

Transcript: Team Supporting Y.O.U. Sponsor Orientation

Greeting

Greetings, I am Rev. Chase, the Youth and Family Ministry Training Director for the Great Lakes Unity Region. This video will familiarize you with the Organization and Leadership Team Supporting YOU.

Say with me this affirmation. Affirm: *God is my source.*

Organization and Leadership Team Supporting YOU

There is an organization and leadership team supporting YOU.

Unity is a positive, practical, progressive approach to Christianity based on the teachings of Jesus and the power of prayer. Unity honors the universal truths in all religions and respects each individual's right to choose a spiritual path.

Unity Headquarters at Unity Village serves through prayer, publishing, and community. It is home to Silent Unity, Daily word and Many retreats and gatherings.

Unity Worldwide Ministries is an association that includes Unity ministries, their leaders and congregants, our regions, and our central office. The central office Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator provides a central place for you to contact for resources, tips, and encouragement. The central office produces curriculum and education products for all ages. Also they provide educational opportunities for spiritual growth and career development through Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute. They develop communications vehicles such as websites, videos, social networking, publications, branding materials, and our annual convention.

Regions

Unity Worldwide Ministries organize Unity ministries within the United states into Regions. Northwest, West Central, Southwest, South Central, Great Lakes, Southeast and Eastern.

The Great Lakes Region consist of Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and parts of Missouri. The Great Lakes Region consists of two Sub-Regions. The Eastern Sub-Region consisting of Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Indiana. The Western Sub-Region consists of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois and parts of Missouri.

Great Lakes Region

The Great Lakes Region Board of Trustees employs a Youth Events Director and a Youth Training Director to implement the services of their Youth and Family Ministry.

The Youth and Family Ministry (YFM) Training Director provides ministries training and support to establish and evolve their Youth and Family Ministries. They equip Ministers, Board Members, Youth Ministry Directors, Teachers, Uniteen Leaders & YOU Sponsors to create and advance their Youth and Family Ministry. The YFM training Director keeps the region informed on YFM events and best practices.

The Youth Events Director coordinates regional area YOU and Uniteen activities for the region. They oversee all matters which concern regional officers, rallies, retreats, functions, events and their associated finances. The Youth Event Director coordinates chapters sharing a mutual interest in varied activities such as regional events and service projects. They gather suggestions and ideas to help various chapters in their areas of need.

Two youth are elected annually to work with the Youth Events Director in creating the regional program for the year. Planning and developing the retreats and June Rally are the major responsibility of these Co-Regional officers. The Great Lakes Region Youth of Unity Policies and Procedures Manual fully documents the qualifications, responsibilities, and process of election of these officers.

Four Officers of Community Outreach were added to serve our region in 2020 due the situation created by COVID-19.

Resources

The Teen Ministry Manual is an excellent resource for new and longtime Teen Ministry Leaders. It contains information on

- Creating and Starting a Teen Ministry
- Development of Teens
- Leadership of Teens and Volunteers
- Conducting Lessons
- Planning Events
- Finances
- Sacred Safety
- Resources and Sample forms

Visit Unity.org, and unityworldwide.media/, along with www.UnityWorldwideMinistries.org which has:
<https://www.unityworldwideministries.org/youth-and-family>
www.unityworldwideministries.org/iyou-event
www.unityworldwideministries.org/curriculum
<https://www.unityworldwideministries.org/music-ministry-resources>
<https://www.unityworldwideministries.org/trainings>

The regional website <https://www.greatlakesunity.com/> contains a Teen Ministry support section with Regional Policies & Procedures, Teen Ministry Leadership Support and Teen Ministry Program Support.

Teen Ministry related Facebook groups are: Great Lakes Youth Ministry, Great Lakes Y.O.U., International Youth of Unity and National YFM Training Alumni.

Visit them for ideas and connection.

Reach out

I am part of your support team. Reach out to me with your question or concerns.

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