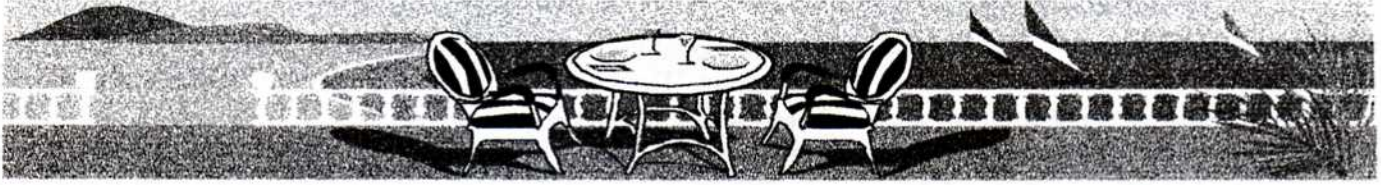


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Universal Brotherhood University

by Rev. Lyn Hammond-Gray

There is a beautiful adage in life that goes like this...."the very best answer is a well formulated question." So it is with the process of becoming a scholar with Universal Brotherhood University. Once you sign the entry enrollment application, the questions begin. How do I go about this? What will I perfect? How does this unique university process work? How in the world will I earn the right to a degree and how do I benefit from this journey?

Once your enrollment application is in place and accepted, you are assigned a faculty coach. He/she is your connection, your guide. The journey begins.

The accomplishment of your Master's or Doctorate is indeed a magical journey. Others before you have had these questions. And the answers have always been at the end of the journey. Think upon the comments of recent graduates:

Rev. Kent Boxberger, Masters of Divinity Degree:

"This Master's project is certainly a blessing to me, in that it has helped me better define who and what I am in the grand scheme of things. It has allowed me to reflect on the value I have for myself and others. This will certainly help me in the process of soul growth. As I grow, so everyone else grows. My advancement in consciousness is also the advancement in consciousness of the whole of mankind. I am grateful for the experience and thankful for the

love God has shared with me through this existence, as well as the many teachers that I have been afforded me thus far on the journey. "I'm Comin' Home!" (*I'm Comin' Home* is the title of Rev. Boxberger's Masters of Divinity Degree)

Rev. Dianne Elizabeth Conner: Masters of Divinity Degree:

"My original intention for doing a master's program was to earn a higher degree on a topic for which I already had a passion, but needed more research and development. I wasn't sure where my thesis would lead me but I knew I was onto something important and I eventually realized that I was to begin a major program of healing and empowerment on all levels - Physical, Emotional, Mental and Spiritual - for myself and others."

If you are a UBM minister and have been thinking of starting this exciting journey, this is an excellent time to find those answers by asking well formulated questions!

For details on current fees, or to request an enrollment form contact University President, Rev. Dr. Reginald Worrell, at 404-296-5728 or e-mail: (elifem@mindspring.com) or UBU Admin., Rev. Lyn Hammond-Gray at:

(hammondgray@mindspring.com) or go to universalbrotherhood.org You can also write: UB UNIVERSITY, 3735 Scotts Mill Run, Duluth, GA. 30096

RECIPES WANTED

For 'Divine' UB Cookbook!

Look inside this newsletter.

There is a form for you to fill out with your favorite recipe (You can make copies of the form as we will take up to 3 recipes from each person). We are putting together a 'Divine' cookbook that will be available for sale by the end of this year.

We are also thinking about having a favorite recipe contest for each category. So dig out those old favorites and send them in asap!

**All recipes must be in by
August 31st. Mail them to
the UB office at:
6503 Lakeshore Dr.
Margate, FL 33063**



Leadership

by Rev. Dr. Rick Prigmore, Co-Founder and C.E.O. of UBM, Inc.
Duluth, GA

We who are on the exposed point of action with our activities as Universal Brotherhood ministers are often criticized, judged to be wrong, sometimes laughed at and frequently ostracized. We have recognized our commitment as ministers to the brotherhood of mankind and proceed courageously along our path. That takes a great deal of fortitude and leadership. Andrew Cohen had this to say about leadership: "The thought of being a leader may seem like an appealing idea to the ego, but the reality of what being an authentic leader implies scares the ego to death. It means ego death. Why? Because it means that we actually care so much about a higher purpose, a higher principle, a higher goal, that we're willing to make the most important sacrifices for the sake of what we are aspiring to accomplish. It means we care so passionately about others also reaching that goal that we unhesitatingly sacrifice our own peace of mind, comfort, and security in order for them to succeed. It really means that we have no choice left anymore because we have realized without any doubt that from now on, it's up to us. We have realized that One Without a Second. We have realized that there is no other and there never could have been. What is so interesting about authentic leadership is this very insight: that once we have arrived, there is no longer any point of return. We have become one with destiny itself."

That's who we are as UB ministers, leaders in the new age of enlightenment. We have no choice but to forge ahead, fueled by our spirit-based urge to serve Life as expressed through those we serve. Whether we are counselors, healers, musicians, teachers or lawyers (yes, there are UB lawyers), our strength and our motivation sustains us through 'thick and thin'. We have moved to the forefront; we can not return to the safety and comfort of the herd.

Leadership, both a joy and a challenge. Go for it. I applaud you and your chosen mission.



Senior Softball World Series Tournament Report

by 'Slugger' Rev. Dr. Rick Prigmore



The Tremont Hotel 80+ team I play for worked its way through six round robin games at the Senior Softball World Series with a mediocre 3 and 3 record. But, when the double elimination games began Monday we came from behind in the last of the 7th against the Ft. Myers, FL, team, overcoming a 9-run deficit before winning 17 to 16. I was put in to pinch hit in the 7th with the bases loaded and two outs. I got a pinch hit scoring two runs to tie it up. The next batter drove in the winning run.

The second game of the double elimination was against the Arizona Desert Storm team. We beat them 13

to 6. In the next game they then eliminated the Ft. Myers team and reached the finals.

On Tuesday we played the championship game and Desert Storm beat us. That meant we each had one loss. So, in the 'if' game, we played to a 9-to-9 tie in the 7th inning. In the top of the seventh we scored six. The bottom of the seventh they scored three. So we **WON** the Senior Softball World Championship and were awarded World Series rings and a big trophy!

The kicker was that we were scheduled to go to Las Vegas in September to play in the Senior Softball World Masters tournament. But, the other

teams pulled out of the tournament rather than play us again. So, we won the 'Triple Crown' of senior softball by default.

We played ten games in five days plus an exhibition game before the tournament, which was filmed for a special segment. I don't know when or if it will be aired on TV.

Who knows what the future will hold? Bill Smith, the owner of the Tremont Hotel says we may go to Florida for Spring training again. Just as long as I can 'Play Ball'.



UB University (UBU) Regents Speak Out

by Rev. Dr. Fran Stewart
Lawrenceville, GA

Our own beloved Rev. Dr. Reggie Worrell, president of Universal Brotherhood University, recently asked members of the UBU Board of Regents, "Why do you serve on this Board? What do you get out of it?"

Here are some brief excerpts from the answers of four of the Board members;

Rev. Lyn Hammond-Gray: I am uplifted, impressed and amazed at the opportunity for a UB Minister to grow and expand through degree work.... bonding with the soul. I am strengthened as I see the remarkable works placed for our review. It is a constant reminder of spirit at work in the human form... a continual personal and divine growth experience.

As Padmasambhava reminds us:

*Without beginning or ending,
your original wisdom
Has been shining forever,
like the Sun.*

*To know whether or not this is true,
Look inside your own mind.*

What better place could there be to grow with wisdom than Universal Brotherhood University?

Rev. Dr. Joyce Rennolds: ... an honor and a privilege ... a powerful organization ... recognize the spiritual expression of talented and unique individuals ... contributes to my growth and understanding of spiritual principles.... I have learned to love and appreciate each of my colleagues and value each one of them for their own unique talents and creative abilities. This is a sacred and holy association which continues to bless me abundantly.

Rev. Dr. Barbara J. Roberts: I

consider it an honor and a pleasure ... such a joy for me to be with this group of loving, spiritual beings.... my pick-me-up for the month ... awe-inspiring to work with the tremendously creative UBM ministers seeking higher acknowledgement of their ministries. I am constantly amazed and impressed by the caliber of work, and feel greatly humbled to be continuing my own spiritual growth in this manner.

Rev. Dr. Fran Stewart: I believe in the work that UBU does ... Regents bring a positive influence, an encouraging, supportive voice to the UBU scholars.... UBU is growing, and I delight in being an integral part of that growth.

We would be delighted to answer your questions about how to apply for the Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.). If you already have a Master's degree through UBU, you may apply for a Doctor of Divinity degree (D.Div.) Contact Rev. Dr. Reginald Worrell, at: 404-296-8200 or email him at elif@mindspring.com



IN THE WALK OF THE SPIRIT

Rev. Gill Schwartz
Camp Lake, WI

A step is taken that aims for nothing
Until the place is shown;

The foot then firmly placed
Where there was no place before.

Another step in faith.

Another revelation.

As the rearward foot releases its
hold

In reaching urgency,
Its weight-supporting spot weakens,
dissolves.

All that is left is a trail
of has-been-ness.

In the Eternal Plain lie
these hazy tracings,
Sometimes wandering, confused,
often alone,

Yet striving, yearning towards
the Light.

Who is to follow a trail wrought of
faith

And destiny,
save one who can truly believe?

Who is to step from a
place graced solid

To where there is no place at all,
Save one who has no other way to
go?

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Animal Wellness Essences

by Rev. Elisabeth Trumet, Helen, GA

I would like to take this opportunity to announce my ministry for the animal world. I carry and work with Animal Wellness Essences. My vision and focus is to ease complaints of all sorts for our furry and feathered friends.

I bring to you and the animals a collection of Flower Essence remedies that offer healing vibrational energy to their electrical systems. Each remedy serves the animals' mental, spiritual and physical well-being in specific ways. A few of these are: **Anxiety, Respiratory issues, Immune Support, Sibling Rivalry, Neediness (Overly anxious), Abuse or Abandonment, After Emergency Care, Grief and Loss.**

I welcome the opportunity to assist you and your pets/companions as our animal friends require balancing as they develop on all levels.

Contact me at: (706) 878-3189.



