

# Board Candidate

I moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1977 and some time after attended my first Unity service in the little red church. I had been raised and confirmed in the Lutheran church and, though not especially disenchanted with those teachings, had discovered that my spiritual beliefs had broadened over the years. At that point, I had lived and traveled in a number of countries, and had witnessed a variety of spiritual practices being powerful for good in people's lives. As a result, I began to consider that God is bigger than any single religion. So, the "many names of God, the many faces of God, and the many paths to God" that Unity espouses felt like home. One foundational value I hold is the belief that our personal work/healing/grace contributes not only to our own growth but to that of the world/universe, so that is where I always try to start.

My father is still a force at age 96, and though my husband and the rest of my immediate family have passed, I have 2 wonderful nieces and 4 delightful grand nieces and nephews. So, my family and a strong circle of friends who ground me in love and connection sustain me.

I have a B.A. in Business Management and a M.S. in Organization Development. My work life has been varied, but has been primarily in the fields of corporate accounting, organization development, mediation, coalition/community development, and substance abuse and violence prevention/intervention – all having to do with aspects of change.

I served as a member of the board of the Peace Valley Healing Center, MT; as the founding Testing Chair and subsequent President of the Prevention Specialist Certification Board of Washington State; as the President of the Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties, WA; and currently as the Treasurer of the Women's Gift Alliance here in CDA. In addition, I have had many opportunities to create, train, staff, and consult with both advisory and policy boards through my organization development and substance abuse prevention work.



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I have been serving as a Unity board member for the past year. I am very interested in defining Unity's growth and potential in the Community regarding spirituality. Prior to my retirement and move to North Idaho, I served as a Peace officer at Saunas Valley State Prison. As a peace officer, I provided for the safety and security of the individuals at the facility.

I am currently pursuing my interest in Behavioral Science at NIC where I have been studying since 2017. This is an area of study that I began at Hartnell College in 1996. I am proud to say that I am on the NIC honor society with a 4.0 GPA. My major is History and Mathematics.

My personal skills include an ability to get along with others. I also feel I have the personal focus and drive to get things done. In addition, I am very analytical which is why I enjoy playing chess and pickle ball. My wife and I are physically active and are currently competing as members of the Senior Olympic Track and Field Team. Our hope it to make the national finals in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

