



Awakening the Dreamer Through Unity **What You Need to Know**

Background

Awakening the Dreamer was created in 2005 by the Pachamama Alliance. It has been presented in over 70 countries in 12 languages. In 2014, Unity Worldwide Ministries collaborated with the Pachamama Alliance to create *Awakening the Dreamer Through Unity*. The Unity version has been tailored to assist Unity and New Thought congregations in integrating an earth-oriented spirituality into their ministry.

You can watch a 15-minute trailer of the original symposium at the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/11086775>

To present *Awakening the Dreamer Through Unity*, you will need the following:

- A. Adequate equipment
- B. *Awakening the Dreamer* PowerPoint file
- C. Facilitator Manual
- D. Live Presenter
- E. Handout material and bracelets
- F. Marketing

Each of these topics are discussed below.

A. Adequate equipment

1. A laptop computer with sufficient operating capacity and processing speed to present a 2.74 GB PowerPoint file.
 - a. **Operating System (PC):**
Windows 7 or 8 (might be possible to use Vista or XP if they are running the proper version of PowerPoint).
(More info from Microsoft on system requirements for Office 2013:
<https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee624351.aspx>.)
 - b. **Central Processing Unit (CPU):**
1 Ghz CPU or greater.
 - c. **Memory:**
Required computer memory space to run PowerPoint and the symposium file when opened: 5.3 GB.

d. Adequate (RAM) processing speed.

In order to adequately play the symposium PowerPoint file on your computer, it must have no less than 6 GB of RAM (8 GB is optimal). To determine how much RAM your computer has, go to the “Start Button,” right click on “Computer” (or “My Computer”), then click on “Properties.”

Note: Some systems with 4 GB of RAM can be converted to 6 or 8 GB by going to www.crucial.com.

e. Sound: All embedded videos are MPEG-4 files. MPEG-4 requires QuickTime 6 or higher. You can download QuickTime 6 or higher for both PC and MAC by going to:

<https://support.apple.com/downloads/#quicktime>

2. A projector that is compatible with the laptop. If you have an older projector and a newer laptop, you may need a HDMI to VGA converter to connect your laptop to the projector. (e.g., Older projectors will not connect to newer laptops.)
3. Speakers that transmit sound with sufficient volume and clarity.
4. A screen upon which to project the PowerPoint.

Other Tips

- Be sure to test your equipment at least several days prior to date of the symposium.
- Be sure the “sleep” setting on your computer is no less than 30 minutes. This will prevent the computer from going into “sleep” mode during the middle of the presentation. (e.g., To change the sleep setting, go to Control Panel, click Power Settings then change “when the computer sleeps.”)

B. Awakening the Dreamer PowerPoint

The symposium was created on Office for Mac 2011. Supported versions of PowerPoint for PC include:

- **PowerPoint for PC:** 2010 or 2013 (2007 may work but not recommended)
- **PowerPoint for Mac:** 2011 or higher

To download the symposium PowerPoint file:

1. Go to:
https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.awakeningthedreamer.org/Unity/ATD_V3_Unity1_2012015.pptx
2. Download the PowerPoint (PPT) file to your hard disk. Do not try to stream the PPT. The file is too big to be streamed. (size: 2,742,236,422 bytes (2.74 GB on disk))

Note: Click “Save As,” rather than “Download.” It will take a minimum of 15 minutes for the program to save to the file folder to you choose.

3. Once saved, open the file.

(Note: You may copy the file onto a thumbnail drive if you will be using a different computer for the presentation.

To play the Symposium PowerPoint presentation:

1. Double-click the file to open in PowerPoint.
2. Once the file is open, go to Slideshow.
3. Click “Play from Start.”
4. Use the arrow keys on your keyboard to advance forward or backwards through the presentation. (You may also click the mouse twice to advance to the next slide.)

C. Facilitator Manual

The facilitator manual contains all the information necessary to present a symposium. This includes the live presenter’s narrative, transcripts of all narratives and slides. It also contains the estimated time lines for each section, optional exercises that the facilitator may insert, the estimated times of each section and special notes to the facilitator.

There are **two versions of this symposium: a 3.5 hour version and a 2.0 hour version.** In the 2.0 version, many exercises, and some videos, are eliminated. The two-hour facilitator manual provides specific instructions of where and how far to fast-forward the PowerPoint file.

D. Live Presenter

The symposium requires a live presenter. This may be a person who has been previously trained by the Pachamama Alliance or someone who has never done so but who has received orientation online as well as from an EarthCare representative.

Previously-Trained Awakening the Dreamer Facilitators:

In order to have someone who has been trained to present the symposium, you may contact the Pachamama Alliance to find out whether there is a trained facilitator in your area who can present the symposium at your spiritual center. Go to pachamama.org or call 415.561.4522.

New Awakening the Dreamer Facilitators:

If a trained facilitator isn’t available, you or someone locally can be trained to do so. The [Facilitator Hub](#) is a resource center that has been designed specifically to support you. By signing up to become a facilitator, you will be able to access tools and resources, manage your events, connect with other Facilitators around the world and stay updated about our shared work. You can also learn how to be part of creating Symposiums, either by hosting

them, being on production teams, or learning to present it from the front of the room. Finally, the website contains suggestions on how to market the event, including a variety of promotional brochures that can be downloaded.

The **first step** to get access to the training, is an easy one. Go to the Pachamama Facilitator Hub website at hub.pachamama.org. Create a login. Click on “Facilitator Trainings” in the top menu bar and fill out the information requested in “Interested in an In-person Training?” box.

You can take the “Online Orientation to Presenting the Symposium” by going to: <http://hub.pachamama.org/login?destination=/resources/orientation>. The orientation contains a series of brief videos that will introduce you to the origin of the Symposium and different aspects of delivering it.

Note: To find the online orientation if you don't follow the direct link provided above, you can log in to the HUB and go to the “Resources” section in the HUB, found in the top navigation menu. Once you click on Resources you will see several boxes of resources, find the “Orientation to Becoming a Facilitator” section and click “Access Resource.”

We also recommend that you read the “10 Tips for Delivering Symposiums” that are in the facilitator manual.

Note: *The 3.5 hour presentation works best with two facilitators, each of whom gives a portion of the presentation. This prevents fatigue and enables a different style of delivery that oftentimes helps keep the audience engaged. If two facilitators aren't available, we highly recommend that you present the two-hour version of the symposium.*

Regardless of the number of presenters, there usually is a separate production person who runs the laptop by advancing the video upon command from the live presenter. However, some presenters prefer to do this themselves through the use of a wireless mouse. It also is recommended that you have several people to help hand out materials.

E. Handouts/Bracelets

During and at the conclusion of the presentation, several items are given to participants. These include:

- Declaration cards
- What Will You Stand For?
- Putting Commitment into Action
- What's Next for Me?
- Takeaway card
- Feedback card
- Handmade bracelets by members of the Achwar tribe

All handouts can be downloaded for free from the Pachamama website. However, the bracelets must be purchased from the online store. They come in packets of 60 for \$18.00 plus shipping.

F. Marketing

The Pachamama Alliance published a [Facilitator's Marketing Kit](#) that contains many useful ideas on how, when and where to promote your presentation. A copy can be found at either the Pachamama Website for facilitators or the EarthCare webpage.

Conclusion

I've presented *Awakening the Dreamer* many times and can attest to the fact that, in every instance, the goal of the symposium was achieved: To create empowered *engaged global citizens*—“*pro-activists,*” with the tools to enthusiastically work to transform their thinking and way of being in order to co-create a world we all yearn to live in and leave for our children.

Congratulations for bringing *Awakening the Dreamer Through Unity* to your spiritual center. By doing so, you are joining a growing legion of change agents who are committed to creating a better world.

Good luck!

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