

## Meet your UNITY NW Region Youth Service Team



**Chris Castaldi (Uniteen Consultant):** I have been a member of the UNITY Northwest Community for 28 years. I am an educator, facilitator, trainer and consultant with a focus on co-creating trust cultures, experiential education, multigenerational integration, and body/mind integration. Since 1990, my work with Unity has focused on youth education and curriculum creation for the Northwest region. I have served in almost every area of Youth Ministry, including nine years at International Youth of Unity Conference at Unity Village.

I was invited to join the NW Unity Youth Services Team as the Uniteen representative and now as the Uniteen Consultant I continue to serve this team. During my twenty-five years with Unity I earned a BA with a focus on “Interdisciplinary Exploration of Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Trust as related to an Outcome of Transformation” relating this to my work with families and Multigenerational Spiritual Communities.

I received the Unity Distinguished Youth Service Award in 2004 and participated in writing three Uniteen Living curriculum books for the UNITY Worldwide Ministry Churches.

I am grateful to have shared Unity with my children and continuing with my extended Unity family. I continue to be deeply enriched by my work in Unity and grateful for all my connections with the youth and the big people who serve them. I joyfully await our connections. [cbchris.2010@gmail.com](mailto:cbchris.2010@gmail.com)



**Pete DiSantis (YOU Sponsor):** I was introduced to Unity in 1981. While filling out an application for the Singles Club, I noticed a typo on the form. They left off the “G” in singles. Sinles? Growing up Catholic, I thought that was COOL.

I became a member of Unity of Bellevue in 1983 and later served on the board for 6 years, presiding the last two. After which, I became a Y.O.U. Sponsor, the first time. I served of almost eight years. Ultimately, I received A Distinguished Youth Services Award, which I am very proud of.

Then I lost my way for a while. I came back to Unity in 2010 as a Y.O.U. Sponsor because this is my heart work. I've been a member of the Youth Services Team for about 7 years.

Originally from the Big Apple, my work for a few brand-named corporations finally planted me in the Northwest, which I love. [pete@peterdisantis.com](mailto:pete@peterdisantis.com)



**Michelle Fokos (YFM Volunteer/former YFM Director):** I served as Director of Youth and Family Ministries at Unity in Lynnwood (UIL) from 2016-2018, during which time our youth program grew exponentially. Having left this position to further my professional career, I joyfully continue to serve as a volunteer on UIL’s YFM team.

As an experiential educator, I have worked 15+ years as a ropes course facilitator for youth and adults, and 8+ years as a martial arts (Aikido) instructor for children. I strive to embody and teach mindfulness in all settings. Currently, I work full time with children on the autism spectrum as I prepare for graduate school to earn my master’s degree in Special Education. I have a BA in Sociology (1993), and a black belt in Aikido (2010).

Unity has been prominent in my personal spiritual journey since the early 2000’s. It’s quite serendipitous that I received Wee Wisdom Magazine as a gift throughout my childhood, and always appreciated the joy it brought me. It’s been an honor serving on the NW Regional Youth Services Team since September 2017.

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**Marelu Greco (YFM Trainer):** I'm newly retired from a job but not from advocating for the children and youth of the UNITY NW Region's Churches and Spiritual centers.

Over 37 years, I've been a Unity Sunday School teacher, a Uniteen Leader, YOU Sponsor, Youth Education Director and, for four years in the 80's, was privileged to serve as the NW Region's Children's Ministry Consultant. During those years I was honored to receive Unity's "Distinguished Youth Services" award, authored the two-volume manual New Directions in Spiritual Education, produced two teacher training

videos and served on several UWM curriculum-writing teams. In addition, I am a parent educator, a Virtues Project facilitator and a teacher trainer for the NW Region.

I am honored to serve on the NW Region Youth Services Team where I can support children's spirituality and those who serve as YFM leaders in their spiritual communities. [marelum@comcast.net](mailto:marelum@comcast.net)



**Rev. Jackie Green (YOU Consultant):** My love of Unity and youth ministry began in 1973 volunteering in various roles from Youth Education Director to Y.O.U. Sponsor.

For almost 40 years now I have held two part time positions as NW Youth of Unity Consultant plus Youth and Family Minister at Spokane Unity Spiritual Center. During the intervening years I have been honored with designations such as Distinguished Youth Services Award, Licensed Unity Teacher, Spiritual Youth Educator, Ordained Unity Minister and the Light of God Expressing in Unity Award.

My delight in joining the spiritual path with our youth, their supporters and Unity continues knowing that all children are my children. [jackienwyou@comcast.net](mailto:jackienwyou@comcast.net)



**Nick Muncie-Jarvis (LUT, Chaplain):** I joined Unity in 1992. Since then I served as a Board Member for 3.5 years, a YOU Sponsor for 5 years, a Youth Ministry Teacher for 4 years, the Northwest Region's Next Generation of Unity Coordinator for 12 years, a Unitreat Staff person for 10 years, Challenge Course facilitator for 7 years, and as a member of the Youth Services Team for the last 10 years. I have participated in over 150 Regional or National Unity events having planned and hosted 37 of them.

I graduated with a Bachelor of Religious Studies in 2011. I became a Licensed Unity Teacher in 2014, a Chaplain in 2015, received the Distinguished Youth Service award in 2017. I am passionate about Unity youth and creating a safe, inclusive environment where they can express and grow their spiritual identities.

I am a husband, father, gluten-free baker and I'm kind of obsessed with the Harry Potter series. [ztx@juno.com](mailto:ztx@juno.com)



**Jennie Rose Comfort Willingham** (Northwest Region Next Generation of Unity Consultant): I was born and raised in Unity, as my parents were attending Unity in Everett in 1984. My first memories are of the Youth and Family Ministry program there. I grew up through the youth program, attending Kid's Camp as a youth and again as a counselor, going to Unitreat and to weekly Uniteen meetings, and became fully involved in the Youth of Unity, serving in leadership positions and attending three international conferences at Unity Village. Through Unity and these programs, I have made dear lifelong friends and lasting connections.

I served as a Y.O.U. sponsor for nine years, spent a year as a Youth and Family Ministry director, been part of Unitreat's cocreation for the last fourteen years, served at Unitreat as a low ropes course facilitator for the last eleven years, I was part of the Northwest Next Generation of Unity planning team for five years, and became the Northwest Region Next Generation of Unity Consultant in 2017. In 2010 I received my Bachelor's Degree in Comparative Religion and Sexuality. I advocate for LGBTQ+ youth and have volunteered as a domestic violence survivor's support group facilitator.

Since I was a child I've been interested in becoming a Unity minister. To that end, I've taken classes at Unity Village and in the field, and I plan on taking many more to meet my goals. I'm currently working as a barista, I love animals (particularly cats), I have an affinity for crafting and children's literature, and I do metaphysical Bible interpretation for fun. [fun.ngu@unitynwregion.org](mailto:fun.ngu@unitynwregion.org)



**Rev. Philip Zemke** (Minister; Liaison to NW Regional Board): I first met the Unity Spiritual Educational Movement in Missoula, Montana in 1987. When it was revealed that I was a Waldorf Educator I was invited to become a Uniteen sponsor. The following year I attended my first Youth Service Team conference for UNITY Northwest youth educators, and the die was cast. Unity and its educational dedication have been my Spiritual and service home ever since.

I have served as the Unity in Bozeman, Montana spiritual leader since 1996. I am a Licensed Unity Teacher, an Ordained Unity Minister, and a Chaplaincy Trainer. I sat on the UNITY Northwest Board from 2003 through 2010, serving as Board Liaison to the youth ministries, Vice-President and President of the Board. I have also served on the Annual Northwest Regional Conference Team for 12 years. I have a BA in Studio Art and Eastern Philosophy, and an Interdisciplinary Masters Degree in Cultural Anthropology, Religious Studies, and Native American Studies, all with an emphasis on education and generational values transmission.

My main focus in Youth Ministry has been with our YOU for the past 10 years, although my dedication to youth education spans all the ages. My enrollment on the Youth Service Team began in September of 2017. It is an honor to serve our youth and all those who are dedicated to their well-being and fulfillment.

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