



Uniteen News

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PEACE NOW

Dearest Uniteens & Uniteen Leaders,

I am dedicating this newsletter to Peace. My thoughts, conversations and emails during the past few weeks have been filled with Peace programs and thoughts about how we can achieve world peace right now, right here in our lifetime!

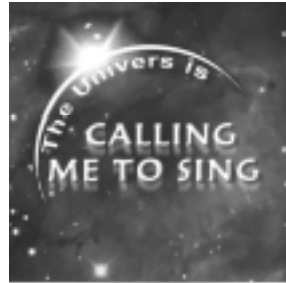
The common thread through all of the wonderful material that has been sent to me is this:

To have peace in the world we must first recognize it in ourselves. We must affirm that peace already exists – right here, right now. If we use words that set the goal of peace into the future rather than affirming its presence now we will always see it as something we don't have. In Unity we state that we create our own experiences by what we choose to think & believe. So I urge you to let go of the fear that current world situations and media have surrounded us with and affirm right now –

“Peace exists right now in me and in the world. Only Love Prevails.”

I have included in this newsletter some articles, programs & ideas regarding Peace. I hope they will be of benefit to all of you and that you will spread your Peace & Light into the world around you.

Let your Light Shine!
In Peace & Light,
Eileen Patra
GLURC Uniteen Consultant



New Music CD for Youth Ministry

(promotional CD
currently available at
regional trainings)

Affirm Peace Now with new, “in the present” words to an old song!

The Association of Unity Churches together with musical artists, Bukeka Shoals & Rev. Phyllis Warren are in the process of creating CD to aid non-musical teachers, leaders & sponsors in bringing more music into their youth programs. The CD features original lyrics & music by Bukeka & Rev. Phyllis that is current, fun, exciting and most importantly “Unity”. It is a wonderful collection sure to be a hit with all age groups.

The professional and finished version of the CD will include printed lyrics & music, tips for teaching songs & suggested movements & sign language. The CD will also be available in Spanish.

One of the songs on the CD is a new version of the “Peace Song”. (see page 8) Although some churches have already adopted a new and present tense version of the song I think you'll agree that these words are even better and clearly reflect our Unity consciousness.

The promotional CD containing the first cut of these songs will be available free of charge at regional trainings until the professional version is released later this year. Attend one of these trainings & get your free pass to more music!

Uniteen Events & Uniteen Leader Training Calendar

2003	Apr 3-5	New Thought Youth & Family Ministry Conference Schiller Park, IL "Building Bridges" Comfort Suites, Schiller Park, IL Contact Spirit's Light Foundation at 708-386-6980
	April 26th	Youth Ministry Team - Regional Training Unity Church of Royal Oak, Michigan (see page 9) Training for all members of your youth ministry team Lessons That Move – Eileen Patra, Uniteen Consultant Leadership Training – Diane Venzera, Childrens Consultant Eileen Patra 248-399-4689 or Uniteens@qlruniteens.org
	May 2-4	2003 Spring Unitreat - Free To Be Me YMCA Storer Camp, Jackson, MI A weekend retreat for Uniteens (ages 11-13/grades 6-8) and their leaders/chaperones. \$80.00 for registrations postmarked by March 24 th (See page 6 for details)
	May 24th	Youth Ministry Team - Regional Training Unity Chapel of Light, Tallmadge, OH Training for all members of your Youth Ministry Team Unity Chapel of Light, Tallmadge, OH Eileen Patra 248-399-4689 or Uniteens@qlruniteens.org
	Jul 27- Aug 2	Child/Teen Ministry Week Unity Village, MO A week of youth ministry training & renewal at Unity Village. Contact Juli Ann Boehm at 816-524-7414 Ext. 344
	Sep. 12-14	Spiritual Educators Retreat Angola, Illinois Renewal, sharing, funshops & networking for the whole Youth Ministry Team . Details coming soon. Contact Diane Venzera at 708-386-6980 or email: qlrkids@attbi.com
	Sep. 27th	"Lessons That Move" Unity Church of Peoria, IL Leader/Teacher/Sponsor Training focusing on "active learning" and the Living Curriculum philosophy – Eileen Patra, Uniteen Consultant Eileen Patra 248-399-4689 or Uniteens@qlruniteens.org
	Oct. 4th	Youth Ministry Team - Regional Training Unity Church of Madison, WI Training for all members of your youth ministry team Eileen Patra 248-390-4689 or Uniteens@qlruniteens.org
	Nov. 14-16	2003 Fall Unitreat YMCA Camp Duncan, Ingleside, IL A weekend retreat for Uniteens (ages 11-13/grades 6-8) and their leaders/chaperones. Details & registration materials available in August, 2003.

There is no way to Peace; Peace IS the way!

"Although attempting to bring about world peace through the internal transformation of individuals is difficult, it is the only way." The Dalai Lama

PEACE QUILT

The completed sections of the Peace Quilt from the 2002 Fall Unitreat have been forwarded to: **The Masters Group
5500 Holmes Run Parkway #308
Alexandria, VA 22304**

If your Uniteen Group would like to create a section to the world peace quilt visit: <http://themastersgroup.org/ChildCloth.html> or call: (703) 751-7823.

If your group would like to volunteer to complete some of the remaining sections from the Unitreat please contact Eileen at 248-399-4689 or Uniteens@glruniteens.org

Don't Want To Sew?

Try making a Paper Peace Quilt for your church. Involve the whole youth ministry & the congregation in creating sections to the peace quilt. Themes might be symbols of peace, the word Peace in different languages or what peace looks like to you.

PEACE PRESENTATION

Jim & Clare Keating, Unity of Muskegon have offered to share the Peace Program written by them and performed by Uniteens & Y.O.U.ers at Unity of Muskegon and earlier at Unity of Kalamzoo.

You may download the program for your group to perform at www.glruniteens.org

If you would like the Uniteens from Muskegon to perform this program for you conatc Jim at 231-744-3106 or email: keatingsjc@earthlink.net

ONLY LOVE PREVAILS

Sign up to be a part of an affirmative world peace experiment. The experiment is seeking 80,000 people to affirm "Only Love Prevails" whenever their inner peace is disturbed. Visit their website for details on how to become involved and the interesting math behind the 80,000 person goal www.openheart.com

YOUNG PEACEMAKERS CLUB

Start a Young Peacemakers Club at your church. This is a perfect idea for a midweek meeting or second service activity! This beautiful new release includes everything you need!



Peace Quest has is a practical, comprehensive, and motivational guide to living life as a peacemaker. It is brimming with over 150 pages of creative, fun, proven-effective lessons which transform the abstract concept of peace

into an attainable reality. Included within the text are instructions on how to start your own Young Peacemakers Club. It is an essential tool for anyone longing for peace, justice, hope and a new way of being. \$15.50
Order at www.celebratingpeace.com

PEACE MEDITATION

For a wonderful online meditation experience visit: <http://www.peacechime.org/peacebreath/peacebreath.html>

MORE PEACEFUL ACTIVITIES

Visit www.glruniteens.org

Jessica Dalton

Unity of Livonia
Reborn
December 25, 2002

Our Unitreat
Angel



Lovingly &
Joyfully

Remembered



ON CHRISTMAS AN ANGEL WAS BORN!

Christmas morning 2002, our Unity of Livonia Uniteen, Jessica Dalton made her transition. Her physical presence is no longer with us, but her memories and spirit live on in our hearts.

Jessica was a sweet and gentle spirit. There were many times, when she came into the Uniteen Room and HAD to talk about a shopping day with her mom or about a silly thing her little brother, Matt had done that week.

She and I were bunkmates at the 2002 Spring Retreat, and Jessica was so full of wonder and excitement, she couldn't sleep. Even after a full and exhausting day, she would talk and giggle from the top bunk, letting me know all about how her day went. I was reliving the wonder of the day through the eyes of a Child of God. I learned SO MUCH from her.

Her family considers her, their Christmas Angel, and so do I.

*Ellen Weber, Uniteen Leader
Unity of Livonia.*

Jessica will always be our Christmas & Unitreat Angel. Her Spirit lives on and we thank her for touching our lives.

"I remember Jessica adding very nice and loving things in our group discussions."

David Risch

"Matt and Jessica were pals. She was a great help with her special Smile."

Lori Loftus

"I remember when you went to Cedar Point, you didn't ride anything but it was nice having you there."

Mike Zwilling

"I remember Jessica always having a smile on her face. She was really nice."

Eric Zwilling

"I would remember that Jessica would always have a smile on her face."

Kelsey Kaplan

"I remember the first time meeting Jessie. Your smile and beautiful sense of wonder struck me from the first. God Bless you and Matt."

Lin Hogan-Wilson

"I remember Jessica talking lovingly about her mom and dad. She was so proud to have them as her parents"

Kathy Risch

"She was always very friendly and smiling :)."

Nicholas Cole-Klaes

"I remember Jessica going with us to Cedar Point and her bright spirit sang the way there"

Lisa Risch

"I remember her smiling!"

Kaelia



Great Lakes Region

2003 Spring Unitreat

YMCA Storer Camp, Jackson, Michigan

Friday May 2 - Saturday May 4, 2003

WHAT IS A UNITREAT?

A weekend retreat for Uniteens providing an opportunity to grow spiritually, socialize, & build new friendships. Activities include large and small group workshops, team building, crafts, free-time sports, singing, meditation, dancing, prayer, fun and fellowship.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

"Active" Great Lakes Uniteens in 6th to 8th grade (ages 11-13) and their adult leaders/chaperones. To be considered "Active" a Uniteen must have attended at least 4 Sundays during the two months prior to the event. All participants must be able to honor heart agreements and be able to attend the entire weekend from check-in on Friday until closing on Sunday.

COST & DEADLINES (per person)

Early Bird Registration - Postmarked by 3/24/03 - \$80.00

Final Registration - Postmarked by 3/31/03 - \$85.00

Late Registrations - Postmarked by 4/7/03 - \$90.00

Cost is per person and includes Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner, and Sunday breakfast, lodging & all programs. (Please have your leader inform us of any special dietary needs or allergies or any physical challenges)

No registrations accepted
after the April 7th postmark.
No refunds after April 7th.

ADULT LEADERSHIP-

- ❖ Two adults must travel and stay with each group.
- ❖ Coed groups are asked to provide co-ed leadership/chaperones
- ❖ A minimum adult ratio of 1:8 per group is required.
- ❖ Drivers for each group must be at least 25 years old with a current license and good driving record.
- ❖ Seat belts must be provided for & used by ALL occupants of cars & vans.

REGISTRATION

You may register your group using the registration form on page _____. However, the registration form must be accompanied by current version medical release forms & heart agreement. To request a packet of the appropriate forms contact Eileen Patra at 248-399-4689 or email Uniteens@glruniteens.org You may also download the forms at www.glruniteens.org

CAN WE REGISTER ONLINE?

You can **PRE-REGISTER ONLINE** which will hold your place and your fee will be calculated as of the online registration date. However, all required forms and **payments must be postmarked within five days of your online registration** to validate your registration. No online registrations can be accepted after April 2nd. Pre-register at www.glruniteens.org

Now There Is Peace!

New Lyrics to a familiar song

Bukeka Shoels & Rev. Phyllis Warren along with our Association Children's Ministry Coordinator, Juli Ann Boehm set out recently on the daunting task of creating a Music CD to help us musically challenged teachers & leaders bring the gift of song to our youth programs.

During the process it was decided that they should include the Peace Song in present tense. Although they had all heard different churches use present tense lyrics they had no copy of the lyrics with them - thus, in Divine Order they came up an outstanding new version.

The lyrics you will soon hear on the CD to be released this summer are printed below:

Peace Now

Now there is peace on earth,
For it lives inside of me.
Now there is peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.

With God as creator,
In Unity are we.
Now we walk with each other,
In perfect harmony.

Yes, peace begins with me,
And this is the moment now.
With every breath I take,
This is my joyous song.

I take each moment,
And live each moment,
In peace eternally.

Now there is peace on earth,
For it lives inside of me.

(new lyrics printed with permission)
Promotional versions of the CD will be available free for a limited time at Regional Training Events.

NEW RESOURCES FOR UNITEEN LEADERS

What can you do when your teens experience the loss of a family member, friend or pet? Listed below are some great resources. Check with your church about adding one or more of these books to your Youth Ministry library.



"The Next Place"
Warren Hanson
Excellent for all ages!

The Gift of a Memory
Marriane Richmond

Sad Isn't Bad
Michaelene Mundy

Helping Teens Work Through Grief
Mary Kelly Perschy

Fire In My Heart – Ice In My Veins
Enid Traisman

A Forever Angel
Elaine Stillwell

Children & Pet Loss
Marty Tousley

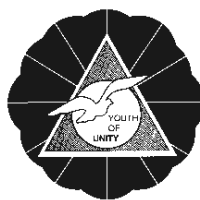
Additional Resources:
Education Links, p.9,
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More information on the above books and others is available at the Centering Corporation
www.centering.org

Religions: Encountering People of Other Faiths

A guide to understanding other religions; their beliefs & customs. A good resource for anyone working with youth. A clear understanding of Unity Principles & history (*not included*) should be a prerequisite of anyone using this book in a Unity classroom.

Available from the Association of Unity
Churches 816-524-7414 Ext. 324
www.unity.org



YOUTH MINISTRY REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT

Training for all members of your Youth Ministry Team
Unity Church of Royal Oak * Royal Oak, MI
April 26, 2003

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Diane Venzera, Children's Consultant ■ Eileen Patra, Uniteens Consultant

Leadership Training

For all members of your Youth Ministry Team

Topics Include: Steps to Leadership;
Self Renewal; Supporting & Nurturing

Lessons that Move

Explore the use of "Active Learning" techniques to get your Uniteens moving & feeling moved.

Learn about the Unity philosophy of a

Materials Fee \$15.00/person

For more information contact Eileen Patra at 248-399-4689 or email at:

Uniteens@glruniteens.org

Map (and hotel suggestions if necessary) will be sent upon receipt of registration.

Registration Form (Please mail registration by April 14th)

Church Name:

Name:	Address/Zip:	Phone:
Email:	Position: (circle one)	
	Director/Coordinator	Minister
	Uniteen Leader	YOU Sponsor
		Teacher
		Other _____

Materials Fee \$15.00/person

Total Amount Enclosed:

Send one check payable to: **GLURC Uniteen Consultant**

Mail to: **Eileen Patra, 423 S. Kenwood, Royal Oak, MI 48067**

What are Uniteens? The Uniteens are our:

Unique 11-13 year old youths. They are full of
New ideas and
Interesting outlooks. They are
Terrific young teens who are
Energetic,
Enthusiastic,
Notable and
Spiritual!



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