



## **Living the Golden Rule: Interfaith Gathering & Diversity Celebration.**

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**

**Unity Spiritual Center of Panama City, 1764 Lisenby Ave., Panama City, FL 32405**

On Saturday, February 3, beginning at 10 am, Unity Spiritual Center of Panama City hosted an interfaith gathering and diversity celebration in honor of the United Nations World Harmony Week resolution which was adopted on October 20, 2010. After a communal prayer shared by the various faiths represented, over 100 people from the Panama City area attended the event throughout the day. Visitors were exposed to the teachings and beliefs of seven different religions represented at the event - Christian Science, Judaism, Baha'i, Islam, Pagan, New Thought Christianity, and Unitarian Universalist. Rev. Joanne Burns, Senior Minister and event coordinator for Unity Spiritual Center said, "It is imperative, especially at this time in our country, that we not only engage in honest and open dialogue with each other, but more importantly that we listen. We listen to what others have to say; that we let them know that their beliefs and opinions are valued. That *they* are valued." Each of the faiths represented gave a 15-minute talk at the top of the hour in Unity's sanctuary. Deeper discussions of 45-minutes each were held at various scheduled times throughout the day. Some discussions were a bit more spirited than others but none the less people were respectful and inquisitive. Coffee and light refreshments were served and some of the faiths brought cultural food to share with the public. Overall the event was well received and there are plans to continue to do this event in the future. The event ended at 4 pm.

### **About Unity Worldwide Ministries**

Unity was founded in 1889 by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore and helps people of all faiths apply positive spiritual principles in their daily lives. Unity World Headquarters at Unity Village publishes *Daily Word*, a magazine of inspirational messages distributed to nearly 1 million people in more than 100 countries. The Unity prayer ministry, Silent Unity, offers prayer support 24/7. Silent Unity receives about 2 million letters, telephone calls, and online requests for prayer annually. Anyone in need of prayer support at any time may call (800) NOW-PRAY (669-7729) or may visit [www.silentunity.org](http://www.silentunity.org). Unity World Headquarters is located at M-350 Highway and Colbern Road (1901 NW Blue Parkway), near Lee's Summit, MO.

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