Curriculum Goals For Youth Ministry:

As we are creating programs for our children, these are the goals that we keep in mind.

A. The learner will have spiritual knowledge.

- 1. Be Bible literate in scripture, in views, and in relation to others.
- 2. Understand the Bible in terms of Unity teachings.
- 3. Be knowledgeable in comparative religions and the use of the Bible by various denominations.
- 4. Understand and apply Truth principles.
- 5. Gain a sound understanding of Unity history, philosophy of theology and are able to articulate it.

Knowing that the above is just a beginning.

B. The learner will have a spiritual experience.

- 1. Know that which is changeless.
- 2. Understand and apply Truth principles.
- 3. Open the channel to the Christ self.
- 4. Grow in their ability to work with the inner guidance.
- 5. Understand and take action with the self as a mind/spiritual being.
- 6. Learn and use basic tools of Unity affirmation, prayer, meditation.
- 7. Live a life of prayer.
- 8. Respect our oneness and diversity.

Experiencing the above provides a foundation on which...

C. The learner will enhance self development.

- 1. Develop self esteem.
- 2. Grow in emotional literacy by understanding and working with emotions.
- 3. Experience and incorporate joy and celebration of life.
- 4. Express the aspects in their uniqueness: Creative, intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual.
- 5. Know and work with their inwardly evaluated and chosen values (values clarification and communication skills.)
- 6. Live their respect for their healthy bodies.
- 7. Feel welcomed, safe, loved and appreciated.
- 8. Know and understand themselves.
- 9. Know, express and live in peace and harmony.
- 10. Accept responsibility and work within a healthy system of responsibility personally as well as in the family, church and community.
- 11. Experience positive role models.

With these goals accomplished there is a milieu and set of basic skills in place in which growth and further skills can be developed so that...

D. The learner will successfully relate in a family.

- 1. Develop understanding and tools to deal with change.
- 2. Effectively interact with families, peers, and community.
- 3. Have parents who feel supported.
- 4. Have parents who parent effectively.
- 5. Function effectively, healthfully, in diverse family patterns.
- 6. Communicate effectively with peers, family and spiritual community.
- 7. Develop skills to effectively manage conflict.
- 8. Accept responsibility and work within a healthy system of responsibility personal, family, church and community.
- 9. Understand and create rituals and rites within the family.

With these goals accomplished, an effective framework is established in which...

E. The learner is prepared for relating to life.

- 1. Know how to, and have tools for, dealing with change.
- 2. Express joy and celebration of life.
- 3. Respect, understand, and effectively interact with the Christ self in all ages, people, cultures, belief systems and appearance.
- 4. Effectively interact with other races, creeds and cultures.
- 5. Give and receive appropriately.
- 6. Relate Truth teachings to problems of today; e.g. drugs, sex, family differences, peer relationships, school, etc.
- 7. Cope effectively with conflict