

Ministries of Brotherly Understanding

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I would like to introduce Ministries of Brotherly Understanding also known as MOBU to the World. Today I would like to talk about the Ministry, what the Ministries beliefs are, as well as myself, Reverend Charles King, Founder.

On February 5, 2024 I organized the Ministry to create a community for individuals that wanted a different type of congregation to belong to. Ministries of Brotherly Understanding is a Non Denominational Religious Organization. Our sermons will be based off Real Life Experiences, we will not be preaching from the Bible, the Qur'an, the Book of Mormon, the Torah or any other Religious books, but these may be used as reference materials if needed.

A word of caution here, some of the Sermons might be offensive or emotional to some of the community members. These are not to attack any group or individual, but are meant to open everyone's eyes. My hope is to give sermons that assist everyone with understanding other's individual trials and tribulations. In sharing these, hopefully someone that is secretly dealing with a similar situation might find guidance and know there is a way past what they have dealt, or are currently battling with.

The Ministry is founded on three tenets:

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1. Do what is right
2. Do unto others as you would like them to do upon you
3. Everyone should be free to practice their faith however they wish, so long as they don't infringe upon the rights of other.

The membership of the Ministry shall consist of the LGBTQ+ Community, but will be focused on the Gay and Bi-Sexual men. Other supporters may consist of ally's that want to support the primary membership, and supports our beliefs.

The sermons may be viewable by the general public without being a member.

The primary belief of the Ministry is Universal Energy, instead of a Supreme Overlord or deity over seeing us and controlling our destiny. That we are all gods in our own right, that we have the power to make decisions for our own life, and have an understanding that the universe is there to assist us in finding our way and to give us the power to succeed.

Why did I choose Brotherly Understanding for the Ministry? Everyone comes from a different walk of life. We have all found each other now, but our past is what makes us who we are today. Some people suffer from abuse, sexual assault, hardship or have everything perfect with their lives. But we all deal with the situation differently. One person might take drugs or drink to deal with the pain of the past where the next person can make it through similar pasts with no addictions. Even someone with a

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perfect childhood, has everything going for them, might choose to experiment with drugs and alcohol just to change things up. This could create too much chaos and change the scales for them, where others can use drugs as a recreational weekend escape and never become addicted.

The Ministry is here to accept everyone where they are today, not judging you by your past, but to assist you in finding your way forward. Hopefully as a congregation we can help each other deal with the past trauma, and find a way past it to start our healing. This could be done through talking, getting to know each other and understanding that not everything is under our control. That not everything from our past was always our fault, and that it's okay to ask for help at times to recover.

About myself, I'm currently 57 years of age. I was ordained by the Universal Life Church on January 18, 2016. At the time I was ordained, I was recovering from shoulder surgery and was not sure if I was going to be able to return to my chosen line of work. At that time I was still the Owner and President of GLBT Guide as well as Rainbow Massage. My focus at that time was still on running these companies, and my Ministry was put on the back burner after my recovery.

I recently transferred my remaining interest in the LGBTQ Non Profit Guide, formally known as GLBT Guide to my friend and business partner so I could pursue my interest in starting the Ministry.

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A little history about myself, I was born in Michigan, where as a child my family bounced around the state, as well as coming to Phoenix a few times. My parents were abusive to each other as well as us their kids. The family was homeless for a time. I was molested several times as a child. I was also in the United States Marine Corps, where sadly I was raped twice while serving our Country. I did do a little time in jail in my late teens early 20's. I tell you these things about myself not for you to feel sorry for me, or show pity, but to let you know I too am human. I have had to overcome trials and tribulations that the universe wanted me to live through, so I could assist my fellow community to overcome similar situations.

So now my plans with the Ministry, I do plan on doing sermons and posting them on Social Media. Again they will be based on true life experiences or from stories of other individual's. On the Ministries website mobu.church I will be setting up a place where members can submit topics they might be interested in hearing about, if it is a topic that has already been covered, we might revisit or I might send them to the link of the past sermon and see if the covers their questions. I am also thinking about having a space for members to submit their personal stories that they might want to have shared and which I could create a sermon around their submission.

Outreach is something else I would like to include, members of the community that have been incarcerated or drug recovery,

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transitioning back into general society. I also assist members of the community who are in an abusive relationship and want to break free from the bonds of their abusers.

I would also like to create a retreat environment for the National Congregation to gather annually to create a true society within the congregation.

In conclusion, I look forward to many more sermons and starting live pod casts in the future.

You can find us on the web at mobu.church