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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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HOME OFFICE CHANGES

We are pleased to announce that Rachel Simpson has signed a contract to be the IYOU Event Service Provider. This position was made possible by a generous grant, and duties will include registration, logistics and tech support for the IYOU event in August. She will be in the office 10-12 hours a week for the next few months with her time increasing as the event nears. Welcome back Rachel!

Reminder of Association home office staff hours:

Kathy Kellogg, children's and family ministry, available Mon-Wed, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Jane Simmons, teen ministry, available Mon-Wed 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Thurs 8 a.m.-noon.
Bernadette Swanson, education editor, available Mon-Thurs 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Food for Thought: "Children are changed by people--not programs! They don't need bigger and flashier programming; they need teachers who care about them and will be there each week to lovingly greet them when they walk through the door."

--Linda Kondracki Sibley, "When Families Fall Apart," *Children's Ministry Magazine* e-newsletter, February 4, 2010

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Child/Teen Ministry Week

Child/Teen Ministry Week, held here in Lee's Summit, MO, will be July 11-16, 2010. Registration forms will be available on the web in the middle of February.

Twelve Powers Are "In" for 2010

To explore the 12 Powers, go to our [Children's Ministry webpage](#), scroll down. More resources are in the [Fall 2009 issue of Education Links](#). Unity School is focusing on the Twelve Powers in 2010. See www.unity.org/12powers for this month's focus.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH OF UNITY WWW.UNITY.ORG/IYOU

Registration materials are now online for the 2010 IYOU event, **Peace be Still**, held August 1-6, 2010, at Three Trails Camp and Retreat Center, Kansas City, MO. **All early bird registrations received before March 22 will be entered in a drawing for your church to win a free registration for 2011 event!**

Join us for a week of prayer, meditation, music, dance, service, compassionate communication, laughter, and fun as we connect, explore Truth principles, and put Truth into practice. A 1-day visit to Unity Village is scheduled. Guest musicians are Armand and Angelina! Bring your head, heart and hands, and don't forget your PJ's! For info: www.unity.org/iyouevent and www.facebook.com/youthofunity.

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

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.

Find Distinguished Youth Service Award info at www.unity.org/DYSAbrochure.

Find curriculum recommendations at www.unity.org/curriculum.

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

NATIONAL EVENTS

NGU Retreat

March 26-28, 2010, Unity on the North Shore, Evanston, IL. Contact David DeAngelis Daviddeangelis@yahoo.com www.GreatLakesNGU.com

[Spirit's Light Conference](#)

8th Annual National New Thought Children & Teen Ministry Conference

Thursday, May 13 to Saturday, May 15, 2010, Cenacle Retreat & Conference Center, Chicago, IL. Register: <https://www.regonline.com/slconference>

T.E.A.M. U.P. (*Totally Empowered Awesome Ministries Uplifting People*)

Bring your Youth & Family Ministry team and join us for networking with Spiritual Educators from around the country and to enjoy our featured presenters, classes & events. Contact Rev. Diane Venzera 708.785.7566 diane@dianevenzera.com

[Global Free Hugs Day IV](#)

April 18, 2010 For more information, visit www.positive-focus.com and click on Global Free Hugs.

REGIONAL TRAININGS

Eastern Region

Youth Educators Conference, Stars on the Beach, March 12-14, 2010, Virginia Beach, VA. Contact: Jane Harden jaharden@comcast.net

YOU Leadership Training, No Fear, God Is Here, March 27-28, 2010, Gaithersburg, MD
Contact: Jane Harden jaharden@comcast.net

YOU Spring Rally, All You Need Is Love, April 23-25, 2010, Camp Tockwogh, MD
Contact: Jane Harden jaharden@comcast.net

Great Lakes Region

Tweens 2 Teens, March 27, 2010, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Renaissance Unity, Warren, MI
Regional workshop for Uniteen Leaders, 5th Grade Teachers and Youth Directors
Facilitators: Eileen Patra, CSE, LUT and Rev. Diane Venzera
Contact: Eileen Patra gluniteens@gmail.com www.glruniteens.org

Great Lakes Spring Unitreat, April 30–May 2, 2010, Jackson, MI. For Uniteens, Leaders and Chaperones. Contact: Eileen Patra gluniteens@gmail.com www.glruniteens.org

Northwest Region

Kids Camp Counselor Training, March 19-21, 2010, Spokane, WA. Contact: Jackie Green jackienwyou@comcast.net 509.928.0896

Unitreat Staff Planning & Training Weekend, March 19-21, 2010, Cispus Learning Center, outside Randall, WA. For Uniteen sponsors planning summer Unitreat.
Contact Chris Castaldi chriscastaldi@bctonline.com 503.632.7792

YOU Rally, April 23-25, 2010, Cispus Center near Randle, WA. Contact: Jackie Green jackienwyou@comcast.net 509.928.0896

Unitreat, June 20-25, Cispus Center near Randle, WA. Event info: Chris Castaldi chriscastaldi@bctonline.com 503.632.7792. Registrar: Jackie Green jackienwyou@comcast.net 509.928.0896

NW YOU Service Project Kids Camp, June 26-29, Camp Waskowitz, North Bend, WA, 4 pm Sat.-1 pm Tues. Contact: Jackie Green jackienwyou@comcast.net 509.928.0896.

YOU Rendezvous, July 23-26, 2010, Chewelah Peak north of Spokane, WA
Contact: Jackie Green jackienwyou@comcast.net 509.928.0896

SCUCA (South Central) Region

Children's Ministry Training

Info, registration forms: www.scucaregion.com/Youth&Family-Trainings.html

Contact: Marygrace Sidovar Sorensen kids@scucaregion.com 832.528.9464

March 6, 2010, Mid to North AR, OK and Southwest MO. Unity Spiritual Life Center of Oklahoma City, 5603 NW 41st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73122. Directions: Lin Savory 405.789.2424.

August 28, 2010, Mid-south TX, including Austin. Unity Church of the Hills, 9905 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, TX 78750. Directions: Linda Hancock 512.335.4449.

Uniteen/Teen Ministry Training (combined training)

Info, registration forms: www.scucaregion.com/Youth&Family-Trainings.html

Contact: Joanne Burns scuniteen@gmail.com 512.635.0115

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Teen Ministry Conference, April 9-11, 2010, Unity of Denver, CO. Approx. \$150

Unitreats (Retreat weekends for Uniteens and their adult leaders)

Central Region Unitreat, April 30-May 2, 2010, Camp Lakeside, Scott City, KS

Southeast Region

For all registration information, please visit www.seunityyouth.org

Southeast YOU Spring Rally, March 12-14, 2010, Warren W Willis Camp, Leesburg, FL.

Contact Carolyn Renfro seyou@cfl.rr.com

Youth Director Retreat, May 21-23, 2010, Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park, FL.

Contact Steven Butler 352.376.8561

EDUCATION LINKS ONLINE

Education Links is available online at www.unity.org/el. [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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