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I feel incredibly blessed to have found Unity Principles early in my career at Virginia Mason. Why my career and Virginia Mason, you may well ask?

Here's how: I met Ruth Hetherington at Virginia Mason. She was an inspiring mentor, 18 years my senior, and she truly embodied Unity teachings and principles. Ruth introduced me to Joel Goldsmith's *The Infinite Way*. Her favorite expression, "**I am a child of God**," prompted me to want to know more of this belief. I, at the time, was what Ruth would call "A little Green Apple," neither quite ripe nor quite sweet, yet. Hopefully I have 'ripened' a bit with age!

In 1983, I began attending Unity of Bellevue regularly, and shortly thereafter Jim Powers introduced me to my future husband, Bob Gellert. Our connection felt destined... a perfect match: Bob and Unity!

We happily married six months later in a Unity church officiated by a Unity Minister in Vancouver, British Columbia. Bob had been a landed immigrant in Canada and felt drawn to British Columbia. He was ever the brave one in our marriage. I felt drawn to be closer to my spiritual home, Unity of Bellevue. He agreed.

Since Bob's passing on March 10th of last year, I have felt a strong calling to give back to this community that has supported me so much. Unity of Bellevue is my family, and my spiritual home.

I envision Unity of Bellevue flourishing and actively serving not only our growing community but also reaching the larger community beyond.

Thank you for welcoming me and trusting me to serve on the Board of Trustees!