

Subject: Church Growth & Management

**Rev. Ron Threatt
Infinite Blessing Ministries**

**A Proposal to Conduct
Midweek Evening Services**

Brief Synopsis

Purpose:	To teach SOM Principles to the <u>non-church</u> community in an innovative self-enlightening learning process.
What:	Rise Up : a contemporary Midweek Evening Service which offers an interactive communication learning process.
Duration:	50 weeks
Who:	Rev. Ron Threatt, MDiv, Catherine Espinoza, RScP
When:	Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, 5:30 to 8:00 P.M
Benefits:	Community recognition, Development of home groups, Additional Income, External Church Marketing, Focused Visioning Core, Innovative Service/Gatherings, New market growth

What is Rise Up?

The theme of **Rise Up** is **RENEW, REPLENISH and ACHIEVE.**

The purpose of **Rise Up** is to teach and share the principles of SOM using common language and tools people can use in their daily life practices.

Rise Up was developed to attract both the non-churchgoer as well as those who are interested in building community, in spiritual development, and/or in the acquisition of methodologies which further their personal wellbeing.

The **Rise Up** format has been successful in attracting church membership growth and in creating a continuing attendance commitment to a midweek service. The core messages focus on building a deeper inner relationship with Spirit as a foundation for empowering personal, familial and community relationships. **Rise Up** targets the fostering of community by encouraging the creation of “sangas” or home- based groups, built around shared personal interests and service opportunities.

RENEW

Rise Up begins with a 45 minute Visioning session, usually at 5:30 P.M. The Visioning group is composed of Practitioners, church members and other interested individuals who focus on the expanded vision of the **Rise Up** service in their community.

A 20- minute silent meditation with harp music, led by Catherine Espinoza, RScP, follows the Visioning session.

REPLENISH

We encourage the communal sharing of food and conversation prior to the service/gathering. A light repast provides substance to those who come from work, and it is a great methodology to build relationships and establish home-based groups. These home groups, or *sangas*, collectively create and develop an aspect of the greater vision of **Rise Up** and support each other in the integration of the weekly assignments.

ACHIEVE

Rise Up is a coordinated, whole- brain, worship process. **Rise Up** is a service/gathering complete with a brief curriculum- based message and appropriate musical inspiration. **Rise Up** is organized as a course of study as well, with an integrated learning/teaching module and weekly integrated spiritual learning homework. **Rise Up** is an interactive fellowship; each service/gathering has opportunities for congregants to respond and share vocally and artistically, as questions, testimonies and hidden talents surface. **Rise Up** is a ritual- based experience to deepen and open the heart. One service each month is designed as a Taize or devotional ritual evening, giving individuals an opportunity to contemplate and reflect.

Rise Up has developed five basic curriculums incorporating the teachings of Ernest Holmes, founder of Science of Mind.

The first series is a 20 week curriculum, ***The What, When and How of Personal Success and Abundant Living***. This series is based extensively on the book, *Creative Mind and Success*, by Ernest Holmes.

The second series is a four week practicum which focuses on ***Compassionate Communication – The Language of the Soul***.

The third series, which begins the third week of November, is a 6 week program entitled, ***The Season of Light- The Spiritual Masters series***. Here we explore the works of several great mystics of different faiths and practices with an interpersonal re-dramatization perspective. Jesus the Christ is featured the last weeks of December.

The fourth series is a six week, **40 day plan for a Purpose Driven Life**. This series is a metaphysical adaptation of the Rick Warren Christian series, where SOM teachings supplant Bible Scriptures.

The fifth series is a four week **Journey of Faith** program to assist the sponsoring church in its Giving and Tithing programs.

Proposed Agreements

Rev. Ron will provide:

- **Rise Up** Services
- Development and Funding of all marketing (both external newspaper and internal church)
- All Out- of- Pocket Expenses associated with **Rise Up**, including musical talent, programs, telephone, and mailing costs.

The sponsoring Church will provide:

- Church sanctuary
- Kitchen and eating facilities
- Classroom for visioning
- Sound and duplication resources.

The Church will provide the above resources to **Rise Up** between the hours of 6:00-9:00 P.M. on the agreed- upon evening for 50 weeks, designating a minister or practitioner as the supervising authority.

Rev. Ron and Infinite Ministries will pay to the sponsoring Church each month 40% of revenues generated from services after expenses. Expenses are defined as the cost of marketing, musical talent, food, materials, program expenses, child care, telephone and mailing costs. Records will be provided.

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Core Competencies: Youth and Family Ministries
Rise Up Midweek Service/Gatherings
Community Development and Outreach
Church Organization and Planning

Faith based and Church Affiliations:

Special Focus Ministry: Infinite Blessings – A Workplace Ministry

2004 - **Unity Care Group**
Spiritual Leader and Regional Director
Directs activities for four at-risk youth group homes and community wraparound and foster care programs.

Huntington Beach Church of RS **Rev. Peggy Price Sr. Minister,**
(Retired) Revs. Jack and Ruth
Deaton, Interim Ministers

2003 – 2004 **Assistant Minister**
Responsibilities: Sunday Service Speaking and Platform
Wednesday Night Rise Up Service
Youth and Family Ministries
Education and Spiritual Studies
Mentoring Ministerial Interns

Seaside Church of RS **Rev. Christian Sorensen. Sr.**
Minister

1992 – 96, 99 -2003 **Practitioner, Member**
Classes taken: Practitioner I
Service: Practitioner 1999-2003
Board of Director 1993-6, President, Treasurer
Family and Youth Ministries, Co-Director, Men's Group,
Director

Agape Intl Center of Truth **Rev. Dr. Michael Beckwith, Sr.**
Minister

1998-9 **Practitioner**

Inner Light Ministries **Rev. Deborah Johnson,**
Minister

1997-8 **Practitioner**
Service: Board of Directors

Santa Cruz Church of RS **Rev. Sandy Summers,**
Minister

- Developed Church Prosperity and Membership Growth program for RS Churches
- Created Business Blessings – an outreach program to support businesses and employees
- Shared Values Team Leadership enrichment and commitment program
- Developed a Weeknight Healing and Revealing service - PCRS
- Created a Practitioner Pastoral Care program – PCRS

Workshops and Classes

- Betrayal to Trust Forgiveness Workshop –an annual Easter event
- Resolutions to Reality – an annual New Years workshop
- Classes Taught
 - Treatment and Meditation class – PCRS
 - Foundations – Santa Cruz

Summary of Secular Experiences

Division V.P. Medicus Systems

- Developed infrastructure and managed the County Medical Services (CMS) Primary Care program, providing medical services to 500,000 uninsured in San Diego.
- Primary responsible for system contracting of 400 physicians and 23 medical facilities and centers.
- Managed a staff of 57, with operations budgeted at \$40M.

Chief Executive Officer – Comprehensive Health Centers

- Overall management responsibility for three clinics and 27 medical professionals
- Directed a staff of 97

Family

Life Partner – Catherine Espinoza, RScP. – Musician, Adult and Children’s Choir Director, Noted Storyteller, Co-Creator of Youth and Children’s SOM curriculum.

Children – Malcolm, 37; Yusef, 27; Saffronia, 17, freshman, Stanford University

Rise Up Wednesdays



Rev. Ron Threatt

A Spiritual Experience of
**Renewal, Replenishment
and Achievement**

Need a mid week spiritual pick-me-up?
Are you looking for a place where you can
experience warm, caring and wonderful
people having fun with lots of laughter?
What about eating a delicious wholesome
meal with outrageous desserts?

And while we are at it, how about enjoying
wonderful upbeat music with fabulous
artists who will open your heart?

I am personally extending an invitation for
you to join us as we explore the works of Spiritual Masters, during November and
December . You will not want to miss any of this month's powerful tools for
abundant living.

November 5th
November 12th
November 19th

Howard Thurman – African American Mysticism

Hildegard von Bingen – Feminine Mysticism

Ernest Holmes – Science of Mind Founder

November 26th *A Special Thanksgiving Gratitude Service – starting with
5:30 Meditation; 5:45 Turkey Potluck Meal*
December 10th *Jesus Christ – Finding the messages of the Parables*
December 17th *Jesus Christ –Special Music and Dramatic Presentations*

Your Heart will Open, Your Mind will Expand and your Soul will Rejoice



6:15 – 6:35 Meditation: a time of *Renewal* of Spirit and rest for the Mind
6:45 – 7:10 A Community Pot Luck Meal Sharing: A time to *Replenish* the Body
with great and beloved recipes and outrageous deserts.
7:15 – 8:30 Tools for Successful Living: a joy-filled fun experiential process of
individual and community goal *Achievement* with uplifting music
and stories