

UNBOUND-MICHIGAN OVERVIEW

The **mission** of Unbound-Michigan (**UB-MI**) is to **provide ministry efficiently and competently to everyone who wants to receive more freedom through the Unbound model of deliverance prayer**. In order to achieve this goal, we focus primarily on widening our own network of prayer ministers, although we rejoice in any way our work can bless other ministries. We operate under the authority of the Catholic leaders in our diverse geographical areas of Michigan.

In addition to **prayer ministry and prayer ministry training**, we **teach the Unbound model** using a variety of formats: conferences, retreats, parish missions, presentations, study groups. We serve free of charge but ask sponsors/hosts to help with lodging & transportation as needed.

We are not formally affiliated with Heart of the Father (HoF), the worldwide Unbound ministry led by the Lozanos, but we adhere to the principles and practices outlined in their training materials. We maintain a cooperative relationship with HoF as a part of their network and are committed to following the guidelines they have set forth for using the name "Unbound."

There are a variety of ways to participate with UB-MI, outlined below.

I. Supporters are people or groups who help UB-MI in one or more of the ways below:

- intercession
- promotion
- counsel
- donations
- prayer ministry at one-time events (to do this, they need to have received training in the model and be willing to operate per our guidelines)

II. Hosts are groups or parishes who sponsor UB-MI events or schedule ministry manned primarily by the UB-MI team rather than by their own members.

III. Area teams offer regular ministry scheduled by UB-MI; all those serving in this ministry are members of UB-MI or in training/discernment. Area teams receive help from the larger team, especially for training and for big events, but the goal is for each area team to eventually have enough committed prayer ministers to take primary responsibility for local efforts.



Developing an area team usually takes some time, because we need the following pieces in place:

- 1) Pastoral support and oversight from the church(es) hosting local ministry
- 2) A team leader who serves as a prayer leader for UB-MI and either *is* a trainer or demonstrates aptitude for *becoming* a trainer . This leader
 - a. serves as the Unbound spokesperson for the area
 - b. acts as primary liaison between the overseeing pastor/pastoral staff and the local team
 - c. takes a concern for recruiting, training, development, and support of team members
 - d. attends bi-annual meetings of all UB-MI area leaders and facilitates communication between the local team and UB-MI
 - e. coordinates local events
- 3) An administrator who can manage local ministry and event logistics and also serve on the UB-MI ministry coordination team; this person needs to have completed at least basic training with UB-MI as an intercessor or be on the path to do so.
- 4) At least 4 prayer leaders, 2 male and 2 female trained by UB-MI
- 5) Regular requests for ministry from the local area

[Proposed: 6) Some financial support, TBD]

IV. Individual members of UB-MI fulfill our criteria for membership (see insert O4) and have been accepted to the team after completing an application with references.

After the application has been accepted, trainees engage a period of apprenticeship that usually lasts a year or more. *[Proposed: this training involves a fee of ____.]* UB-MI requires satisfactory completion of all training milestones before a member can serve as a leader in prayer sessions. Afterwards, members accept ongoing supervision and review.

Active members and **active members in training** serve as prayer leaders or intercessors and may also support the team in other ways (administration, intake, teaching, training). Roles are determined by a process of mutual discernment during training.



They commit to participating in scheduled ministry appointments a minimum of three times per half-year plus one special event per year.

Inactive members cannot fulfill participation requirements at the moment but hope to re-activate; members can remain inactive for up to one year before moving to “former member” status.

Former members are people who were once members of UB-MI and are so no longer. They may be “former members in good standing” who can return to the team, possibly after a period of refresher training OR they can be “former members not in good standing” whom we would no longer accept as part of our organization.

UB-MI retains the right to rescind membership on our team if someone does not fulfill his commitment, fails to continue meeting criteria for membership, or cannot work cooperatively with team members

What are the costs of joining Unbound-Michigan?

Members and affiliated groups submit to regular supervision of their ministry; they must cooperate with our training process and with our leadership; they must work to keep up good communication with UB-MI administrators and other team members; they need to fulfill minimum participation requirements.

What are the benefits of joining UB-MI?

Resources, mentoring, a travel team of ministers to serve with, a wheel that’s already been invented.

Most important, when area groups link to the statewide network, the flow of pray-ees and pray-ers remains steady enough to ensure ongoing training opportunities for members and ongoing ministry for God’s beloved children.