

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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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Child/Teen Ministry Week

Child/Teen Ministry Week is moving up—in time, that is. CTMW 2010 will be July 11–16. It is earlier than usual. (We traded with International YOU Summer Event.)

Religious Emblem Programs www.unity.org/emblem

Share the free downloads of the [Religious Emblem Program](#) with your families who have boys and girls in the scouting programs.

Resource for Youth Education

[Super Teaching](#) by Eric Jensen is packed full of ideas covering almost everything you need to know about teaching. Lots of material is covered but is formatted for easy reading and implementation. Check out the table of contents at Amazon. The 4th edition (the newest) is more oriented to youth, whereas the 3rd edition is overall for youth and adults. Either edition will provide you with endless ideas for teachers' meetings and trainings.

Christmas Book for Sharing

[Little One, We Knew You'd Come](#) by Sally Lloyd-Jones

You may already be familiar with this book published in 2006, but if not, it is a wonderful addition to your resource library or bookstore. Told from the perspective of

the Nativity characters, it is the story of all parents waiting for their child to come into their lives. Beautiful illustrations and soft, loving words make this a wonderful way to share the Christmas story and celebrate the birth and wonder of our own children.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH OF UNITY WWW.UNITY.ORG/IYOU

YOUers who attend the international event are required to submit either an **essay or lesson plan** based on one of several recommended books. In response to a request to share their submissions, some of our Peace Ambassador training attendees have given permission to post them on our website. [Read their excellent work.](#)

Save the dates for **next year's IYOU event**: August 1-6, 2010, at Three Trails Camp & Retreat Center near Unity Village. Your planning team is coming together for an on-site meeting in November and will share more details as they come available.

Explore the possibilities of ["green" fund raising](#) for your youth group.

Youth Participation in 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions

The 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions, in Melbourne, Australia, will be gathering December 2-9, 2009. The Youth Program will consist of interfaith youth-led workshops, projects, and discussion. Please contact Jane Simmons at jane@unity.org if your community has a teen/young adult who is interested in attending.

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

NEXT GENERATION UNITY (NGU, AGES 18–35) WWW.UNITY.ORG/NGU

Do you have an NGU (young adult) group meeting at your church? Let us know! This information will help us direct inquiries to you. Download the [group registration pdf](#). Questions? Email Rachel Simpson at nqu@unity.org.

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](#).

STIMULUS SALE

[Stimulus Sale](#) of kid's books, curriculum & miscellaneous. Call 816.434.6813 to order.

COPYRIGHT LAW

Using Winnie the Pooh and his hundred-acre-wood-friends images would make a great marketing poster for your next team leadership recruitment strategy, and John Lennon's song "Imagine" has a line in it that really sums up the church's vision. It would be great for this year's tee shirt—or would it? Using images or intellectual property that has been copyrighted or trademarked is against the law, and churches are not exempt. Whether you use it for profit or not, the laws are the same. Even changing the image or wording slightly is not enough to get you off the hook. Please research carefully before duplicating anyone's work. The web has all kinds of sites ready to help you find your way through copyright law. [View a fun overview of copyright advice.](#)

EXCELLENT WEBSITES

Unity Website

Association information is under the **Ministries & Leaders** tab at www.unity.org.

Find curriculum at www.unity.org/curriculum.

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

REGIONAL TRAININGS

Great Lakes Region

Great Lakes Fall Unitreat, November 6–8, 2009, Ingleside, IL

For Uniteens, their Leaders and Chaperones

Contact: Eileen Patra, CSE, LUT 248.318.7028 epatra@gmail.com

ChicagoLand Sponsor/Leader Forum, Nov. 14, 2009, Unity on the North Shore, Evanston, IL; For YOU Sponsors and Uniteen Leaders

Contact: Anita Stehmeier 847.590.5943 stehmeier@comcast.net

Great Lakes Spring Unitreat, April 30–May 2, 2010, Jackson, MI

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Northwest Region

Uniteen Event Information: Chris Castaldi 503.632.7792, chriscastaldi@bctonline.com

Northwest Region Fall Unitreat, Nov 6–8, 2009, Cispus Learning Center outside Randall, WA. Theme: STEP UP—Spiritual Transformation Everywhere Practical, Understanding your Power. Registrar: Jackie Green jackienwyou@comcast.net 509.928.0896

30th Annual Northwest Region Youth Team Conference, Jan 22–24, 2010, Camp Huston Center, Goldbar, WA. For tenured YOU and Uniteen sponsors, YEDs, ministers and long-term teachers. Co-facilitated by Jackie Green and Penny Gruver.

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SCUCA (South Central) Region

Children's Ministry Training

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

Children's & Teen Ministry Training, October 24, 2009

For North Texas, including Dallas cluster, North Louisiana and South Arkansas. Unity Church of Dallas, 6525 Forest Lane, Dallas, TX 75230. Contact: Majona Mason at 972.233.7106

Southeast Region

Southeast Children's Ministry Training

For registration information, please visit www.seunityyouth.org

South Southeast Teacher Training, Saturday, December 5, 2009, 9am–3pm, Unity of Tampa, 3302 W. Horatio, Tampa, FL 33609 www.unitytampa.org

North Southeast Teacher Training, Saturday, January 30, 2010, 9am–3pm, Atlanta Unity Center, 3597 Parkway Lane, Norcross, GA 30092 www.atlantaunity.org

Winter Uniteen Retreat, February 5-7, 2010, Camp Weed, Live Oak, FL.
Contact Michele Senac uniteens@bellsouth.net 864.244.8794

Southeast YOU Fall Retreat, Nov 13–15, 2009, Camp Geneva, Fruitland Park, FL.
Contact Carolyn Renfro seyou@cfl.rr.com

Southeast YOU Spring Rally, March 12–14, 2010, Warren W Willis Camp, Leesburg, FL.
Contact Carolyn Renfro seyou@cfl.rr.com

EDUCATION LINKS ONLINE

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

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