

Tony Porten

-Member since 2015

- Leadership roles within Unity Renaissance

Group/Team/Committee	Role	Dates (approx.)
Men's Group	Former Lead	10/16 to Present
Finance Committee	Co-Lead	7/17 to Present
Breakfast on the Streets	Intermittent	6/15 to Present
Tutoring at Thurgood Marshall	Tutor (COVID Interrupted)	10/15 to Present
K1 Sunday School Teacher	Co-Teacher	7/15 to Present
Turning Point Campaign	Co-Chair	2019

-Leadership experience outside Unity Renaissance.

Organization	Role	Dates (approx.)
Akima LLC	Director Business Development	2018-2020
Titan Corp	Sr. VP and GM Integrated Services Division	1987-2004
Dataline	VP Business Development and Operations	2005-2008
Small Business Consultant	Business Development and Management	2010-Present

-Unity classes, workshops, and/or conferences that I have attended.

Classes - List names	Location	Dates (approx.)
Path to Discovery	UR	2/2015
Remedial Christianity	UR	5/2015
Prosperity Plus	UR	9/2016
Financial Peace University	UR	11/2017
The Gospel of Mary Magdalene	UR	4/2018
Twelve Powers (Accredited)	UR	10/2019
Workshops - List names		
Men's Retreats	Various	2015-2020
Board Retreats & Strategic Planning	Various	2018-2019

1 . What is inspiring you to step forward and be considered for our Board at this time?

To continue to be of service. To follow up and follow through on financial commitments made toward facilities and network expansions. To play an active role in Unity Renaissance' vision, mission and future outreach, growth and prosperity objectives.

2. What do you believe makes a great leader? Leadership is listening with an open mind and maintaining reasonable expectations. It's about acknowledging individual perspectives and making well thought out decisions based on all available information and perspectives.

3. Do you consider yourself a “team player”? How has that shown up in your life? I am a utility player. Put me in coach and I’ll give it my best no matter the role. This is reflected in both my Navy and Civilian Career accomplishments. Couldn’t have done it without the team.

4. Authentic and open communication is an essential part of being on the Board, along with accessibility and responsiveness. What makes you a good communicator? A lack of pride in authorship and a willingness to compromise.

5. My vision for Unity Renaissance in the next 3-5 years. To be prepared and continuously strive to transform our mission and vision support methodologies in an ever-changing social environment. Continue to expound on already established remote connectivity capabilities and determine best practices toward transforming lives that will transform the world.

6. My unique gifts or talents I bring to the spiritual leadership team. Liked it when I wrote it in 2018 and still do, so, here it is again in 2021. “I have a natural ability to connect with people. I grew up in the Pacific North West and have always had an appreciation and respect for Mother Nature. I believe we are never done learning and gaining understanding of the wonders spirit has provided. I respect that little ones often teach the teachers and that we can also learn much in serving those in need. Most importantly, I am gifted as spirit guides me through sharing these experiences with others. I am truly blessed and desire to be a blessing to others.”

7. I would like the members of Unity Renaissance to know more about me. (e.g., prior Unity experience or other spiritual paths). Also, from 2018 and still applicable today. “As a Christian, I have long struggled with Christian Partisanship. As President of my Youth Group, I often found myself at odds with the religious perspectives of adult congregants. At Unity Renaissance, I have found a spiritual home of acceptance for all walks of life. I believe this to be the teachings of Jesus. To love each other regardless of our differences. I love each of you unconditionally.” In 2020, I add – I work daily on the 4 Agreements.