



Path for Unity Ministers to Serve CSL Ministries and Affiliate with Centers for Spiritual Living

As spiritual movements which both originated with New Thought, Unity and Centers for Spiritual Living (CSL) have similar theologies, practices and a shared desire to awaken and transform human consciousness. In view of this, we are committed to finding ways to collaborate with one another, including a reciprocal employment policy which allows CSL ministers to serve in Unity ministries, and Unity ministers to serve in CSL ministries.

CSL Policy requires ministers serving CSL ministries be affiliated with CSL. Therefore, Unity ministers wishing to serve CSL ministries would be expected to affiliate within 2 years of accepting an employment contract with a CSL center. An employment contract/letter of call may be given to a Unity minister once the first four steps have been completed.

1. Unity minister completes the application for affiliation and has a favorable background check. CSL application fees are waived for Unity ministers.
2. Unity provides CSL with documentation that the Unity minister is ordained and in good standing.
3. Unity minister follows CSL policy to seek employment.
4. Unity minister signs an agreement to complete the affiliation process.
5. Upon employment within a CSL ministry, the Unity minister will be assigned a Mentor to assist them in working within the CSL policies/guidelines/processes.
6. Within the first year of service the Unity minister takes the following certificated classes at a CSL center or CSL On-Line Education.
 - a. CSL Foundations class
 - b. CSL Class – The Power of Your Word
7. Within the first two years Unity minister successfully completes School of Spiritual Leadership Classes:
 - a. PHI 402: The Teachings and Writings of Ernest Holmes
 - b. REL 404: Historical Foundations of New Thought
8. Unity minister participates in CSL Immersion (organizational orientation) and passes an affiliation panel.
9. The Minister & Practitioner Licensing Committee will determine if prior ordination is recognized, based on time and quality demonstrated in ministry. If it is not recognized at

the time of licensing, the minister would continue on the path to ordination according to CSL policy. This includes working with a Mentor and Sponsor.

Once employed in a CSL ministry, the Unity minister is responsible to uphold all CSL bylaws, policies and procedures, and he/she will have access to all CSL Services. The only exception is that he/she does not have a vote—as a minister—at the annual business meeting. However, he/she could vote as a delegate for their ministry. Upon Licensing/Ordination as a CSL Minister, he/she will receive voting privileges as the minister of an affiliated community.

Until licensed or ordained as a CSL minister, a Unity minister may not teach CSL certificated classes for credit unless Licensed as a CSL Practitioner.

For CSL communities wishing to employ a Unity minister, the initial contract may not exceed two years. This period gives the minister time to complete the affiliation process. Completing the process is required for extension of the contract. An extension of the contract for a minister still in the affiliation process beyond two years will be considered in extenuating circumstances.