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Dear Friends,

As we enter the Christmas season of giving, sharing, and honoring our loved ones and friends, I want to take a moment, on behalf of the board of trustees and myself, to say how grateful we are to everyone who has supported this ministry and the work that it does to transform our community. We extend and express our heartfelt thanks for the generous contributions of your donations of time, talents, and treasures that have enabled us to be a positive presence in our community by helping people become transformed and empowered one person at a time.

Our facility allows people to gather together for services, classes, workshops, and seminars to gain a greater awareness of their spiritual power, and how to use that power to enrich their lives with a greater sense of love, peace, prosperity and total well-being. Our community outreach provides educational and instructional materials through our newsletters and website.

Throughout my eighteen years as your spiritual leader I have seen many changes take place in people's lives. Because we are, first and foremost, an educational center for spiritual growth and well-being I've seen miraculous transformations take place in the lives of the individuals who have committed themselves to putting into practice the spiritual principles that we teach here.

No longer do they feel fearful of making decisions, going forward, or trusting the process. With God as their source, their lives are filled with faith, strength, conviction, purpose, and a renewed conscious awareness that with God all things are truly possible. These individuals have learned that if they want to see changes for the better, to feel safe and secure, to have more abundance, peace, love, and well-being in their lives then they, and only they, must be the change they seek.

Unity of Bakersfield offers everyone the freedom be a part of something bigger than themselves, or to just sit back and take it all in. The law of cause and effect is always at work to bring the right and

perfect balance into our lives, through our freedom to choose.

In Unity we teach that everyone is on a soul journey. Thousands of souls have journeyed through our doors at Unity of Bakersfield since it first made its presence known in 1929 at the home of Della Struts on Monterey Street. Some have stayed because they found a spiritual home where they could thrive. Others came for a visit, to share their gift of presence with us and then move on. Some came not knowing why, left and then came back later once they realized Unity had what they needed to be healed and transformed.. And for a few the responsibility for one's own spiritual growth was just too much to handle.

As an educational movement it has never been Unity's job to question why people stay or go, that's between them and their God. It's their personal soul journey and no one has the right to interfere or to direct their path. True freedom is the ability to come and go as one pleases without being questioned as to why.

Our responsibility is to make sure our doors stay open; to be here when people are ready to commit themselves to learning, knowing, and practicing the spiritual principles that will reveal the truth that will set them free from pain and suffering, lack and limitation; to create and maintain a sanctuary where people of all races, creeds, or sexual orientation can explore their unique spirituality without condemnation or prejudice; and to offer prayer support for any need.

With your continued support Unity of Bakersfield remains committed to teaching people how to use the tools, techniques, models, frameworks, and applications that will help them create a greater sense of awareness in their oneness with God; the ability to transform their lives; and to create greater peace, love, prosperity, and well-being for themselves and those whom they touch as they move along on their spiritual journey.

The journey continues. Won't you join us this holiday season as we come together in celebration of the birth of a child who would change the world with his teachings of love, peace, and joy? From our spiritual home to yours, may you and yours have a glorious, safe, and happy holiday season.

Blessings for a very Merry Christmas,