

Licensed Teacher Update

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UNITY PEOPLE'S CONVENTION - OVERLAND PARK, KS

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. Please click on the link below to register anytime 24/7. The February 25th early bird rate deadline of \$350.00 (one Friday evening banquet meal is included) is fast approaching. Click here and register today at https://www.regonline.com/unity_peoples_convention_2011

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.

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

RESOURCES YOU CAN USE

Unity's 2011 Theme: [The Year of Abundant Living](#) website features articles, calendar quotes, webinars and other resources to support the spiritual growth of current and new Unity constituents. Unity communities are welcome to adopt or build on the campaign by accessing the [download center](#).

Small Group Ministry Booklets

Have you taught a class using Unity Worldwide Ministries' **small group ministry booklets**? These booklets are easy for any and all ministry leaders to use. Licensed teacher candidates can use them for their teaching credentials. The booklets are interactive, fun, and employ different learning modalities. All booklets include a getting-to-know-you time, story exploration and discussion, as well as prayer support.

[Proving the Power of Principle](#) (#BA1113 \$5.95) is excellent to use for a new-member class. Unity's five basic principles are a roadmap to living a life grounded in an awareness of God. In this study, we examine each of the principles: One Presence and One Power; the Christ within; denials and affirmations (law of mind action); power of prayer; and putting our beliefs into action.

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.

PEACEMAKING SKILLS TRAINING

This training will help you:

- deal with challenges and interpersonal difficulties that arise in the life of the individual and the ministry
- understand and work with conflicts, church growth, and transitional issues
- be of maximum service to the people and communities you love

2011 Peacemaking Skills Training Schedule:

April 5 - 8 - Atlanta, GA

August 23 - 26 - Lee's Summit, MO

November 1-4 - San Francisco, CA

For more information contact Stephanie Seigh at revseigh@ptd.net

To register, contact Cathy Christy at 816-434-6841 or admast@unity.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.

ANNUAL REPORT

This is a reminder to complete the Annual Report and send it in to Unity Worldwide Ministries by March 1st. The Annual Report, which is required of all Licensed Unity Teachers, must be signed by your sponsoring minister. This report informs us that you are still active and gives you an opportunity to update your contact information. This form is available on our website at www.unity.org on the Licensed Teacher page.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW! For information about openings, including new ones, for ministers and licensed teachers go to 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

Licensed Unity Teacher Bill Schulenberg passed away in late January. He had been living in Baton Rouge.

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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