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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 Youth and Family Ministry throughout Unity churches.

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#### Inspiration

This could be the most inspiring 3 minutes of your day today! Go to [www.makeadifference.com/children/index.htm](http://www.makeadifference.com/children/index.htm). Scroll down to "Make A Difference" and click on view short movie. We all are teachers to someone!

#### Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar!

- **Child/Teen Ministry Week** runs Sunday, July 27, 2008, 6 p.m. through Friday, August 1, 2008, 5 p.m. This year it will be held at the beautiful Spiritual Life Center at Unity Village. Rev. Rich Carlini, a participant last year, said it was a "ministry-changing experience." For more information and the registration form, go to the homepage of [www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org). Look for Youth in the left-hand column. Click on Adults Serving Youth in the drop down menu and scroll down to Training Opportunities-National.
- **IYOU Appreciative Inquiry Summit**
  - ❖ We are pleased to announce that LeRoy White will be our musician for the International YOU Appreciative Inquiry Summit, July 13-18, 2008. Come, enjoy LeRoy's talent, and be a part of co-creating our future.
  - ❖ Register before March 10 to receive the early rate for the summit, "Dreaming Together: Co-Creating Our Future." For registration documents: [www.unity.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=IYOU\\_Events&category=YOU](http://www.unity.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=IYOU_Events&category=YOU)

#### Parenting Resources

- A **spiritual parenting radio show** is now available! It is on [www.unity.fm](http://www.unity.fm). Hosted by Revs. Jennifer Holden and Linda Martella-Whittsett, this program is live on Thursdays. Archives are available for programs that you have missed.
- Now for a **website** that offers meditations, verses, and podcasts: <http://themindfulparent.org/>. The Mindful Parent: Experiencing the Joy of Connecting With Our children is an organization devoted to sharing with parents and other child caregivers ways in which to enhance the many joys of parenting.
- **North Star Family Matters** is a beautiful magazine devoted to conscious positive parenting. Articles are focused on Education Matters, Life Matters, Conscious Parenting, Emotional Toolbox, Fun and Games, and much more. Learn more at [www.northstarfamilymattersmagazine.com](http://www.northstarfamilymattersmagazine.com).

### Ideas

- Would you like to practice Random Acts of Kindness to spread love in your world? Log on to <http://unity.org/iyou>. At the menu, click on "iyouresources" for a list of "Random Acts of Kindness ideas." Happy Valentine's Day!
- The Regional Children's Education Consultant from the Northwest, Rev. Penelope Gruver, sends this wonderful link to you all. Be sure to check out the resource links. [www.seedsofcompassion.net/why/resources.asp#parents](http://www.seedsofcompassion.net/why/resources.asp#parents)

### Youth Ministry Director Positions

Two Unity churches in Texas have posted open positions for youth directors at [www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org). To see the descriptions, go to Ministries/Leaders. Select Job Openings and select Other Job Openings. If your church has a similar position open and you want it posted on the Association website, send the information to Kathryn Kellogg, [kid@unity.org](mailto:kid@unity.org). When your opening is filled, tell us to remove the posting.

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