

Licensed Teacher Update

April 2011

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UNITY PEOPLE'S CONVENTION - OVERLAND PARK, KS

The Licensed Teacher workshop is scheduled for Monday afternoon, June 13 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this dynamic and powerful three hours filled with provocative challenges to stale prayer language and introducing a language of spiritual empowerment. Based on Rev. Linda Martella-Whitsett's upcoming book *How to Pray Without Praying to God: Moment by Moment, Choice by Choice*.



Have you graduated from the thought of God as a superhuman yet continue to address God in prayer? Have you struggled with affirmations because they feel like lies to your body, mind, and spirit? Do you desire to support others' prayer intentions with language that truly empowers?

Instead of talking to God, we acknowledge Divine Nature and our Divine Identity, knowing Oneness. Instead of asking God to change us, other people, or our conditions, we affirm the highest truth revealed in the moment. Instead of saying "thank you" to God, we feel and express appreciation in many other ways.

Excerpt from *How to Pray Without Praying to God*

Rev. Linda Martella-Whitsett is the senior minister at Unity Church of San Antonio. Linda formerly served Unity Church of Omaha as Youth Educator Director, Licensed Unity Teacher, and Associate Pastor over seventeen years. For one year Rev. Linda co-hosted "Spiritual Parenting in Unity" on Unity.FM. Rev. Linda and her upcoming book *How to Pray Without Praying to God: Moment by Moment, Choice by Choice* won The Next Top Spiritual Author competition. Her book is scheduled for publication this Fall.



Going...Going...GONE!

Unity Worldwide Ministries cordially invites your presence to our [1st Annual Benefit Auction](#), Friday evening, **June 17, 2011** at the International Unity People's Convention Banquet and Gala being held at the Sheraton Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas.

This Gala will be an event that you won't want to miss. Beginning at 6 p.m. we will have a black-tie social hour in tandem with a silent action. We are obtaining intriguing items that you will want to have the opportunity to take home. Following the social hour we will begin our evening banquet which will include a dynamic live auction hosted by the entertaining Jay Fisk. Get ready for a good time. Following our dinner we will have time for dancing and celebration.

If you are not registered for the Unity People's Convention for only \$55 make your seating and dining [reservation](#) today. Or go 1st class by [buying a table](#) for ten in a prime location for only \$1,000.

If you are unable to personally attend we invite you to consider participating in this Benefit Auction by supporting it through [offering an item](#) that may be sold in the silent or live auctions.

All net proceeds will benefit Unity leaders and ministries through the services provided by the Unity Worldwide Ministries home office. So come, have fun, and be a part of supporting yourself, your ministry and your peers, while also having the opportunity to take home an item that you may need.

Come join us for a memorable fun-filled evening. We hope to see you there!

FROM UNITY WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES HOME OFFICE

Youth and Family Ministry

If you are seeking licensing in youth and family ministry, the following classes are required: Cultural Context of Youth Ministry, What Unity Has to Offer Families, and Sacred Safety & Developing Volunteers. These are held each Saturday morning (9 am - 12 pm) following a Leadership Development Session C week so you can take the class and still fly out Saturday afternoon. Please notify Kathy Kellogg, Children's and Family Ministry Coordinator, to save your space. Classes are supported through your love offerings. Contact Kathy at kid@unity.org. These classes are also highly recommended for those serving as spiritual leader or anyone interested in Unity youth ministry.

Classes for 2011

April 9	Cultural Context of Youth Ministry
Aug 6	Sacred Safety and Developing Volunteers
Nov 5	What Unity Has to Offer Families

SEE Resource Room

Whether you are a student or an instructor, if you are looking for information, go to this page on our website: <http://unity.org/education/see/downloads/index.html> and click on "Resource Room Flier".

SEE East 2011

Unity of Gaithersburg, Maryland is hosting this event on May 22-27, 2011. Classes and instructors are:

- Metaphysics I, Parts 1 & 2 - Rev. Paul Hasselbeck
- Overview of Hebrew Scriptures - Rev. Roger Goodwin
- Overview of Christian Scriptures - Rev. Carolyn Carter

For additional information, contact Barbara Goodwin at Barbara@unityofgaithersburg.org.

Psychological Evaluation Schedule 2011/2012

	Administration of Psychological Inventory	90-Minute Interview with Psychologist
Summer 2011	Sunday, July 31	Saturday, August 6
Fall 2011	Sunday, October 30	Saturday, November 5
Spring 2012	Sunday, March 25	Saturday, March 31
Summer 2012	Sunday, July 29	Saturday, August 4
Fall 2012	Sunday, October 28	Saturday, November 3

You must contact Shirley Kennedy at www.ltc@unity.org after you have completed 250 SEE hours to schedule this required evaluation before beginning Leadership classes.

SDS Schedule - 2011 & 2012

	SDS Week	Documentation Due
Summer 2011	August 8 - 11	May 8
Fall 2011	November 7 - 10	August 7
Spring 2012	April 2 - 5	January 2
Summer 2012	August 6 - 9	May 6
Fall 2012	November 5 - 8	August 5

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Prayer Chaplain Trainers Workshop, May 19 - 21, 2011
 Unity Church of Palm Harbor - Palm Harbor, Florida
 Early-Bird Discounted Registration Rate Available Until **4/22/11**
 For more information and to register, [click here.](#)

For dates and locations of Trainer's Workshops in September, October, and November, [click here.](#)

Rev. Linda Martella-Whitsett receives international honor. [Read more...](#)

Mediating Conflict for Yourself & Others
 Heartland 5-Day Retreat & Immersion Training Program in NVC Mediation May 19 - 24, 2011 at Unity Village.
[Read more...](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Information about openings for ministers and licensed teachers is found at www.unitychurches.org/openings. No login needed. The church packet of information is on the page with the description. Positions for musicians and youth education will remain on the unity.org site with no login needed.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING

Do you have a story or a teaching tip you would like to share through this Newsletter? If so, write it up and email it to me. These should be brief paragraphs similar to the paragraphs in this newsletter. Questions? Give me a call on my direct line at 816.434.6862.

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TRANSITIONS

Ruth Norris, licensed Unity teacher, made her transition in January 2010. Her son, Richard A Norris, writes she was an example of love, caring and understanding to be emulated.

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