

## NW REGIONAL YOUTH SERVICES MISSION STATEMENT

*We are committed to creating a  
model of spiritual family ministry  
that supports and empowers  
individuals, ministries  
and our global community.*

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### **YOUTH SERVICES TEAM**

Rev. Jackie Green, Rev. Penny Gruver,  
Chris Castaldi, Sharon Viehdorfer, Marelu  
Marson Greco, Wally Vlasak, Karin Ward

### **To Maximize your Training:**

1. Contact the trainer at least two months in advance.
2. Discuss the fee options and details of your event.
3. Contact Jackie and Penny to assist with publicity.
4. Determine hospitality needs—serve food, beverages, snacks or have participants bring sack lunches.
5. Reserve space at your church.
6. Enlist the support of your ministers and staff
7. Market your event and ask for commitments.

### **FEES:**

\$500 per trainer for a full day event (6 + hrs)  
plus travel/lodging

\$300 for a half day (3-4 hrs) plus travel/lodging

Opt. 1—*Your own personalized training.* Your church pays the full fee. Your church can charge participants an amount of your choice to help with expenses.

Opt. 2—*Hosting multiple churches.* One church may host multiple churches (min. 5), with each paying \$100 to the trainer and bringing as many teachers as desired.

Many other options are available. Discuss these with your trainer plus printing, nametags and other expenses. (Your congregants can provide housing to reduce expenses.)

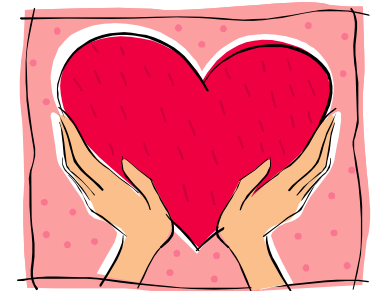
***Make checks payable to the trainer.***

***Pay at the completion of the training.***



# **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NW UNITY YOUTH MINISTRIES**

For Volunteer Teachers,  
Assistants, Uniteen and  
Youth of Unity Sponsors



***Strengthen your YFM  
team's confidence,  
commitment and  
creativity***

**Choose a basic teacher training or  
custom design an event to fit the  
unique needs of your church**



## WHY TRAIN VOLUNTEERS?

Few YFM volunteers are trained teachers and many start out feeling unqualified. Just as we choose our volunteer workers for the diversity of their gifts and talents, so their training needs will differ.

The types of trainings you offer will vary with the results/vision you are hoping to accomplish. A church may decide to begin with a basic general training, or you may design a training to address specific needs of an individual program or age group.

### Topic choices may include...

- Mission and vision statements
- Physical space
- Lesson planning
- Using media in the classroom
- Creative expression
- Prayer
- How to lead a meditation
- Classroom management
- Service projects
- Using curriculum
- Ages and Stages
- What Unity teaches and how to present it to children and youth
- Using music, games and props
- Sacred Safety

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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### TRAINING SPECIALTIES

- Basic Teacher Training
- Children's Ministry: Creating the Magic
- Teaching As a Spiritual Practice
- Virtues Training for Teachers or Parents
- Games, Giggles and Gak: Creative Fun for Spiritual Education

### ABOUT MARELU:

Marelu has served as a YED and YOU Sponsor at various Unity churches for almost 30 years, authored New Directions in Spiritual Education, produced two teacher training videos, served on AUC curriculum writing teams, and presently works at Seattle Unity as the Director of Youth and Family Ministries. She is a trained Virtues Project facilitator. Her teaching experience spans toddlers through adults.

## TEEN MINISTRIES

### Chris Castaldi

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### TRAINING SPECIALTIES

- Basic Uniteen/YOU Training
- START-UP, Building a Teen Group
- Experiential Youth Ministry in Uniteens & YOU.
- Creating Trust Relationships, *a space for God to come out & play*

### ABOUT CHRIS:

Chris has served as Uniteen & YOU sponsor and/or YED for 16 years and presently is a Uniteen sponsor & Teen program coordinator at Unity World Healing Center in Lake Oswego, OR. She is the NW Region Uniteen Event Coordinator serving at Unitreat for nine years. She served the International YOU conference support team for seven years and was on the curriculum writing team for the two most recent Uniteen Life Issues publications.