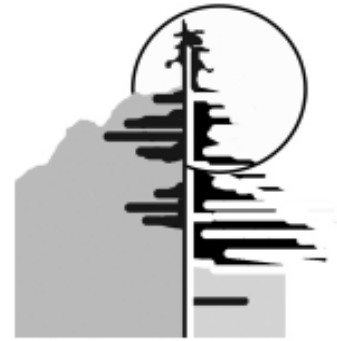


# Good News

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*The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of clear communication that helps unify the ministries of the Northwest Region.*

If you would like to submit something for the next issue, the due date for articles is October 1st. Email your article to me at: [debcris1952@webband.com](mailto:debcris1952@webband.com)

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## Heart Notes

From your Northwest Regional Chairperson, Philip Arthur Zemke

### *Beloved Friends of the Northwest:*

It is with great joy that I send this, my first message, as the new Chairperson for our region from the Eastern Rocky Mountains of Montana. Our beautiful region is a vision of expansive glory, from the Northern wonder of Alaska, the majestic mountains and plains of Montana and Utah, and the lush verdant forests of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Let us all take a moment to give thanks to the glory of our Creator's artistry. We are blessed to live in such natural beauty, and, to know each other as the stewards of the Unity teaching in the grand surroundings of our Spiritual beauty.

I have been deepening my appreciation of the recently completed Unity International Conference. The message of **Unity Within Unity** was vibrantly apparent in spirit and demonstration. The Unity Movement with its school, its association, and its vision and mission and commitment to a global demonstration of Unity Principles and Teaching is a scale of purpose which calls us all to be *those we have been waiting for*.

Next year's conference will carry the theme of **Getting To Know You**. As that spirit is called into manifestation let me begin by introducing the new Northwest Regional Board.

I have been the Spiritual Leader of Unity Church of Bozeman Montana for twelve years. I was ordained through the Field Licensing Program. I have also been a member of the Earth Care Task Force for five years. Scott McClintock from Unity of Anchorage Alaska is our Vice-Chairperson. Scott brings an eon or more of experience in Unity by-law and policy writing. David Elliot from Unity of Tacoma Washington is our incredibly efficient Secretary and is our by-law integrity voice. Inge Tarantola from Unity Church of Roseburg Oregon is our Treasurer. Inge is also a Field Licensing Program ordained Unity Minister. She was the Pioneer of her church. Rosella Turner-Teal is from Unity Church of Kent Washington. Rosella brings a wealth of willing skills to our region and has already jumped into the regional Website arena where she is most appreciated. Billie Blaine from the Unity Church of Portland Oregon is our new Chaplain. Our region is blessed in the living prayer of Billie's deep and abiding spirit. Janet Rhodes is our Licensed Teacher Representative and a skilled communication and resolution consultant. She has been a vital member of the Earth Care Task

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Team for its entire five-year commission. Barbara Wilson is our new Regional Representative. Barbara was our most recent Regional Chairperson, and has also served at the (then) National level of Unity Association leadership. This is a well skilled and deeply committed Regional Board that holds the vision of Enhanced and Healthy ministries for everyone in our region.

The vision of the regional organization playing a more comprehensive role for supporting enhanced and healthy ministries (as well as problem-solving when problems arise) has been a topic of discussion for the board for the past three years. The current role of the board as a management body most involved in conference and educational planning, and financial and employee oversight does not rise to the call for a purpose of meeting the evolving dynamics of our regional churches and centers as they arise. This topic of comprehensive enhancement and support filled a full hour of discussion at the regional meeting at the International Conference. There was a wealth of ideas and identified areas of action. The time of transitions between ministers or spiritual leaders was identified as a specific support area. The awareness that churches and centers benefit from support for all that they are doing in success, and what they wish to be support in for their next step, was appreciated as a peer mentor model (Canada has a model we will look at). And there was a call for a Resource Directory of those in our region with specific skills in all manners of church and center dynamics and willing to travel and speak and teach throughout the region or a sub-region.

As an initial step of this dynamic

direction we have asked Barbara Wilson to present a new Regional Representative job description focused on the Enhancement of Ministries vision. Moreover there has been a clear call to have Anna Joy Grace present her Healthy Congregation Workshop (previewed at the Spring Conference at Menucha) as our Fall Leadership Training Conference. If you feel called to assist in the creation of a Regional Directory please contact a member of the Regional Board. Lastly, the Regional Board has been working on an Appreciative Inquiry survey for interviewing all our churches and centers. Please realize that the creation of such a survey and the training of the board members to efficiently conduct the interviews take time to complete. All of what we do together as a region is a work in progress that operates in the Divine Order of God Time. We are asked to take each next step to realization as guided by un-failing Spirit.

As we approach the time of our Regional gathering at Crystal Mountain let us claim the desire to get to know each other. I invite you to put some thought to the actualization of a region that serves everyday to enhance the success of every one of our ministries, and, to speak of your vision with the members of the board during the gathering. And I invite you to commune with us by e-mail if you will not be attending Crystal Mountain. The Earth is turning to the Spiritual Sun of a new Dawn and we are standing together in singing our song of praise. God blesses our Northwest Region always in all ways.

Blessings of Joy to you,  
Philip

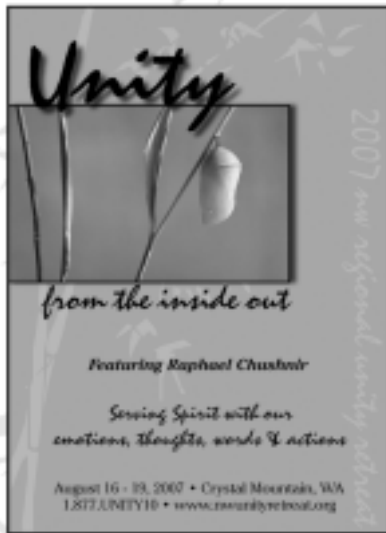


# NW Regional Family Retreat at Crystal Mountain 2007

Marilyn Muehlbach, Retreat Coordinator

## UNITY FROM THE INSIDE OUT

*Serving Spirit Through Our Emotions,  
Thoughts, Words and Actions*



August 16-19  
2007  
Crystal Mountain, WA

With summer in full swing, are you looking for a more meaningful vacation? Are your kids saying, "I'm bored. I want to do something fun?" Are you wondering how to make this a memorable summer for the whole family? We have an answer: COME TO THE NW REGION UNITY RETREAT AT CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN! There is something for everyone, including our kids and teens.

Adults will sing together, pray together, and learn how to live their passion with Raphael Cushnir (author of *Setting Your Heart on Fire*, etc) Rev. Lisa Davis, Rev. John McLean, Rev. Billie Blain and Rev. Philip Zemke. Kids will participate in an exceptional Children's Program led by Jon Brossel and Kathy Rohngolt. Teens will explore the mountain and their souls with Tom Martin.

The Northwest Region's Crystal Mountain Retreat is a beautiful spot to "get away to." It is also a great opportunity for families to vacation together, with all ages enjoying a shared experience that is both fun and spiritually enriching. Discover

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Pick up a brochure at your favorite Unity church or register on-line at [registrar@nwunityretreat.org](mailto:registrar@nwunityretreat.org). Questions? Call Jai at 1.877.UNITY10.

Thanks for supporting the region by attending the retreat. It's a win/win/win! And it will change your life!

## From the Desk of the Treasurer:

First I want to thank Roy for the excellent job he did in his three years as our regional treasurer. As your new board member and treasurer as of April, I'm doing my best to get up to speed with my new responsibilities. It came upon me rather suddenly, so please bear with me as I familiarize myself with the policies and procedures of the job. It is my intention to be a good steward of our funds.

Our wonderful bookkeepers, Bruce and Beverly Templin have been communicating with me to learn the information flow. You have your treasurer, me, who reports to the board and to you. You have your bookkeepers who do all the work, issue financial statements and cut checks, and Ann Thomas who signs the checks. Bruce and Ann are close together in Lynnwood, WA, while I'm in Eugene, OR. Bruce has asked that you use the reimbursement form he designed to request payment. If you need a copy, you can contact me at [ingetar@pacinfo.com](mailto:ingetar@pacinfo.com), or Bruce at [templintax@comcast.net](mailto:templintax@comcast.net). That request form, accompanied by receipts, comes to me for approval, and I send it to Bruce for payment.

Our time together at Menucha was a wonderful event once again. Thank you Barbara for presenting the financial information at that time. Please let me know how I can serve you better in my capacity as board member and treasurer. Hope to see you all at Crystal Mountain. This is an abundant universe and we are heir to all that is.

God's richest blessings,  
Inge Tarantola

## ***A Word From Our New Regional Representative***

*Hello Dear Friends,*

At our recent regional conference I was elected as your new regional representative. It will be my privilege to serve you for the next four years.

During my twelve years in our region, I have often consulted our regional representative, first Marilyn Muehlbach and later Steve Towles, on a variety of ministry questions. Their wisdom and support has blessed me time after time.

The basic understanding of this role is that I act as the connecting link between the ministries in this region and the Association of Unity Churches. A few important occasions to contact me:

- When you have a question regarding policy either at the regional level or the International Association level.
- When your ministry is making a change in its spiritual leadership.
- Any questions regarding ministry that your by-laws and policy do not address.
- Whenever you would like a compassionate ear for celebration and/or encouragement.

In essence I am the “go to” person who represents you in the region. I am the resource person who helps you get the answers or support you seek.

My personal goal this year is to get acquainted with you. Within the next few months, I plan to contact every minister and ministry to better know how I can be of service to our region and what skills and resources are available within our membership.

For now there are some important leadership trainings to know about:

- **Peacemaking Skills Institute;** August 27-31, 2007; Unity Village; contact Cathy Christy at the Association for registration information.
- **Foundations of Appreciative Inquiry;** January 8-11, 2008; Unity Christ Church of Wilmington, NC; contact the church at [admin@unitywil.com](mailto:admin@unitywil.com) or 910.763.5155.

Also, I have a personal request. I seek to learn best practices to revitalize the interfaith group in Port Angeles, WA. I would really like to hear your high point experiences with such groups.

I am no longer the minister at Unity in the Olympics. (I am God’s free agent!) Please feel free to contact me at home by phone, 360.457.3620, or by email, [bwilson@olympen.com](mailto:bwilson@olympen.com).

In love and light,  
Barbara Wilson

## ***Everything You Need To Know About Uniteens!***

**V**olcanic Inspirations is the title of our Fall Unitreat held at Cispus Learning Center on November 10, 11, 12. This Saturday through Monday weekend is due to most public schools having Monday off for Veterans Day. The retreat is for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth & their leaders. We will explore Truth Principles and our Divinity through our interconnectedness with nature and the volcanoes that surround our Region. This fun, active weekend is a great place to begin or continue bonding your Uniteen group and a source of inspiration and guidance for a year of Sundays in Uniteens. We will spend one day on the Challenge course which all ages and abilities can participate in.

Please watch your churches email for further information and application for this retreat. Contact Chris Castaldi @ 503.632.7792 or [chriscastaldi@bctonline.com](mailto:chriscastaldi@bctonline.com) with any inquires.

Seven NGUers were counselors at Unitreat giving service to the region, having fun being together as well as being with us “old” folks! The invitation is open to all NGUers to join us at Fall or Summer Unitreat. The Uniteens love you! NGUers are busy with school and work and some live far away from the church they grew up in. Although some are unable to volunteer at the Unity Centers near their school they are ready & awesome at Unitreat. If you have an NGUer away at college please extend them the invitation to call or write me about joining us next summer!

One Presence, One Peace was the focus for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual 2007 Summer Unitreat. We had 41 Uniteens and 22 adults from sixteen Unity Centers gathered at Cispus Learning Center to remember, rejoice and create friendship amid our oneness and differences. Each

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# Licensed Unity Teacher News

By Janet Rhodes, Licensed Unity Teacher Representative

## *Hello and good summer, licensed teachers and teachers in training!*

I had a great time at the June People's Convention. Believe it or not, this is the first time I have ever attended the convention. So I had a lot to learn, everything was new.

I met with other licensed teacher representatives. We got to learn more about each other, what was happening in some of the regions, and what is happening with the Association's Licensed Teacher Ministry Team.

Look for more information on these topics online at the Northwest Region's web site, on the licensed teacher page. Go to [www.unitynwregion.org](http://www.unitynwregion.org), then click on Programs, then Licensed Teachers.

Or, you can copy the address below into your browser and it will take you directly to the page. <http://www.unitynwregion.org/Programs/LicensedUnityTeacher/tabid/167/Default.aspx>

Without internet access? Then phone or write me and I will mail you a paper copy of the articles. We can also chat by phone about what happened.

## Licensed Teacher Forum — Class

On Monday afternoon, the licensed teachers met for a "forum" which turned out to be training on how to prepare powerful PowerPoint presentations. I and others learned a lot. And...a number of people expressed disappointment at the absence of time to share and get to know each other better.

So...I am asking, **What would you like at convention next year?** Please tell me what would make a great session for the licensed teachers next year at June Convention. I'd like to get that information to the Association by this fall, as they begin their planning quite early. Send your ideas by email or mail (a post-card is fine) or call me.

## Licensed Teachers at May Regional Conference

About 13 licensed teachers, teachers in training, and others interested in licensed teachers met for 1 ½ hours at the regional conference at Menucha. Most of us wished we had more time to share ideas.

We shared our names, churches, and main focus as licensed teachers. We each had time to explain what our passion is in the work we do as a licensed

teacher or teaching in training, along with what is working well. Next, we celebrated:

- a. Diana Moskal's appointment as alternate Rep to fill Patty Williams' position. Patty is now at Unity Institute.
- b. John Butler's acceptance into the field licensing program.
- c. Inga Trantola's ordination through the Field Licensing Program. She started out as a licensed teacher.

Vicki Vanderhorst, Canadian LUT Rep, presented an oral report of the LUT Ministry meetings since she started her participation with the January 2007 meetings. Read the details on the licensed teachers' web page on the Northwest Region's web site. Or ask me for a paper copy of the information.

We spent quite a bit of time talking about ways the Region can better support the licensed teachers and teachers in training. I will be exploring these more with you over the next few months.

*Your licensed teacher representative is available by phone, mail, & email to support you!*

Contact me:

- ❖ For prayer support
- ❖ To work out challenges with teaching
- ❖ With questions about becoming a licensed teacher
- ❖ With questions on what to do when having challenging relationships in your church
- ❖ With ideas about the NW Region and/or the Association
- ❖ And anything else that will support you in your divine expression as a licensed teacher.

*I hold all discussions in confidence.*

Janet Rhodes, LUT Representative

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## Unity Earth Care Northwest

*The Earth Care Team envisions all Unity ministries, collectively and individually, responsibly caring for God's Creation through cooperative prayer, thought, and action.*

### Earth Care Declaration (DRAFT)

We declare there is a standard for the practice of being human. The story of creation reveals we are to be stewards and gardeners of the creation.

We declare there is an ethic for our relationship with all Earth creation. Our conscience reveals all of creation is connected as one. We are to interact with harmony and respect with all of creation. All voices of creation are equally important and must be heard.

We declare our covenant with God to walk upon the Earth for the greatest good of all creation.

*This working draft was presented at the Northwest Regional Conference in May 2007. We are inviting comments for this next year and hope to have the final version adopted at the 2008 conference. Please send your thoughts to us at the e-mail address below right.*

### Earth Care an Ongoing Work in Northwest...

The Northwest Regional board approved Earth Care as an ongoing ministry, with an annual budget of \$500, at the 2007 Regional Conference in May. The Earth Care Team thanks the region for your support of this vital work.

### ...And Recognized Nationally!

The Spiritual Social Action Ministry Team approved formation of a subcommittee for Environmental Action at the 2007 Unity Peoples' Convention in June! Rev. Kathy Long (Great Lakes Region) will co-chair the subcommittee, and two of our members (Kathy O'Connor and Janet Rhodes) will represent the Northwest Region.

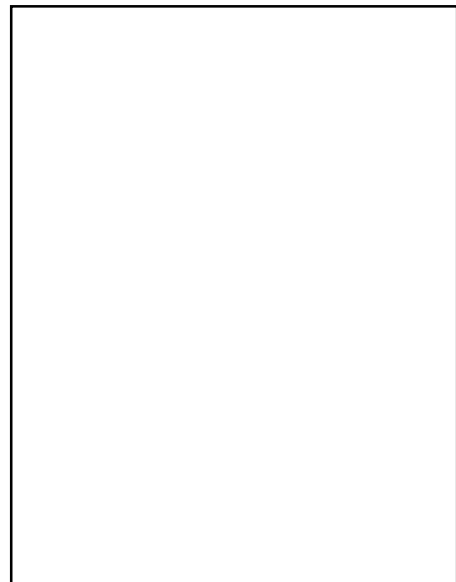
### Travels of the Earth Care Banner

The Earth Care Banner graced our table display at the 2007 Unity Peoples' Convention in June, where 40 people representing six U.S. regions, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom signed up to receive more information on promoting Earth Care. The banner will be touring the Great Lakes Region for the next year, helping to celebrate the region's adoption of Earth Care

### Fruits of the Work – Spirituality and Ecology at Unity of Corvallis

Unity of Corvallis, OR, uses for its fall program the theme of Spirituality and Ecology, relating the Sunday sermons, inspiration readings, and altar to this topic. They also offer an evening study and discussion group. Past topics have included Deep Ecology and Voluntary Simplicity, using discussion guides from the Northwest Earth Institute in Portland, OR. [Go to [www.nwei.org](http://www.nwei.org) to order.]

The congregation has also adopted a popular hiking trail, and for the past four years have done repair and maintenance as part of their Season for Spirituality and Ecology. Volunteers from the church join with those from the community at large to cut brush, dig trenches, and install gravel and other items to stabilize the trail. John Butler writes, "It is a very fun and high-visibility event. The city that owns the trail has recognized us with a



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## NW Next Generation of Unity Retreat



# Awakening



October 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Cispus Learning Center – Randle, WA

Awakening is a time for personal retreat and renewal at Cispus Center; nestled in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in the shadow of Mount St Helens. Join in community with Unity’s young adults from around the northwest region and beyond as we celebrate the joys and observe the cycles of life and all its blessings.

Transform your consciousness through a variety of empowering experiences including: workshops, small & large group activities, personal reflection, meals, and the challenge course. You may register online or by mail through our website [www.unitynwregion.org](http://www.unitynwregion.org) The registration fee is \$95 before September 28<sup>th</sup> or \$110 until October 12<sup>th</sup> and includes all meals, lodging, activities, materials, and a splendid experience! We look forward to spending time with you this October.

### Awaken to your inner knowing

Register online: [www.unitynwregion.org](http://www.unitynwregion.org) → Programs → Next Generation → Awakening

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Desired Regional Support for Licensed Teachers

1. Schedule meeting with representatives from Unity School and the Association for one hour each at each annual conference
2. Provide a licensed teacher mentor for licensed teacher candidates when their minister leaves and a new or transitional minister comes in.
3. Create a chaplain for licensed teachers. Prayer partners is a possibility too.
4. Put in newsletter that licensed teachers can call on licensed teacher rep for prayer support and mentoring.
5. Establish a priority time at conference for licensed teachers to be together.
6. Find ways to provide support to a church when the minister leaves. Make sure that the regional representative shares it with the licensed teacher rep when she knows of church transitions.
7. Have sub regional meetings for licensed teachers.

Association's Licensed Teacher Coordinator looking for ideas

Send suggestions to Shirley Kennedy at [luc@unity.org](mailto:luc@unity.org) on:

- ❖ Updates to the LUT Handbook
  - ❖ Changing the LUT name.
- Licensed teacher Karen Breen-James thought Unity Licensed Teacher — or ULT — sounded better than LUT. Hmmm...makes me think of ULT-imate.

**Highlight on Our Licensed Teachers**

At least three licensed teachers from the Northwest Region were

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presenters at the 2007 People's Convention.

Kathy O'Connor and Janet Rhodes are members of the *Unity Earth Care Team* for the Northwest Region. The team presented *Spirit Walks the Earth: The Path to Earth Care*.

Janet Rhodes presented *Healthy Decision-making—Better solutions through collaborative decision-making*.

Victoria Castle presented *Breaking The Trance of Scarcity* based on her book by the same title.

Send in your information about what licensed teachers in our Region are doing and I will publish the information.

New LUT Alternate Rep — Diana Moskal

Diana Moskal of Unity of Salem is the new licensed teacher alternate representative. There will soon be a photo and information about Diana on the regional website. At Regional Conference in May, Diana graciously accepted appointment to complete Patty Williams' term, which ends in 2009.

Patty has entered ministerial training at Unity School. She started classes in June.

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One in Truth,  
Janet Rhodes, licensed teacher representative  
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of the six families created a tile mosaic piece to complete the world's oceans that in turn completed a world map in tile for the surface of a sacred table. It is a beautiful reflection of the oneness of our planet and the part each Uniteen plays in bringing peace to their experience. This table will come to each Youth Team conference this year. I hope you have a chance to see this beautiful reflection of our Uniteen regional gathering.

In Love & Service,  
Chris Castaldi  
Uniteen Regional Event Coordinator

The decisions we make determine how life proceeds. We don't go through life simply making good choices and bad ones. We go through life making who we are. Choice is the hand that shapes the raw clay of a person.

~Deepak Chopra  
from his book *Life After Death: The Burden of Proof*