

PRA 691 – Internship in Prayer Ministry – 2 cr/3 ceu  
Wednesday 8-10 a.m. – Spring 2009

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Required Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Butterworth, E. (1968). <i>Discover the power within you</i>. New York: Harper &amp; Row.</li> <li>• Cady, H.E. (1995). <i>Lessons in truth</i>. Unity Village, MO: Unity. (Original work published 1903).</li> <li>• Fillmore, C &amp; Fillmore, C. (1949). <i>Teach us to pray</i>. Kansas City: Unity School of Christianity.</li> <li>• Fillmore, M. (1994). <i>How to let God help you</i>. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books.</li> <li>• ---. (1986). <i>Myrtle Fillmore's healing letters</i>. Unity Village, MO: Unity School of Christianity.</li> <li>• Foulks, F. (2002). <i>Effectual prayer</i> (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). Unity Village, MO: Unity Books.</li> <li>• Jafolla, M-A &amp; Jafolla, R. (1999). <i>The quest for prayer: Coming home to spirit</i>. Unity Village, MO: Unity Books.</li> </ul>
Other Required Reading	Selected articles available in the Unity Library & Archives.

### Course Description

Supervised internship at the Silent Unity or any other approved prayer ministry. This internship will require 80-100 contact hours in the prayer ministry, a final paper and weekly consultations with a Unity Institute faculty member. Most students will intern with the Silent Unity Telephone Prayer Ministry. Students who are already Silent Unity Prayer Associates will intern with the Silent Unity Writers. This internship may be repeated, in consultation with the student's advisor.

### Learning Objectives

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

1. Compare and contrast the theory of Unity prayer with the practice of prayer in Silent Unity.
2. Evaluate the principles and consciousness needed for an effective prayer ministry.
3. Apply the principles of prayer to their own vision for prayer ministry.
4. Effectively work in a prayer ministry.

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Master of Divinity:

MD-1 Develop and demonstrate the pastoral skills necessary for successful ministry.

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

C-1 Develop and demonstrate the pastoral skills necessary for successful ministry.

### Class Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Reading Assignment	Activity
1	11 Feb	Silent Unity	Articles in Library: - Silent Unity History - Gatlin, ch. 2 - Letter from Jim Freeman - "For those receiving the Ministry of the Silent Unity Society"	Discussion of Silent Unity, then and now. Be sure to read the material before class.
2	18 Feb	Unity prayer method - theory - practice	- Foulkes ch. 1-6 - Butterworth ch. 9 - M. Fillmore, <i>Letters</i> , "Prayer"	Be prepared to compare & contrast the Unity prayer method with the prayer format at Silent Unity.
3	25 Feb	Denials & affirmations - theory - practice	- Cady, "Denials" & "Affirmations"  - M. Fillmore, <i>How to Let</i> , ch. 7	Be prepared to compare & contrast denials & affirmations with the prayer format at Silent Unity.
4	4 Mar	Language of prayer	None	Write a prayer appropriate for Silent Unity but in contemporary language for <u>three</u> prayer topics. Make copies for the class so that we may review them.
5	11 Mar	Silent Unity International	None	Guest: Lois Cheatham
6	18 Mar	Answered Prayer	- Rosemergy articles - M. Fillmore, <i>How to Let</i> , ch. 15	Be prepared to answer the question: Are all prayers answered?
7	25 Mar	Silence as prayer	- Fillmore & Fillmore, ch. 2 - Adyashanti, "Silence"	After spending one day in the silence, be prepared to compare & contrast spoken prayer with silence as prayer.
8	1 Apr	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
9	8 Apr	Effective prayer ministry	- M. Fillmore, <i>Letters</i> , "Our Work," "To Truth Teachers" - Ellsworth & Ellsworth chapter 4	Be prepared to discuss the components of an effective prayer ministry.

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			- Jafolla & Jafolla, chapter 5	
10	15 Apr	Whither your prayer ministry?	None	Final paper due at the beginning of class. Be prepared to discuss your paper with the class and share one interesting article or information gathered from the Unity Archives.

#### Assignments for the Master of Divinity:

1. Students are expected to participate in classroom discussions on the topics for the day. One of these topics will require a short writing assignment.
2. 15-20 page final paper: This is an informed reflection paper. Use course readings, other readings about prayers, material about prayer found in the Unity Archives, and your experiences at Silent Unity to answer the question:  
“Whither *your* prayer ministry?”

The paper will be evaluated on the following basis:

- o Completeness of discussion of prayer ministry
- o Integration of course readings
- o Integration of additional readings & archival material
- o Writing/style (includes APA format)

#### Grading

Assignment	Possible Points	Meets Learning Objective
Attendance	20%	1-3
Participation in classroom discussions	20%	1-3
Final paper	30%	1-3
Evaluation by trainer or supervisor	30%	4

#### Final Grade Determination:

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
59% or below	F

#### Assignments for the Certificate in Unity Ministry:

1. Students are expected to participate in classroom discussions on the topics for the day. One of these topics will require a short writing assignment.
2. 10-12 page final paper: This is an informed reflection paper. Use course readings, material about prayer found in the Unity Archives, and your experiences at Silent Unity to answer the question: “Whither *your* prayer ministry?”

The paper will be evaluated on the following basis:

- o Completeness of discussion of prayer ministry

- Integration of course readings
- Integration of archival material
- Writing/style

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### Expectations of Students

Students are expected to come to class having read the assigned material and being prepared to discuss them.

### Classroom Protocol

Since students may be sharing personal information about themselves and/or their experiences in Silent Unity, it is imperative that confidentiality be maintained. Students will not name anyone with whom they have prayed, nor give personal information about the caller. Nothing that is shared in class is to be shared with anyone outside of the classroom environment.

### Late Assignment Policy

Assignments are due on the date assigned, at the beginning of class. Assignments received after the due date will be assessed a penalty up to 2% per day or 10% per week.

### Academic Honesty

Unity Institute assumes that all students desire to pursue their academic and transformational work with honesty and scholarly integrity. Cheating, plagiarism, facilitating academic dishonesty and misrepresentation of self or other students are prohibited. Students may seek the assistance from others as long as the student submitting the assignment is actually doing the work.

If a faculty member discovers a student violating academic honesty the following penalty may be applied, depending upon the severity of the infraction:

1. A reduced grade for the assignment.
2. A grade of zero for the assignment.
3. An "F" for the course.
4. Remand the decision to the full faculty.

A report will be sent to the faculty, the Dean, as well as kept in the student's permanent file.

Students are to cite and reference material in their papers using APA style.

For further information about academic honesty, students are directed to review the Unity Institute Catalog and Unity Institute Student Handbook.

### Special Concerns

If students have any special concerns and/or challenges that may affect their performance in this course, they are encouraged to speak with the instructor immediately so that any accommodations, if necessary, may be made.

### Material on Reserve

Adyashanti. (2006). *Emptiness dancing*. Boulder, CO: Sounds True, Inc.

Ellsworth, R.B. & Ellsworth, J.B. (2001). *Come apart for awhile: Exploring four ways to pray taught by Jesus*. Bend, OR: Thriving Churches Ministry.

*For those receiving the ministry of the Silent Unity Society*. (ca. March 1928). Pamphlet. Available from Silent Unity papers, Unity Library & Archives, Unity Village, MO.

Freeman, J.D. (June 7, 1978). Unpublished letter to Irene Fortney. Available from Silent Unity papers, Unity Library & Archives, Unity Village, MO.

Gatlin, D. (1939). *The story of Unity's fifty golden years*. Unity Village, MO: Unity School of Christianity.

Rosemergy, J. (Sept. 1990). Part VIII: Answered prayer. *Unity*, 2-6.

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*Silent Unity history*. (August 2005). Unpublished archival material. Available from Silent Unity papers, Unity Library & Archives, Unity Village, MO.