

*Dedicated to the memory of*  
**REV. KIRBY J. HENSLEY**  
*Founder of the Universal Life Church*

You will never meet such a man as was Kirby Hensley. He was a fighter for that which is right. It was his vision that led to the establishment of this Universal church. His energy and enthusiasm spread the Universal message to millions of ministers around the world. He dedicated his life to this church. Ever the champion of religious freedom, he fought many battles against those who would impinge on the First Amendment. He gladly went to jail, if that is what it took, for he knew that truth would ultimately prevail, as it always did.

As a Universal Life Church minister, you don't have to agree with the things that Kirby preached. But you should always be grateful that he stood up for your right to believe as you wish, and to seek out the truth for yourself. It was central to his message that you should *NOT* follow him, or anyone else.

As you read more about the Universal Life Church and the things Kirby Hensley taught, you will very likely come across some things you disagree with. Some things you may even find downright offensive! When you do, take time to rejoice and give thanks, for this very right to seek your own truth and find your own righteousness is what the Universal Life Church is all about! Universal religious freedom for all!

On March 19th, 1999, Reverend Kirby J. Hensley passed from this world. We will miss his energy and his unique charisma. But his message lives on, and the Universal Life Church he founded will continue to grow and bless the lives of millions of ministers around the world. Thank-you, Kirby!

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*An introduction to the*  
**Universal Life Church**  
*Information for the New Minister*

This book is designed to help new ministers set up their church and to help them understand the church doctrines.

We feel after months of studying, research and labor, we have created a publication which is a positive and useful tool for the Universal Life Church minister.

You will find in this book many things to help you as you begin your ministry. It contains information about the Church, instructions on establishing a congregation, and information on where to find other resources to help you.

You will also find in this book a list of materials which can obtain to assist you with your ministry, including reference books, certificates, and other useful items. There is also a copy of the letter in which a Federal Judge states that the ULC is a bona fide church. This is the most often asked question, "Is the Universal Life Church a *real* church?"

The answer is, "Yes . . . Yes . . . Yes!"

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**We  
Are  
One**

## CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING A MINISTER!

As a legally Ordained Minister of the Universal Life Church, you are now one of millions of ULC ministers around the world. Your name has been recorded in the permanent records of the church.

Here are some of the things you need to know: First, and above all, you are a legally ordained minister, the same as any other minister, whether Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran or Pentecostal. You have the authority to ordain other ministers, to teach in the church, to baptize people, and to perform marriages, and other rites and ceremonies of the church (except for circumcision).

We are a *Universal* church. We have people of all walks of life and from all religions and spiritual traditions. We now have churches all around the world. The sun never sets on the Universal Life Church!

We have within this church a liberal type of religion, but we also have conservative types of people. I have never met a person who disagrees with our universal doctrine. We believe that every person is already a part of the Universal Life, and when people become conscious that they are a part of this Universal Life, they will look for people who are like-minded.

We are sure that the Universal Life Church is one that satisfies the majority of people. We are searching and studying to find a way that all people can come together as one, and work for the good of all people.

The Universal Life Church exists to intercede between you and the state, not between you and God. Within the pages of this book, you will find a wealth of information to help you begin your ministry, including instructions on how you may start your own congregation.

We are pleased and proud to welcome you as an ordained minister of the Universal Life Church, and wish you all the best as you begin your service as a minister!

## Is the Universal Life Church a *Real* Church?

This is the most often asked question, and the answer is: “Yes, yes, yes!”

In the summer of 1983 we made an important breakthrough when we won the final case with the City of Modesto. In 1974 we won a case with the Federal Government. Then we won a case with the State of California shortly thereafter.

So we must really be a church, because by now the federal judges have said we are, the county judges have said we are, the state has said we are ... Do you know of any other church that has had to go through all the courts, from the lowest court to the Supreme Court, to prove that it is a church? But it's good, because the newspapers are no longer writing negative stories about us.

Now, most articles are positive. Like people all over the county, the media has begun to recognize the Universal Life Church as a major force in man's striving for individual and spiritual freedom. All over the world people are awakening, and as they wake up they realize that the earth belongs to them, to all people. Man is claiming his kingdom. You are the lights and you must light this dark planet.

### *Universal Order*

ORDER: Is a way of life that is universal and everything has an order. Sometimes we call it “The Law of Nature,” but it is beyond the Law of Nature.

Listen to what the dictionary says about the word *order*:

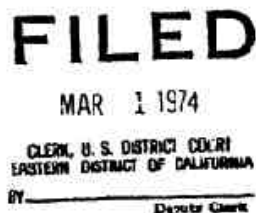
***Order: a sequence, arrangement; the way one thing follows another; the condition in which everything is controlled as it should be; is in its right place, performing its correct function; peaceful regularity of public life.***

There can never be universal peace on this planet until men begin to understand the order of everything. The question is, who has a right to interpret what the order is, and how it works? I am sure you know today that the churches are saying, “We want the church order to work.” The states are saying that they want the law to work. People around the world are leaving the churches and establishing their own order. People are ignoring the law and are establishing their own law. What we need is a Universal Order that all can work and live by. I don't have all the answers, but I do know one thing: The church has never brought peace to this planet, nor have the governments. The Universal Order is bringing the people together, showing them a way they can have peace and prosperity. The Universal Order brings with it **true** order!

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNIVERSAL LIFE CHURCH, INC. )  
Plaintiff, )  
Defendant, )  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Civil No. s-1964  
ORDER



"From the Findings of Fact, the Court concludes, as a matter of law, that the plaintiff should prevail. Certainly, one seeking a tax exemption has the burden of establishing his right to a tax exempt status. An organization qualifies for an exemption under 26 U.S. C. Sec. 501 (c) (3) only if it is 'organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes.'" In the defendant's Memorandum in support of its requested instructions, filed February 28, 1973, the Government admits that the plaintiff passes the 'organizational' test . . .

"The Court must then address itself to the defendant's second conclusion: that the ordination of ministers, the granting of church charters, and the issuance of Honorary Doctor of Divinity certificates by the plaintiff are substantial activities which do not further any religious purpose.

"Such activity may be analogized to mass conversions at a typical revival or religious crusade. Neither this court, nor any branch of this Government, will consider the merits or fallacies of a religion. Nor will the Court compare the beliefs, dogmas, and practices of a newly organized religion with those of an older, more established religion. Nor will the Court praise or condemn a religion, however excellent or fanatical or preposterous it may seem. Were the Court to do so, it would impinge on the guarantees of the First Amendment . . .

"IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the plaintiff be and is entitled to a Federal Tax Exemption and to a refund of all monies levied against by the defendant with interest thereon from the date of levy, March 19, 1970.

"IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant's counterclaim be and is dismissed and the plaintiff is entitled to recover the reasonable costs of the suit therein.

"Done and dated this 27th day of February, 1974."

*James F. Battin*  
United States District Judge

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## To The Ordained Minister

You are a newly ordained minister of the Universal Life Church. As of the date that has been provided, your name has been recorded in the official records of the church. If you do not recall which date was provided, you may use the date postmarked on the envelope. Enclosed with this booklet are your *Credentials of Ministry*. In most cases, these credentials are left blank, so that you may have your name scrolled, typed, or hand written on your credentials. This avoids the problems which otherwise may occur, such as misspellings. Many times, ministers have a specific preference as to how their name should appear on the credential. Perhaps you would like to include you middle name or initial, or would like to include your title on the certificate. You now have all the right to use the title "Reverend" or "Rev.'" in front of your name, although some people are opposed to the use of this title, or may prefer another.

You may call yourself by any title that accurately describes the nature of your work as a minister. However, if you would like to have a title which has been issued to you by the Universal Life Church, and which is recorded in the permanent church records, you will find instructions on how to obtain an official Special Title of the Universal Life Church on page 16 of this book.

You now have all the rights of an ordained ministers. Remember, it is not a piece of paper that really makes you a minister, it is your activity *as* a minister that makes you a minister. One of the most important clerical duties you can perform as a minister is to ordain others into the ministry. By doing so, you are able to "leverage" your effectiveness, and help to grow the Universal ministry. Enclosed are two postcard forms for your use in ordaining others. If you need more, just write to us and we will gladly send you more. Be sure to fill out the names of those ordained clearly and legibly, and whenever possible, include an email address for the new minister.

You may also ordain others through the Internet. Visit our site ([www.ulc.net](http://www.ulc.net)) and fill out the online ordination form with the name and address of the new minister. You will find many other useful and interesting resources on the web site. We have an online library of interesting reading material. There is a page where you can submit your prayer requests or share in the prayers of others. We will be adding features to the site from time to time, and invite you to come back often. Share it with your friends!

We publish a newsletter by email, to which you may subscribe for free. Just send **any** email to [subscribe@ulc.net](mailto:subscribe@ulc.net), and the newsletter will automatically be sent to the email address from which you send your request. I hope you will submit a story about *your* ministry for the newsletter. Other ministers will want to read about what you are doing. Send announcements, articles and other items for submission to [news@ulc.net](mailto:news@ulc.net).

The ULC Logo is our symbol of identification and is placed on all of the church's literature. It tells everyone that "We Are One" family. It represents all the people of the world. Many people have commented on it over the years. Many of our churches have seals made using the logo and put it on their literature. Some have it put on a rubber stamp, a poster, or a banner. You may show your participation in the church by using the logo on your materials as well. Display it proudly!

**Our Goal** - A fuller life for everyone

**Our Objective** - Eternal Progression

**Our Slogan** - To Live and Help Live

**We Want:** To be competent, to be proficient, to love our fellow man, to appreciate, to be honest, to be moral, to live positively, to believe what we believe, and to be what we profess.



**UNIVERSAL UNDERSTANDING AND BROTHERHOOD  
WILL BRING PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL!**

# *WE ARE ONE*

Traditionally, what do we expect from our church? We expect unity, a social network, a teacher of moral values, a forum for the exchange of ideas, a champion for the needy and downtrodden, a safe haven for all who enter, and (we hope) the truth. My church, the Universal Life Church, is all that, and more! On our letterhead you will find the phrase, "We Are One."

We are one people united in our quest for religious freedom. We are united in our fierce defense of the First Amendment that we, too, are entitled to worship God in our own way.

The most important people in my life are involved with this church. My father preaches from the time he gets up until the time he goes to bed. He alone, has taught me courage, the power of confrontation, and the gift of "thinking." My mother has taught me that life is seldom easy. My husband John has taught me love and loyalty. My church family is closer to me than my extended family. For these are the people with whom I am most comfortable and with whom I have the most in common.

The one doctrine, "to do that which is right," will guide you through any, or all decisions in your life. You must decide what is right for you, and not condemn others if their "right" is different than yours.

You will never go to another church that will exchange ideas and beliefs so varied that you'll leave with your head spinning! I guarantee it. At our annual conventions, one speaker may talk on devil worship, one on the evil of money, one of the love of God, and, one on our animal nature, all within one service. Every congregation has a free flow of ideas that we all respect.

There is an old story about the hospital being a place for sick people, a school a place for the uneducated. Well, our church opens wide its arms to encompass all who might enter. We are equal. There are no big "I's" and little "you's". We can all enter and are all respected.

For the past 40 years, we have fought for truth. We have fought long and hard, and, we will continue to fight, for truth will bring freedom! In this book you will learn about this very traditional church. It is alive! It is growing! It is changing the world as we know it! Welcome to our family!

— *Manzanita Hensley Lowarch*

## INTRODUCTION

by Bill Torres

The most important asset of any church is itself, that is, its people or members, individually as well as collectively. The Universal Life Church agrees with the advice given by Robert Zimmerman, better known to his large circle of friends as Bob Dylan. "Don't follow leaders . . . because letting George do it always ends with George in control of everybody's life and fortune."

Each of us, as ministers, should shine our own light and do our part to dispel the vast ocean of ignorance that sometimes seems to engulf us. Each bird must fly on its own wing, at the same time we should emulate the peaceful bull of the modern fable that avoided the sword, and death itself, by the mere act of not charging the matador's cape. The meek may inherit the earth only if we realize that it is force, not power, which comes out of the barrel of a gun. The power has always been with the individual. The individual has relinquished it and the individual must get it back, lest a government of the people, for the people, and by the people shall perish from the face of the earth. The Universal Life Church proposes that America, the birthplace (in 1776) of a little bit of liberty, is an appropriate place for the fires of freedom to be rekindled. It is time for the Phoenix to be born again.

The Universal Life Church is representative of a revolution in values that promises to change the world of today into the world of tomorrow. The Universal Life Church champions this revolution as a sensible return to an almost forgotten ideology: The acceptance of human beings, the highest form of life on earth, just as they are now, in their process of cosmic becoming. The evolution of the child of today into the adult of tomorrow is the continuous revolution of the young against the hypocritical attitudes that they find upon their arrival. It is the end and the beginning of the never ending cycle of eternal life and death. If there is any one class that is truly oppressed, it is the young, the class that will, sooner or later, replace the outgoing tide of humanity. Young people everywhere are persecuted and harassed under the pretext that their elders invariably know better, in spite of the obvious fact that history proves the contrary: The age of Peace and Prosperity is yet to arrive, it will arrive as quickly as we have enough faith in liberty. If we believe in our own liberty sufficiently to let everybody else enjoy theirs, we can achieve peace beyond all our expectations and prosperity must follow, just as the day follows the sun. The industrial revolution that has so transformed our way of life, providing better tools for more productivity, has only just begun. Armed with the inventiveness of liberty, the human race will always transcend itself. We always rise above yesterday's performance, if we only wish to do so.

The Universal Life Church champions above all else Liberty of Thought, the eternal panacea, the mother of all invention and the father of progress, male and female in equal parts, Yin and Yang, with neither one supreme over the other -- Peace and Prosperity and Good Will to All.

There can be only one means to achieve the lofty pinnacle of cosmic becoming to which we refer; the prime commandment: To Do Right. The essence and spirit of the Golden Rule: To live honestly, to hurt no one, to give very one their due, The total sum of the science of justice, There is no religion higher than this eternal truth.

## International Headquarters

The Universal Life Church International Headquarters is in Stanislaus County, in the city of Modesto. Modesto has a population of about 200,000 and growing. Modesto is about 75 miles south of Sacramento, and is an agricultural city.

The Universal Life Church building is located on the corner of Third and F Street. The office is just behind the church on F Street. International Headquarters contains its own print shop in the lower level of the church building, which includes a darkroom, layout room, two large presses, several type setting machines, and the IBM equipment which has greatly enhanced the ability of the church to increase its production.

The office building has a full time staff of 6 people, who are eager to help you with your questions. The church itself seats about 150 people, and regular meetings are held there each Sunday at 10 a.m. The public is always welcome. There is not always a large crowd, but there is always a meeting, and everyone who wishes to speak during the service is invited to do so. It is very much an open meeting, and is attended by a wide variety of people from different backgrounds and traditions.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are travelling through Modesto, you are encouraged to stop by and visit. You will be greeted with open arms by the friendly staff, who would love to become acquainted with you. You will find that we at Universal Life Church are a very friendly crowd!



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Visit the Universal Life Church on the Internet anytime, 24 hours a day! Through the Internet, the church will continue to grow, and it will become easier to communicate with one another around the globe. You will want to bookmark the Universal Life Church web site so that you can visit often. Many new services and programs are being planned for implementation on the Net, so be sure to check back from time to time. If you have suggestions, those are always welcome as well as other items, such as photos, you might wish to contribute.

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## Kirby Hensley's Message

*(This is What Hensley Was Saying in 1966 )*

What is Heaven? Where is Heaven? It seems that everyone wants to go to heaven. Most everyone has a different idea of heaven. I used to think that heaven was a place. Then I believed heaven was a state of mind. Now I believe heaven is a state of being. As I talk to people around the country I am more convinced that I am right. You ask some good Christian about heaven and as he explains it you will find he is talking of a state of being. Cities with streets of gold, gates of pearl, a king, no poverty, no sickness, sorrow, trouble, crime or tears. You can see that he wants these things now. This is what we all want right now. I used to dream that when I died I would get these things. Also when I believed Heaven was a state of mind and thought upon these things I received a certain amount of joy. When I began to find out that heaven was now and I was already in it, I received a greater blessing. Don't get me wrong. I have not as yet received ALL the things that I think is for me, but I am working on it very hard.

### Heaven to me is these things:

To be free! Free to think, free to move, free to act. You see **freedom** is not something given to you. It is something one must **earn** to appreciate. To be free from fear, pain, sickness, sorrow, and poverty . . . these are the things that most people are hoping for some day. They have not become conscious that they can be a reality *now*. What I want *now* is a happy family, a nice income, nice home, nice car, and a nice business. When you have these and can realize it, you are happy. All of these are in our reach.

When we have reached this state of being we can then look forward to having all our enemies under our feet. Especially the enemy of death because we can see many people around us who are getting closer to abolishing death. Then Heaven will be a complete reality **now!**

Without **food** there is no freedom, only a desperate fight for survival. Thus food is one of the foundations of freedom, a key to prosperity and happiness for all mankind.

**Sexuality** is the third part of this "trinity", that keeps all living things going and keeps our world alive. The Universal Life Church recognizes sexuality as a positive force in our lives. If you deny your desire for sex, then you deny life itself.

**Heaven is when you have it - Hell is when you don't!**

## CERTIFICATES AND OTHER ITEMS

### **Marriage Certificate (also Renewal of Marriage and Affirmation of Love)** **\$3.00 each, or available in quantity, 5 for \$12, 10 for \$20**

These are beautiful 8 x 10 certificates, printed with color on heavy certificate paper, and bear the official gold seal of the Church and the signature of the President. There is place for you to inscribe the name of the couple to whom issued, and a place for your signature as the officiating minister.

### **Ordination Credential Certificate - \$5.00 each (5 / \$20, 10 / \$35)**

These are the official Universal Life Church ordination credential certificates, with gold seal and signature of the President. You may wish to obtain a replacement for yourself, or give them as gifts to new ministers you ordain. They are shipped blank, so that you may fill in the name and correct date to your specifications.

### **Wallet Credential - \$5.00 each (5 / \$20, 10 / \$35)**

The official wallet sized credential, with gold seal. This glossy card is also shipped blank, with space for you to type in the name and address of the minister to whom issued.

### **Press Pass - \$10.00**

The Universal Life Church issues a press pass, which you can use to get into many places and meetings where you will be able to pick up a lot of information that you normally would not have access to. When you receive the press card, have your picture and fingerprint put on it. With this card, you will be recognized as a representative of the Universal Life Press. After you fill out this card, you may want to have it laminated.

### **Parking Shield - \$10.00**

Place this card in your front windshield when parking, so that your vehicle will be clearly identified. One side of the shield is for use by the clergy, the other side identifies you as a member of the press. When you park at hospitals, rest homes, etc., display this card in your windshield. It will tell people you are a minister of the ULC.

### **Zondervan Tax and Financial Guide for Churches - \$12.99**

We have a supply of this very useful book, which is published by Zondervan, the well-known religious publishing house. It contains a wealth of information, and you will find it to be absolutely indispensable if you are starting your own congregation. It is authored by a C.P.A., and updated annually. We will send you the most recent edition available. As one minister has said, "If you have a congregation and do not have a copy of this book, you are **nuts**, plain and simple." Suggested wording for by-laws and resolutions is included, as well as information you would pay for through the nose to obtain from a CPA or attorney. This book will save you time, money, and grief!

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the Universal Life Church, the Board members are the voting body of the church. Because the church is spread throughout the world, only the Board of Directors are the governing body of the church. The Board of Directors has absolute control of the church. They can remove and replace the President or Vice President by a two-thirds vote, plus one. They can remove or replace any Board member by a simple majority.

The Universal Life Church has nine Board members. These Board members meet at least one a year to transact business. They are responsible to you, the people and membership of the Church.

In the future, we hope to have a world wide convention where we can draw together more people from different countries and nationalities to the Governing Board. We are a Universal Church. We wish to be more in contact with the people around the world who have a part in this Universal Church.

The Church Board is elected yearly at the annual convention, which is usually held in October. At that time, the Board of Directors meets and elects the Board for the following year. The President and Vice President are also elected yearly. If you would like to be on the Board, or have any part of this church, write us and tell us what you have to offer the people of the Universal Life Church. The Board will consider all.

The Board members are those dedicated to the continuance and welfare of the International Church. They serve in this capacity without any remuneration whatsoever. This Board of directors exists for the sole purpose of serving the individual members of the Universal Life Church.

This Church recognizes all people, regardless of their beliefs, age tradition, creed, or nationality. Whether you are Agnostic, Fundamentalist, Pentecostal, New Age, Baptist, Catholic, Mormon, Seventh-day Adventist or *any other* spiritual tradition. Even if you don't believe in *anything*, except that which is right. If you are a minister in this church, you have a right to apply to be on the Board of Directors.

You can belong to another church and also belong to the Universal Life Church. As long as you do that which is right and it doesn't interfere with the rights of others. We understand that true religion can only be free and that true spirituality can only come of free choice. Our support for true freedom of religion is what makes us a Universal Life Church.

## Ceremonies and Services

There are no set rules within the Universal Life Church concerning how to conduct ceremonies, services, or meetings. A lot of congregations have open meetings and discussions. In others, the ministers speaks. The manner in which you choose to hold your services is entirely up to you and your congregation.

A minister must know how to conduct funerals, marry people, and baptize people. There are many ways you may conduct these services. Some people will expect you to have a ceremony ready, while others will want for you to use a ceremony they create. It is important to be flexible, yet ready to take charge in those instances where no one has a fixed idea of how to proceed.

We offer several books with ceremonies and services, from which you can pick and choose those which are right for you and those you serve. The big *Universal Textbook* contains this type of information, and we have other books as well, which contain interfaith, non-denominational ceremonies to suit people of varied traditions. You may also find excellent resources in your public library, or in the online church library at [www.ulc.net/library](http://www.ulc.net/library).

In addition to marriages, you may be called upon to perform a commitment ceremony for people who wish to become united, but either do not wish to become married, or are precluded from doing so by law. You may obtain official Universal Life Church *Affirmation of Love* certificates for such couples.

You may also encounter couples who are already married but wish to renew their vows of commitment. Sometimes these couples were married by a judge, and now they wish they had a minister do it. Others may have been married for years, and simply wish to renew their vows, or maybe their marriage has fallen on hard times and they are working to get things moving again. The *Renewal of Marriage* certificate is for your use in such occasions.

Before you perform a wedding, you will need to check with the local county officials where the wedding will be held, in order to determine the laws and procedures which apply. This varies widely from state to state, and sometimes even from county to county. You will find a general guide to state requirements on the web site ([www.ulc.net/laws.html](http://www.ulc.net/laws.html)), however you will want to check the current situation out with the county to see if anything has changed.

On our web site, you will find two useful wedding ceremonies for your use. If you have one you would like to share with other ULC ministers, please send it to us and we will put it on the site also.

[www.ulc.net/tradwed.html](http://www.ulc.net/tradwed.html)  
[www.ulc.net/ulcwed.html](http://www.ulc.net/ulcwed.html)

## MINISTRY PACKAGES

### **Introductory Clergy Package - \$10.00** (includes shipping to US)

The bare essentials with which to start your ministry. Includes a copy of this introductory booklet, ordination postcards, a wallet credential, baptism certificate, and a certificate of ordination.

### **Wedding Mini Package - \$15.00** (includes shipping within the US)

Includes the essentials for performing a wedding. Comes with the introductory booklet, a copy of the Universal Life Church wedding ceremony, an ordination credential certificate, wallet credential, parking shield for your car window, and an official ULC marriage certificate to present to the bride and groom.

### **Standard Wedding Package - \$35.00** (includes shipping within the US)

Everything you need to perform a wedding service in style! In addition to all items contained in the Wedding Mini Package above, you will receive two additional marriage certificates and a copy of the *Ultimate Wedding Ceremony Workbook*.

### **Basic Ministry Package - \$35.00** (includes shipping within the US)

If you aren't sure what to get, this is the package for you. It contains all the basics needed to get your ministry off to a great start. You will receive everything included in the *Introductory Clergy Package*. Also included is a copy of the *Universal Textbook*, a Marriage Certificate, Renewal of Marriage Certificate, Affirmation of Love Certificate and a parking shield for your car window. This package represents a great value!

### **Complete Clergy Package - \$100** (includes shipping within the US)

This package represents our best value and includes a huge assortment of ULC materials and reference books. This package weighs in at nearly five pounds! If you are serious about starting a ministry, you will want to get this package:

- Ordination Certificate
- Wallet Credential
- Introductory Booklet
- Ordination Postcards
- *A New Life . . . Do You Want It?*
- *Universal Textbook*
- *The Buffer Zone*
- 5 Certificates of Baptism
- *Hardbound Minister Manual*
- **Choice** of Special Title from approved list
- 2 Marriage Certificates
- 2 Renewal of Marriage Certificates
- 2 Affirmation of Love Certificates
- Parking Shield
- Press Pass
- **Choice** of honorary degree:
  - *Doctor of Divinity*
  - *Doctor of Motivation*
  - *Doctor of Metaphysics, or*
  - *Doctor of Universal Life*

**Note:** If you do not specify your choice, you will receive the title *Reverend* and the *Doctor of Divinity*. Be sure to specify your choice!



## Minister Manuals

We offer several manuals and ceremony books, which you may use to help you in your work as a minister. You may be called upon to perform a wide variety of services in your role as a minister. Experienced ministers know the value of having a ready reference to draw upon when those occasions arise. Get one of these handy books, and you'll be prepared for the unexpected, as well as the more predictable needs of those you serve.

***Universal Textbook* - \$10** (softcover, 80 pages, 8.5 x 11)

This is one book which all ULC ministers should get. It covers a lot of territory, especially information relating to the Universal Life Church. You will learn about the history of the church, as well as its future. Complete instructions for forming your own congregation are included, along with examples of the record keeping forms you will use. This book includes two nice wedding ceremonies and an overview of other ceremonies and services you may be called upon to perform.

***Hardbound Minister's Manual* - \$15** (hard bound, 221 pages, 4.25 x 6.25)

The Real Thing! This is the same little brown book you may have seen ministers carry as they perform weddings, funerals, or when visiting the sick. It contains instructions on a wide variety of services, including funeral, baptism, marriage, general and special worship services and more. Also includes special helps for special occasions and events in people's lives, so you'll always be prepared to say something. Example prayers for various gatherings and other useful helps are included in this very handy little booklet. It will fit in your coat pocket, yet is jam packed with useful information. You can carry it with you and read from it, even in the most formal of settings. Highly recommended. This book is oriented towards the Christian minister.

***Ultimate Wedding Ceremony Workbook* - \$18** (8.5 x 11, soft cover, 143 pg)

*Excellent* resource for those planning to perform wedding ceremonies. This book was written by a ULC minister and includes several beautiful, non-denominational ceremonies, allowing you to customize the service to reflect the unique chemistry of each couple. Pages are perforated, so they may be easily removed and laminated, or inserted into plastic page protectors. This book also provides a complete overview of wedding planning, including checklists and an abundance of helpful suggestions. With this book, you could offer a complete wedding planning service!

***Deluxe Inferfaith Minister Manual* - \$25.00** (hardcover, 811 pages)

This is the ultimate in Minister Manuals for the ULC minister. The non-denominational content permits you to minister to the needs of a person of any faith, and has even been approved for use by U.S. military chaplains! A superb reference for all occasions and needs, and the best value of all the manuals here.



## The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

*United States Constitution*



“If there is any fixed star in our Constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high of petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein. If there are any circumstances which permit an exception, they do not now occur to us.”

*Unites States Supreme Court (1943)  
Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette, 319 US 624*



“Neither this Court, nor any branch of this government, will consider the merits or fallacies of a religion. Nor will the Court compare the beliefs, dogmas, and practices of a newly organizes religion with those of an older, more established religion. Nor will the Court praise or condemn a religion, however excellent or fanatical or preposterous it may seem. Were the Court to do so, it would impinge on the guarantees of the First Amendment”

*James F. Battin, United States District Judge  
Universal Life Church, Inc. v United States of America (1974)*

## Things Ministers Should Know

Here are some of the things that a minister should know. The Universal Life Church believes that when a person requests to be ordained, that he is already ordained of God, according to the Bible. In St. John 15:16, it says that God called you and has ordained you.

We at the Universal Life Church believe that scripture to be true. We believe you are an ordained minister. What we do is stand between you and the federal government and between you and the state, **not** between you and God. We meet the requirements of the federal government and the states.

If you have been ordained by the Universal Life Church and have the minister's credential with the church seal and the President's signature on it, then as far as you and the church are concerned, you are a legally ordained minister. Some states do, however, require that you register. There are many ceremonies that take place in churches. But, that is all they are . . . ceremonies. They have no authority or power with the federal government or the state.

The minister is by definition a servant. The minister exists to serve himself, his congregation, the church, and God. He is an agent administrating the duties and functions of his church.

The minister should be compassionate, loving, and trustworthy. The responsibility of church administration rests on his shoulders. The minister must be able to weep with those that weep and rejoice with those rejoicing. He should strive to be an able leader, and to promote spiritual growth and happiness within the congregation.

Every minister needs to have some knowledge of the legal rules and principles concerning the relationship of church and state in the United States. This understanding and application of the rules and principles will greatly help to serve, with commendable distinction, the parishioners and community.

When you are a minister of the Universal Life Church, it is incumbent upon you to perform the Sacerdotal functions of the ministry, i.e., marry, bury, baptize, and hold meetings to satisfy the needs of the congregation (if you have a congregation).

The Universal Life Church believes that a man is already ordained before he even becomes an ordained minister of the Universal Life Church. The Universal Life Church does not interpret or sit in judgement of your beliefs, creed, religion, race, color, or sex. We will ordain anyone upon request. Help the Ministry grow! Become an ordained minister and ordain others! Help spread the Universal Life!

## CERTIFICATE OF SAINTHOOD

Do you know a "Saint" personally? Do you know someone who has exercised the three theological virtues — faith, hope, and charity — to an extraordinary degree? Is there someone who has provided inspiration to you in your life, or hope and help to others? If so, you may bestow Sainthood within the Universal Life Church upon this beloved person, and have their name canonized in the official records of the church for all time!

Merely write down your reasons why this person is deserving of Sainthood, along with the name and address of the person to whom this honor is to be bestowed. You may have the Certificate of Sainthood sent to you for presentation, or you may have it mailed directly to the new Saint. If you wish to have this issued on a particular date, such as a birthday or anniversary, be sure to let us know. It must, however, be a date in the future, and not in the past, as documents cannot be created retroactively.

### Certificate of Sainthood - \$10

The Standard Certificate of Sainthood includes a beautiful 8 x 10 certificate, on high quality certificate paper, with the gold seal of the church and President's signature. The Saint's name will be printed on the certificate as you specify. This certificate is mailed in a protective photo-type mailer for protection.

### Sainthood Presentation Package - \$15

The same Certificate as above, but this one also comes with a special presentation folder, and includes a separate nomination certificate with embossed gold seal which you may fill out to let the new Saint know the reasons for this honor. You may sign the nomination form yourself, or along with others. This makes for a nice touch when presenting your certificate. Stand by for a flood of tears when you read the nomination form to the new Saint!

### Deluxe Presentation Package - \$30

If you really want to go all out, this is the package for you. The above Certificate comes with a beautiful oak frame and protective covering, so the new Saint can proudly display their award on a home or office wall. Also includes the Certificate of Nomination. Present the Certificate of Sainthood in this package, and you can be sure it will never be forgotten!

Of course, you can also put together your own presentation package. Shop around locally for a frame or presentation folder. You can often find these at a good price in a discount department store or office supply house. You may prepare a certificate of nomination of your own wording and design. The *packages* are available for your convenience, but you may prefer to put together a package of your own, using just the basic Certificate of Sainthood and your imagination!

### **DOCTOR OF THE UNIVERSE - \$20**

*The Prophet* is a book written by Kirby Hensley. It comes in three volumes, *The Prophet*, *Children of the Prophet*, and *The Universal Order*. You will enjoy this interesting course.

### **DOCTOR OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE - \$35**

This course is concerned with motivational meditation, and helps you focus your powers of concentration and self-control.

### **DOCTOR OF RELIGIOUS HUMANITIES - \$40**

This is a course in American Church Law and Parliamentary Procedure. Upon successful completion (75% on the final exam) you will be awarded your honorary degree certificate.

### **MASTER'S DEGREE IN RELIGION - \$55**

Find out what Reverend Hensley believes about religion. If you wish to enhance your mind, we will send you the book called *Man and World*. Study it very carefully. Answer the questions on the back page. If you get 75% correct on the exam, we will grant you a Masters Degree in Religion.

### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN RELIGION - \$100**

ULC offers a Ph.D. in Religion. People around the world have this degree. Take this course, and after you have studied the included textbook (*Condensed Holy Bible*), answer 75% of the questions correctly and we will grant you a Ph.D. in Religion.

### **S.O.U.L. CLINIC LICENSE - \$100**

The *Science of Understanding Life*, SOUL Clinic Course, is a course in psychology. This course does not entitle you to become a state certified psychologist; however, it does qualify you as a psychological counselor. This course consists of 12 lessons, and two textbooks, which you may obtain at your local library. A SOUL Clinic License is issued upon completion of the course. This course consists of resources from many fields, psychology, metaphysics, Christianity, Eastern and Western religious writings, counseling, guidance and practical information, all relating to the problems of life and how to overcome them. This interesting course is a *must* for every active minister.

### **SPECIAL TITLES - \$10**

Most often, these titles are used by the congregation to distinguish various positions within the congregation. They confer status within the church. You may select only from the current list of approved titles, a copy of which is enclosed. The most current list may also be found at [www.ulc.net/titles.html](http://www.ulc.net/titles.html). We must have the name and address of the recipient before Special Titles can be awarded. You will receive a certificate with your name imprinted on it.

You may order these and other ULC materials online at [www.ulc.net](http://www.ulc.net)

## **Religious Rights**

The Church in each place must be free to define the mission it believes it has received from God. Likewise, individuals must be free to practice their faith in whatever manner they believe necessary, commensurate with their not violating the same freedom of others. We affirm the understanding of religious freedom embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and other international covenants. While some actions taken in the name of religious rights may be ambiguous and will have to be addressed on a case-by-case basis, religious rights include at least the following:

1. Every person has the right to determine his or her own faith and creed according to conscience.
2. Every person has the right to the privacy of his belief, to express his religious beliefs in worship, teaching, and practice, and to proclaim the implications of his beliefs for relationships in a social or political community.
3. Every person has the right to associate with others and to organize with them for religious purposes.
4. Every religious organization, formed or maintained by action in accordance with the rights of individual persons, has the right to determine its policies and practices for the accomplishment of its chosen purposes, which implies the right:
  - a) to assemble for unhindered private or public worship
  - b) to formulate its own creed
  - c) to have an adequate ministry
  - d) to determine its conditions of membership
  - e) to give religious instruction to its youth, including preparation for ministry
  - f) to preach its message publicly
  - g) to receive into its membership those who desire to join it
  - h) to carry on social services and to engage in missionary activity both at home and abroad
  - i) to organize local congregations
  - j) to publish and circulate religious literature
  - k) to control the means necessary to its mission and to secure support for its work at home and abroad
  - l) to cooperate and to unite with other believers at home and abroad
  - m) to use the language of the people in worship and in religious instruction
  - n) to determine freely the qualifications for professional leadership of religious communities, freely naming their religious leaders at all levels and designating their work assignments.

## Books and Resources Available

### ***The Holy Bible for the 21st Century* - \$10**

This is a new book, not a translation. Kirby Hensley wrote this book himself, with his own interpretations. It is not a book about ULC doctrine, but rather what Kirby Hensley thought about God, and the good and bad that is contained within the Bible. The work of other authors is also contained in this volume. You have never seen anything like this before, I assure you!

### ***The Buffer Zone* - \$15**

This is a scrapbook, and as such, tells the story of the Universal Life Church from a historical perspective. It is not intended as a guide, nor is the information it contains intended to be current. *The Buffer Zone* is all about what the news media has said about us. Did you know that we have had more law suits than any other in this country? You will find all this information in *The Buffer Zone*. You will become acquainted with the battles we have fought over the years. Did you know that ULC went to jail in California, Arizona, and more? We have won them all by fighting like Hell for this church and are willing to fight more for religious freedom! *The Buffer Zone* tells about all the talk shows and radio stations we have been on. If you want to know what this church is about, get your copy now! It's a big book, and some say it's the best book they have ever got their hands on!

### ***A New Life . . . Do You Want It?* - \$10**

We offer another book called *A New Life . . . Do You Want It?* This is a great, inspiring book. If you want something to change your life, this is the book. It will shake you up!

### ***The Universal Textbook* - \$10**

As you know, we have been telling you about the big *Universal Textbook*. This book contains far more detail than the one you are holding right now! It explains all subjects in detail. You will learn more about the church and its history, as well as its founder, the late Kirby J. Hensley. You will see examples of the forms and reports needed for your congregation, and find answers to many of your questions. You will learn more about ceremonies and services and how you may teach others about this church. This is a "must have" for all Universal Life Church ministers.

### ***Universal Life in the 21st Century* - \$10**

Do you want to be a victorious person? Do you want to overcome sickness, even death? Do you really want freedom? Do you want to wait until you die? If you want it **now**, get this book. There is nothing like it anywhere. By the time you are finished reading this book, you will be completely turned around. Life will have a completely different meaning. If you have ever thought there is a better way of life and that you can have it, you are right! Get this book!

## DEGREES OFFERED BY ULC

Have you ever wanted to have a degree? Maybe you have been to school and have a degree, but you would like a degree in another area. Or maybe the only school you have attended has been *The School of Hard Knocks!* The Universal Life Church offers several honorary degrees and courses from which you may choose. These honorary degrees are in the fields of religious philosophy, and we offer them to you because we recognize that you are **already** the world's foremost expert in what **you** believe! And yes, all of these degrees are accredited! Did you ever stop to wonder what the term "accredited" means? These degrees are accredited by the International Accrediting Association, established under the governance of the ULC Board of Directors. If you've always wanted to have an accredited degree, here's your chance!

### **DOCTOR OF METAPHYSICS - \$20**

The Church offers a course in Metaphysics. It is a doctrine of the invisible within the physical. This is an excellent and useful course.

### **DOCTOR OF DIVINITY - \$20**

Thousands of ministers around the world have this degree. It is as good as any D.D. issued by any other church in the U.S. The state considers all D.D. degrees, issued by any church organization, to be honorary. But the ULC considers this to be a real degree because everyone has the right to their own interpretation of God and the Bible.

### **DOCTOR OF UNIVERSAL LIFE - \$20**

This course deals with the relationship of Church and State over the past 6,000 years. It covers the origins of western religion as well as conflicts between the ULC and our own government.

### **DOCTOR OF MOTIVATION - \$20**

This course deals with self-reliance and is designed to increase your confidence and capabilities. Upon successful completion of this course, 75% or higher on the final exam, you will be qualified to teach and conduct seminars on this subject.

### **DOCTOR OF UNIVERSAL ORDER - \$20**

In this course, you will learn about the turn of the century and the changes which are going to occur. It discusses the ways of dealing with them.

### **DOCTOR OF IMMORTALITY - \$25**

This study gives one a better understanding of their own make-up and potential, and is based on the book *A New Life . . . Do You Want It?* (included). This degree is awarded upon successful completion, 75% or higher on the final exam.



**UNIVERSAL LIFE CHURCH CONGREGATION AGREEMENT**

The Universal Life Church, International Headquarters enters into this agreement with three ministers (whose signatures appear below) of legal age. Responsibilities and advantages of the local church, too numerous to detail in this Agreement, are discussed in the many publications of the Universal Life Church. It is the responsibility of the governing body of the local church to study that literature. The local church will become active once this Agreement is received and properly recorded at International Headquarters. It will remain active only as long as the points of the Agreement are kept. The Universal Life Church International Board of Directors reserves the right to cancel this Agreement if any of the conditions of this Agreement are not kept.

The certificate activating the local church will be returned to you along with a file

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Street)

\_\_\_\_\_ (State)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Zip)

Use your file number on all correspondence to International Headquarters. If you should move, please send your old and new addresses immediately so your file can be changed quickly and correctly. Please advise us immediately of any change in officers.

The local church is required to file quarterly reports and there is a \$5.00 per month donation to keep the quarterly reports. You should keep a copy of the quarterly reports submitted to International Headquarters. The donation to enter into this agreement is \$35.00. Return this Agreement to International Headquarters, Universal Life Church, 601 Third Street, Modesto, CA 95351. You may make copies for your own use, but please return the original.

1. The Universal Life Church, both International Headquarters and the local church, agree to abide by all the laws of the local, state, and federal governments.
2. This local church will report quarterly to International Headquarters. This quarterly report will include services held, special meetings, attendance, and a treasury report. (Forms are available from International Headquarters for a donation of \$2/50)
3. This local church will have a governing body of at least three people (Pastor, Secretary, Treasurer) of legal age whose signatures appear below. International Headquarters is to be notified immediately of any change in the governing body or of any change in address.
4. This Agreement is subject to cancellation if any points of this Agreement are not kept.
5. Each Universal Life Church is a sovereign body within itself responsible for its own financial affairs. Neither party to this Agreement is the general agent of the other. The Universal Life Church, International Headquarters, enters into this agreement in consideration of the signatories' promise that they will indemnify, save harmless, and defend the Universal Life Church from all liability from damages to persons of property in any suit at law arising out of this Agreement. By this Agreement, the signatories' acknowledge that the Universal Life Church, International Headquarters, is not responsible for any debts incurred by the local Universal Life Church.

**Mail completed form to:**  
 Universal Life Church Headquarters  
 601 Third Street

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Abbot  
 Absolute Reality  
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 Angelic Healer  
 Apostle  
 Apostle of Humility  
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 Arch priest  
 Arch priestess  
 Art Missionary  
 Ascetic Gnostic  
 Astrotheologian  
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 Baronet  
 Bible Historian  
 Bishop  
 Brahman  
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 Canon  
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 Evangelist  
 Existcreatologist  
 Father  
 Field Missionary  
 Flying Missionary

Free Thinker  
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 High Priest  
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 Lay Sister  
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 Martyr  
 Matriarch  
 Messenger  
 Metaphysical Teacher  
 Metropolitan  
 Minister of Music  
 Minister of Peace  
 Missionary  
 Missionary Doctor  
 Missionary Healer  
 Missionary of Music  
 Missionary Priest  
 Monk  
 Monsignor  
 Most Reverend  
 Mother Superior  
 Mystic  
 Mystical Philosopher  
 Nun  
 Orthodox Monk  
 Parochial Educator  
 Pastor  
 Pastor General  
 Pastoral Counselor  
 Patriarch  
 Peace Counselor  
 Pagan Minister

Preacher  
 Prebendary  
 Preceptor  
 Priest  
 Priestess  
 Professor Emeritus  
 Prophet  
 Prophetess  
 Rabbi  
 Rector  
 Religious Preacher  
 Revelator  
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 Reverend Father  
 Reverend Mother  
 Right Reverend  
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 Saint  
 Saintly Healer  
 Scribe  
 Seer  
 Shaman  
 Sister  
 Soul Therapist  
 Spiritual Counselor  
 Spiritual Healer  
 Spiritual Warrior  
 Starets  
 Swami  
 Teller  
 Thanatologist  
 The Very Esteemed  
 Universal Rabbi  
 Universal Religious Philosopher  
 Vicar  
 Wizard  
 Youth Pastor  
 Universal Philosopher of  
 Absolute Reality

**SPECIAL TITLES**

The following special titles are approved by the Universal Life Church. You may call yourself by any title which accurately describes the nature of your ministry. However, if you would like to have an official church title issued to you, and recorded in the permanent church records, you may only select from this list. A title certificate bearing the title of your choice, an imprinted with your name and the date issued, is included in the cost of \$10.00