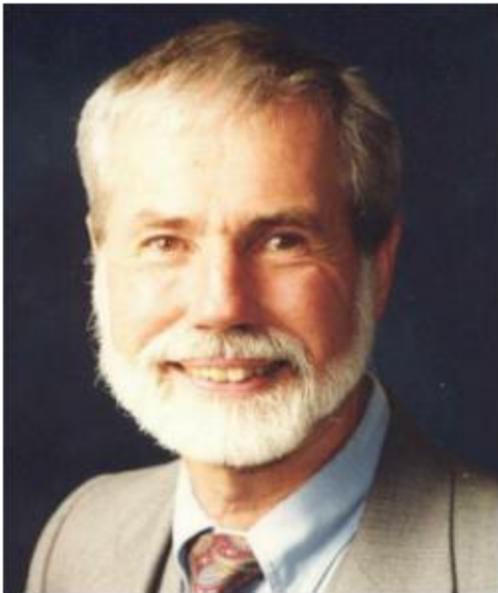


Rev. Larry Bergmann



Lawrence E. Bergmann is a minister, counselor, author and speaker. His work with the Unity movement has spanned four decades and has taken him to the far flung corners of the world. Through his very personal ministry, he has helped to re-define and spread the message and good news.

Larry's message and ministry are clear and direct. "I hope to plant seeds of possibilities and truth—Universal Truths—that transcend denominational beliefs. I try to take minds from where they are and stretch them to the next level of understanding. I want people to experience beyond their current understanding. This experience is part spiritual, part educational, and part inspirational."

Larry has been instrumental in building congregations in several states. As an example, he was a member of the start-up group for Unity of Richmond, Virginia in 1970 and Midtown Unity of Atlanta, Georgia in 1990. He is currently the Licensed Unity Teacher with John Strickland at Atlanta Unity. He continues to study at Unity Village where he began his formal studies of Unity thought and practice in 1973.

Larry has taught Continuing Education Program/SEE credit courses locally in conjunction with Unity School of Christianity, credit and non-credit. Additionally, he facilitates discussion groups on the Bible and spiritually related topics.

Larry is in high demand as a speaker, teacher and minister. He has taught high school, college, and adult education. He has presented workshops for the Southeastern division of the Association of Humanistic Psychology.

He leads church services as a guest speaker, teaches classes, and conducts seminars and workshops at Unity and non-Unity churches. He has spoken at and led workshops and seminars at churches in Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, New York, and Brisbane and the Gold Coast in Australia.

Larry's educational background is very broad and encompasses a wide range of disciplines and thought. He has a master's degree in parapsychology with an emphasis in paranormal healing techniques. While working on that MA, he had the opportunity to do research and study at the Cayce Foundation in Virginia Beach where he met Dr. Norman Shealy, whom he later worked for at Dr. Shealy's Pain Rehabilitation Center. (Norm Shealy is the MD with whom Carolyn Myss trained and co-authored books.)

Travels in Egypt, Greece, Turkey, Persia, Jordan and Israel have given him new perspectives on early Christianity and the belief systems that generated the foundation for our Judeo/Christian traditions. His travels in Tibet/Nepal, the far East, and North Africa have broadened and deepened his understanding of the relationships between Christianity and other religions.

For three years, he studied with Dr. Rocco Errico (currently Dean of Biblical Studies at the Barbara King School of Ministry), looking at the Bible from a Near Eastern perspective through the culture of the period. The work with Dr. Rocco Errico in addition to studying the work of John Shelby Spong (retired Episcopal Bishop of Newark NJ) has formed a basis for some of the seminars he leads.

In Nov. – Dec. 2009, he conducted a seminar, lecture, and church service in Brisbane and the Gold Coast in Australia before attending the Parliament of World Religions in Melbourne. Larry's style is warm, inclusive and accessible. He brings the congregation and/or audience on his spiritual journey. People leave his services and workshops with new understandings and a renewed sense of joy. Currently, he is at work on a book of teachings and meditations that will be published next year.