

# Unbound-Michigan Prospectus

**Unbound-Michigan**, founded 2014, exists to help as many people as possible find freedom through Jesus Christ and His gospel.

We seek to reach this goal by developing an ever-widening network of prayer ministers trained in the **Unbound model of deliverance ministry** developed by Neal Lozano. (For more on Neal's worldwide ministry, go to [HeartoftheFather.com](http://HeartoftheFather.com).)

## Mission

We take a six-step approach to achieving our goal

1. Connect with parishes or areas interested in offering Unbound prayer ministry as part of their evangelization/formation efforts, possibly as part of the Unbound-Michigan network
2. Help these groups build a core of volunteers/parish staff who understand the Unbound model and have some inclination to commit to a local team (ideally 6 or more people)
3. Plan and present a **Live Free!** conference in these areas as a collaborative effort between a parish and Unbound-Michigan and hopefully the diocese as well. Unbound-Michigan provides speakers and trains the prayer ministry team, bringing in experienced people to pray for freedom alongside the local core plus their hand-picked recruits
4. Offer follow-up personal prayer ministry *at the conference venue* for 2-3 months after the event, again pairing experienced ministers from Unbound-Michigan with local volunteers
5. Present a **Give Free!** training workshop *at the conference venue* 1-3 months after the conference. This is an open event for anyone who meets the criteria (learned the model, received prayer) and not just for the potential local team members; however, it would be a requirement for anyone who wants to move forward as part of a local team within our network
6. Make a decision about whether or not to establish a local team connected with Unbound-Michigan; if so, continue training per our process; to do this, the local team must select a leader and administrator willing to maintain connection and cooperation with Unbound-Michigan

## Ministry

At this time, we have about 100 people trained or in training for Unbound ministry, in Fowler/Westphalia, Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti, Novi/Northville, Plymouth/Canton, Brighton/Howell, Hillsdale, Flint, East Detroit, Downriver Detroit, Lansing, Traverse City, and Tawas.

We offer regular prayer appointment times throughout lower Michigan almost every day of the week.

## What is deliverance?

Our experience shows us that most Catholics misunderstand deliverance. They think that it's only for possessed individuals, that it can only be done by a trained and appointed priest-exorcist. Others, aware of lay deliverance ministry, believe that it's something only for "charismatics," or that it's necessarily frightening. Still others confuse deliverance with healing, albeit emotional or mental healing rather than physical healing.

None of these capture the true nature of deliverance ministry, a ministry that simply acknowledges the reality of spiritual battle in every human life. The enemy's evil influence ranges from temptation to harassment to oppression to attachment to possession. Yet, Christians, while subject to the devil's constant opposition, can never be overpowered by Satan; he can only gain power to the degree that they open doors to his work by believing lies, engaging in sin, or approaching the occult with fear or fascination. Deliverance ministry closes these doors and releases people from bondage. It enables them to live freely, secure in their identity as God's beloved children, dedicated to His purposes for their lives. As such, deliverance does closely align with healing: the greatest healing of all is healing from sin and from its inevitable outcome, death.

In Scripture, we see many instances in which Jesus frees people from sin *before* he heals them from bodily illness. Often deliverance is a first step towards full mental and physical healing, the key that empowers people to change their lives in a way that allows positive graces and influences to flow unimpeded. But healing and deliverance are not the same thing. And we believe Catholics need to understand that **deliverance is a good word**.

## What is "Unbound"?

Neal Lozano's model of deliverance prayer is explained in his books, *Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance* and *Resisting the Devil: A Catholic Guide to Deliverance*. His "Five Keys to Freedom" simply apply the gospel message to a person's life, leading him to surrender his heart more fully to Jesus and reject all that runs counter to the truth.

We of Unbound-Michigan believe that Lozano's model of deliverance prayer is about

ENCOUNTER with Jesus

EDUCATION for discipleship

and

EMPOWERMENT for holiness and mission

as much as it is about getting free of demonic influences. Therefore, Unbound ministry is not only for certain individuals experiencing serious issues. **Anyone can benefit from it!**

## What makes the Unbound model unique?

Unbound differs from most other models of deliverance prayer, which often rely on the gifting and skill level of the prayer leader; these models may involve supernatural signs such as prophetic gifts or physical expressions of combat or release. They generally take a more confrontational approach to evil than we do, focused on naming and expelling demons. In contrast, our ministry is more person-focused. **It is really led by the person receiving prayer**, who has prepared for the appointment by learning the message of Unbound and reflecting prayerfully on what God is revealing to him at this stage of his spiritual growth. In a session usually lasting one to two hours, trained prayer leaders from Unbound-Michigan stand alongside these individuals seeking deliverance to support the process.

The first part of the session is a kind of "interview," best described as *active listening guided by the Holy Spirit*. The leader listens to the person's story and helps him identify and take responsibility for how he has opened doors to evil

influences. Most people experience this encounter as a time of revelation, in which they recognize how they have accepted Satan's deceptions and they also understand in a new way the truth that sets them free.

After the interview, the prayer leader coaches the person to close access points to evil and to use the authority given in Christ to take back his power. He guides the person gently through Unbound's "Five Keys":

- 1) Repenting for sin and expressing faith in Jesus' power to save
- 2) Extending forgiveness to one's self and others
- 3) Renouncing the lies, spirits, and tactics of the enemy
- 4) Taking authority over Satan in the name of Jesus
- 5) Receiving the Father's blessing

Through the ministry, people experience liberation to live the life God has always intended for them, connected to His people.

## **Why do you use the Unbound model exclusively, and not blend it with other models?**

- 1) **Unbound prayer works.** We see people set free from habitual sin; we see evil harassments and disturbances vanish; we see people grow lighter, more joyful, more confident in who they are; we see them enjoying greater freedom to become the disciples they want to be; we see them stepping out to serve in new ways—sometimes ways they never thought possible. We have witnessed significant transformations by the hundreds.
- 2) **Unbound prayer ministry is gentle.** Since it is not a confrontational model, we rarely experience negative supernatural manifestations.
- 3) **Unbound ministry places responsibility for rejecting evil squarely with the person who is receiving prayer.** Therefore, those coming for ministry do not develop dependent relationships on the prayer leaders.
- 4) **The Unbound model of prayer is simple to learn.** An ordinary Catholic can be taught to use it and pray with others for freedom. This is a critically important reason that the model is so successful, since pride and reliance on our own strength and skill impede effective deliverance ministry (or any ministry).
- 5) **In Unbound prayer sessions, we are teaching people how to fight their ongoing spiritual battles for themselves.** *Before they come*, they need to learn about the five keys and spend time reflecting on them. *During the prayer time*, the leader guides them to pray through the five keys. *Afterwards*, we send them home with tools to practice using the model. People go on to successfully apply the keys to their own lives and to share them with others as well.
- 6) We enjoy a cooperative relationship with Neal Lozano and Heart of the Father Ministries which he founded. This means we can use the name "Unbound." They provide ongoing support and resources; they offer ongoing training. **Because of our connection with Heart of the Father, we need to respect the guidelines for using their name, mainly that we adhere to the model without altering the content significantly.**
- 7) Most of the team members are also committed to other Christian ministries, family, and work. **We want to do an excellent job with the mission the Lord has called us to and not spread ourselves too thin.** We keep it simple.
- 8) Unbound-Michigan operates under the authority of local Catholic dioceses. **The Unbound model of deliverance is the one most often recommended by Catholic church leaders**, and is theologically in line with Catholic teaching.

## What is your vision for “Unbound” within the Catholic church?

We want all Catholics to come to **understand spiritual battle as a normal part of the Catholic Christian's life**. We want them to **learn how resist and overcome the enemy**. We want them to **share this good news of freedom with others** until the whole world is under the reign of Jesus Christ, and not under the power of the Evil One (1 John 5:19).

We desire that **all who experience bondage would know where to find help from priests and also from lay people trained in deliverance ministry**. Although we do not believe Unbound is the *only* way to pray for deliverance, we do believe it is one of the best tools available for the reasons given in the previous section.

**We want to situate our ministry within the pastoral structure of the church**, so that we can operate under God-given authority with the blessing of our shepherds, the bishops of Michigan. We envision a cooperative working relationship with every diocese in the state so that we can give and receive referrals for prayer ministry, share experiences and resources, help build local ministry teams, and pray for one another. We are dedicated to working with the diocesan leadership to teach the Unbound model to priests, seminarians, and lay ecclesial ministers, helping them to develop ministry teams in local churches.

To this end, we have standardized our training process and the criteria for serving in the various roles on our statewide team. We can vouch for those we trust with this very sacred service.

We would love to see the church hierarchy offer encouragement and practical support to our ministry, such as spiritual guidance and care, promotion, use of space for events, and help with funding.

## If you need to speak with someone about our work ...

Contact us for a list of clergy or seminary instructors/administrators who have received prayer themselves, hosted conferences, sent us referrals, supported us from the pulpit, attended events, and/or sponsored conferences and other events.

John and Michelle Kazanjian, founders of Unbound-Michigan, serve as lay missionaries with Renewal Ministries (Dr. Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, Sr. Anne Shield) and teach Unbound throughout the world.

They welcome the opportunity to share more with you about Unbound ministry and Unbound-Michigan if you would like.