault

It’s the anti-vaxxers’ fault

“They” don’t get it

The science says…

Our freedoms are vanishing

Covid numbers are up

Liberals!!

Conservatives!!

Tricking us into conflict and separation
• We are afraid in Unity & it is okay to be afraid
  • Fear is part of the human experience... we are still human

• Each of us has a different relationship to fear, based on our own perception & belief of what is happening

• Our perception & belief of what is happening, coupled with our relationship to fear, is making our experience very real
• Fear is normal
  • It is okay to have fear
  • It is okay to admit we have fear

• What might not be okay is:
  • To ignore or suppress fear
  • To spiritually bypass fear
  • To perpetuate & propagate fear
  • To put our fears on others
Are we in Unity putting spiritual icing on a cake of fear?
“As we learn that we are God’s children, living here to find out His plan for us, we become more and more interested in studying spiritual things for ourselves. We are no longer willing to accept the opinions of others, not to live as they live, especially if their ways bring sickness and sorrow. We begin to feel, rightly, that there must be a way of living that will keep us well and happy.”

- Myrtle Fillmore
If we don’t address the underlying fear, and we don’t address the aspect of mind that creates our experience, are we not doing our members a great disservice?
Dedication to Truth Principles
A. As a Unity leader, I dedicate myself to the principles of Truth as taught and exemplified by The Christ and interpreted by Unity Worldwide Ministries [UWM], including:
1. God is Absolute good, everywhere present.
2. Every human being is an expression of the Divine; the Christ spirit, by whatever name, indwells all people. Their very essence is of God, and therefore they are also inherently good.
3. Human beings create their experience by the activity of their thinking. Everything in the manifest realm has its beginning in thought.
4. Prayer is creative thinking that heightens the connection with God-Mind and therefore brings forth wisdom, healing, prosperity, and everything good.
5. Knowing and understanding the laws of life, also called Truth, are not enough. A person must also live the truth that he/she knows.
B. I look to the indwelling Christ for inspiration, to guide, govern, and prosper me.

C. I will, to the best of my understanding and ability, demonstrate Truth in my personal and professional life.

D. I believe in the power of prayer.
“If you embrace the world you embrace its errors, and become a servant to its laws, the spirit of truth departs to the God that gave it.
But if you hold on to the Truth
the world is in subjection to you,
and instead of becoming a servant,
you become a teacher of Truth to the world,
to lead other minds to the Truth.”

- Dr. P.P. Quimby
(father of the mother, of the mother,
of the mother and father of Unity)
“As we move into the twenty-first century, I know that Unity’s mission in our world will be even more important. Why? Because it is a healing ministry. It looks beyond the theologies that separate into the love that inspires all religions.”

- Rosemary Fillmore Rhea