

Rev. Sydney Lehman Steen

Ordained Minister of Religious Science
And Interfaith Traditions

Inspirational Speaker, Teacher, Writer, Spiritual Activist
Professional Pianist, Music Director, Singer, Composer

EXPERIENCE

Associate Minister: Unity of Portland 2016- Current

Director Ministry of Prayer, Prayer Chaplain Coordinator;
Unity of Portland March 2014 – Current

Music Director; Unity of Portland January 2008 - Current
Concert Artist, Jazz Pianist, Clinician, Product Specialist for
Yamaha Pianos/Yamaha America January 2004 - 2008

RScP, Spiritual Counselor June 2000 – Current

Professional Musician and Composer Los Angeles, Ca.
1985 – 2004

HIGHLIGHTS AND INNOVATIONS

Supported Senior Minister in daily operation of Unity of
Portland, including policies, procedures, communication,
and leadership training with a focus on engaging,
empowering and equipping volunteers and new leaders.

Regular speaker for Sunday, Midweek, Holiday services,
Special Events, Weddings, Memorials, sacred
celebrations.

Extensive experience creating and producing services
ranging from regular events to Taizé services, Pet Blessing
Services, and World Day of Prayer programs.

Established a new midweek service, "Wednesday Night
Alive" and served as primary leader, speaker, inspirational
teacher, cheer leader, and musician.

Originated and wrote curriculum for affirmative prayer
class, "ROCK Your Word" which presents SMT in clear and
powerful language for students of both Unity and CSL,
and weaves together Unity and SOM in practicality,
harmony and balance.

Initiated and established a Practitioner Training modality
for Unity of Portland.



PROFILE

My passion for Science of Mind is rooted in my childhood. I grew up in Religious Science Churches. My earliest influencers and teachers included Dr. Tom Costa, Dr. Tom Johnson, Rev. Eleanor Jackson, Dr. Frank Richelieu, Dr. Robert Bitzer, Bill Hornaday, and Dr. Arleen Bump. While other kids were at the beach, my time was divided between transcribing Oscar Peterson solos, and memorizing phrases from Asilomar talks that my mom would bring home every year on cassette tapes. My purpose is to continually see Spirit in all people, places and things, and to bring these dynamic and powerful principles to the world in a greater way.

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HIGHLIGHTS AND INNOVATIONS (cont'd)

Established a Spiritual Counseling practice in service to the Unity of Portland community, chaplains, and all who desire support. No one turned away for lack of funds.

Created community events to engage newcomers, promote inclusivity, and offer deeper spiritual and social connection.

- Holiday Sweater Sunday
- Groovy Sunday
- Prayer Slams

Designed and Created workshops to deepen understanding and present spiritual principles in immediately usable, applicable ways.

- Finding Your Way; A follow-up to White Stone
- Empowering Prayer; a 3-hour "quickstart" for SMT
- Active Faith; Live in and as that which you desire *now*.

Developed a user accessible digital protocol for meetings and classes when "in the room" is not possible.

Currently developing a "best practices" protocol for live-streaming Sunday services.

LEADERSHIP

Keynote Speaker at ANTN 2018 Conference

Music Director at ANTN Conference 2016, 2017, 2018

Sacred Ceremony Creator, Co-Director & Co-Presenter
Unity of Portland 2019 Women's Retreat

Founder, *Spirit Activist Today*; a Facebook gathering place which offers suggestions, insights and possibilities for Spiritual Activism rooted in the Integrity of New Thought.

Church Board Experience; served as Member, Vice President, President; Board of Trustees North Hollywood Church of Religious Science 2000-04

EDUCATION

BS in Music Theory, Towson State University 1983

Certificate of Ordination Emerson Theological Institute, 2016

MA in Religious Studies, Emerson Theological Institute, 2016

Doctor of Divinity; currently in process