

Brief Bio of BOT applicants

Valerie Winters

-Member of Unity Renaissance since-2007

-Leadership roles within Unity Renaissance

Group/Team/Committee	Role	Dates (approx.)
Welcome Team	Member	Approx. 6 years
Uniteen Teacher	Lead Teacher	Approx. 6 years
Usher Team	Alternate Usher	Approx. 5 years
Finance Committee	Treasurer/Member	Approx. 4 years
Safety Committee	Leader	Approx. 3 years
Board of Trustees	President	Approx 3 years

-Leadership experience outside UR, which would enhance my work on the Board.

Organization	Role	Dates (approx.)
Jody's Popcorn	Operations Director	2009-2011
Tidewater Coffee	Office Manager	2012-present
USAF	Multiple leadership roles/positions	1985-1995

-Past Unity classes, workshops, and/or conferences:

Classes - List names	Location	Dates (approx.)
Path to Discovery	Unity Renaissance	2008
12 Powers	Unity Renaissance	2017
Financial Peace University	Unity Renaissance	2017
Mary Morrissey Prosperity Plus 1, 2, 3	Unity Renaissance	2019
Workshops - List names		
Church Leadership w/ Pat Bessey	Unity Renaissance	2015
Firewalk w/ Alex Then	Unity Renaissance	2014
Communication Workshop for Teachers	Unity Renaissance	2015
Conferences - List names		
Multiple Uniteen Retreats	Various churches	
Multiple YOU Rallies	Various churches	

1. What is inspiring you to step forward and be considered for our Board at this time? I have served on the board for several years and want to help continue the church growth that we have started. I also feel that I am the right person to help continue moving Unity Renaissance in the direction that it is going with livestreaming, outreach, expansion into new area.

2. What do you believe makes a great leader? Someone who pushes others to reach their potential and helps to build a consensus around a common goal. A person who listens and communicates to everyone in a respectful manner, able to bring a group together. Effective leadership requires patience, ability to listen and communicate well.

3. Do you consider yourself a “team player”? How has that shown up in your life? Yes. On the board, I will express my opinion and listen to others as well; when the discussion is complete I will always support the decision. I believe a team player is someone who listens to those who may differ in opinion but at the end of the day, will support the collective and move forward to make “the team” a success.

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? First and foremost, I listen. Communication is not just about talking or expressing your own opinions, it is about listening to others. I am able to articulate myself both verbally and in writing in a clear and concise way. I also make sure that others are kept in the loop regarding information that I may be responsible for gathering.

5. My vision for Unity Renaissance in the next 3-5 years. I would like to see Unity Renaissance become a New Thought leader on the East Coast and expand beyond that to live our vision and mission statements. I see Unity Renaissance utilizing the expansion to further our community outreach and expand our congregation, by increased classes, workshops, community involvement. I also would like to see Unity Renaissance pay down the debt we have from our expansion so that our youth are not left with that bill. We are a thriving community with a message the world needs to hear. Unity Renaissance is the right church, with the right minister at the right time.

6. My unique gifts or talents I bring to the spiritual leadership team. I am an effective communicator and consensus builder. I believe in Unity Renaissance and its’ message; I try to exemplify that to the Uniteens that I teach. I also have extensive connections within our community that I feel serves us well as we undertake our continued expansion of our outreach and mission. I listen, I lead, and I will do what needs to be done to accomplish the task at hand.

7. I would like the members of Unity Renaissance to know more about me. (e.g. prior Unity experience or other spiritual paths). I was raised in a Southern Baptist church but feel as if I am spiritually home when I am at Unity Renaissance. I have taken classes working towards my License Unity Teacher and will continue to work towards that. I am devoted to helping our YFM thrive and one of the greatest joys is teaching the Uniteens, attending Uniteen Retreats and YOU Rallies. I have been involved in Boy Scouts Explorer program as a leader. I love Unity Renaissance and the family I have there.