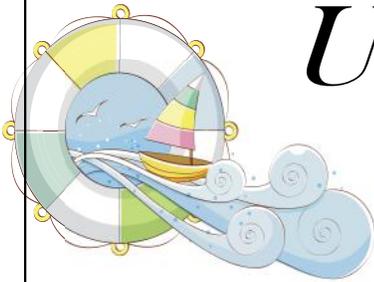


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### Love is a VAST Sea

*by Rev. Dr. Jeni Prigmore*

Love is a VAST sea

Unlimited  
Unless we  
In our reticence or inexperience  
Limit it.

Waves, one after another  
Undulating,  
Full of power and beauty  
Present themselves  
To our awareness.

Each wave  
An individual  
Unless, in our fear,  
We must see all of it  
In a big piece...

And Even That Is  
Glorious~

It IS  
The Oneness,  
The God Force,  
In action.

Yet, Let us remember  
That each expression of love  
Is a new wave,  
Unique, eloquent, a gift.



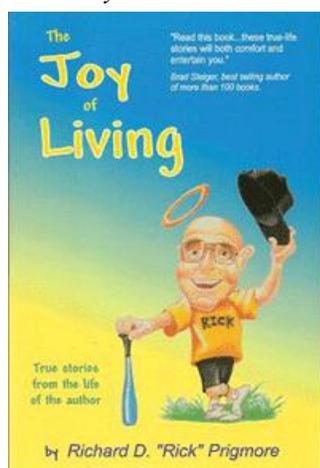
## Greetings From Our Founders

Rev. Drs. Rick and Jeni Prigmore



### The Joy of Living

by Rev. Dr. Richard D. "Rick" Prigmore



These true stories of adventure and inspiration are beautifully told by the man for whom each story is a real life experience. Remembering events and occurrences from long ago as if they happened yesterday. Rick's rich and varied life has spawned such experiences as wrestling mountain lions,

piloting light planes from Miami to South Africa, mining uranium in Colorado and playing world class softball. These captivating stories are sometimes exciting, other times poignant, and always inspirational — just like the man who lived them.

Rick Prigmore is co-founder of Universal Brotherhood Movement, Inc. [The Joy of Living](#) is available through our website, [www.universalbrotherhood.org](http://www.universalbrotherhood.org)

## Illumination

by Rev. Jonna Rae Bartges



Dearest Jeni,

I was sending love and Reiki to you and Rick when I had the most amazing vision.

It was like looking at the Earth from space, and you and Rick were two beautiful blue lights. Each of us — all your UB ministers, Reiki healers and family members — also were represented by blue lights. Then all the people each of us have touched — thousands of us spanning the globe and interacting with countless others — ALL of us, including those with whom we share our work, were also represented with pale neon blue lights. Arcs of white light connected the thousands upon thousands of blue lights, making a breathtaking display of every soul you and Rick have touched; every life you've helped shape and balance with your unconditional love, your compassion and your zeal and joy for life.

The vision was so powerful in its simplicity: the work you and Rick have dedicated your lives to has literally illuminated the world with the 5th chakra energy of communication, compassion, creativity, truth, humor, speaking up for others and standing in our divine power. You have given us all roots and wings, and we share that sacred energy with everyone with whom we come into contact. Connecting all of us, forever and always, are the arcs of pure white light of Christ Consciousness.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being there for all of us, every moment of every day.

Please feel our gratitude, our respect, our love and our joy that you both are such an important and divine part of who we have become with your gentle guidance.

You illuminate the world and heal it because you are in it, and you are eternal.



With every blessing of love,  
*Jonna Rae*

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## Goal-Setting and the Power of Intention

by Rev. Rosemary Cathcart



The idea of planning and goal-setting is not new to any of us. However, being strategic and realistic as we go about those things may be. It's a skill that's well worth developing.

One of my favorite quotes regarding this comes from science fiction author Robert A. Heinlein who states, "In the absence of clearly defined goals, we can become strangely loyal to performing daily acts of trivia." I'm sure I am not the only one who has fallen victim to one of those foggy days that seems so full of "hustle and bustle" but yields very little in the way of productive accomplishment. It's frustrating, to say the least, but there is a way to harness all of that life force energy, and re-direct it appropriately.

Just start somewhere and don't be overwhelmed by the enormity of a task. If it's a project around the home, enlist the aid of trained professionals at Home Depot or Lowe's, or do-it-yourselfers can attend one of their many Saturday workshops. You'll have fun and learn valuable skills at the same time, and both of these large chains usually offer assistance during the job to be sure it's done correctly.

If you're dealing with years of sorting and filing; whether it's the office or the guest room closet, break it all down into smaller, more manageable pieces. Use the "**chip away**" method and sort or file for 15-30 minutes a day instead of giving up an entire weekend. You'll be amazed at how much can get accomplished in those short bursts of focused, intentional energy.

If your aim is to accomplish more intensely personal goals, create the intention first in your mind/imagination and then **write it down**. If the concept remains in the recesses of your imagination/brain only, chances are it'll never manifest in the physical world.

Throughout history, people of great accomplishment have set goals, achieved them and then moved on to their next endeavors. As J.C. Penney so wisely said, "Show me a stock clerk with goals and I'll show you a man who can make history. Show me a man without goals, and I'll show you a stock clerk."

In his best-selling book *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success*, Deepak Chopra writes, "An intention is a directed impulse of consciousness that contains the seed form of that which you aim to create. Like real seeds, intentions can't grow if you hold on to them. Only when you release your intentions into the fertile depths of your consciousness can they grow and flourish."

Many of us get into the imaginary “trap” of confusing goals and intentions with somehow limiting our choices or free will. It’s actually quite the opposite. If you’re the one creating the goal and setting the intention, you’re 110% in charge. So use that power appropriately and decide what the steps should be, set the start date and ask for expert help when necessary. Empower yourself to succeed from the get-go. Remember the value of discipline and make it your best friend.

I’ve recently ended an intense 42-day cleanse that took money, preparation and the right mindset to accomplish. When I was plotting this out with my nutritional consultant, he couldn’t quite understand why I had to wait 6 days to begin. I explained that those 6 days were what I needed to set my intention clearly in my brain, tell several close friends and associates and to get emotionally engaged in the process. I had to be prepared mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually before I began. I also changed my seat at the dining room table: my hopeful theory being that the person who was addicted to sugar sat on the left side and the person with “a new vision of herself” sat on the right side. So far, so good!

If I had missed even one of those crucial steps, failure would have been a given.

Decide what you want to accomplish. Every project, from a household chore to a dramatic change in your life perspective, starts with that inner decision. In having the courage to set goals for yourself, you’re creating a road map and employing the necessary tools you’ll need to gauge your progress. The goal-setting also conveys your desire to the subconscious mind, which will evoke all of the powers of Heaven and Earth to assist you.

Set manageable deadlines and physically write them down on a calendar you can see every day. Do not put this into an iPhone or any other electronic device or you’ll miss the true “magic.”

There is something profoundly mystical that occurs when we create an idea, form a goal, or set an intention and then deliberately bring it down from the brain through the physical body and give it physical life by writing it down. With this act, you have just experienced “creation” in its most primitively empowering form.

Now, pick one or two trusted friends or colleagues and tell them they have permission to hold you accountable. Explain your plans in full and ask for their support. Then don’t be mad when they actually do hold you accountable!

We can only change in one of three ways: what we think, what we believe and what we do. Starting with the “doing” is the easiest and best place to begin. As we gain momentum from *doing* things in a new and different manner, we will begin to *think* about things in a new light. As these two processes take place, our *belief* about who and what we are can then engage in the process of self-change as well.

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In my day-to-day career I work with many different people, encouraging them all to lift their expectations and attain the highest and best available to them. In my personal life, I surround myself with inspirational messages everywhere my gaze might fall.

*“What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?”*

~ Rev. Robert Schuller

is the magnetic message that sits on a filing cabinet I see daily.

*“A year from now I may wish I had started today!”*

~ Karen Lamb

is the message affixed to the top of my very large computer screen.

*“Expect a Miracle!”*

~ unknown

is the message on my laser printer which I can see clearly (and so can any client I’m working with!).

*“To get what you’ve never had, you must be willing to do what you’ve never done!”*

~ unknown

is the message attached to my business card holder on top of my desk, and right behind it is this message from French aristocrat and author Antoine de Saint-Exupery:

*“A goal without a plan is just a wish!”*

But my all-time favorite inspirational message that makes me try harder and believe in magic all the more comes from beloved author Lewis Carroll:

*“There is no use trying,” said Alice; “one can’t believe impossible things.” “I dare say you haven’t had much practice,” said the Queen. “When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I’ve believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.”*

Your goals will always remain “impossible” if you don’t apply some strategy and old-fashioned focus.

Create a 10-day plan, create a 21-day plan or a 100-day plan if it suits you. Then follow these steps: write it down; tell 1, 2 or 3 people you hold in high esteem to hold you accountable; and promise not to whine when they do! Mobilize all of your internal forces,

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*Goal-Setting And The Power Of Intention continued...*

pray diligently, create a spiritual mind treatment and plan on being successful. Set yourself up for a successful conclusion in all of your dealings, meetings and events and do not allow anyone to derail you.

Remember the wonderful words of Napoleon Hill, “A goal is a dream with a deadline,” and set your sights on how proud and fulfilled you’ll be this time next year.

Please send me an [email](#) letting me know your most precious personal goal, and we’ll lend the highest and best support of Universal Brotherhood as an organization to your focused, determined effort.

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## Let's Communicate!

We often hear from members who ask for more communication and interaction throughout the organization. We feel that way too, so we update our email database constantly.

Still we find that, sometimes, UB ministers give us an email address they don't “really” use. Or they don't check the spam filter. Some return an error message that says “email quota exceeded.” Our favorite, so far, is the error message that reads “this recipient is not accepting emails.” (Huh??!)

Please: help us communicate! Update your contact information using the form on the last page of this newsletter. **And if you hear from other UB ministers who mention they're not hearing from us — then send their emails along** and we can remedy that situation!

*Thank you.*



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# Investing 101: Not Just Stocks & Bonds

by Rev. Kelly Graham



In the Spring 2013 *GoodNews* we talked about spring cleaning your finances. We offered six ideas about financial planning:

- **S**ave: Pay yourself first
- **P**rotect: Check your insurance coverage
- **R**etirement: Plan for retirement
- **I**nvest: In your business and in your self
- **N**eeds: Needs versus wants is an easy way to budget
- **G**ive: Stuff, money, time

So far we've talked about S and N (Summer 2013), P (Autumn 2013), and R (Spring 2014). This quarter, our subject is "I" for investing.

When we think of investing, we often think of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. But "investing" is defined as *the act of committing or devoting an asset in order to achieve something* – and that could be any asset, not just money. So you can invest the asset of your time in weeding in order to achieve a well-tended garden. You can invest the asset of your talent in piano practice in order to achieve a well-played piece of music. You can invest the asset of your intellect in study in order to achieve a passing grade. Investing need not be just about money.

So here's an idea: **why not invest in your business?** If you work for yourself – for example, your practice as a UB minister – consider building a website, setting up a Facebook page, or joining LinkedIn. These tools can cost little or nothing besides your time setting them up: Facebook is free, basic LinkedIn is free, and nowadays you can find many sites that will host a free website for you (they generally make money from either placing ads on your website; from a nominal fee to reserve your domain; or both).

You also can join or follow (for free) Yahoo, Google or LinkedIn groups that offer business-building ideas from and for groups of people your business can serve. You can post (for free) a video of a presentation or demonstration to YouTube and send your clients and prospects a link to the video.

Regarding Facebook: it's important to know it's not necessarily accessible for everyone. You see, from time to time people will tell me their business has a website; but when I ask for the address, they tell me their "website" is a Facebook page.

A recent study in *Computers & Human Behavior* stated that up to 80% of the time the average employee is on the internet at work, it's for personal reasons. In other words: if people are trying to find your website, there's a pretty good chance they're doing it at work. However, a majority of businesses block

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Facebook completely. In fact, in many fields (among them most financial firms, banks, etc.), Facebook, Twitter, Gmail and other non-corporate email, and music and video streaming sites such as YouTube and Vimeo are all inaccessible from work computers. So if you're thinking a Facebook page is sufficient to serve as a website for your business, you might want to reconsider that idea.

Other ways you can invest in your business include producing brochures, business biographies, or white papers that tell your story. You can post these to your website or LinkedIn profile, or mail or give them to potential customers, or hand them out when you attend events. What events? Well, I just typed the phrase *wedding events* and the name of my city into Google. The events in the next couple of weeks include several trunk shows, a seminar on pre-marital counseling, a Brides Against Breast Cancer charity show, a "wedding planning 101" workshop, a bridal happy hour, a wedding cost saving strategies workshop, a wedding tasting workshop, and more. To help build a wedding business, attending these events might be a good idea: imagine the people you could meet!

Another thought about building a practice conducting weddings: I went to [www.weddingwire.com](http://www.weddingwire.com) and clicked on the list of vendors. It's extensive. Wedding vendor categories range from *band* to *favours* to *jewelry* to *photography* to *wedding planning* and – my personal favorite – *unique services*. If your business is weddings, why not get to know some of the different vendors in your area? Perhaps you'll find you can refer business to them and they can refer business to you. One more thought: there's a vendor category for officiants. Why not look into getting listed there? And everyone will click on "unique services" just to see what's there — so you might try for a posting in that category as well. If, for example, you're a songwriter, you could offer a "unique service" as a wedding officiant who writes an original song for couple. Also take a look at [www.theknot.com](http://www.theknot.com) and [www.thumbtack.com](http://www.thumbtack.com) (and there are more!).

If weddings aren't your business, Google can still help. If your business is art therapy, for example, simply type *art therapy* and the name of your city into Google, and I suspect you'll be surprised at all the different opportunities you'll find to meet new people interested in art therapy.

Some of these ideas mean you would invest a few dollars, and some mean you would invest a bit of time – but all can produce results for your business.

**How about investing in yourself?** Building your own store of knowledge is an investment that always pays off. Reading is one easy way to do it, and it doesn't have to cost a lot: consider the library! You can choose from the local public library, state and federal libraries, and college and university libraries (see [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)). Libraries today offer CDs, DVDs, and other media as well as books. Another way to invest in yourself is to study for certifications or licenses, or enroll in a college or university for classes or a degree. You could earn a certification or degree in a completely new field, or finish a degree you've already started. Some of us are in the position of having plenty of credit hours from several different schools, but no degree to show for all that work! One possibility is to check with schools that specifically work on helping students build a degree out of a variety of seemingly unrelated courses. [Thomas Edison](#) State College in Trenton, New Jersey is a fully-accredited public school that specializes in exactly that. Two other choices are [Charter Oak](#) State College in New Britain, Connecticut and [Excelsior](#) College in Albany, New York. [Western Governors University](#), based in Utah, is an accredited nonprofit online university also focused on measuring competency instead of classroom hours. State-affiliated versions of WGU are in Indiana, Texas, Tennessee, Washington and Missouri.

Still shy a few credits? You can receive college credit for what you already know through the College Level Examination Program. You can "test out" of a number of subjects in areas including history, social science, composition, science, literature, math, business, and languages for a fee of about \$80 per

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course, which generally earns 3 credits. Go [here](#) for more information. You'll find a *New York Times* article about Thomas Edison State College, CLEP tests and more [here](#).

Want more ways to learn? Well, Khan Academy is a non-profit educational website with a stated goal of providing “a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere.” Available in dozens of languages and with a remarkably diverse list of offerings, you can go to their [website](#) or their [YouTube](#) channel and start learning immediately. You can find similar offerings from many other companies, such as [Alison](#), [Connexions](#), [Curriki](#), [ed2go](#), and more.



YouTube can be a valuable resource. In just one weekend, my household learned how to fix the washing machine, replace the fuel lines on a Weedeater, and correct a problem with a boat propeller via YouTube videos – so investing some time in watching YouTube saved us about \$300. That's a pretty good return on 20 minutes spent watching videos! A friend of ours has started two different businesses based on skills he learned from watching YouTube videos. In my experience, if you need a “how to” for just about anything, try YouTube first.

And don't forget TED talks. TED is an acronym for Technology-Entertainment-Design, and “TED talks,” as their conference presentations are known, offer information on a truly astonishing variety of subjects. Among the “most viewed” TED talks currently are *How schools kill creativity*, *The power of vulnerability*, *Your body language shapes who you are*, and Sting on *How I started writing songs again*. You can find the talks on the TED [website](#). YouTube offers lots of TED material as well.

You can find adult education classes or college credit courses at your local community colleges, schools, and online. Some of the current offerings in my town include grant writing, cartooning, soap-making, ergonomics, fly fishing, wedding and event flowers, beekeeping, dealing with hoarders, papermaking, blogging for business, tablescaping, and many, many more. Google *adult education* and the name of your town for more information.

**You can also invest money via the aforementioned stocks, bonds and mutual funds.** And since life in general can be complicated enough, consider simplifying your financial life! One way to simplify is to consolidate your assets. For example, if you changed jobs and left your 401(k) with your former employer, you can move it to an IRA now for more direct control of the funds. And if you are aged 50+, ask your company's benefits department if your 401(l) offers *in-service non-hardship withdrawals*. This concept allows you to withdraw funds from your company 401(k) and deposit them into a personal IRA while you are still employed with the company. Work with a licensed financial professional and be sure you follow the rules for this maneuver in order to avoid tax consequences.

If you have self-employment income – like your wedding business, or your art therapy practice – you might be able to shelter income from current taxation by opening a retirement account. There are lots of choices, from the Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) to a solo 401(k) to a SIMPLE IRA. A financial advisor such as a licensed investment professional or your insurance agent can help.

If you don't have a financial plan that gives you a roadmap to your personal goals, consider making one. You can try online [sites](#) for this, or see a professional for more in-depth analysis. And education is always a good idea: my favorite book on investing is Andrew Tobias' *The Only Investment Guide You'll Ever Need*.

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Email your questions to Kelly at [getcommonsense@yahoo.com](mailto:getcommonsense@yahoo.com)*



# Reflecting On Ministry

by Rev. Reni Storm

An evolution of a message I sent to Universal Brotherhood a few weeks ago describing how my ministry has been evolving compels me to elucidate.

This is what I sent:

*"Working to complete all the annual reports and docs for the year that is required by the state, it occurred to me in reviewing the mission statement that quite simply this ministry is, or resembles, missionary work.*

*What missionary is static, fixed, conventional?*

*How many of us are really this but under another name or idea?*

*Aren't we all tending to others in some way?*

*Education, healing arts, arts, expanding the Mind/Spirit that benefits the whole?*

*Thoughts to ponder."*



Since that email, I've been at the bedside of a woman "transitioning" of cancer, offering end-of-life care. I found myself ending the care by sharing some concepts to support her for this major event in the embodiment of life. How does one describe this transition as though one steps over a threshold of a doorway? Who really remembers this process from lifetime to lifetime? I found a common element we both shared in order to paint a canvas of description she was able to grasp, to relate to in effort to make it easier to accept: we are both artists, writers, and creators so the visual descriptions came easily. My goodbye embraces a memory of the smile and peace on her face after that exchange.

Additionally, I was recently asked by the family of an inmate to start visiting him for spiritual support. I've worked with inmates in the past; however, the red tape to accomplish this is daunting. I am still in the process. As a nurse I've worked in prison infirmaries, and as a minister I find this proves quite rewarding. I am excited at the prospect. It reminds me of Joan Halifax's Buddhist work with prisoners who took refuge in Buddhism 25 years ago and can relate to her work and dedication.

Essentially I find myself "on the road" most of the time. This has taken me through five states thus far starting with Arizona, the state in which my ordination took place in 2012. My car is my chapel; my home is Within.

It feels to me much like Yeshua ben Joseph's (aka Jesus) ministry and travels. I doubt he stayed at the Holiday Inn Express, or made reservations at Olive Garden to feed his disciples. I don't multiply fish or loaves as there happens to be too much GMO and mercury in the supply anyway. All humor aside, I know I AM capable of miracles and see miracles unfold regularly.

John 24:13,14 "Truly I say to you as I do so shall you only greater things will you accomplish as I go to my Father"...nice "marching orders!"

Matthew 28:19 "Go forth and teach all nations. Baptize them. Immerse them in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

All of this holds so true I used it in the mission statement of my Article of Organization and constitution. It confirms for me that we are all indeed Divine.

Respectfully,  
Rev. Reni Storm





# My Path, A Course in Miracles

by Rev. Dr. Barbara Lancaster-Lyman

***"Nothing real can be threatened; nothing unreal exists.  
Herein lies the peace of God."***

Thus begins *A Course in Miracles*, a book I have been teaching 20+ years. The miracle is defined as a change in perception, which allows us to see love or the call for love in every person, situation or event in our lives.

The goal of the Course is the peace of God. The terminology is Christian with a Buddhist flow. There is a Text, a Workbook for Students with 365 lessons, and a Manual for Teachers. The word "teach" has a new meaning in that the Course states we are all teachers, relating to the way we live our lives. Do we teach love or attack? We teach what we want to learn.

An example from the Course: *When you meet anyone, remember it is a holy encounter. As you treat him, you will treat yourself. As you think of him, you will think of yourself. Never forget this, for in him you will find yourself or lose yourself.*

I facilitate group study twice a month, and each Sunday e-mail a short message to 40 people on a distribution list. Study of the Course becomes a path for many people. The work teaches not only love and forgiveness but has an imprint of psychology, denial and projection and what is called "specialness."

Here is a sample of the e-mail sent each week:

***Lay judgment down, not with regret, but with gratitude. At first glance this may seem to be a strange statement. We make judgments all the time, every day. The kind of judgment with which we are concerned is judgment to condemn.***

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*My Path, A Course In Miracles continued....*

In his book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* Stephen Covey tells the story of a man who got on a bus with his children who were unruly, loud and disrespectful. The man did nothing to correct the children and finally someone suggested that he do something. He sadly said that their mother had just died and they didn't know what to do, and neither did he. Immediately the tone changed, and people expressed their sympathy, trying to help them in a kind, and loving way.

The point of the story is obvious: judgments are made, based on perceptions, many times erroneously. We just don't know the whole story, yet react as though we do. What does the Course say about judgment to condemn? The teacher of God lays down judgment with gratitude, recognizing its cost. *All of the ugliness he sees about him is its outcome. All of the pain he looks upon is its result.* As we lay down the heavy burden of judgment, leaving it to God, our sense of peace is returned, and we love our brother, recognizing his call for love.

As stated, the Course and its loving teachings are my path. Do I always succeed? No indeed. But the goal is worth the journey. The peace of God is no small thing.

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Past President of UB and currently a  
member of the Board of Directors*



## UB Minister Directory

Universal Brotherhood Movement, Inc., has a wonderful “tool” for all UB ministers located right on our website: click [here](#) to see the **Minister Directory**.

Here you'll find ministers who have requested a listing in this public directory, and you can request inclusion on this list too.

If you would like to be added, please know:

1. You must be an active member
2. You must include a link to your website
3. You must have a privacy form on file with UB
4. We will not list phone numbers or email addresses in the directory

If you're interested, please complete our [contact form](#) with a request to be included in the directory, and include your website address.

We won't publish personal information — like your phone number or email address — so your website will serve as a way for people who find you on this directory to contact you!

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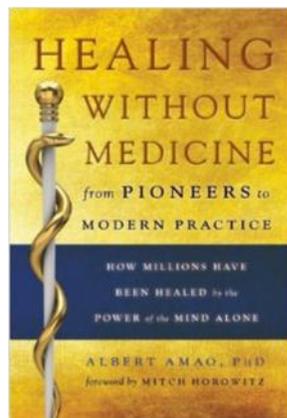
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**Autumn issue deadline is September 1**  
**Winter issue deadline is November 1**

**BOOK NOOK.....** Follow up: In the UB GoodNews Spring 2014 newsletter you saw an invitation from Rev. Albert Amao to watch his interview, "Healing Without Medicine" on The Donna Seebow Show (\$20 membership required). Rev. Paula T. Webb is Director of the Animal Ministry Institute and author of many Life Fulfillment Products.



### Press Release

by Jessica Salasek,  
Quest Books Publicist

"As a man thinketh, so is he" — thus is the biblical King Solomon often quoted by proponents of New Thought, one of the most influential native religious movements in America. In *Healing Without Medicine: From Pioneers to Modern Practice*, Rev. Albert

Amao provides an engaging and serious history of this and related movements from the eighteenth century to the present.

His historical discussion ranges from Phineas P. Quimby, the father of New Thought, and Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, to Myrtle Fillmore, cofounder of Unity Church of Christianity, William James, the father of American psychology, and leaders in the emerging field of Energy Psychology. He also provides a lively, readable explanation of self-help and self-healing ideology based on scientific evidence, including topics such as the Law of Attraction, the placebo effect, hypnosis, rational and cognitive behavioral therapies, energy healing and faith healing.

Rev. Amao's aim is to provide a rational explanation of the power of thought to heal the mind and body. All methods of mind/spiritual healing are self-healing, he says; we all have an inner capacity to heal ourselves. He examines cases of contemporary New Thought leaders who have self-healed from "incurable" diseases free of medicine, and he describes the mechanism that triggered their healing. Their experiences have benefited millions of followers worldwide.

The beauty of New Thought, says Rev. Amao, is that it empowers us to become conscious co-creators of our well-being and achieve success in other areas of life beyond recovering our health. *Healing Without Medicine* teaches us how to apply New Thought principles to do just that.

*Healing Without Medicine: From Pioneers to Modern Practice* is now in [paperback](#) and [Kindle](#) editions at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

### *The Complete Companion ~ One Woman's Spiritual Journey In Animal Ministry* by Rev. Paula T. Webb

How much is too much when it comes to respecting and loving our partners in the animal kingdom? Or is there ever too much?

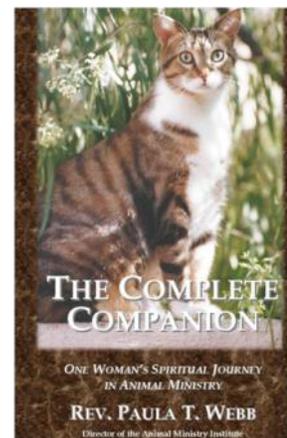
In this moving and candid book, Rev.

Webb writes of her experiences of love, loss and joy, as she delved deeper and more freely into the mindset of embracing not only her respect for all living creatures, but learning for herself that there was never too much she could do for her beloved animal companions.

Rev. Webb gives readers permission to seek out their own personal journeys and follow their own paths, and to experience the greatest joy in co-habituating with all of God's creatures.

*The Complete Companion* is available now from [Amazon](#).

Rev. Paula T. Webb is Director of the [Animal Ministry Institute](#).



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## Summer Fun Recipes



*From Rev. Peter Seller:* Greetings! Below is my recipe, a mixture between a German way of cooking hamburgers and my own creation.

### Juicy Burger with Crispy Potato Finish

- Start with a bag of "Pfanni" brand potato flakes intended for potato pancakes or potato dumplings (common in the "import" section of supermarkets).
- 1 pound of organic ground meat (turkey, buffalo, etc.)
- 1 medium onion
- 4 cloves garlic (optional)
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 T nutritional (or Brewer's) yeast, optional
- **\*\*Without the yeast, the burgers are harder to handle; try reducing the size\*\***
- 3 small eggs (preferably organic)
- 3 T cooking oil (coconut oil is best)

Chop the onion (and garlic, if using) finely. Mix with meat, spices, yeast and eggs until smooth while warming up the oil in the frying pan.

Wash the mixture off your hands and then form "burgers" in one hand while sprinkling some of the dry potato flakes onto the outside with your other hand (tip: hold the patty above the mixing bowl during this process)



Lay burger "flaky potato" side down into the bubbling cooking oil and fry away as you add the burgers to fill the pan up. After appropriate brownness has been achieved (about 5 minutes), sprinkle more potato flakes over the top and turn the burgers to brown the other side. Remove your Crispy Potato Burgers onto a serving dish and let rest for 2 minutes or so.

Why not enjoy with Rev. Robin Morini's potato salad? (on this same page)

*From Rev. Robin Morini:* a classic summer side dish + refreshing summer tea with a bonus dessert!

### Potato Salad

- 8 medium potatoes
- 1 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 celery ribs, sliced
- 1/2 cup julienned sweet red pepper
- 1/2 cup red onions, minced
- 1 1/2 tablespoons dill (or sweet) pickle relish
- 4 hard boiled eggs, halved and diced

Boil peeled potatoes in salted water until done. Cool to room temperature and dice.

Place diced potatoes in large bowl.

Mix mayonnaise, mustard, salt, garlic powder, and pepper in another bowl. Add to potatoes.

Add celery, sweet red peppers, onions, pickle relish and mix well.

Stir in eggs.

### Rosemary & Mandarin Orange Tea (and Dessert!)

- 1 cup cane sugar
- 2 1/2 cups water (more or less to taste)
- 3—15 ounce cans mandarin oranges, strained
- 2 to 3 tablespoons dried rosemary (tie in cheese cloth or coffee filter) or 6 to 7 fresh sprigs rosemary
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Add first four ingredients to a medium sized pan

Bring to a gentle boil for 5 minutes

Remove from heat, and let rosemary steep while the mixture cools.

Once cooled gently stir in vanilla.

Strain into a pitcher and serve over ice

**\*\*If enjoyed hot, a dash of cinnamon or a cinnamon stick is an excellent accompaniment\*\***



**BONUS:** once cooled, the mandarin oranges are a refreshing dessert served with fresh whipped cream!

# *The Hands of Ordination*

*by Rev. Robin Morini*



A few months ago Minister/Director Shalandra Abbey emailed me at the UB Office, sending the important information concerning an ordination she had just officiated. She also included pictures taken at the ordination. It is always a joy for me to see the beautifully bright smiling faces of newly-ordained ministers!

As I enjoyed looking through the photos, one particular photo called to me. This photo showed the hands of a newly-ordained minister holding the ceremony candle.

As I gazed upon this photograph my heart opened, and I felt a gentle reflection of the love, dedication, sacredness and beauty of ordination. With strength and mindfulness, these beautiful hands protected the flame as it burned with the intention of loving service to all life.

Even now, as I gaze upon this photograph, I reflect on the statement we are all asked to affirm during our ordination ceremony: "I HEREBY DEDICATE MY LIFE TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF MANKIND." I am filled with Joy, Love and Gratitude.

*Thoughts shared by Rev. Robin Morini, UB Administrator  
Ordination was officiated by Rev. Shalandra Abbey, Iao Valley, Maui, Hawaii*



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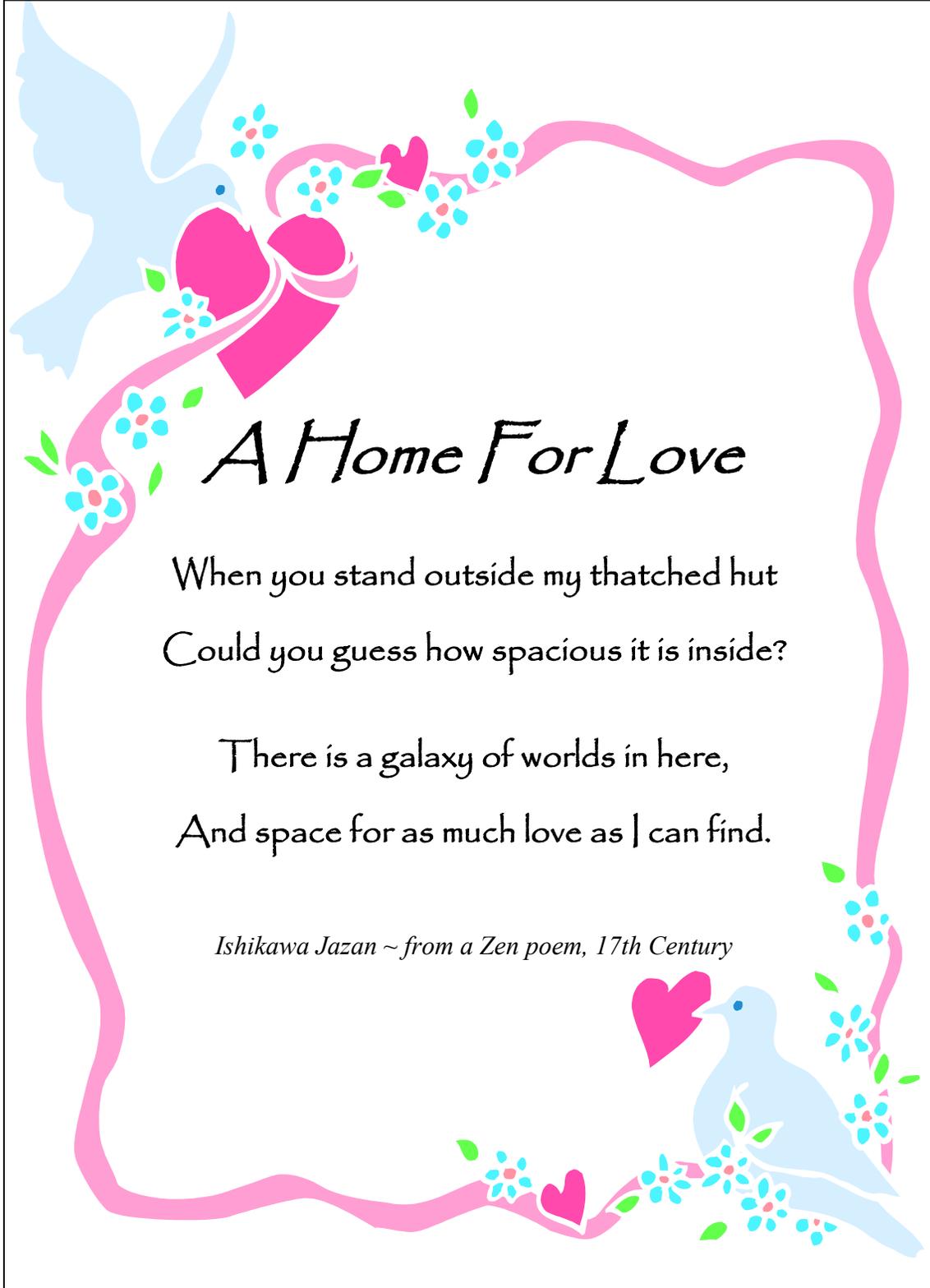
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\*This is available as a Word document so you can customize it to fit your ministry. If you would like to receive the Word document, simply email your request with CHECKLIST in the subject line to [UBPresidentRMC@yahoo.com](mailto:UBPresidentRMC@yahoo.com).





## “Comfortable & Confident”

A quick study of the websites where wedding officiants offer their services shows most have one thing in common: each says the couple can feel “comfortable and confident” in choosing that officiant.

Over and over you see phrases like “I feel comfortable and confident officiating various kinds of weddings.” And in the testimonial section of many websites, you see comments from couples like “We felt comfortable when we met with her, and we were confident because she was so responsive via email.” More than anything, the couples you serve will want to feel comfortable and confident in making the choice of working with you.

But it’s important to remember that YOU will want to feel comfortable and confident as you provide guidance to each excited and nervous couple before, during and after the wedding ceremony. If YOU are comfortable and confident, that will be communicated to the couple in your words, in your facial expressions, in your body language, in your energy, and more.

It gets easier with time and experience in conducting weddings; but always, the key to your own comfort and confidence is *preparation*. Before the wedding date you may be involved with consultations, assisting in planning and possibly creating a customized ceremony, attending rehearsal, and making sure you are familiar with the directions and requirements on the marriage license.

On the wedding day you will want to feel confident as you perform the couples’ special ceremony, sign the license and enjoy the love that is present with friends and family of the bride and groom. Once the wedding day is over you want to know that you have legally met all requirements of each state and county and the newlyweds are legally married.

Read and re-read the license instructions. Read, re-read and practice out loud the ceremony. Visualize the ceremony going perfectly and visualize the nervous and excited couple becoming happy and confident as the ceremony concludes.

One way to know you have prepared is to “check off” tasks as you complete them. On **page 27** you will find a checklist created for you to move forward with grace and confidence as you begin the journey before each wedding ceremony. Please print it and use it if you like. And if you would like to customize the list, please email [UBPresidentRMC@yahoo.com](mailto:UBPresidentRMC@yahoo.com) with CHECKLIST in the subject line, and you will receive the list in a Word document so you can make it your own.



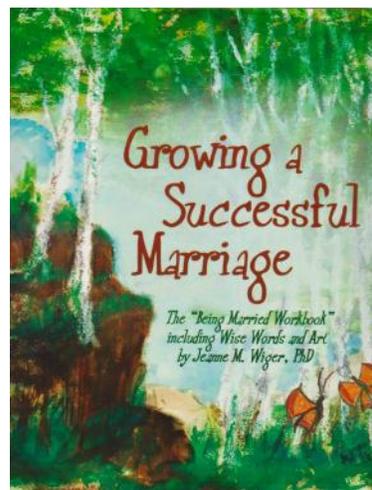


## *Growing a Successful Marriage*

Rev. Jeanne M. Wiger, PhD

For more than 30 years, couples have trusted Marriage and Family Therapist Rev. Jeanne M. Wiger, PhD, with their marriages or proposed marriages. Rev. Wiger, the author of *Growing a Successful Marriage*, explains her workbook is about alchemy; specifically, relationship alchemy. *Growing a Successful Marriage* provides tools couples can work with to “change the ‘lead’ of an ‘ordinary’ marriage into a golden relationship.”

Below is an excerpt from *Growing a Successful Marriage*:



### **What is a Contract?**

A contract is an important agreement between two parties. It provides a foundation, a starting point, for how things work and how future problems are solved.

Three contracts exist in every marriage even though they are not always recognized. The three marriage contracts are:

- The Legal or Public Contract is the contract the state and often the church sanctions, marked by a ceremony we call a wedding.
- The Social Contract deals with who will do what in the marriage. It is all about the when, where and how of daily living. Though these issues have the power to make or break a relationship, too often these patterns go unrecognized or unspoken. Individuals unconsciously follow their parents' way of doing things. When one person's original parental way differs from that of his or her marriage partner, conflict is apt to arise.
- The Script Contract is the most powerful and the least recognized of the three contracts. It is based on decisions of “Who am I?” made in very early childhood, usually before the age of three. This unconscious contract may be a primary reason that marriages of couples that have lived together before marriage fail even more often than do the marriages of those who don't.”

*Rev. Jeanne M. Wiger holds a PhD in human development, a masters degree in studio art and art education and an undergraduate degree in comparative religion. She was in private practice as a Marriage and Family Therapist for more than 30 years. Today she is a therapist, teacher, storyteller, writer, artist and life coach. **To purchase Growing a Successful Marriage for yourself or as a gift for a couple, contact Rev. Wiger through her website, [www.jeannewiger.com](http://www.jeannewiger.com)***

# *Weddings! Weddings! Weddings!*

## *My Journey in the Wedding/Sacred Ceremony Ministry*



*by Rev. Donna Jernigan*



When I began my journey to the ministry, my conscious intention was not to become a minister. I studied in a metaphysical Christian seminary because I wanted simply to study. I was not ordained by the church where I studied.

About a year later, after having been aware of Universal Brotherhood Movement, Inc. for several years, I knew that it was time for ordination. I still did not know why, I just *knew* that it was time.

I was ordained in 1997 by the Rev. Drs. Jeni and Rick Prigmore. Less than two weeks later I received a call from an acquaintance. She asked, "Aren't you a minister or something?" When I answered "Yes," she asked me to officiate her upcoming wedding.

Some of us hear our "calling" from the sky or bushes or birds; my "callings" have come from other humans. And when I have had the courage to say YES, the Universe has supported me with the energy and enthusiasm to go forward. When I have asked Holy Spirit to flow through me and use me as a channel of love and light, it *a/ways* magically happens.

I have been writing and delivering sacred ceremonies ever since; in particular, many, many, many weddings. Three years ago I was honored to become the head of All-Faith Weddings when Rev. Dr. Rick Prigmore retired to his new home in Mt. Dora, Florida. I



have been invited to preside over many memorials and funerals; baby blessings, namings and christenings; and house blessings as well. It's interesting where life leads us when we have the courage to say "YES!"

Our website is [www.All-FaithWeddings.com](http://www.All-FaithWeddings.com). On our site we tell couples [what to expect](#) when working with us, but I also send specific information to couples who inquire about our services. On the next page you will find the greeting and information I send to all of the couples I work with in my wedding ministry.



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*Weddings! Weddings! Weddings! Continued....*



*Congratulations on your engagement!!!!...  ....and I will be delighted to work with you, and your Fiance`. I am available to officiate your wedding on\_\_\_\_\_ Thank you for your inquiry for a Wedding Officiant from All-Faith Weddings.*

*I am an Interfaith Minister.....because I believe that the spoken word is very powerful, I like to give the couples that I work with a choice of Ceremony content. I will be pleased for you to read 2 or 3 of the Ceremonies that I have written and performed and choose which best suits the feeling of who you are as a couple. I always invite the couples that I consult with to “mix and match” ceremonies or to add poetry, writings, readings and/or music that may be meaningful to you.....and uniquely, YOU.*

*I welcome Family participation in your ceremony. When there are children in the picture...I love to bless them, as well, as part of the ceremony. Choices of Ceremony range from Traditional to Secular. I always welcome traditional material/customs from all religions...where it is appropriate.... to be integrated and included in your ceremony.*

*I usually meet with the couples that I work with, one time in the beginning of the process. I believe that it is important that you have the right person to officiate and celebrate your Wedding Day with you. The remainder of communication can be accomplished either via e-mail or telephone. ....or in person.....Your choice.*

*It is customary for me to meet with you in my home...that way we have a quiet place to get to know each other , and for you to read over a couple of ceremonies.*

*My fee for writing a custom ceremony, officiating, and taking care of your legal paperwork is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or possibly a bit more for adding personal specialties). If you choose for me to be at your rehearsal...I charge an extra \$\_\_\_\_ for booking that day....it is your choice whether or not you need me on that day. When you decide that you wish for me to be your Officiant, I request a deposit of \$100 to confirm our commitment to each other.*

*Please be kind enough to let me know that you have received this e-mail.*

*Many Blessings.... *

*Rev. Donna Jernigan*

*I can be contacted at our website, [www.All-FaithWeddings.com](http://www.All-FaithWeddings.com).*

*Rev. Donna Jernigan has been ordained with UB since 1997. She is a member of the Board of Directors and currently serves as Interim Secretary of the Board. She resides in Georgia.*



## The Song of Rita and Ronnie

by Rev. Kate Busby



On the night of December 12, 2012, at the hour of eternity, the lights dimmed in the ballroom and the guests stood silent in a Divine breath of quiet expectation, ready to walk the road of love with Rita and Ronnie.

Rita and Ronnie's journey started when they were teenagers. They grew up together and built a heart bond that guided them to the place where they stood that night. They had dated as adults; then life took them in different directions, with each marrying another person, and they lost touch for 30 years.

Rita, an accomplished ballroom dancer, has always had music and dance as a part of her life. She was especially attuned to the Barry Manilow hit *Somewhere Down the Road*.

Rita always felt the song mirrored their lives, and that it was playing in the background of her life. On May 17, 2012, the phone rang and it was Ronnie. He had been visiting his mother in the hospital when he mentioned he would like to know where Rita was, because, he said, "I sure wish I could talk to her." His mother said she had Rita's number in her phone. Ronnie called Rita that day and about five minutes into the conversation he asked, "Do you still love me?" Rita said yes, and Ronnie said "I am coming to get you." The days that followed the phone conversation were a blur of activity, and from that moment forward Ronnie and Rita were on the road to this perfect moment of union.

The Divine Universe had already written their ceremony in the words of the song *Somewhere Down the Road*. Rita asked if I could officiate and said she wanted the ceremony to be based on a song she felt was a part of her life. I agreed and found the music and words for the song. I was not sure at first how to start the ceremony, but as I listened to the music and words each step was revealed in Divine order. As I sat at my computer with the words of the song on the screen each phrase and the chorus found its way to the perfect right spot. I was hearing what Rita would say, what Ronnie would say, what I would say and what the chorus — the guests — would say.

Rita, Ronnie, and I met to compose the ceremony, and each time we met I could hear the Angels singing the song and see how each step brought us *Somewhere Down The Road*. We approached the wedding date with much joy, laughter, and love.

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*The Song of Rita and Ronnie continued.....*



So here we stood in the ballroom with friends and family joined in the energy of love. I opened the ceremony by asking that the Divine Energy of God be present and participate in every word and heartbeat of our gathering. As I finished the opening prayer, I could see love bloom from each heart of the guests. I then continued the ceremony with Rita's words about how she and Ronnie had been childhood friends, had fallen in love as adults, and how time and "the road" had brought them to this moment so they might walk their roads together. I asked the guests to be a part of the ceremony by saying the chorus: *"but somewhere down the road your roads are gonna cross again, it doesn't really matter when"* as Rita and Ronnie spoke their parts of the song.

I nodded, the processional started, the wedding party came forward, and we took our places in the circle of The Sacrament. I asked Rita and Ronnie to consider the Christian missive about love from First Corinthians 13:4-8:

- (4) Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
- (5) It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
- (6) Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with truth.
- (7) It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
- (8) Love never fails.

I asked Ronnie and Rita to join hands and let their hearts speak their love. The words of the song came to life as they spoke the lyrics and the guests spoke the chorus. Suddenly we were at the end of the song and a kiss was exchanged, and then a new road appeared for Ronnie and Rita.

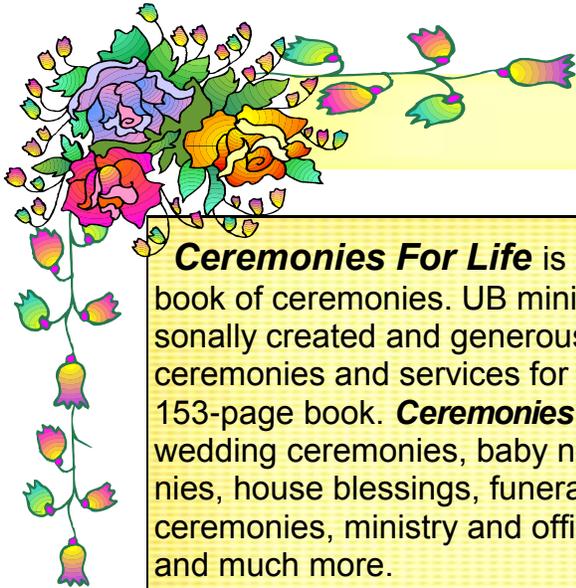
It was such a joy to be the Minister for their wedding and to see how each verse revealed the roads they had traveled; to see how love lives even when hope is gone, and to see how love never fails. Rita and Ronnie found each other after almost a lifetime of searching. A miracle is always just a step away.

See you "Somewhere Down The Road."

Love and Blessings to you,  
Amen,  
Rev. Kate

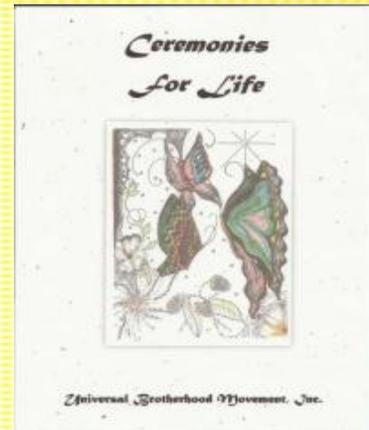


## RESOURCES



***Ceremonies For Life*** is our beautiful UB book of ceremonies. UB ministers have personally created and generously shared their ceremonies and services for our spiral-bound 153-page book. ***Ceremonies For Life*** includes wedding ceremonies, baby naming ceremonies, house blessings, funerals, commitment ceremonies, ministry and officiant guidelines, and much more.

Order ***Ceremonies For Life*** via [www.universalbrotherhood.org](http://www.universalbrotherhood.org), or call the office: 954-574-9904.



### **Diane Warner's Complete Book of Wedding Vows ~ Hundreds of Ways To Say "I Do"**

Included in this book are traditional vows, nontraditional vows, vows for second marriages, vows that include children, reaffirmation vows, vows with religious variations. ***Complete Book of Wedding Vows*** offers step-by-step advice on creating and composing vows that express love and commitment.

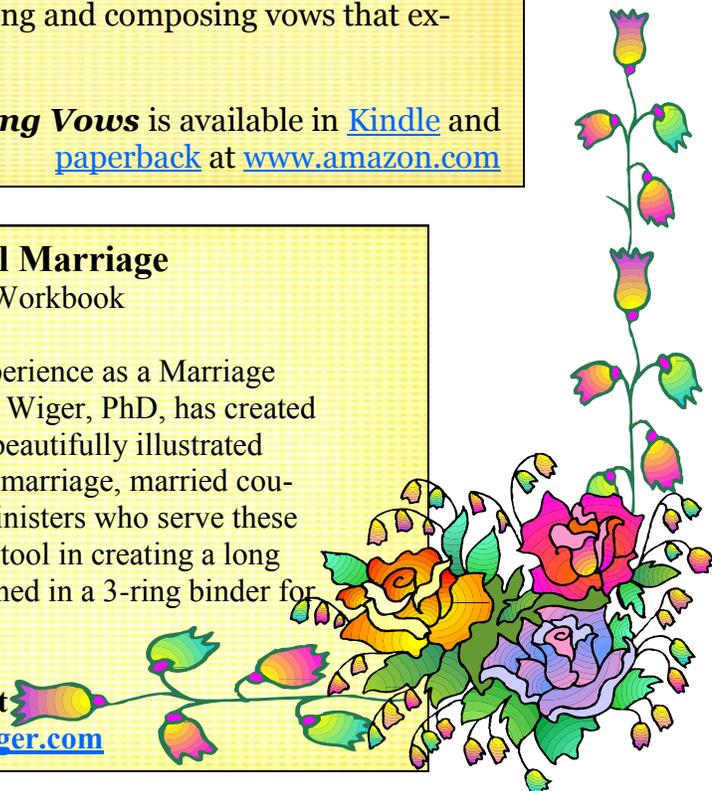
The ***Complete Book of Wedding Vows*** is available in [Kindle](#) and [paperback](#) at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

### **Growing A Successful Marriage**

The "Being Married" Workbook

Drawing on more than 30 years of experience as a Marriage and Family Therapist, Rev. Jeanne M. Wiger, PhD, has created a practical, informative, intimate and beautifully illustrated workbook for couples moving toward marriage, married couples and for wedding officiants and ministers who serve these couples. This workbook is a powerful tool in creating a long and happy marriage. 135 pages published in a 3-ring binder for the convenience of a workbook.

For more information please contact  
Rev. Jeanne Wiger: [www.jeannewiger.com](http://www.jeannewiger.com)





## Specific State Marriage Laws

See [www.usmarriagelaws.com](http://www.usmarriagelaws.com) for information on marriage license laws in the United States. Here you will find valuable information for ministers who are seeking the location and phone numbers of the county clerk or court clerk, along with information regarding whether or not you are required to register with one of these officials. You will also find requirements for solemnizing a marriage in another state. Listed are also the duties of the officiating minister, the required number of witness signatures, and the required time frame for the marriage certificate/license to be sent back to the appropriate state agency that records marriage certificates.

**AFTER CHECKING THIS WEBSITE, ALWAYS CHECK DIRECTLY WITH THE COUNTY OR COURT OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOU HAVE THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.**

## Freedom to Marry for Same Sex Couples States

California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and Washington DC

This information, current as of July 1, 2014, is changing rapidly and updated constantly. Check for current information at this site:

[www.freedomtomarry.org/states/](http://www.freedomtomarry.org/states/) and at this site: [www.governing.com/gov-data/same-sex-marriage-civil-unions-doma-laws-by-state.html](http://www.governing.com/gov-data/same-sex-marriage-civil-unions-doma-laws-by-state.html)

## Universal Brotherhood Movement, Inc.

For questions, minister's verification letters, and any other paperwork required, please contact Administrator Robin Morini in the UB office:

954-574-9904

[robin.ubm@gmail.com](mailto:robin.ubm@gmail.com)

PO Box 670278, Coral Springs, FL 33067

## Resources & Ideas

*by Rev. Robin Morini*

Many times I have enjoyed conversation with a minister who has just officiated a wedding ceremony. My heart is always touched as these ministers share their experiences with me.



Below I've included a few of these shared ideas from the ministers who have gifted the newly married couple with a keepsake.

One creative and fun way to gift a keepsake for the couple is to create a wedding certificate. This created wedding certificate is not a valid marriage license, but it will be a memento the couple can cherish for years to come.

If time is available, you could create a wedding certificate with clip art and your computer, or even scan in your own art creations. Below are resources for free printable wedding certificate graphics and templates.

Other keepsakes UB ministers have created include small soul portraits of the couple, a handmade booklet of poetry, a handmade book of the couple's wedding ceremony or specific parts of their ceremony, the wedding vows written in calligraphy and framed, and a candle carved with special symbols that relate to the couples.

These are only three of the many resource websites available:

[www.trulytruly.net/keepsake-marriage-certificates.html](http://www.trulytruly.net/keepsake-marriage-certificates.html)

[weddings.lovetoknow.com/wiki/  
Printable\\_Wedding\\_Certificates\\_for\\_Fun](http://weddings.lovetoknow.com/wiki/Printable_Wedding_Certificates_for_Fun)

[www.freeprintablecertificates.net/category/marriage](http://www.freeprintablecertificates.net/category/marriage)



# UB Wedding Officiant Checklist

## Authorization to Perform Weddings

- Contact UB Administrator Robin Morini to be sure your membership shows "current" on the UB books. Call 954-574-9904 or email [robin.ubm@gmail.com](mailto:robin.ubm@gmail.com) (please be sure to put your name and OFFICIANT CREDENTIALS in the subject line)
- Do you have a current Universal Brotherhood Movement, Inc. ID card?
- Do you need a verification letter from UB for the state?
- Do you need to complete an application with the state / county / city in order to perform weddings? (check with all three)

## Wedding License

- Contact the county official who oversees wedding regulations and go over the process for properly completing and returning the license. ASK all the details: time frame to return the license; whether or not a return envelope is provided; if witnesses are necessary, and if so, how many; etc.
- If no envelope is provided to mail the license, prepare your own envelope with the correct address
- Do you have: a pen to sign the license? Stamps to mail the license on the way home? A folder to hold the paperwork and instructions?
- BEFORE THE WEDDING: When the couple receive their license it will be accompanied by a list of instructions and directions for the officiant. Go over this list several times to be sure all three of you are clear about what is required
- AT THE WEDDING: Immediately upon arrival, locate whomever has the paperwork and place it in your folder
- AT THE WEDDING: As soon as you have the paperwork, find out who is designated to sign the license and tell them you will need them for five minutes immediately following the ceremony
- FOLLOWING THE WEDDING: drop the license in the mail on your way home

## Ceremony / Local Custom

- Do you have a ceremony book to help you guide the couple?
- Have you investigated typical wedding services offered and prices charged in your area?
- Have you considered including a reminder to silence cell phones before the ceremony?
- Check with the couple to be sure you are pronouncing names correctly

## Personal Preparation

- If you have seasonal allergies, bringing your allergy medicine might be a good idea
- A notepad and pen (sounds simple, but so easy to forget!)
- Stamps to mail the license
- Reading glasses, if you need them
- Emergency preparation: a couple of Band-Aids, a small sewing kit, a safety pin or two, floss, breath mints, a protein bar and a bottle of water

## Let's Stay In Touch!

Staying in touch with our worldwide membership means we work every day at updating the contact information for all UB ministers.

It's important that we have your current contact information, **especially your email address**. All but one of our UB GoodNews newsletters are sent via email, so a current email address ensures you can receive our newsletter and stay better informed.

**Please print this page, complete it, and mail to:**

UB Administrator Robin Morini  
 Universal Brotherhood Movement, Inc.  
 PO Box 670278  
 Coral Springs, FL 33067

**Or scan the completed form and email it to**

UB Administrator Robin Morini via [robin.ubm@gmail.com](mailto:robin.ubm@gmail.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone Numbers:*

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Website(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Anything else you would like to share? \_\_\_\_\_