

Licensed Teacher Update

December 2009

HOME OFFICE CHANGES

In November, after numerous budgetary cutbacks, the Association made the decision to downsize staff and reduce pay across the board to lessen the financial responsibility of our home office. With downsizing comes the creation of a "new normal" in regards to determining which programs and projects go forward and what staff hours are available to get the work done. Forty percent of the staff are either gone or on reduced hours, so it will take us a while to figure out "who's on first." We appreciate your patience and understanding as we move forward to serve.

This change affects the Licensed Unity Teacher program in the following ways:

Spring 2010 SDS - Due to limited staff we will be able to accommodate a maximum of 12 licensed teacher candidates for our Spring 2010 SDS. Candidates will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. We currently have identified eight (8) students who have completed all requirements and are eligible for invitation to our Spring SDS. If you think you are eligible and are planning to attend this SDS, and you have not heard from Shirley recently, please contact her as soon as possible.

Please know that it is our joy to be in service to you who make ministry happen. We are grateful for all of you who are holding us in prayer.

NOTE: The Association home office will be closed December 24, 2009 through January 3, 2010.

SPRING 2010 SDS

Please note this SDS is scheduled for the week of April 12 thru 15. Because Easter is on April 4, we pushed SDS forward one week. Therefore, it is NOT the week immediately following Session C Leadership classes. The date for getting all documentation into the LTC's office is January 12, 2010.

SEE IN THE FIELD

January 18-22, 2010 at Inspirational Unity, 12201 N. 68th Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85254.

Phone: 480-664-3681. To register or for an application go to www.inspirationalunitychurch.com click the "Special Activities" link.

Facilitated by Rev. Paul Hasselbeck

10 credits, MS-820 Metaphysics 1-Part 1 8-9:50 am

10 credits, PR-801 Meditation Practices 10-11:50 am

Facilitated by Rev. Tom Thorpe

10 credits, BI-821 Bible Overview-Christian Script. 1:30-3:20 pm

10 credits, BI-802 Jesus' Teachings in the Bible 3:30-5:20 pm

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM REV. MARK FUSS, ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE, UNITY INSTITUTE

Are you interested in continuing education? Have you considered the online courses offered by Unity Institute? Everyone is welcome to take classes! You can apply to audit or earn credit through

our amazing and affordable online course offerings. Beginning in January we are offering two courses online:

Bible History: Hebrew Scriptures with Rev. EJ Niles

This course is an overview of the history of the Israelites, covering the 900-year period of the writing of the Hebrew Scripture. Deepen your knowledge and understanding of the bible as we discern how man's perception of God changed through the centuries. Learn who wrote what... and when... as the story of the Israelites unfolds. We also examine the iconic status we give the bible and its place in our lives.

Ethical and Legal Issues in Chaplaincy with Dean Ted Collins

In this course, many ethical and legal issues that arise within ministry for a chaplain are presented and discussed. Students gain an awareness of the beliefs and practices of various religions and cultures that may be relevant within these issues. Students will also explore how their personal credo may impact the way they counsel others. Case examples and student discussion will be a large part of this class.

If you have questions or wish to begin the application process please call Rev. Mark Fuss at 816-251-3535 ext. 2110 or email me at admissions@unityonline.org. Let's grow together!

PROSPERITY PRAYERS FOR PREACHERS AND TEACHERS

Affirm the Truth of God's abundance in the Universe's economy--join us for James Trapp's prosperity prayer calls every Wed. at 5 pm CDT: **Dial 218.339.2500; access code is 992355**. Playback will be available later by dialing 218.339.2599; same access code.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following people recently received their Licensed Unity Teacher credential: Beth Boilott, Cynthia Cawthorne, Janith Griffith, Mark Hicks, Susan Liddell, Mary Mondl, Deborah Montoya, Christine Randle, Alice Rice, Susan Rolls, Shirley Smith, Brent Uzzell.

Below: Mary Mondl receiving her certificate from her minister, Rev. Eddie Skalitzky.



HELPFUL TIP FROM OUR POLICY MANUAL

"Inappropriate Listing of Credentials: When a licensed Unity teacher has received an ordination through another faith organization, they may not use the title Reverend in any

Unity publications or materials. When an individual, who has an ordination from another faith organization, is serving in a leadership capacity for a Unity group, they may use the title Reverend, but the source of their ordination must be listed with the title Reverend in all Unity materials and publications. Should any questions arise concerning the listing of credentials, contact the Vice President of Minister and Ministry Services for clarification."

TRANSITIONS

Barbara McAdams, retired licensed Unity teacher, made her transition on Monday, November 23rd in Round Rock, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Walter McAdams, also a licensed teacher.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Open Church information for Licensed Teachers is now on our website at www.unity.org. You must be a licensed teacher and you must first register to view the openings. In the upper right corner of our home page you will find the word "Register." Click on this and complete the form. Once you are registered, please send a new email to info@unity.org with your name and email address and request your status be changed to LUT. (This email must be send from the same email address you registered with). You will receive a confirming email with instructions on how to get to the open churches. Current openings for licensed teachers are listed below.

The Unity Center in San Diego, California is looking for a Director of Operations. In this position, you will lead, manage and coordinate all day-to-day administrative functions of The Unity Center. This includes managing the office, supervising administrative employees and volunteers and maintaining The Center's database, website and social media. You will report to Rev. Wendy Craig-Purcell (Spiritual Leader) and will work with the other Directors and staff to ensure that all established programs and ministries are functioning at a high level of excellence and are serving the members of The Unity Center as well as the community. For more information, go to www.theunitycenter.net.

Talk to us. What would you like to see in this newsletter? Do you know a licensed teacher that you would like to recognize or honor? Email suggestions to ltc@unity.org.

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Please do not reply to this email. If you have questions or comments, please send them to Licensed Teacher Coordinator Shirley Kennedy at ltc@unity.org.