

Dear Unity Ministries,

July 28, 2009

As was already announced, the Great Lakes Regional budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year has been reduced by 30% across the board. Due to this reduction, in salary and expense account funds, there will be specific changes in the services I can offer as your regional Children's Ministry Consultant.

I have described, here, the changes that will be in place until there is a change in the budget. Your understanding and support is very much appreciated as we make the best possible use of the funds available.

E-mail/Phone

- E-mail & phone support will remain unchanged. I am available at 708-785-7566 and at diane@dianevezera.com or glrkids@comcast.net

Website

- Website support has been increased. I merged the regional youth ministry materials with my own materials and created a combined website. www.dianevezera.com

Trainings

- Regional youth team trainings will be reduced to **4 per year**.
 - Your patience and understanding that I may not be able to honor every request for a training is appreciated.
 - In order to make best use of the funds I plan to locate the trainings around the region so that they are accessible to the largest number of people.
 - I will also be giving priority, this year, to those areas I have not visited recently.
- Training Costs (*The fees listed below are not new. They have been in effect for the past few years.*)
 - The regional budget pays only for part of the expense of each training.
 - There is a 10 person minimum for each training. This minimum encourages greater participation by area churches and makes better use of our funds.
 - With a 10 person minimum @\$40.00 each the **minimum financial commitment is \$400.00**. (*The per person cost of \$40.00 is not a payment to me but is used to cover the training expense not covered by the regional budget.*)
 - While it is the responsibility of the hosting church to make sure this minimum fee is covered, the fee can be paid by each individual attending or each church can pay for their team of teachers.
 - Each time the training fees are not covered, my ability to offer the next training decreases.

Because of the limited number of trainings available this year, it is extremely important that each ministry encourage and support their spiritual educators in traveling to these trainings.

Additional Financial Reductions

- All regional consultants will no longer attending the yearly National Regional Consultant's Conference at Unity Village.
- I will only be attending our GLURC Regional Conference if funds are available
- Decrease overall spending as needed.

Trainings Scheduled

2 trainings remain in the current fiscal year

- Unity Northwest - Des Plaines, IL, **Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009**
- Unity of Kalamazoo – Kalamazoo, MI, **Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009**

2009-2010 Fiscal Year (4 Trainings total Oct 09 through Sept. 2010)

- Unity of Medina – Medina, Oh, **October 10, 2009**
- Quad Cities area IL/IA – to be determined
- 2 trainings remain to be scheduled

Additional Training Opportunities

Other training opportunities that can be taken advantage of are:

- 8th National Unity Spiritual Educator's Conference, River Forest, IL (*Sponsored by Spirit's Light Foundation*) **May 20-22, 2010**
- Child/Teen Week, Unity Village, MO **August 2-7, 2009 & Summer of 2010.**
- You can contract with me, under my independent company *Diane Venzera, LLC*, to offer a training in your church.

As we continue to know and practice prosperity, we joyfully step into every opportunity to support our wonderful Great Lakes Region. We know that all we require to fully support all of our programs is here for us now. We continue to be good stewards of our finances and know that we are supported in Spirit. We give thanks for the blessings we have and we are grateful.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, ideas and/or concerns.

In Spirit,
Rev. Diane Venzera