

**MAS 643 Association of Unity Churches Polity 2 Credits/3CEUs**  
**Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 pm, Fall Term,**  
**Location is the Association of Unity Churches Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Classroom**  
**October 2 to December 11, 2008**

<b>Instructor Name</b>	Claudell County & Multiple instructors from the Association of Unity Churches International  Classes will be held at the Association.
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<b>Required Texts</b>	Association Website: <a href="http://www.unity.org">www.unity.org</a> Mosley G. & Dunlap R. (2006). <i>Association of Unity Churches International: Its beginning, its evolution, its vision for worldwide service</i> . Lee's Summit, MO: self-published.
<b>Other Required Reading</b>	None
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**Course Description**

This class is an in-depth experience of the Association of Unity Churches International. Class will meet at the home office, when possible, and students will be introduced to the work, resources, and best practices each department offers to the field minister and ministry. Study of training programs, consulting services, and policy tools offered by the Association will enrich the students' understanding of the work into which they are embarking.

- Vision and Governance of the Association
- Participation of the Church with the Association
- The Placement process
- Peacemaking and Church-Leadership Review process
- Licensing of Licensed Unity Teachers
- Youth, Family and Small Group services
- Consulting with Boards
- Media and Marketing services
- Benefits and Pension Plans
- Pioneering
- International services
- Conferences: Regional and International
- Music Services

**Learning Objectives**

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

- Articulate the various services provided by the Association of Unity Churches International.
- Identify the consultants and materials available to ministry.
- Define intent for future participation with the Association.

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Master of Divinity: MD-2, MD-4

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Certificate in Unity Ministry: C-2, C-4

**Class Schedule**

Week	Date	Topic	Reading Assignment	Paper/Exam/Activity
1	Thursday, October 2	tba		
2	Thursday, October 9	tba		
3	Thursday, October 16	tba		
4	Thursday, October 23	tba		
5	Thursday, October 30	tba		
6	Thursday, November 6	NO CLASS DUE TO LYCEUM	NO CLASS DUE TO LYCEUM	NO CLASS DUE TO LYCEUM
7	Thursday, November 13	tba		
8	Thursday, November 20	tba		
9	Thursday, December 4	tba		
10	Thursday, December 11	tba		

**Assignments for the Master of Divinity:**

1. Attendance and participation will be very important in this class.
2. Review the Website for the Association of Unity Churches International ( [www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org)). Write a 6-page tri-fold information guide/pamphlet for your congregation – introducing them to the Association of Unity Churches International and its materials and services. Fill the information guide with facts and information that inform them of the greater movement of Unity Ministries and opportunities for participation. Tell them the reasons the ministry tithes to the Association and why the minister and ministry participates in the Association. Due at the end of week 5.
3. Write a 8-10 page paper answering the following:
  - Why is it important to have an Association for ministers and ministries? Explain?
  - In what area of service to our greater Unity movement are you drawn to?
  - Why is it important to participate in annual conferences, regional conferences, and in the training activities provided by the Association?
  - What purpose does the alliance with other ministers and ministries have for you?
  - If you are disappointed with the Association’s actions or decisions, what are your choices of action and responsibility?

This paper should include knowledge gained from the book by Mosley and Dunlap, the website, and personal experience. Due at the end of week 9  
 Double space, APA style.

**Grading**

Assignment	Possible Points	Meets Learning Objective
Attendance and participation	30	1,2,3
8-10 page paper	40	1,2,3
Pamphlet for your church	30	1,2,3

**Final Grade Determination:**

- 90-100      A  
 80-89        B  
 70-79        C  
 Below 70     Fail or redo.

**Assignments for the Certificate in Unity Ministry: (Different assignments from above.)**

1. Attendance and participation will be very important in this class.
2. Review the Website for the Association of Unity Churches International ( [www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org)). Write a brief, 1 page, single spaced, newsletter article introducing your ministry to the services and materials offered by the Association. Explain the reasons for your ministry participates with and tithes to the Association and your participation in the Association. Due at end of week 5.
3. Read the Mosley, Dunlap book and write a 2-4 page “teaching” handout about the Association’s history for a future new-members class at your church. Due at end of week 9.

**Grading**

Assignment	Possible Points	Meets Learning Objective
Attendance and participation	30	1,2,3
2-4 page handout	40	1,2,3
Newsletter article	30	1,2,3

**Final Grade Determination**

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