



### MAS 643 AUCI Polity, 2 hr/3 units

Held at the Association of Unity Churches International Home Offices.

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Required Reading	Unity.org website: <a href="http://www.unity.org">http://www.unity.org</a> Mosley, Glenn, and Dunlap, R. <i>Association of Unity Churches International: Its Beginning, Its Evolution, Its Vision for Worldwide Service</i> . Lee's Summit: Association of Unity Churches International, 2006.
Recommended Reading	none

#### Course Description:

This class is based on recommended practices of the Association of Unity Churches International, including studies and experiences of boards and bylaws, decision making, minister/ministry ethics, and the review process. This class will examine effective ways to enter and leave a pastorate in a healthy and helpful way. Each student will gain experience and knowledge of the various services and products offered by the Association.

#### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this courses, students will be able to:

1. Review by-laws, policies and procedures and make revisions as needed.
2. Train and mentor board members.
3. Explain and model ethical behavior.
4. Formulate proven healthy methods to enter and leave a ministry.
5. Explain services offered by the Association of Unity Churches International

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Master of Divinity and the Certificate in Unity Ministry:

#### Assignments:

1. Attendance and participation is VERY IMPORTANT in this class.
2. Review the Website. Explore the resources for (1) ministers, (2) churches/boards, (3) teams. Of the Association material on the website what are the five resources that you see as most valuable for you as you enter into ministry (excluding open ministries' site). For each of the 5, write a paragraph of explanation. Due Nov. 5.
3. Five page paper, 1 page for each question: Due Dec 3.
  - Why is it important to have an Association for (a) ministers, (b) ministry? Explain with substance.
  - Why is it important to participate in annual conferences, regional conferences, and in the training activities provided by the Association? Explain with substance.

- If you are disappointed with the Association's actions or decisions, what are your choices of action? What is your responsibility? What is your ethical perspective? What is your metaphysical framework?
- If which ministry teams might you participate? Explain. Why is it important to participate in a ministry team during your career? Explain.
- What highlight from the Mosley book gave you special insight into the workings of the Association? Explain. Please cite quote with page number.

**Selected Bibliography:** none

Contact the faculty member for a copy of the complete syllabus.