

UNITY POLICY REGARDING MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

From ARTICLE IV, Section 3, A.,1,2, & 3 and B,1 & 2.

Reason for Requesting Renewal

When you became a member of Unity Spiritual Centre Ottawa you made a commitment, not only to live in accord with the Jesus Christ principles of Love and Truth as taught by Unity, but also to further the work of the ministry through your active interest, love and support. This commitment is a way of saying you care about the church and want to see it continue to prosper. When you attend general meetings and cast your vote, you are taking responsibility to ensure that Unity is governed by people who will make decisions that represent the best interests of the church and congregation, rather than the interests of individuals. When you do this you are giving yourself a voice in how the church will operate and what services it will provide.

Yearly membership renewal helps the Leadership Team to maintain the accuracy of voting lists and thus the accurate quorum required for voting on issues of importance to your church. Therefore to this end, we ask you to renew your Unity membership. By completing this form you will maintain your right, as a member of Unity, to vote at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meetings and, if desired, to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Thank you. We appreciate your continued interest and support.

Membership Renewal Deadline

The deadline for membership renewal is December 31. After this date you will no longer be an official member of Unity Ottawa. However, just in case you might forget, we will notify you around the date of the deadline if you have not submitted your membership renewal application. You will still have an opportunity to be reinstated so that you will be able to vote at the AGM.

Please note that if you have not renewed your membership at least 30 days before the AGM you will be unable to vote. If, after that time, you would like to be reinstated, you will be required to complete the following process:

- 1) Complete an application for membership,
- 2) Attend a *Foundations of Unity* class,
- 3) Have your membership approved at a Board of Directors meeting,
- 3) Participate in a New Member Induction service (optional).

Friends of Unity Ottawa

The third option available to you is to become a “Friend of Unity Ottawa.” This class of membership (See Article IV, Section 3, A.3.) allows you to continue to attend activities, support Unity through tithes, and receive information about upcoming activities and events, but your name will be removed from the voting register and you will no longer receive official notification of membership meetings or be able to vote at membership meetings.