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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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**Upcoming Events**

**Final Opportunity to participate in the Appreciative Inquiry Summit for International YOU**

The final registration date of June 20 is fast approaching for those wishing to attend the International Youth of Unity Appreciative Inquiry Summit, being held from July 13-18, 2008, at Unity Village.

What is an Appreciative Inquiry Summit? It is a chance to identify what has worked well in the past, to bring this forward, and to share ideas and dreams for the future. You are invited to be a voice in the creation of a new vision and direction for IYOU that will serve our young people, our movement, and our world. For more information, please visit [www.unity.org/iyouevent](http://www.unity.org/iyouevent).

**Child Teen Ministry Week, July 27-August 1:** If you are wondering if Child/Teen Ministry Week is for you, read what Cheryl from Unity Church on the North Shore had to say:

“My experience at Child/Teen Ministry Week at Unity Village was nothing short of transformative. Even apart from the extraordinarily centering experience of being on the sacred grounds of our movement’s headquarters, the information I gleaned from our workshops and the contacts that I made have already profoundly informed my work at UNS.”

For more information on how you can be a part of this transformative week, go to: [www.unity.org/clientuploads/Child\\_Teen\\_Education/2008registration.pdf](http://www.unity.org/clientuploads/Child_Teen_Education/2008registration.pdf)

## Curriculum News

New for Uniteens! *Bring On the Basics!* (#6844, \$14.95) is now available.

Your preteens will enjoy exploring Unity's 5 Basic Principles in these seven interactive lessons. They are guided through the process of examining their beliefs about God and how their choices create their world. Lessons are highly interactive, and include games and creative experiences, all related to understanding and using the principles.

## Resources

Are you looking for a resource for children that tell about the early days of Unity? Want your children to know more about Myrtle and Charles Fillmore, the cofounders of Unity? The booklet, *How Unity Began*, by Janet Bowser Manning (#6035, \$11.45) is available through the Association of Unity Churches International at this link:

[www.unity.org/index.php?src=directory&srctype=display&id=5429&view=Shop\\_Catalog\\_detail](http://www.unity.org/index.php?src=directory&srctype=display&id=5429&view=Shop_Catalog_detail)

## Ideas for Family

**Daily Word Connect and Grow:** Take time each morning with your child(ren) and read the *Daily Word*. Invite them to repeat the word for the day and the affirmation. Then ask where they might use the word or affirmation throughout their day. At supper or before going to bed, recount the day and how the word or affirmation showed up for them or how they used it to change their experience.

## Other News

Wisdom of the Heart was the theme for this year's Spirit's Light Conference and were our hearts ever full when we finished the three-day event in River Forest, IL! Between exploring what family ministry will look like in the future, how the heart is more intelligent than the brain, how the brain functions for ADHD children and how misdiagnosing ADHD can adversely effect the child, and learning about conscious leadership in our daily lives and the classroom, whew—it was as if time flew by and stopped at the same time. Without a doubt, those of us who attended came away with so much more than we expected. This conference just keeps getting better and better.

The Association of Unity Churches International has an opening for "Education and Curriculum Development Coordinator." Could that be you? If interested, apply soon.

You can learn the requirements for the position at

[www.unity.org/index.php?src=directory&srctype=display&id=5792&submenu=Jobs&view=Job\\_Bank\\_detail](http://www.unity.org/index.php?src=directory&srctype=display&id=5792&submenu=Jobs&view=Job_Bank_detail)

Recently you probably received an e-blast about the most recent curriculum publication for Uniteens, *Bring On the Basics!*, because you signed up for E-Link. These e-blasts will be used only for new curriculum published by the Association so that you can be informed more quickly about the newest publications.

*May your heart be full of joy and may your day be a blessed one!*

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