

Education

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to Youth and Family Ministry



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Welcome to **E-Link**, your bi-monthly online news about Youth and Family Ministry from the Association of Unity Churches International. Each issue provides bits of current information and connects all of us who serve Youth and Family Ministry throughout Unity churches.

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Announcing...

1. Our Interim YOU Coordinator!

It is our joy to share with you that we have hired Rev. Jane Simmons as the Interim Youth of Unity (YOU) Coordinator. Rev. Simmons has had previous experience as a Youth Director, YOU Sponsor, Regional Youth Consultant, and Youth and Family Minister and is trained in HeartMath and Peacemaking. She has also served as co-chair of the International YOU (IYOU) Appreciative Inquiry Summit Planning Team, and authored *I of the Storm for Teens*. In addition to her rich relevant experience and her many skills, Jane brings a consciousness and a presence that is exactly what is needed for the work to be done now. We are grateful for Jane's participation at this crucial time in IYOU's development.

Jane is working now through December 31, 2008, on a contractual basis. You may reach her at you@unity.org.

Rev. Deborah Frownfelter
VP Leadership & Organizational Development

2. Our new website!

As of Monday, December 10, our new website, www.unity.org, is awaiting your exploration. It is still a work in progress and will provide much more information than previously. We are adding to it daily. The curriculum information will be under **Youth/Education Resources**. It is currently under construction. Our old website was faltering so we went live with the new website sooner than originally planned. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

We invite you to explore the new website frequently and let us know if you cannot find what you are looking for. You can also be a part of our editing staff by letting us know if a link does not work or you just don't know where to look for what you want. Send inquiries to info@unity.org.

Hints for finding curriculum: Go into Shop (top right menu on every page) and use the third Search option. Choose Curriculum in Sort1. You can then either choose the age group you want, or select the curriculum series you want in Sort2. For specific series, Sort3 gives you: all the information, or the basic (essential) product information, or the required products information.

You can also use the "Search Keyword" option on every page to enter a word (more than three letters) from the title that you are looking for. The Cart Tips in the right menu will assist you with your search.

Upcoming Events

1. Appreciative Inquiry Summit for International YOU

Attention: YOUers, Sponsors, Former YOUers, NGUers (Next Generation of Unity), Regional Consultants, Ministers, Youth Education Directors, and any other stakeholders of the Youth of Unity.

From July 13-18, 2008, at Unity Village, an Appreciative Inquiry (AI) Summit for International YOU will be held at Unity Village. What is an AI Summit? It is a chance to identify what has worked well in the past, and bringing this forward, share ideas and dreams for the future. You are invited to be a voice in the creation of a new vision and direction for IYOU that will serve our young people and our movement. For more information, please email you@unity.org, call 816.524.7414 x 340 or visit www.unity.org. Search "Appreciative Inquiry."

2. Child Teen Ministry Week

July 27 through August 1, 2008, Spiritual Life Center, Unity Village, MO
Pencil this into your calendars now. Flyers with more detail will be available on our website in January.

Resources

Bunny Hull, a musician friend of Unity, creates award-winning multicultural music and activity books for children from ages 3 to 10. Her newest creations are **3 Young Masters** storybooks especially for preschoolers. Each includes a music CD that has accompanying songs and the story is read. You can learn more about this and see a sample at www.dreamaworld.com. Also available is a CD of 17 lively songs, *Secrets of the Heart*.

Calm and Compassionate Children: A Handbook

Susan Usha Dermond, Celestial Arts. Check this out on www.Amazon.com.

Looking for a book to recommend to parents? *Calm and Compassionate Children* is a must for parents and teachers seeking to help children awaken their hearts and strengthen their inner gifts of empathy and integrity. This book is divided into three

parts: Awakening the Heart's Feeling, Calming Body and Mind, and Surrounding Influences. At the end of a chapter is a list of practical steps to bring the concepts into daily life. The author is the director of the Living Wisdom School in Portland, Oregon. I love this book!

New Curriculum

6865 Celebrating My God-self, Book 6* **\$14.95**

(Purchase 6 or more copies at one time, \$13.95/copy)

Just in from the printer today, this volume contains twelve new lessons for two age groups, 6-8 years and 9-10 years, on the same topics as in the preschool curriculum, *What a Wonderful World! Volume 4*. The teacher-friendly, Bible-based, interactive units are on Unity concepts relating to Patience, Prosperity, and Joy.

Still New

6864 Celebrating My God-self, Book 5* **\$14.95**

(Purchase 6 or more copies at one time, \$13.95/copy)

This volume is the same format as the new volume above. The lessons are on the same topics as in *What a Wonderful World! Volume 3* for preschool children: God Is Everywhere, Prayer, and Body Temple.

6961 Unity Basics for Life, Book 1: For YOU and Other Young Adults* **\$14.95**

These lessons help teens explore Unity's core concepts and discuss how to apply them in their lives. All lessons draw upon Unity's basic principles as teens explore these topics: What Does God Mean in My Life?; My Christ Self; and What Is the Law of Mind Action?

*To learn more go to www.unity.org, look under Shop. (Prices do not include shipping.)

Ideas

Unity Homeschoolers

A new Yahoo group was established this summer for those who are Unity-friendly and home schooling. You can visit this group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UnityChurchHomeschoolers/>. Feel free to share this with others in New Thought who are home schooling their children.

May quiet joy, peace, and love shine through this holiday season!

Contributors to this issue include Rev. Deborah Frownfelter, Rev. Kathryn Kellogg, Rev. Jane Simmons, Anna Andes, Bernadette Swanson, and you! We welcome your questions or suggestions: cur@unity.org.

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