



The Unity Café *Bio - Rev. Dorothy Dennett*

Rev. Dorothy St. Clare Dennett is originally from Western New York state where she grew up with one sister Marlene (a gift from God). Dorothy graduated from Corning Community College with a degree in business and went on to Cornell University to obtain a degree in Industrial and Labor Relations focusing on organizational psychology. She was hired by a wonderful team at Xerox Corp. headquarters in personnel management.

Dorothy moved to Florida in 1979 and began a new career with US Home Corp., a national home and community development corporation. She enjoyed being mentored to learn the business from the ground-up; starting as a construction superintendent trainee, to sales management and finally as a V-P/Project Manager. It was during these years that she became familiar with Unity and the gifts that it can offer to the willing.

Dorothy started taking classes for credit in 1996 and travelled to Unity Village for 5 years to complete her Licensed Unity Teacher (LUT) certification. She served and was a member of Unity of Port Richey, Unity Community of Dunedin and Unity of Birmingham, AL. When she moved to Asheville, NC, she, also, completed nationally accredited chaplaincy training at the Veterans' Administration for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE 1) certification. She then studied to receive an ordination from the Congregational Church of Practical Theology. During these years, Dorothy was inspired by her out-of-class learning in HOSPICE, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross and the Literacy Council.

Dorothy and Rev. Nancy Clark (who had been one of Dorothy's instructors at the Village) teamed up to start the Unity Cafe in 2002. This was a new concept for Unity--not a church or study group in the traditional sense. Through Nancy's guidance they accepted the new concept. Rick Clark, Nancy's husband, lent a lot of support in the early days and continues to serve on the Board today. The Cafe has been blest to have various organizations lend it space for gatherings over the years--God in action! With Nancy's transition in 2008, Rev. Georgette Cressend became a member of the Board and has been active in the Unity Cafe since arriving after Hurricane Katrina. We are blest to have wonderful musicians who have served for years and of course, the Cafe members are due a big Thank You for their support.

On a personal note, Dorothy is married to Francis J. Dennett who served in the US Foreign Service for 30 years and they have a sweet dog, Dandie. Frank and Dorothy enjoy travel, the theater, symphony and opera.