

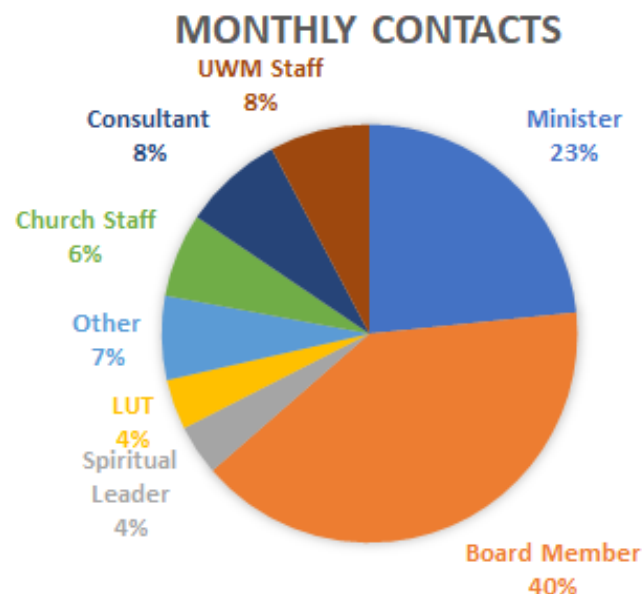
2022 Great Lakes Unity Regional Rep Report

By Rev. Greg Coles

Monthly Contacts

Average Monthly Contacts = 137 *
(Up 75 % from last year)

Who I work with - see pie chart



Call Types

Conflict resolution/mediation

Bylaws and best practices

Board & Minister roles/relationship

Training and Leadership Development

Facilitating change and transition (i.e. minister leaving, selling a church building, etc)

Resources for Classes, Book Studies, Programs, Ceremonies

Confidential space to vent or process thoughts & feelings

Coaching & consulting

Prayer & spiritual counsel

Ministry Resources

I continue to share a variety of internal and external resources for leaders and ministries on our Facebook page. Many of these can also be found on our GLR website, including:

- Grants and programs from UWM
- Scholarships available from UWM Great Lakes Region
- *Unpacking Racism*; A library of recommended books, videos and programs
- FREE Sub-regional Board Training
- Topical articles to navigate ministry in these changing times, including from *Faith and Leadership*, Thom Rainer, Margaret Marcuson and The Alban Institute.

Served as a keynote presenter and workshop facilitator at UWM Convention in June:

- *Triangulation: Moving from Drama to Empowerment*
- *Church of the Future* – co-presented with Martha Creek

* This number does not include Resource Connection contacts or training prerequisite surveys

RESOURCE CONNECTION

for Spiritual Leaders
Ministers & Coordinators

Resource Connections is a monthly 1 hour gathering I host on zoom. Its purpose is to allow ministry leaders (credentialed and non-credentialed) to connect and share resources with one another. During this exciting time of shifting paradigms for ministry, it is important to ground ourselves in authentic partnership with God and one another.

To get on our monthly call list, contact me at GLRministryconsultant@gmail.com

Sub-Regional Board Training

- Available to 3 Sub-Regions per year as a FREE resource from the Great Lakes Region
- Last Fall – 6 ministries
 - **Grand Rapids Subregion**, Oct 9, hosted by Unity for Spiritual Growth, Ada MI
 - **Minneapolis Subregion**, Oct 30, hosted by Unity of the Valley, Savage MN
- 2022 – 13 Ministries
 - **Saint Louis Subregion**, April 30, hosted by Unity Church of Light, St Charles MO
 - **Chicago Subregion**, June 11, hosted by Unity of Naperville IL
 - **Iowa Subregion**, Oct 15, hosted by Unity of Cedar Rapids IA
- **Now is the time to schedule free training for your subregion.** Let me know if you are interested in serving as a host for 2023

Standards Committee

- Developed and recommended new UWM policies approved by the UWM Board:
 - Ethics Review System (ERS) Policy
 - Minister of Record Policy

2nd Level Consulting & Workshops:

Essentials for Thriving Ministries: Module 1 (Board & Leadership Workshop)



- Unity of Ann Arbor MI
- Unity of Royal Oak MI
- Unity of Northwest Indiana IN
- Unity of Indianapolis IN
- Unity of Anderson IN
- Unity of Dayton OH
- Unity of Columbus OH
- New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati OH



Sacred Listening Circle

- Unity of Ada MI
- Unity of Grand Rapids MI
- Unity of Traverse City MI
- Unity of the Valley, Savage MN



Growing Through Change (Listening / Exploring Change / Visioning 2.0)

- Unity on the North Shore, Evanston IL
- Unity of Kalamazoo MI
- Unity of Royal Oak MI

GLR Ministry Consultant - New title and email, more services for you

Effective August 2022 my new title became *Regional Ministry Consultant*. I continue to provide all of the services currently provided to the region, and more. No longer serving as the Regional Representative on the UWM Standards Committee, my energy and focus will be on providing pro-active support to our region's leaders and ministries.

In this capacity I will be taking more time to develop and sharpen my own skills, as well as to provide new resources to the region. One new program I am launching is a 6 week train-the-trainer program for a Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) book study, based on the book, "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man" by Emmanuel Acho. (See the attached flyer for information and register today)

My new email is GLRministryconsultant@gmail.com

It is my privilege to serve the ministers, ministries, and leaders of our Great Lakes Unity Region. Please let me know how I can be of support to you.

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