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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 in Unity Youth and Family Ministry. Send comments to Bernadette Swanson at cwriter@unity.org.

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Regional Update

Tiffany Emmitt, who at the present time is the NGU consultant for Southeast region, is now also serving temporarily in the position of Uniteen Consultant (probably until at least October). Her email address is seuniteens@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

[Child/Teen Ministry Week](#)

Child/Teen Ministry Week is July 11-16, 2010, at the Association of Unity Churches' home office. There may still be a few open slots. Contact Kathy Kellogg ASAP at kid@unity.org. This training is required for Certified Spiritual Educator credentialing. (Kathy is at convention June 7-11.)

Has your ministry considered **adding a scholarship** for Child/Teen Ministry Week into its budget? It's a great way to get your volunteers trained and certified. Talk to your board, minister, and youth director. Brainstorm ways to make it happen.

Twelve Powers Are “In” for 2010

If you want to explore the 12 Powers for next year, we have resources available for you. Go to our [Children’s Ministry webpage](#) and scroll down. More resources can be found in the [Fall 2009 issue of Education Links](#).

The Twelve Gifts From God Volume 1 (January-June) is available as a [free download](#). Volume 2 is still available for purchase through our Shop online. Order number is [BA6057](#).

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH OF UNITY WWW.UNITY.ORG/IYOU

Registration Discount for IYOU August event extended until June 15!

Don't miss out on registration discount for the 2010 IYOU event, **Peace be Still**, held August 1-6 at Three Trails Camp and Retreat Center, Kansas City, MO. Full registration cost takes effect **June 15**.

Join us for an exciting week of heart-centered prayer, meditation, music, dance, service, compassionate communication, laughter and fun as we connect with each other, explore our Unity Truth principles and put them into practice. A day long visit to Unity Village is also scheduled. Our wonderful guest musicians are Armand and Angelina!

For more info and fun videos, see www.unity.org/iyouevent and [our Facebook page](#).

Available from the Southeast Region is a [chapter plan for special-needs YOUers](#).

Daily Word for Teens: On www.unity.org/curriculum, under the YOU section, is a link to *Daily Word for Teens* on Amazon.com. If you order it *from that link*, Unity will get a percentage of the price.

Vintage YOU Pins: Hot item! Formerly \$6.00 each. Now only \$1.00. See Stimulus Sale below.

CURRICULUM & RESOURCES

Small Group Ministry Guide (BA1109) is now available! Must-have, how-to resource for organizing, marketing, training and writing curriculum for small group ministry.

Have you considered using the Unity Youth Ministry **Fast-Start Training Program** (MA6000, \$34.95 wholesale) with your children? Although this interactive training CD was designed to help train your teachers, the section on Unity principles is a great resource to use with your children and teens.

The helpful **Quick Connect Guide** highlights the services the Association provides to the field. It also lists contact information for staff. (Some staff have changed as this was produced just prior to the November 2009 layoffs.)

Stimulus Sale of kid’s books, curriculum & miscellaneous. Call 816.434.6813 to order.

DISTINGUISHED YOUTH SERVICE AWARD

Do you have a fantastic youth volunteer who has served for over 7 years and is at least 25 years old? Honor them for their service with a [Distinguished Youth Service Award](#).

EXCELLENT WEBSITES

Unity Website

Association information is under the **Ministries & Leaders** tab at www.unity.org. When in the **Shop**, be sure to login with your ministry account to see wholesale pricing. Ordering by phone: wholesale (ministry) orders, call 866.236.3571.

Web update: Right now the Shop(www.unity.org/shop) shows retail pricing which is higher than what the ministries pay. [The next update to the Shop will show the wholesale \(ministry\) price instead.](#) This will make it easier for everyone to order.

Related Web article: See Lisa Wittman's article about our web on p. 32 of the [June issue of Contact magazine](#).

Find curriculum recommendations at www.unity.org/curriculum. Feel free to contact staff with curriculum questions.

See Religious Emblem resources at www.unity.org/emblem

Get Regional Education Consultant information at www.unity.org/REC.

Other Websites

Discover your [multiple intelligence strengths](#). Thanks to SCUCA Region Children's Consultant, Marygrace Sorenson for sharing this.

Visit these websites for peaceful parenting resources:

http://www.nonviolentcommunication.com/parenting_tips/index.htm

<http://casts.webvalence.com/listmgr/subscribe?lists=PeacefulParentsNewsletter>

REGIONAL TRAININGS

Note: Check out [our calendar](#) for a list of trainings and events! Go to <http://directory.unityonline.org/>. Click on the second bullet, "Search for event by category," then use the drop down to select "Youth Educator Training" or "Events for Children & Teens."

If you have trainings or events that you would like added to our calendar, contact Susan Velasquez at info@unity.org. If you have access to your ministry's login account, you can add your information directly.

Great Lakes Region

Youth Team Training: The Enlivened Lesson Plan, July 24, 2010, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati, OH

Contact: Diane Venzera 708.785.7566 diane@dianevezera.com

Great Lakes Fall Unitreat Nov 5-7, 2010, Ingleside, IL
For Uniteens, Leaders and Chaperones
Contact: Eileen Patra, CSE, LUT epatra@gmail.com 248.318.7028 or visit
www.glruniteens.org

Spring Unitreat, Save the date! April 29–May 1, 2011, Jackson, MI
Uniteens, Leaders and Chaperones Contact: Eileen Patra, CSE, LUT epatra@gmail.com
248.318.7028 or visit www.glruniteens.org

Northwest Region

YOU Rendezvous July 23-26, Chewelah Peak north of Spokane WA. Contact: Jackie Green jackienwyou@comcast.net 509.928.0896

NW Youth Service Team members meet September 29-October 1, Seabeck, WA. Co-facilitated by Jackie Green and Penny Gruver.

Youth Ed Directors Fall Leadership Retreat Oct 1-3, Seabeck, WA. Contact: Penny Gruver kidsnwunity@yahoo.com 360.452.7953

YOU Retreat, Oct 15-17, Camp Waskowitz, North Bend, WA, 4 pm Fri-1 pm Sun.
Contact: Jackie Green jackienwyou@comcast.net 509.928.0896

NW Fall Unitreat Nov 12-14, Cispus Learning Center outside Randall, WA. Uniteen Event Information: Chris Castaldi chriscastaldi@bctonline.com 503.632.7792 Registrar: Jackie Green jackienwyou@comcast.net 509.928.0896

SCUCA (South Central) Region

Information: www.scucaregion.com/Youth&Family-Trainings.html

Children's Training, September 11, Mid-south Texas area, including Austin cluster. Unity Church of the Hills, 9905 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, TX 78750. For directions, contact Linda Hancock at 512.335.4449.

Children's and Teen Training, October 23, Missouri and Kansas, and Kansas City Cluster. Unity Church of Overland Park, 10300 Antioch Road, Overland Park, KS 66212. For directions, contact Brandon Nagel at 913.649.1750.

SCUCA Unitreat, September 17-19, Cross Point Camp, Kingston, Oklahoma. For more information, please contact: Joanne Burns, 512.635.0115 or scuniteen@gmail.com.

Children's Training, November 13, New Mexico and Texas Pan Handle. Unity Spiritual Center, 9800 Candelaria Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112. For directions, contact Giselle Vivian at 505.292.1998.

Southeast Region

For all training and registration information, please visit www.seunityyouth.org.
Youth Director's Weekend Retreat, August 13-14, Unity of Gainesville Church, 3361 Clark's Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30506 www.unityofgainesville.org Contact Steven Butler cc@unityyouth.org 352.376.8561.

Upper SE Teacher Training, August 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Unity Church of the Triangle, 118 S Person St, Raleigh, NC 27601 www.unitytriangle.org. Contact Steven Butler cc@unityyouth.org 352.376.8561.

Fall Uniteen Retreat, October 1-3, Camp Weed, Live Oak, FL. Contact Tiffany Emitt seuniteens@gmail.com.

EDUCATION LINKS ONLINE

Education Links is available online at www.unity.org/el. [Sign up](#) to be notified so you won't miss any issues. Contact Kathy Kellogg at kid@unity.org to contribute articles.

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