

Licensed Teacher Update

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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. Come join us and Rev. Linda Martella-Whitsett for this exciting and informative experience! This workshop is based on Linda'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? Rev. Linda Martella-Whitsett guarantees a dynamic and powerful three hours filled with provocative challenges to stale prayer language and introducing language based upon spiritual empowerment

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 in Fall 2011.



Presented by the Association of Unity Churches International

The Radiating Heart of Unity... 2011 Unity People's Convention will be here before you know it! Check out the wonderful events at www.unity.org/convention. You can now [register](#) anytime 24/7. The March 25th early bird rate deadline of \$375.00 (one Friday evening banquet meal is included) is fast approaching.

Learn what's happening and be a part of the discussion concerning integration between Unity Worldwide Ministries and Unity World Headquarters at Unity Village:

A large percentage of our movement has expressed interest for Unity to integrate. At June People's Convention 2011, we will be asking our voting delegates for initial approval to move forward with next steps. If approved, the process of integration will be explored during this next year, with ongoing field input, and then shared during our June 2012 People's Convention for approval. Take time now to make your [convention registration](#) so that you can be a part of this significant time in our Unity history.

Voting Delegates. Important information. Please read and complete the [voting delegate form](#).

Newly added events. If you have already registered we want you to know that we have added two new meal functions to the schedule that may be of interest to you. They are 1. [Evolving Your Unity Ministry](#) and 2. [Meet David Arnett, Author of Unity's Exciting New Breakthrough Novel, Messengers. Sign up now.](#)

FROM UNITY WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES HOME OFFICE

Our staff are dedicated and delighted to serve you and your ministries. If there is a delay in our response please know that we will be responding as soon as possible. You can reach us at 816.524.7414. For a complete list of individual contacts please see page 58 of our [Quick-Connect Guide](#).

Unity Orphanage Haiti is not affiliated with Unity nor is it endorsed by Unity. At this time, there are no credentialed Unity ministers or authorized Unity ministries in Haiti. Based on a visit by Unity personnel, any support, financial or otherwise, is strongly discouraged. If you have questions, please call Carl Osier at 816.524.7414, ext. 6840.

Unity Worldwide Ministries welcomes its newest expansion ministry: Unity of Georgetown, Georgetown, TX, led by Mark Hicks, LUT and Spiritual Leader. We celebrate this exciting new ministry and look forward to its success!

Thriving in Unity The deadline to have tracking sheets to Debbie Allen is April 1 if you want to be recognized at this year's convention. If you have questions please contact Debbie at 816.434.6831 or email debbie@unity.org.

Branding The third test group has launched. The Canadian Association, the Eastern Region, 2 Canadian ministries and 23 ministries launched on March 1. The next launch will be July 25 with all paperwork and payments due by July 15. Come see us at the Unity Worldwide Ministries booth to get more information as how you can be a part of this project or contact Debbie Allen at 816.434.6831 or debbie@unity.org

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.

PRAYER CHAPLAIN TRAINING

April 7 - 9 at Unity Church of Beaumont, Texas. This training will feature the new 2nd Edition of the Prayer Chaplain Trainer's Guide which contains new material including: adaptations for small ministries, customization of Wellness Calling, tips for trainers, customizable safety policies, recommended code of conduct, and a CD with 37-1/2 hours of PowerPoint with trainer's notes to support the Prayer Chaplain Training. For additional information and to register, go to www.lightandloveministries.org.

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION SCHEDULE 2011

Spring: written portion on Sunday, April 3, interview with psychologist on Saturday, April 9
Summer: written portion on Sunday, July 31, interview with psychologist on Saturday, August 6
Fall: written portion on Sunday, October 30, interview with psychologist on Saturday, November 5

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.

LGBT RESOURCE PAGE AND LIBERATION 2011 RETREAT

Check out this resource page on our website: www.unity.org/lgbt

Learn about a weekend retreat at Unity Village which is designed to be a time of healing, wholeness, and joyful LGBT community! See this flyer and a link to the facebook event page.

http://www.facebook.com/posted.php?id=623038620&share_id=350376805194&comments=1#!/event.php?eid=166058340084740

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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