

UNITY GROUPS STARTER KIT



"We must learn to live together as brothers, or we are going to perish together as fools."

- MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

We are so glad you are interested in starting a Unity Group or having your group displayed on the Unity Map. This manual provides you with information on our current initiatives as well as ideas on how your group can be involved.

What are Unity Groups?

Unity Groups were announced in Birmingham Alabama the summer of 2015. Over 30,000 of us came together in a unity march through the streets of Birmingham to stand up for the importance of life and declare that Never Again is Now.

Unity Groups as "Never Again is Now" in action! These quick response teams in local communities live out the mission to boldly stand, speak and act as one for self-evident truths. Each group is different, responding to its city's in real time. That may mean speaking up at school board meetings, volunteering, or responding in love as the citizens in Charleston did when tragedy struck their city. When you join a Unity Group you become part of a national network of bold and courageous leaders standing for truth.

How Do I Join a Unity Group?

Check the Unity map to find a Group in your area and join it! If there's not one in your area then we need you to volunteer to be a Unity Team Leader. Together we're a powerful and effective force for good. Our hope is that you'll connect with others in your area who are committed to this mission.

How Do I volunteer to be a Unity Group Leader?

Answer the 5 Questions listed below and email your answers to unitygroups@glennbeck.com.

Information Needed to Add your group to the Unity Map:

- 1. Leader's Name (Your Name)
- 2. Group Name (Unity Group Dallas or Labor of Love Dallas or 9/12 Dallas)
- 3. Email (The email you provide will be displayed on the Unity Map as the group contact)
- 4. Zip Code
- 5. URL (Linking to the group page ex. Facebook or Meet-Up Page.)

You will be the first to learn of initiatives, projects and new resources as they are developed so you can share them with your Unity Group. We will provide you with ideas and suggestions of initiatives to adopt, but each Unity Group team decides what to support and how to engage in their local community.

Stay tuned for new initiatives and ideas by subscribing to the Unity email newsletter.

What Should Unity Groups Do?

Here are some ideas to get your group started!

Host a Meeting

Organize a meeting for those in your area to meet one another. This meeting can be held at your home, at your church, or any place where people can connect!

- **1.** Learn the mission and purpose of the Never Again is Now Movement by watching the video and discussing it with your group.
- **2.** Create a way for your group to stay in touch. This could mean starting an email list for your group or a Facebook group page.
- **3.** Decide what projects or initiatives your group would like to adopt. We encourage you to adopt initiatives for your group and always look for ways for your group to serve others in your community. We know that YOU are your community's first-responders.

Adopt the Nazarene Fund Initiative

Mercury One is rescuing persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Over 12 million dollars was raised in 2015.

Here are a few ways your group can help with the Nazarene Fund Initiative. But these are just some suggestions, the best ideas come from each community!

- 1. We are placing pressure on the U.S. State Department to begin accepting Christian refugees into the United States. We are encouraging those who are able to house a family from the Middle East to let us know so we can show the State Department we are ready to respond. Have your group members who are willing to take a family fill out the form at **glennbeck.com/action**
- 2. Contribute what you can to the Nazarene Fund. You can contribute individually or look for ways your Unity Group can raise money together. Some groups are holding fundraisers bake sales and auctions.
- **3.** Engage your church. Invite your church to participate by having them adopt a family from the Middle East for \$25,000. Share an informational flyer with your church on the persecution in the Middle East. Ask your pastor to make an announcement to your congregation or take an offering to go towards rescuing those in the Middle East. **Glennbeck.com/action** has a downloadable PDF flyer that you can print to distribute to people in your church.
- **4.** Involve your community. Connect with businesses, organizations and schools in your local community and invite them to join you.

Join the Prayer Initiative

We encourage your group, if you are people of faith, to begin praying together for your community, the initiatives, and for our nation.

We have written prayers, just as General James McNeill did in 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge, so that we can pray together. You can download the prayer cards and begin sharing them with your group.

#BlueLivesMatter #AllLivesMatter - Stand with those who Protect and Serve

In the midst of horrific attacks against our police officers we are seeking to voice our support and thanks for the incredible job they do every day to keep us safe.

- 1. We encourage you to write a thank you note to bring to your local police station.
- 2. Begin praying for our local law enforcement and those who serve in our military.

Take A Walk

Our nation is at a critical crossroads. In the early days of America's founding our churches were not only bold on teaching on difficult issues but they led the way in applying Biblical principles in their communities. Once again we would like to church to begin standing for the principles in God's word. We are asking you to take the challenge to wake up your church. See the 4 Action Steps Below.

- Step 1: Ask your pastor to preach on one of the 12 important cultural issues.
- Step 2: Give your pastor a copy of the survey "God's People Want to Know."
- Step 3: Show Group Support for Your Pastor with a Letter of Encouragement.
- **Step 4:** Take a walk. Take your tithe with you. We want to encourage you to begin looking for another church if yours is not willing to boldly stand.

Serve in your Community

We must be those who step-up to respond and lead in our communities.

- 1. Find others that you can serve and love.
- **2.** Your group can choose to do a service project together as little or often as preferred or as needs arise in your community.
- **3.** Some ideas of service: visit the ederly, volunteer at your local food pantry, create care packages for our men and women in the military, and discover unmet needs in your community.
- **4.** A group called, Labor of Love, has led the way in service. They have served all over the country and most recently led hundreds in service projects in Birmingham Alabama. You can learn from how they have organized by visiting: **Facebook.com/WeAreLaborofLove**

Other Groups to Connect with on the Unity Map

Labor of Love Groups

Labor of Love began in 2011 when a group of people traveled with Glenn to Jerusalem for Restoring Courage. Strangers became friends and decided to begin finding ways to serve and love others in their communities. Today, they have done service projects all over the country with over 50 groups focused on community outreach and service. Check out a Labor of Love group near you to get connected! **lolusa.net**

9/12 Groups

9/12 groups were started in 2009 right on the cusp of the tea party movement's birth. Centered around preserving the founding principles that have made America great - 9/12 groups have been hard at work for 7 years providing a voice of political common sense in communities all over America. If your looking for a group to help fight for constitutional principles and values in your area - check out a 9/12 group near you on the map.

We are here to help connect you to others in your community through the Unity Map weather its a 9/12 group, Labor of Love group, Unity Group - or mixture of them all! We believe that when we come together to stand, speak and act as one for self-evident truth we will change the world.

Are You Ready to Join?

Groups will serve as catalysts for change in our communities. This is a movement of Ones. It will not be a leader or a policy that changes our nation - it will be us. One by one leading in our communities together. We will stand, speak and act as one for self-evident truths. **Now is the time. Let's do it together.**