

## **Achievements and Accomplishments for Jan 2018 through Dec 2018**

Youth Ministry Training Director (Rev. Chase)

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### **2018 Program Changes**

- Topics researched for trainings were emotional awareness, listening, Generation Z, developing intuition, mindfulness, leadership, Unity compatible curriculum, self-care.
- 2018 YFM Team formed
  - Our YFM Team Vision is empowered youth and families in the Unity centers throughout the GLR, embracing their inherent divinity and feeling a lively connection with people of all ages in our GLR centers.
  - Our YFM Team Mission is to create youth and family ministries activities that inspire, energize and enliven all of our GLR centers. Through these activities we provide opportunities for all GLR centers to build collaborative relationships with youth and families ministries of other GLR centers.
  - 2018 Team Members: Rev. Chase; Shannon Ensign-Spillios, Unity of Massillon; Casey Miller, Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing; Clarissa Theobald, Unity of Appleton.
- YFM Forum Meets Quarterly
  - Is YFM practitioners of the Great Lakes Region who gather together periodical for connection, encouragement, support, and the sharing of best practices.
  - Mission Statement: We inspire, equip, and encourage YFM practitioners.
  - Vision Statement: We are evolutionary Youth and Family Ministries collaborating and empowering one another in creating vibrant youth and family ministries.
- Prayer Circle expanded to include Directors, Sponsors, Uniteen Leaders, Teacher – All YFM practitioners.
- Increased Facebook posts, connections and activity.

## 2018 Trainings & Family Events

Date	Type	Title	Attendance: Total 21	Content
2-22-18	Webinar	“Resource Sharing: Curriculum and other class materials”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 Individuals</li> <li>• 12 Ministries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Familiarized participants with curriculum produced for Unity and spotlight compatible materials from other people and organizations.</li> <li>• Edwina Cowell, founder and Chief Visionary Officer of Spiritual Playdate, acquainted us with Spiritual Playdate and explained how it works.</li> <li>• Participants encouraged to highlight items from their knowledgeable base and experience.</li> </ul>
Date	Type	Title	Attendance: 0	Content
03-03-18	Family Service Event Evanston, IL	“Spreading Love”	<p>Insufficient registrations event cancelled.</p> <p>Attendance open to all: families, including people without children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spiritual, social, service, and skills training event</li> <li>• Unity families spread healing love to seriously ill children. Create no sew fleece blankets to donate to Project Linus.</li> <li>• Activities                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ service project</li> <li>○ exploration of experience</li> <li>○ connection</li> <li>○ meal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Date	Type	Title	Attendance: Total 27	Content
4-14-18	On-site Training Tallmadge, OH	“Ready Set GO!”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27 individuals</li> <li>• 7 ministries</li> </ul>	<p>Make yourself Ready to build the consciousness which recognizes the inherent wholeness of each of us; Set to create opportunities for spiritual discovery, exploration, and understanding; primed to Go/to call forth the innate wisdom within yourself and youth. Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social-Emotional Development Prepare youth for participation Nurture intuitiveness</li> <li>• Prayer and Meditation Engage children &amp; teens in prayer &amp; mediation practices Lead prayers and meditations</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation and Classroom Management</li> <li>Connect and care for yourself</li> <li>Guide youth and foster connections</li> <li>Respond to challenges</li> </ul>
Date	Type	Title	Attendance: Total 15	Content
05-17-18	Webinar	“Nurturing Leadership In Our Youth ”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 individuals</li> <li>8 ministries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>explore ways to support our blossoming young minds from Unitots to Y.O.U.</li> </ul>
Date	Type	Title	Attendance: Total 18	Content
9-08-18	On-site training Unity Northwest, Des Plaines IL	“Who What How”	18 individuals 8 ministries	<p>Who What How is an experiential training experience that encourages and inspires. It models skills as well as provides knowledge. After training participants are ready to put in to practice what they have learned. Their ministries are better equipped to serve Generation Z and their families.</p> <p>Topics Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understanding Gen Z: We will explore the characteristics of Gen Z in this training. We will gain an understanding of Gen Z’s experience of the world and consider how that effects their way of being.</li> <li>fostering social emotional learning How can it be integrated into our classroom experience? We will examine how social emotional learning empowers Gen Z to live the 5 Basic Unity Principles and helps them to express their 3 fold nature: body, mind and spirit.</li> <li>collaborating This training session will feature breakout sessions. Connect, encourage and inspire one another. With others, discover actions to take and changes to make to invite, teach and serve Gen Z and their families.</li> </ul>
Date	Type	Title	Attendance: 0	Content
9-15-18	On-site training IL	“Reach and Teach GenZ”	cancelled	Reach and Teach Gen Z is an experiential training experience that encourages and inspires. It models skills as well as provides knowledge. After training participants are ready to put in to practice what they have learned.

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				<p>Their ministries are better equipped to serve Generation Z and their families.</p> <p>Optional time of connection Friday. Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn to create lessons that foster connections, balance use of technology with other tools, and teach spiritual practices with which youth can build happy, extremely fulfilling lives.</li> <li>• Learn a lesson development process that will aid you in crafting engaging lessons.</li> <li>• Experience the value of connection and learn to incorporate activities that connect youth from the beginning to end of their class experience.</li> <li>• Understand multiple intelligences and technology options to engage them.</li> <li>• Increase awareness of various collaboration tools to engage families outside of Sunday morning or to accomplish group projects with youth or teachers.</li> <li>• Gain skills which enable you to facilitate a class experience that encourages youth to express their spirituality.</li> </ul>
Date	Type	Title	Attendance: 0	Content
Fall 2018	On-Site training IA	TBD	cancelled	
Date	Type	Title	Attendance: 0	Content
Spring 2018	On-Site training MI	TBD	cancelled	
Date	Type	Title	Attendance:	Content
10-04-18	Conference break out session	Reaching Gen Z	Registration in-progress	In design
Date	Type	Title	Attendance:	Content
11-15-18	Webinar	TBD	Registration to open soon	in-design

## **YFM Support Activities**

### **Comments from the field**

- On-site training attendees value the in-person connection time.
- The sharing of knowledge and experience, and discovering new resources inspires YFM practitioners.
- Training attendees appreciate being able to experience and practice concepts presented during training.
- Many feel supported by the prayer circle even though they personally have not called in.
- 2018 Conference theme of GLR - Here We Grow Again ... Come Grow with Us will provide the input sought by numerous Unity ministries.

### **Additional General Services & Activities**

#### **Ministry Support**

Provided through email; phone and website resources

- Guidance on hiring YFM staff
- How to start a youth ministry
- Mentoring and information about becoming a Certified Spiritual Educator, and Licensed Unity Teacher
- Curriculum and classroom resources
- Holding an intergenerational event
- Background check policy, procedures and practices
- Current training offering questions
- How to tithe to the Great Lake Region YFM
- Follow-up, check-in calls

#### **On-going Activity**

- Prayer circles
- YFM Forum
- Research into training topics

#### **Trainings Developed**

- "Ready Set Go!"
- "Who What How"
- "Resource Sharing: Curriculum and Other Class Materials"
- In Design
  - GLURC 2018 break out session "Reaching Gen Z"

#### **Communication**

- Updated Constant Contact lists
- Marketing efforts for training
  - Created flyers/registration forms
  - Created training area contact lists
  - Multiple Constant Contact announcements
  - Multiple Facebook post

- Instagram post
- Emails to Ministries
- Calls to Ministries
- Conference calls
  - Periodic check-ins with YFM Liaison, and Youth Events Coordinator
  - Monthly Prayer Circle
  - 2018 YFM Team meetings
  - UWM YFM Consultant and other Unity Regional YFM Consultants informational sessions
- Phone and emails with
  - GLR YFM Liaison
  - Youth Events Coordinator
  - GLR Booker
  - GLR Treasurer
  - UWM YFM Consultant
  - Unity Regional Consultants
  - Connection calls to GLR centers/churches
- Input to regional newsletter
- Monthly finance reports to the GLR Board
- Activity reports to the GLR Board

**Events attended/ Training received**

- Effective Mentoring UWSI Course PRA 745
- Nurturing Leadership In Our Youth
- Webinars and On-line Trainings

**On-going Activity**

- Research into Generation Z
- Design of 2019 program