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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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**[International Youth of Unity Waves of Change video](#)**

Hot off the press! What happened when 125 stakeholders of IYOU got together at Unity Village, MO, for an Appreciative Inquiry Summit? We danced, we sang, we played, we shared, and we celebrated together. Through this process, we envisioned a new future and created the initiatives to achieve the vision. To view a 6-minute overview of the July 2008 event, visit [www.unity.org/iyou](http://www.unity.org/iyou).

**[Child/Teen Ministry Week 2009](#)**

*Putting It All Together* is what next year's [Child Teen Ministry Week](#) (August 2-7, 2009) is all about. The 40-hour integrated study explores faith development, life issues and Unity principles, sacred safety assessment for your facility, programming and staff, metaphysics for youth, and so much more. This is one week that will enrich the lives of your young people and ministry.

**[Season for Nonviolence Curriculum](#)**

Season for Nonviolence curriculum written collaboratively by the Kansas City area youth directors will be available as a free download, on the Association's website by the end of December. The curriculum includes ten lessons based on topics found in the Season for Nonviolence 64 Daily Practices booklet, plus lessons for Palm Sunday and Easter. The lessons utilize creative activities found in the book *Peace Quest* by Kelly Guinan. A complete list for all resources is found in the introduction. Visit [www.unity.org/infoxchange](http://www.unity.org/infoxchange) at the end of the month to download the entire curriculum.

**[Excellent Websites](#)**

**Joint website:** The joint website of the Association of Unity Churches International and Unity School of Christianity (Unity Village) is scheduled to be rolled out on January 18, 2009. The web site [www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org) will allow you to access one site for all your Unity needs: church information, prayer, classes, curriculum, books, retreats, etc. No more wondering which organization sells which product. You will place one order and pay one invoice. We are striving to make your experience smooth and seamless between our two organizations. This joint web will allow us to speak with one voice for the Unity movement. Amen! Stayed tuned for an announcement of when the new site goes live.

**Regional consultants shortcut:** There is now a shortcut to the regional consultant's page at our web address: [www.unity.org/REC](http://www.unity.org/REC). REC is for Regional Education Consultants, and must be in all CAPs.

**Curriculum shortcut:** To read the overview information for Association curriculum and resources, see [www.unity.org/curriculum](http://www.unity.org/curriculum).

### Education Links

**Education Links is going electronic!** Starting in January, *Education Links* will only be available through the web. You can go to our website and download the latest and archived issues at [www.unity.org/EL](http://www.unity.org/EL). Want to be notified by email when the next issue is ready? Go to [www.unity.org/enews](http://www.unity.org/enews) to sign up. This way you won't miss out on any of the coming issues.

We know that the printed publication is greatly appreciated but, due to a budget crunch, we needed to make some adjustments during this fiscal year. We hope to see *Education Links* come back into printed form in the future.

**Education Links Winter Issue** is filled with articles and ideas on the Bible and Easter. Everything didn't fit in the pages, so there are more listed on the web. Go to [www.unity.org/EL](http://www.unity.org/EL) to see the issue and the overflow.

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