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**TruthUnity Ministries Application to UWM for Alternative Ministry status**10 messages

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**Mark Hicks** <mark@truthunity.net>

Tue, Dec 19, 2017 at 11:53 AM

To: Carrie@unity.org

Cc: Donna Johnson &lt;djohnson@unity.org&gt;, Donna Loflin [REDACTED], Linda Holmes

&lt;lhol[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].com&gt;

Hi Carrie -

One of our goals at TruthUnity for 2018 is to become a member ministry of United Worldwide Ministries. I'm happy that this application is the first thing I've got done for the next year!

Please let me know if anything is missing or incomplete.

Many blessings,

Mark

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**Carrie Kenyon** <ckenyon@unity.org>

Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 4:54 PM

To: Mark Hicks &lt;mark@truthunity.net&gt;

Hi Mark,

I was out of the office for six weeks so didn't receive this until my return. I am still catching up on emails and wanted to let you know that I have received this. After reviewing it, I will get back to you. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime.

Brightest blessings,

Carrie

**From:** [mhicks@bizmark.com](mailto:mhicks@bizmark.com) [mailto:[mhicks@bizmark.com](mailto:mhicks@bizmark.com)] **On Behalf Of** Mark Hicks

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017 11:54 AM

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**Carrie Kenyon** <ckenyon@unity.org>  
To: Mark Hicks <mark@truthunity.net>

Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 3:16 PM

I do have a couple of questions and there is one thing missing. Let me know a couple of good times for a telephone call next week so we can connect.

I look forward to working with you on this.

Blessings,

Carrie

**From:** mhicks@bizmark.com [mailto:mhicks@bizmark.com] **On Behalf Of** Mark Hicks  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017 11:54 AM  
**To:** Carrie Kenyon <ckenyon@unity.org>  
**Cc:** Donna Johnson <djohnson@unity.org>; Donna Loflin <[Redacted]ail.com>; Linda Holmes <lholmes@alstin.rr.com>  
**Subject:** TruthUnity Ministries Application to UWM for Alternative Ministry status

Hi Carrie -

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**Mark Hicks** <mark@truthunity.net>  
To: Carrie Kenyon <ckenyon@unity.org>

Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 4:50 PM

The best time for me is Monday after 3pm central. Tuesday, Wed and Thursday is free but I need to be out one or two of those days and I don't know which ones they will be.

**Mark**

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**Carrie Kenyon** <ckenyon@unity.org>  
To: Mark Hicks <mark@truthunity.net>

Thu, Feb 22, 2018 at 4:25 PM

Hi Mark,

I apologize for not getting back to you but other Nature sent us an ice storm. Let's try again for next week. At this point, Monday and Thursday AM works the best for me. What would work for you?

Thanks,

Carrie

**From:** mhicks@bizmark.com [mailto:mhicks@bizmark.com] **On Behalf Of** Mark Hicks  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:50 PM  
**To:** Carrie Kenyon <ckenyon@unity.org>  
**Subject:** Re: TruthUnity Ministries Application to UWM for Alternative Ministry status

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**Mark Hicks** <mark@truthunity.net>  
To: Carrie Kenyon <ckenyon@unity.org>

Thu, Feb 22, 2018 at 6:25 PM

Monday is wide open. Tuesday is open after noon.

**Mark**

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**Carrie Kenyon** <ckenyon@unity.org>  
To: Mark Hicks <mark@truthunity.net>

Tue, Feb 27, 2018 at 8:40 AM

Does 2:30 today CST work for you?

Thanks,

Carrie

**From:** mhicks@bizmark.com [mailto:mhicks@bizmark.com] **On Behalf Of** Mark Hicks

**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2018 6:25 PM

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**Bizmark Mail** <mhicks@bizmark.com>  
To: Carrie Kenyon <ckenyon@unity.org>

Tue, Feb 27, 2018 at 2:27 PM

Yes! Call me 512-923-1031

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**Mark Hicks** <mark@truthunity.net>  
To: Carrie Kenyon <ckenyon@unity.org>, Bruce Verkruyse <bverkruyse@unity.org>

Fri, Mar 2, 2018 at 10:23 AM

Hi Carrie and Bruce -

This is a follow-up to my conversation with both of you on day before yesterday (Feb 28, 2018). As I understand it, two issues have emerged from the application of TruthUnity to UWM for membership: (1) Code of Ethics for the ministry (not me personally) and (2) the dissolution clause in the bylaws.

Carrie, would you email me a Code of Ethics for a ministry? We're happy to provide one.

Bruce, here is my proposal for the change in Bylaws. I believe that paragraph 8.1 is the same as the current recommended bylaws. Let me know if this will work.

Present:

#### **Article 8**

##### *Dissolution*

Should the ministry dissolve, all property and funds remaining after the payment of debts of the ministry shall be delivered to Unity World Headquarters, a non-profit corporation for religious and educational purposes. Such funds or property shall be for the use and the benefit of Unity World Headquarters, as may be determined by the Board of Trustees of Unity World Headquarters.

Proposed:

#### **Article 8**

##### *Dissolution and Archival Assets*

8.1 In the event that this corporation is dissolved, all property and funds remaining after the payment of the debts of the corporation will be delivered to the UWM, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Georgia, for religious and educational purposes. Such funds or property will be for the use and benefit of the UWM as may be determined by the Board of Trustees of the UWM, in alignment with current policies and procedures. The UWM will make available according to its current policies and procedures, funds for the reestablishment of a Unity ministry in Austin, Texas. Should the UWM no longer exist, any assets remaining of this corporation after dissolution will be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the County in which the principal executive offices of the corporation are then located and shall be used exclusively for such purposes or distributed to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for purposes set out in Section 5.01(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954

8.2 Prior to dissolution of the ministry, any assets of historical interest, such as books, photographs and digital media files in possession of the Organization shall be donated with nonexclusive, unrestricted rights of use to the Archives Collections of Unity World Headquarters for use as may be determined by the Board of Trustees of Unity World Headquarters.

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**Mark Hicks** <[mark@truthunity.net](mailto:mark@truthunity.net)> Fri, Apr 20, 2018 at 1:46 PM  
To: Bruce Verkruyse <[bverkruyse@unity.org](mailto:bverkruyse@unity.org)>, Richard Bunch <[REDACTED]>, Donna Loflin  
<[REDACTED]>, Donna Johnson <[djohnson@unity.org](mailto:djohnson@unity.org)>

Hi Bruce -

Seven weeks ago we had a phone conversation regarding our application to UWM for membership. The conversation focused entirely on Article 8 of our bylaws and why we designated the Archives of UWH as the recipient of our assets in case that we cease the ministry. As I said in our conversation, we are sometimes asked by donors about our relationship with the Archives of Unity World Headquarters. We are proud to say that all of our digital assets are shared with them and that we have in our bylaws that all assets will go to them in case we stop the ministry. That helps us raise funds and it solidifies our partnership with UWH.

But, as a condition of membership in UWM you indicated that Article 8 would have to be amended to comply with UWM's bylaws template. In our conversation I agreed to include the language of the UWM template in our Bylaws even though we have a strong interest in the the language of our current bylaws. On March 2nd I sent you an the above email confirming that concession.

It has now been 7 weeks and I haven't got a response from you. I am writing to ask for a reply so that we can move forward.

My hope is that UWM will allow the application to move forward, for several reasons. First and foremost, as I confirmed with Carrie, TruthUnity is a ministry that strengthens the mission and message of the Unity movement by raising awareness of our teachings and history. But raising awareness does not necessarily drive transformation, nor does it foster engagement in congregational ministries. So, second, our intention is to collaborate with congregational ministries of UWM in a way that directs TruthUnity visitors to local Unity ministries. Third, as Donna Johnson has said in recent meetings, we are in a new era where flexibility and collaboration are essential. In that spirit, I intend to collaborate with UWM and Unity ministries, regardless of whether UWM accepts TruthUnity as a member. But it will be easier for everyone if we could be included as a UWM member.

So, again, I ask for your consideration and reply.

Thanks so much,

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Bizmark.com Mail - TruthUnity Ministries Application to UWM for Alternative Ministry status

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From: **Mark Hicks** <mark@truthunity.net>

Date: Fri, Mar 2, 2018 at 10:23 AM

Subject: Re: TruthUnity Ministries Application to UWM for Alternative Ministry status

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**alternative ministry**

2 messages

**Carrie Kenyon** <ckenyon@unity.org>

Tue, Jul 17, 2018 at 1:25 PM

To: Mark Hicks &lt;mark@truthunity.net&gt;, "mhicks@bizmark.com" &lt;mhicks@bizmark.com&gt;

Cc: Bruce Verkruyse &lt;bverkruyse@unity.org&gt;, Cynthia Vermillion-Foster &lt;Cynthia@unity.org&gt;

Hi Mark,

As I was going through my files on evolving alternative and expansion ministries from before the convention. I came across a couple of emails from you and asked Bruce about the status. He had not received the one in which you shared your new proposal for the board minutes. I should have checked with him sooner and I apologize for that. He is good with the changes that you made so if you could send me your new by-laws as well as the signed ministry code of ethics that we spoke about, we can get this rolling.

Let me know if you have any questions and again, I apologize for not checking more quickly to see about the hold up.

Brightest blessings,

Carrie

**Rev. Carrie Kenyon****Member Services Coordinator****Unity Worldwide Ministries****816.434.6846****Our old fax number is no longer viable. Please note our new fax number: 816.817.8355.**

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Fri, Jul 27, 2018 at 3:52 PM

To: Carrie Kenyon <ckenyon@unity.org>

Cc: Mark Hicks <mark@truthunity.net>, Bruce Verkruyse <bverkruyse@unity.org>, Cynthia Vermillion-Foster <Cynthia@unity.org>

Hi Carrie and team -

**At this point, I would be grateful if you would submit my original application to the board with the bylaws as is.**

What is different now is the announcement at the People's conference regarding the anticipated joining of UWM and UWH. Given the announcement, there should be no objection by UWM if our dissolution clause leaves all assets to Unity World Headquarters. As I have said before, we feel that there is a good reason for our bylaws being written as they are given the collaboration that TruthUnity is having with UWH.

Thanks,

Mark

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**Carrie Kenyon** <ckenyon@unity.org>  
To: Mark Hicks <mark@truthunity.net>  
Cc: Diane Pletcher <dpletcher@unity.org>

Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 6:24 PM

Hi Mark,

I was talking with Donna and she shared with me some of the work you are doing. She was interested in sharing your application for an Alternative with the board to start a conversation. I have looked through my emails from you and do not have your application any more. I was wondering 1) if you still have it on your computer and 2) if you would be interested in having our board look at it. Please let me know and if you are interested, please resend me the application. There may be a few things to update but I will know more after looking at it.

Brightest blessings,

Carrie

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**Mark Hicks** <mark@truthunity.net>  
To: Carrie Kenyon <ckenyon@unity.org>  
Cc: Diane Pletcher <dpletcher@unity.org>

Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 3:48 PM

Hi Carrie -

[Here is a link to an updated application](#). This is identical to the original one sent in December 2017, with three changes: I've replaced the Code of Ethics with the new one that was developed in 2018, I have changed the address of TruthUnity from Texas to Maryland and my residential address and I have updated the date and some of the statistics regarding finances and the number of people who come to the TruthUnity website. Other than that, it is the same one as submitted in December 2017.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Carrie Kenyon** <ckenyon@unity.org>  
To: Mark Hicks <mark@truthunity.net>

Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 5:47 PM

Thank you Mark,

I will put it through and we will see what the board thinks. Thank you for your willingness to try again.

Brightest blessings,

Carrie

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