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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.

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#### International Youth of Unity

**Global Youth Service Day: Almost here!** Imagine the power of the Youth of Unity contributing to a worldwide youth service event. Picture the participation of youth in service, on a global scale... We invite you to participate in the Global Youth Service Day on April 24-29, 2009. For more information: [www.unity.org/iyou](http://www.unity.org/iyou).

**Peace Ambassador Training**, the 2009 International Youth of Unity event, will be held July 19-24, 2009, at Unity Village, Missouri. To download event information plus registration materials, visit [www.unity.org/iyouevent](http://www.unity.org/iyouevent). Fees increase after May 11.

#### Great Lakes Region, Eastern Sub-region

##### YOU Sponsor/Uniteen Leader Forum

April 18, 2009, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Cost: \$0

Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. Eleven Mile Rd, Warren, MI  
(hosted by Renaissance Unity & Unity of Kalamazoo)

The Sponsor/Leader Forum is an opportunity for YOU Sponsors and Uniteen Leaders to come together for at time of networking and mutual support. The group met for the first time in January and compiled an array of discussion topics for the April forum.

For more information, contact Jo Horn at [jhorn56@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhorn56@sbcglobal.net) or [download the flyer](#).

#### New Thought Spiritual Educators' Training

The first-ever collaborative New Thought Spiritual Educators' Training was held in Anaheim, CA, on February 16, 2009, at the Religious Science Gathering. The presenters and participants consisted of youth educators from three New Thought organizations: Religious Science International, United Centers for Spiritual Living, and Unity. This is

the beginning of a collaborative relationship that has generated much excitement in serving our youth in the New Thought movement. Jane Simmons represented Unity.

### **Child/Teen Ministry Week 2009**

*Putting It All Together* is what this year's [Child Teen Ministry Week](#) (August 2-7, 2009) is all about. The 40-hour integrated study explores faith development, life issues and Unity principles, sacred safety assessment of your facility, programming and staff, metaphysics for youth, and more. Not only does this week deepen your experience of youth ministry but will enrich the lives of your young people and ministry.

### **Spirit's Light Foundation Event**

#### **7th National Unity Children & Teen Ministry Conference**

Thursday, May 28, to Saturday, May 30, 2009

Featured presenters: Rev. Kathy Kellogg and Rev. Diane Venzera

Join youth ministry teams from around the country as we come together to network, explore current trends in the field, learn from one another, explore tools that helps us to create safe and sacred classrooms and to be inspired and renewed.

For more information, go to [www.spiritslight.org](http://www.spiritslight.org), email [diane@dianevenzera.com](mailto:diane@dianevenzera.com), or call 708.785.7566.

### **Excellent Websites**

#### **Unity Family Matters**

[Unity Family Matters](#), Unity's website for parents and children, is looking for people to share input and ideas for stories, content, and resources for: spiritual education and parenting, blogs, "blorums," etc. Interested? Contact [editor@unityfamilymatters.org](mailto:editor@unityfamilymatters.org).

#### **Unity Website**

Association information is now under the **Ministries & Leaders** tab at the top of the [www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org) home page. Curriculum prices in the Shop are retail. To see your wholesale pricing, follow the information in the yellow box on the [Shop](#) homepage, left sidebar. Coming soon: new directory with ZIP code search for the nearest church.

### **Education Links Online**

The summer issue of *Education Links*, will be available online **April 20** at [www.unity.org/el](http://www.unity.org/el). It features summer curriculums that will add pizzazz to your normal programming, and highlights the new EL format for the fall, including ways for you to contribute. Please share the April 20 date with your minister, board, and fellow youth ministry workers.

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