



*Mission*  
We are a vibrant spiritual community awakening each life to the Christ within.

*Vision*  
Centered in Divine Love, we honor and celebrate a world awakened to peace, abundance, and respect for all creation.

**Unity of Fairfax Board of Trustees**

**Monthly Meeting, September 26, 2023**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Others Present</b>	<b>Board Members Absent</b>
Russell Heiland, Senior Minister		
Bowman Kell, First Chair		
Ed Merritt, Second Chair		
Dave Richardson, Treasurer		
Sherrie Quander, Secretary		
Julie Fisher, Keeper of the Flame		
Midd Hunt, Member at Large		

**Quorum present?** Yes  
Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

**Executive Session**  
An Executive Session was called to order at 7:03 pm EST and ended at 7:05 pm EST

**Minister’s Report:** Attached as Appendix 1

**Committee Reports: (if applicable)**

**Financial Report:** <https://www.unityoffairfax.org/board-financial-statements>

**Old business: (if applicable)**  
Nominating Committee: We currently have two candidates who have been vetted and understand the requirements of being a board member.

**New business: (if applicable)**  
Board retreat in January will be held in Williamsburg at the Historic Powhatan Resort. Midd Hunt will make the room reservations and is graciously covering the cost of our housing. Thank you Midd & Ellie Hunt.

A draft of the 2024 budget is in progress.

An update to the church policy manual is also in progress.

The October Board newsletter is also in progress and is slated to go out on October 13<sup>th</sup>. In the newsletter will be the official notice of the church annual meeting which is scheduled for November 7, 2023.

**Motions:**

**MOTION:** Approval of August 26, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Ed moved and Bowman seconded, unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** Approval of September 12, 2023 Special Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Dave moved and Ed seconded, unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** Approval of a one-time donation of \$250.00 for [The Giving Spirit](#), a charity serving the homeless in Los Angeles, CA supported by Steve Cumbie and Drucie French-Cumbie. The funds will come from the Secular Fund on behalf of Unity of Fairfax. Russ moved, Dave seconded, unanimously approved.

**Upcoming Dates:**

Core Values and Vision/Mission meeting discussion is October 7, 2023.  
Board of Trustees Mid-Month Session on October 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm.  
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on October 24, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

**Appendix 1 Minister's Report****Strategic Goals**

I keep the [2022-2023 Minister's Progress Log](#) current.

Following my 2022-2023 review, I will craft goals for 2023-2024 and create a new spreadsheet.

**Discussion Items**

N/A

**Information Items**

The Sacred Service Council had a very enriching conversation about revising the current Vision, Mission, and Core Values on September 19. A follow up meeting with the entire congregation is scheduled for October 7.

I will be officiating the celebration of life service for my minister Rev. Rene Pare in Wilmington, NC on September 30 and presenting the message at Unity of Wilmington on October 1. Rev. Sherrie Quander will be our guest speaker on October 1.

Unstoppable Stories: A Banned Books Week Cabaret and Comedy Showcase will be held at Unity of Fairfax on October 7. Our partner is UUCF.

Oaktobefest will be on October 14.

Raffle drawing at end of service on October 15.

Hybrid Auction will be on October 22.

I will be visiting family in Indiana November 9-13. Stacey Guenther, PhD will be our guest speaker on November 12.

The Burning Bowl service will be the focus of the Sunday service on Sunday, December 31. There will not be a night service.

#### **Action Items**

I will be attending a fundraiser for [The Giving Spirit](#), a charity serving the homeless in Los Angeles, CA hosted by Steve Cumbie and Drucie French-Cumbie at the Tower Club on October 27. I request authorization to donate up to \$250.00 from the Secular Fund on behalf of Unity of Fairfax.