

## **A JOYFUL CONVENTION TO ALWAYS REMEMBER.**

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For the last two years since I was ordained a Minister of the great Divine and joining the Universal Brotherhood Movement I had been hearing about the 30th Anniversary celebration. I was excited about the opportunity and could not wait to participate, in part because I was being awarded my Doctorate degree.

Despite having little knowledge of the celebration or proceedings, I felt deep down that this was an event not to be missed and so I made plans to attend. My intuition did not let me down and I plan to be at the next Anniversary retreat.

I was first attracted to The Universal Brotherhood Movement because everyone involved has their own independent ministry and is able to practice and express themselves in the way that suits them. Everyone demonstrates love, care and respect for others and treats everyone with a non-judgmental spirit that is rare. We are all able to practice a common denomination of unconditional love with respect for all. It was this outpouring of love and respect that touched me the most throughout the convention.

I have never seen such love, caring and respect from others in such a large group and it is hard to express how joyful the convention was. The atmosphere was so incredible I had the feeling that everyone there became one cohesive group expressing nothing but love for each other. Supported by unconditional love, everyone was shared their knowledge and experiences unashamedly.

My wife, who accompanied me, witnessed the same outpouring of devotion to the Universal Brotherhood Movement and to each other. We are both anxiously awaiting the next Retreat. We have attended other conventions in the past, but none of them compared to the enrichment that we both came away with from this one.

A good friend of mine, and long-time client, Rev. Virginia Sidoti was in attendance as she is a member of this great Movement who said "I was really blessed to be at the 30th Anniversary of the UBM convention, especially when Rev. Dr. Georges Doura received his doctorate degree. The energy was electrifying. I was truly feeling perfect blessedness and oneness with the great Divine. The whole weekend was very uplifting and I was spiritually moved and taken to another level. For that I thank everyone who was there. Many blessings to all."

Rev. Turner Lyman, a wonderful individual offered his thoughts on the celebration. "The first UBM conference I attended kinda "blew me away" (in a good way). I was not familiar with the concept of unconditional love and had no way to comprehend the beautiful energy I felt. This year was my third conference, and now I just bask in the feeling..... like laying in the sun getting a nice tan without the danger of burning..... a warm safe feeling."

Rev. Catherine Allon won the women's PJ contest and provided her own testimony. "This retreat was my very first in the 10+ years that I have been a Minister and Mnr/Dr with UBM. What an honor it has been and what an honor to meet all of you! The trip was a great opportunity to greet each of you very special unique beings involved with supporting the idea of the 'Brotherhood/Sisterhood' of the family of Man. All those I met were shining examples of light and love working tirelessly to bring love, light, health, abundance and pure joy to our beloved planet Gaia. I am forever grateful to have had the Divine opportunity to share my light with all of yours! Thank you!"

While we were blessed to meet Rev. Allon, my wife was particularly happy as she was able to practice her French.

For myself, I am honored to be a part of the Universal Brotherhood Movement. I felt blessed and special to have had the opportunity to participate in the 30th Anniversary Retreat with all of the wonderful people involved. A very special thanks with blessings and much gratitude are given to the Rev. Dr. Rick Pritmore and his wife, the founders of the Universal Brotherhood Movement 30 years ago.

In addition, I offer a very special and heartfelt thanks to Rev. Julie Bercu and Rev. Robin Morini for their tireless efforts of arranging and working with so many to host such a wonderful and successful convention.

Further, we offer thanks to the Rev. Dr. Reginald Worrll and the members of the Board of Regents of the Universal Brotherhood University for their endorsement.

I offer my gratitude and humble thanks to my coach, Rev. Dr. Lyn Hammond Gray who supported and encouraged me and gave me such a kind introduction before handing me my Doctorate degree.

I offer my joyful thanks to everyone who attended and I hope to see everyone again next year. I encourage more of our brothers and sisters to attend this wonderful celebration and participate in the next sublime convention.

Thanks go out to my family and friends and last, but not least, I extend gratitude and my heartfelt thanks to my wife, Marie, for her tireless support.

To conclude, I would like to give all of you my special blessings.

May the Eternal Lord of the Universe, by the light He has shed upon nature, raise your desire to the divine light of His grace, so one day you would be transported in the Eternal light of His glory.

May you be blessed abundantly in all levels of your life, with Health, Love, Happiness and many successes of all kind from here to Eternity.

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