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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 INFO

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New Name! The Association of Unity Churches International is now doing business as (dba) **Unity Worldwide Ministries**. We hope to have the legal mechanics completed soon so that we can start using our new logo.

Staff Work Schedules

Kathy Kellogg, children's & family ministry, Tues-Thurs, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Jane Simmons, teen ministry, Mon-Wed 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Thurs 8 a.m.-noon.

Rachel Simpson, Next Generation Unity (NGU), Mon & Wed, 8 a.m-5 p.m. Use email on other days.

Bernadette Swanson, education editor, Mon-Thurs 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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. This training is required for Certified Spiritual Educator credentialing.

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 FB: YOUTHOFUNITY
Check out [our Facebook page](#) soon for pictures of the 2010 IYOU event, **Peace be Still**, held August 1-6 at Three Trails Camp and Retreat Center, Kansas City, MO.

Sponsors and YOUers, would you like to share your good ideas, amazing lessons, fund raisers, service projects, etc? Visit www.facebook.com/youthofunity and join the discussion.

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) 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 staff reduction.)

From Diane Venzera www.dianevenzera.com

New Curriculum: **Fishy Tales** based on the movie: *Finding Nemo*
5 Lessons for elementary ages, \$20

Updated Curriculum: **Lumindorf—DVD Version** (uses the DVD instead of the books, slightly different topics and updated activities), 10 Lessons for elementary/Tweens, \$25

STIMULUS SALE

Clean-Out-the-Warehouse Stimulus Sale! Find kid's books, curriculum & miscellaneous at great prices. Call 816.434.6813 to order.

EXCELLENT WEBSITES

Unity Website

Association information is under the **Ministries & Leaders** tab at www.unity.org. **Our Shop has now been updated!** You no longer need to login to see wholesale pricing. Resources belonging to Unity Worldwide Ministries are under **Ministry Supplies**. Find curriculum under Ministry Supplies, then scroll to the bottom (we may change the location) and enter a keyword such as "teen" to see teen curriculum and resources *within Ministry Supplies*. (The Search/Go at the *top* of the screen will search *the whole website*.) We are still tweaking and adding keywords. We will be updating item descriptions as we can get to them. Email Bernadette at Bernadette@unity.org with your suggestions and comments.

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

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

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

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

TRAININGS

Child/Teen Ministry Week at Renaissance Unity, August 16-22, Warren, MI

Contact: Lisa Rose lrose@renaissanceunity.org, or Rev. Kathy Kellogg KID@unity.org
816.434.6869

REGIONAL TRAININGS

Note: Check out [our calendar](#) for a list of trainings! 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."

If you have training 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

Thriving Youth Ministry Follow Up, Friday, August 27, 7-9 p.m., Unity Christ Church, Golden Valley, MN (For your leadership teams)

Contact: Diane Venzera 708.785.7566 diane@dianevenzera.com

The Enlivened Lesson Plan, Saturday, August 28, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Unity Christ Church, Golden Valley, MN (For all YM team members)

Contact: Diane Venzera 708.785.7566 diane@dianevenzera.com

Tweens 2 Teens Regional Training, Sept 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Unity Christ Center, Eau Claire, WI (for Youth Directors, Uniteen Leaders and 5th Grade Teachers) Facilitators: Eileen Patra and Diane Venzera Contact: Eileen Patra epatra@gmail.com 248.318.7028

Multigenerational Ministry, Sept 18, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Unity in Community, Delaware, OH (for all YM team members)
Contact: Diane Venzera 708.785.7566 diane@dianevenzera.com

Building Bridges—Regional Workshop, Wednesday, October 20, 3:15-5 pm, at the Great Lakes Regional Conference, Potawatami Inn, Angola, IN
For Ministers, Youth Directors & Board Members
Contact: Pat Anderson-Williams yes_godis@hotmail.com

Great Lakes Fall Unitreat Nov 5-7, Ingleside, IL; Deadline is Sept 30.
For Uniteens, Leaders and Chaperones Contact: Eileen Patra, CSE, LUT
epatra@gmail.com 248.318.7028 or visit www.glruniteens.org

Northwest Region

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

Youth Team Conference, Jan 21-23, 2011, Huston Center, Gold Bar, WA (For tenured YOU sponsors and Uniteen leaders, YEDs, ministers and long term teachers)
Co-facilitated by Jackie Green and Penny Gruver. Registrar: Jackie Green
jackienwyou@comcast.net 509.928.0896

SCUCA (South Central) Region

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

SCUCA CHILDREN'S TRAINING

Contact: Marygrace Sidovar Sorensen kids@scucaregion.com 832.528.9464

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 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.

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.

SCUCA UNITEEN/TEEN MINISTRY TRAINING (combined training)

Contact: Joanne Burns scuniteen@gmail.com 512.635.0115

SCUCA Unitreat, September 17-19, Cross Point Camp, Kingston, Oklahoma. (For Uniteens and their leaders)

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.

Southeast Region

Info, registration: www.seunityyouth.org FB: SE Unity Children's Ministry

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 352.376.8561 cc@seunityyouth.org

Upper Southeast Teacher Training, August 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Unity Church of the Triangle, 118 S. Person Street, Raleigh, NC 27601, www.unitytriangle.org

\$30 Registration Fee Contact: Steven Butler 352.376.8561 cc@seunityyouth.org

YOU Fall Retreat, Nov 12-14, ACA Camp Geneva, Fruitland Park, FL

Contact: Carolyn Renfro seyou@bellsouth.net

Note: This will be Carolyn's last event as YOU Regional Consultant.

YOU Spring Rally, Save the date! March 18-20, 2011, Warren W Willis UM Camp, Leesburg, FL

EDUCATION LINKS ONLINE

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

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