



Rev. James Trapp

Special Message to Unity of Naples

Dear Friends,

Over twenty years ago, I was walking along a Florida beach (one of my favorite past times) contemplating the question, “*What does God want?*”

The answer didn’t come right away. But eventually, it came into my awareness: “God wants to be known and revealed.” We are vessels for that revelation. As we go through one of the most significant paradigm shifts in contemporary history, revealing the qualities of God is more important than it has ever been. The challenges we face individually and collectively may appear to be mental, emotional or physical, but all the solutions are spiritual.

That being said, this is a thrilling and opportune time for New Thought in general and Unity of Naples in particular to demonstrate the spiritual power that is within every one of us. It is particularly exciting to envision being part of a spiritual community whose purpose, among other things, is to “inspire and awaken one another to a greater experience of God...” because it aligns with my personal mission to inspire others to fulfill their inherent personal and spiritual potential. As we do, we make a positive difference in our world. There is a tremendous power unleashed when a group of people wrap themselves around a purpose bigger than themselves. When that happens, the universe provides what’s needed even when we don’t necessarily know “*how*” to do it. Our job is to know the “*what*” and let Spirit fill in the gaps.

Our role is to continuously evolve and grow. This is the nature of the universe and since we are the universe in miniature, it is also our nature. If we simply stay the same, while everything else is moving forward, we are going backwards. As a forward thinking community, Unity of Naples is poised to be a model of possibilities for spiritual communities of the future.

Therefore, I am thrilled to be considered to become a member of the Unity of Naples’ family - a family that includes the Board, staff and the members of the community. Together we can usher in the next phase of a divine idea that is Unity of Naples.

In addition, what can be better than returning to Florida where my family - Angela, my wife and Jaelan, my son – and I have our roots and extended families. Not to mention I can once again engage in those strolls along the beach.

Peace and Blessings,
James

About Rev. James Trapp

James Trapp is the former CEO of Unity Worldwide Ministries, an international organization dedicated to creating positive paths for spiritual living. He is presently the Senior Minister of Worship and Outreach at Spiritual Life Center, an Interfaith Unity Community in Sacramento, California.

James' personal mission is to serve as a catalyst to help people fulfill their inherent personal and spiritual potential through application of timeless spiritual principles.

He attended Princeton University, earning a BA in Economics. He then went on to pursue the study of law at the University of Florida.

In 1992, he devoted himself full time to pursuing a spiritual life and career. He became an ordained minister in 1994, the same year he came to Unity on the Bay (UOTB) in Miami. At the time, UOTB was generally perceived to be a failing church in a dangerous location. James dedicated his efforts to resurrect UOTB from a moribund institution into a vital spiritual entity where the vision of possibilities manifested itself seven days a week.

He has been a keynote speaker at numerous conferences, meetings and events, including the And the Women Gather Conference; the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Annual Recognition Dinner; and the 'No' to Discrimination Committee Mass Meeting in Miami.

He gave a public lecture entitled "The Spiritual Path to Peace" in Lagos, Nigeria; was a presenter for the Association of Global New Thought at the Parliament of World Religions in Melbourne, Australia; and delivered the keynote address at Florida International University's Annual Diversity Day.

Trapp has been awarded and acknowledged numerous times for his dedication to community, diversity and tolerance. In 2009, he received the Humanitarian Award from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. He has also been inducted into Morehouse College's Martin Luther King, Jr. International Board of Preachers, received an Honorary Doctorate in Sacred Theology from South Florida Theological Seminary, and was awarded the Key to the City of Miami for his contributions to the community.

He is inspired by his lovely wife Angela and son, Jaelan, who currently attends Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Candidate Visit Information:

Rev. James Trapp - Sunday, June 17, 2018

Sunday Service: "God-Lines to Growth"

Rev. Trapp will share how to free your life from the shackles that limit you from fulfilling your Divine Potential, focusing on expressing what has been implanted in us before time began.

Workshop: "The Life Liberation Method"

This workshop will help participants apply 21st Century Spiritual tools that make their souls thrive. It will identify how to live with purpose, manage stress and increase productivity. We will explore the latest techniques in neuroscience and world class performance studies to direct your behavior, mold your thoughts and shape your self-image.