

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. Currently, Charline is CEO and Founder of One Accord Strategies, Inc., an organization 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 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* and was the first person of color to serve as 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 serves as Co-Vice Chair of the Board. She is on the faculty of the Unity Urban Ministerial School helping to develop spiritual leaders since 2012.



Charline is the author of seven books including *Boardroom Culture Shock: 7 Strategies to Amplify the Competence and Capacity of Board Culture*. It is a powerful resource tool for nonprofit boards assisting them in shifting their culture toward having a greater impact in the communities they serve. Charline's signature board book *The Power of One Accord: 7 Keys to Harnessing Synergy in the Boardroom*, is a guidebook for building positive relationships in the boardroom written with faith-based organizations in mind. However, if you ask Charline of all her books which is closest to her heart she will tell you children's book, *Do Puppies Pray?* Written with her two grandchildren in mind. Other titles: *Pray Up Your Life* and *The Metaphysics of Shoes*.

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

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