

Charline Manuel

Author. Speaker. Board Consultant.



Charline Manuel is an inspirational Author, Speaker, Board Consultant and Unity Minister. In her work she has encouraged small and large audiences nationally and internationally through her writings, keynote messages, workshops, seminars, and retreats. Charline is passionate about developing and harnessing the positive attributes that support individuals in living a high-quality life, personally and professionally. She promotes the development of skills and abilities that advocate harmony, diversity, inclusion, and empathetic relationship building for a more compassionate and peace-filled world.



Her 30+ year career of inspiring others, includes guiding nonprofit organizations to expand their reach toward positive relationship development. Charline founded One Accord Strategies dedicated to strengthening the capacity of boards of directors/trustees. She believes that by supporting boards in the development of high functioning relationships, boards are better positioned to live their mission, vision, and organizational values. The result is a more inclusive community and a greater impact in the lives of those they serve.

Charline holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Sociology and Urban Studies, and a Master of Arts degree in Human Resources Development. In addition, she is a graduate of Unity School of Religious Studies and received an ordination as a Unity minister in 1995 and went on to serve as a senior spiritual leader in a thriving ministry for twenty-two years.

Charline has been active in international initiatives bringing water to villages in Africa, building a school in Haiti, and peace immersion in Costa Rica.



Charline served on the Board of Directors of Unity World Headquarters for eight years and served as its first person of color in the role of Chair of the board in the organization's 130-year history. Charline serves on the Board of Trustees of the Parliament of World's Religions headquartered in Chicago, Illinois and is the 2025 Chair of the Board. She is the first African American and the first of her Religious/Spiritual affiliation, New Thought – Unity person to serve in that role. Since 2012 to the present, Charline has served on the faculty of the Unity Urban Ministerial School helping to develop spiritual leaders.



Charline is the author of nine books including *Boardroom Culture Shock* and *The Power of One Accord* both are guidebooks for building positive relationships in the boardroom written with faith-based organizations in mind. Charline's other titles include *Pray Up Your Life*, *The Metaphysics of Shoes* and a children's book *Do Puppies Pray?* Written with her two grandchildren in mind. Charline latest release published in 2024 is *Shaping Hope: Harnessing the Power of Grace in Your Life Stories*.

She is a proud mother and grandmother, making her home just outside of Orlando, Florida.

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