

Unity Church of Clearwater



Statement of Faith

**adopted by the membership in 1989
revised in 2001**

The Unity Church Statement of Faith was written by our Senior Minister, The Reverend Leddy Hammock, based on the Statement of Faith written by Charles Fillmore (Cofounder of the Unity Movement). Our Statement of Faith was accepted by the voting membership in February, 1989-the Centennial year for the Unity Movement. In this new year of a new millennium, our Senior Minister offered slight amendments to this Statement, so that the statement would be gender insensitive, and added Bible references. The Statement of Faith is available for your prayerful consideration. By the first of November of any year, voting members are welcomed to submit changes to this document for consideration by the Chaplaincy Team. Recommendations from the Chaplaincy Team for changes to the Statement of Faith may be put before the membership at the following Annual Meeting, for ratification by the voting membership.

1. We believe in God, the Good--Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, and Omnibenevolence--our Father-Mother God, Divine Mind, in Whom "we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28, New American Bible.) We believe that God-Mind is primary and causative, and we believe in the supremacy and eternity of the Good.

2. We believe in Christ, the Son of God, the perfect Word or Idea of God, abiding in each person as potential perfection.

3. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Head of our Church, the Son of God made manifest in Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of all divine ideas, existing eternally in Divine Mind.

4. We believe in the Holy Spirit--the whole Spirit of God in action, God's love and grace ever ready to be poured out in spiritual baptism upon all who receptively look to it for guidance.

5. We believe in the Holy Trinity of God (Father-Mother): Mind, Idea (the Christ), and Expression (Holy Spirit); we believe that the whole Spirit of God is with us at all times, everywhere.

6. We believe in the trinity of humankind: the threefold nature of each person as Spirit (Superconsciousness, or Christ mind) soul (or mind, including conscious and subconscious) and body (including all that appears in this plane of embodiment), and that Spirit, soul, and body are an inseparable unit.

7. We believe that the kingdom of heaven or harmony is within the individual, and that through each person the law and order existing in Divine Mind are being established on earth.

8. We believe that the way to the full experience and expression of the kingdom of heaven is not through any material object or personality, but only through the indwelling Christ.

9. We believe that the "second coming" of Jesus Christ is now being fulfilled, that His Spirit is quickening the whole world.

10. We believe that God's will for us is good and only good, including illumination, wholeness, prosperity, harmony, peace, and joy, and that God "is pleased to give [us] the kingdom" (Luke 12:32, New American Bible).

11. We believe that we are created "*in the divine image*" (Genesis 2:27, *New American Bible*), and therefore are co-creators with God, endowed with free will and spiritual dominion.

12. We believe that divine intelligence is always present in every atom of humankind and matter.

13. We believe in the creative power of thoughts and words; whether spoken or silent.

14. We believe in the power of prayer to illumine, heal, prosper, and bless, unlimited by time and space.

15. We believe in the law of mind action: that thoughts held in mind reproduce after their kind.

16. We believe in the Golden Rule: "*Do to others whatever you would have them do to you*" (Matthew 7:12, *New American Bible*), as our standard of life.

17. We believe we are to follow Jesus Christ in the Regeneration--the unification of Spirit, soul, and body in eternal spiritual oneness, or unity.

18. We believe all the doctrines of Christianity, spiritually interpreted, and we honor the universal Truth evident in all spiritual paths.

19. We believe that the Holy Bible testifies to the Word of God, the Truth echoed in all scriptures.

20. We believe that it is our divine purpose to provide a setting where the Word of Truth is spoken, according to our highest understanding of the teachings of Jesus Christ in the tradition of the Fillmores, Cofounders of the Unity Movement, and others of like mind, for the Word of Truth illumines, heals, prospers, and frees. "*You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free*" (John 8:32, *New American Bible*).

21. We believe that Unity Church of Clearwater is a temple for spiritual learning and healing in mind and in body, and a place of happiness of peace, where the love offering plan is taught and practiced. We teach and practice the Christ principles of tithing in appreciation for spiritual food, and we know that Truth is priceless. God is our instant, constant, and abundant Source, *and we are grateful!*