

# Licensed Teacher Update

May 2011

Please do not reply to this email. If you have questions or comments, please send them to Shirley Kennedy at [lrc@unity.org](mailto:lrc@unity.org). To unsubscribe, email [unsubscribe-LT@unity.org](mailto:unsubscribe-LT@unity.org).



## SPRING SDS

Students attending our Spring 2011 SDS were (from left to right): Kathy Threats-Grant, Anthony Jackson, Judith Lickus, Barbara Buchanan, Annie Bumgarner, Ann Frances, Dottie Henderson, Sandy Souder, Janet Taylor, Steve Smith

## 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.

#### **Unity People's Convention Update** (June 13-17, Sheraton Hotel, Overland Park, Kansas)

A Spirit-centered conversation on the idea of integration will be held on Monday, June 13 from 2-4 p.m. Further discussion will also continue on Tuesday morning, June 14 at 8 a.m. and during our business meeting, Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. If you are not already registered for the convention you may [click here](#). The \$450 rate is good through May 25th 11:59pm CDT at which time the onsite rate of \$499 goes into effect. If you are registered you may sign up for this important conversation [here](#). We look forward to coming together as we look at possibilities for our future.

**Voting at Convention** All non-minister voting delegates must be designated by their ministry leader. Each delegate must fill out a [delegate form](#), and have it signed by your minister (spiritual leader or board president in the case of no minister). If this form did not accompany the registration for convention, then this form must be presented at the Unity People's Convention registration table to receive a delegate ribbon. Only those with ribbons will be allowed to vote in the business meeting on Wednesday.

Each member minister has a vote. Each member ministry can have up to 4 lay delegates. And each member alternative ministry shall have a maximum of 2 voting lay delegates.

#### **FROM UNITY WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES HOME OFFICE**

What is Unity's unique calling? What's possible and where are we headed? [Listen](#) to a perspective from Doug Krug, author of two books with 20-years experience in international leadership development.

#### **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](mailto: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](#)

Aug 6	Sacred Safety and Developing Volunteers
Nov 5	What Unity Has to Offer Families

## Psychological Evaluation Schedule 2011/2012

	Administration of Psychological Assessment	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

After you have completed 250 SEE hours and have registered for your first Leadership class week, you must contact Shirley Kennedy at [www.ltc@unity.org](mailto:www.ltc@unity.org) to schedule this appointment with our psychologist. Please do this as soon as possible, as our schedule tends to fill up quickly.

If you are working toward licensing as a Unity Teacher, and you plan to apply for the Field Licensing Program, we recommend that you attend SDS in either the Spring or Fall. If you are qualified to apply this year, applications are now available by calling Rev. Margie Brach, Director of Credentialing at 816.434.6843. For more information on qualifications visit [unity.org/flphandbook](http://unity.org/flphandbook).

## Revised SDS Schedule - Fall 2011 thru Fall 2012

	SDS Week	Documentation Due
Fall 2011	November 7 - 10	August 7
Spring 2012	April 9 - 12	January 9
Summer 2012	August 6 - 9	May 6
Fall 2012	November 5 - 8	August 5

## NEWS FROM THE FIELD

### Quickening of the Spirit - Aug. 7-12, 2011 Oak Park, IL

Unity of Oak Park invites you to attend a week of Spiritual Education and Enrichment (SEE) classes at our center in Oak Park, Illinois, from Sun., Aug. 7- Fri., Aug. 12, 2011. Unity ministers from the Chicagoland area will teach four day classes and two evening classes. Reduced rates are available if you register by Friday, July 15.

Classes offered are: Bible Interpretation: Hebrew Scriptures, Bible Interpretation: Acts - Revelation, Bible Overview: Hebrew Scriptures, Lessons in Truth, Prosperity, and Myrtle and Charles Fillmore's Teachings on Healing and Wholeness (Part 1). Spiritual Development and Post Grad credits are available.

For a course schedule, registration form and further details, please access the brochure posted on our website [unityoakpark.org](http://unityoakpark.org). Please call Unity of Oak Park at 708-848-0960 or e-mail us at [unity@unityoakpark.org](mailto:unity@unityoakpark.org) if you have any questions.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Information about openings for ministers and licensed teachers is found at [www.unitychurches.org/openings](http://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.

## TRANSITIONS

**Andrea Louise Johnson**, a Licensed Unity Teacher, licensed in 1988 and who served, Unity Church of Peace in South Bend, Indiana passed on March 20, 2011. We praise Andrea for the Truth she taught and bless her as she is birthed into a new life.

Jasonya Rodgers, LUT, made her transition on March 21, 2011. We thank her for her service to Unity.

**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.

The Association has an "Opt-In" email policy. If this was forwarded to you and you would like to receive this e-newsletter or any others directly, you can sign up by going to [www.unity.org/enews](http://www.unity.org/enews). You must sign up for each e-newsletter individually.

**Please do not reply to this email.** If you have questions or comments, please send them to Licensed Teacher Coordinator Shirley Kennedy at [lrc@unity.org](mailto:lrc@unity.org).

Feel free to forward this email to a friend!

Privacy policy: [www.unity.org/privacy](http://www.unity.org/privacy)

To unsubscribe email [unsubscribe-LT@unity.org](mailto:unsubscribe-LT@unity.org)