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VISION FOR MINISTRIES

A healthy, vibrant ministry is the one place where individuals and groups can experience God in a way that their lives will be transformed as they awaken to their inner Truth; get inspired and encouraged to be the best human beings they can on any path or stage they find themselves in. Joyful Consciousness, purpose driven stewardship, appreciation, education and empowerment create a healthy vibrant ministry.

MINISTERIAL SKILLS

Leadership

Professional Administrator for 26 years, a Unity leader for 29 years serving in different capacities, and a Unity Minister since 1996. Strongly believes in, and practice education and empowerment as a leadership style. Leads and lives by appreciation and peaceful standards. As a staff member with the Association of Unity Churches, assisted and trained Unity leaders pioneering Unity groups and ministries in USA and worldwide. Prepared policy, concepts and trained Unity leaders to establish Unity Schools and Associations of Unity leaders in Australia, Africa, Canada, England, Jamaica, Guyana, 7 Latin American countries, and other Regions. Developed and helped established the International Ministerial Program for Unity leaders outside USA. As a Unity Minister, has co pioneered a church, produced radio programs, directed family ministries, conducted fund raising programs, social action events, and has successfully lead a church as their Senior Minister. As an engaged Spiritual Leader has authored and administered several educational programs based on peacemaking skills for personal self-improvement, appreciative leadership culture, effective communication and conscious living.

Communication

Prepared and delivered devotional, inspirational, and motivational talks; spiritual ceremonies, special services, classes, customized workshops, and spiritual retreats for Unity churches, Boards, nationally and internationally. Prepared and participated in the "I bring Peace to my community Program". This was a 3 month program that trained individuals in affirmative prayer, group visualization and walking meditation as an affirmative action to bring Peace of mind when dealing with violence in their community. The major's office was directly involved as well as congregants and local citizens.

Computer Networking

Involved in the creation of church website that also facilitated online study groups. Managed the church Facebook account. Designed and created promotional ads for events and services. Well experienced with Word documents, Power Point presentations, Excel.

Pastoral / Counseling

Encourage and support a strong pastoral care team. Conducted spiritual counseling to children, youth and adults as a regular ministerial practice. Promoted and created different venues to experience God's healing presence such as: prayer circles, silence meditations, and short classes for those needing specifics steps to enhance their practice of personal prayer.

UNITY INVOLVEMENT

Senior Minister. Associate Minister. Puerto Rico Unity School Associate Director. International Ministerial Program Tutor and Mentor. Sunday Speaker. Sunday School Teacher. Family Ministry Director. Workshop and Retreat Facilitator. Church Administrator. SEE Program Teacher. Spiritual Coach. Participated as a member of the Education Ministry Team, Worldwide Ministry Team, and Expansion Ministry Team with the Association of Unity Churches.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Minister	Unity Educando para la Paz in Puerto Rico	2012-2014
Associate Minister	Educando para la Paz in Puerto Rico	2008-2012
Director/Vice President	Unity Worldwide Services Dept. in Missouri	2000-2008
Co Founder Minister	Unity Educando para la Paz in Puerto Rico	1998-2000
Director/Teacher YFM	Unity Practical Chistianity in Puerto Rico	1986-1997
Staff Management (various)	Puerto Rico Telephone Co. in Puerto Rico	1976-2000
Call Center Operator	Puerto Rico Telephone Co. in Puerto Rico	1974-1976

EDUCATION - CERTIFICATIONS

2007	Certified Emissary of Peace, Beyond Horizons, Puerto Rico
2006	Appreciate Inquiry Program, Association of Unity Churches
2002	Peacemaker Certification Program, Association of Unity Churches
2002	Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Mediation Skills Institute
1999	Certified Yoga Professor, International Teachers Association Australia
1996	Unity Ministerial Program, Unity School Puerto Rico
1995	BA Business Administration-Magna Cum Laude Inter American University, PR
1993	Master Prosperity Teacher Training, Edwene Gaines
1992	Licensed Unity Teacher Program, Unity School Puerto Rico
1984	Large Team Force Management
1981	Stress & Difficult Behavior Management
1980	Rockwell System Administration Training, Chicago USA
1978	Principles of Administration, PRTC Puerto Rico
1976	PRTC Supervisor Training , PRTC Puerto Rico

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT		
1991-Present	Founded "Beyond Horizons", a non-profit organization that offers a variety of self-growth programs through seminars, retreats, study groups, conferences and classes.	
2007- 2013	Customized and facilitated Peacemaking Skills workshops for 2 Universities in Puerto Rico for students and professors. Identified and trained facilitators who continue administering the workshops.	
2014	Prepared and conducted seminars on anger management for a non-profit organization in New York City.	