# **Unity On Campus Newsletter**

Spring 2014 Edition



Dear Friends,

Unity On Campus is, as always, most grateful for your ongoing love and support. The students continue to be spiritually empowered and remain interested in multifaith activities. This Easter and during Passover, Unity On Campus hosted a group of Jewish students for a Seder Dinner. The students learned about the Seder tradition while also sharing the metaphysical meaning of the Lenten and Easter celebrations. At the bottom of this page, you will find a picture and additional information about the Seder Dinner.

The Friends Reception on April 6, 2014 was a great success. Over 60 friends were in attendance to experience the students' testimonies and talents. It was our opportunity to say "thanks" to our many Friends for their continuous support. The students always feel so blessed and amazed to know how many people are investing in their spiritual and educational development. During the evening,

we also presented awards to the Outstanding Student, Ambassador Volunteer, and Church Ambassador. *Unity On Campus* expresses our sincere thanks to Renaissance Unity for hosting the Friends event. A summary of the financial report given at the event is included in this newsletter.

We hold our students in the Light this summer as they pursue different activities, which you can read about on the next page, and we pray that they return in the fall energized and ready for another successful school year.

Again, thank you for being a channel for God to bless Unity on Campus. May you also experience an enjoyable summer!

Warmest blessings,

## Ernestine

Ernestine Griffin Founder/Minister



AFFIRMATION: I open myself to God's universal love, wisdom, and creative energy. "God, our Creator, has stored within our minds and personalities, great potential strength and ability. Prayer helps us tap and develop these powers." - A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

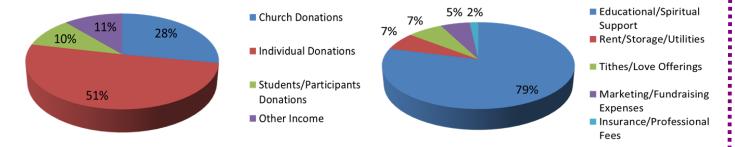
April 17, 2014, Unity On Campus hosted Zinn House\*\* for a Jewish Passover Seder dinner. The ritual included singing of the fourteen Seder steps by Zinn House students and explanation of the Seder Plate. Each student participated in discussion focusing on the metaphysical interpretation of the ritual, from bondage to freedom/deliverance. This event fulfilled Unity On Campus students' desire to engage in an interfaith spiritual event.

\*\*Zinn House partners with spiritually independent families to provide their children with engaging programs where Judaism is a home-based religious practice with an interfaith orientation.



#### **Unity On Campus Financial Report**

As you can see from the first pie chart below, which shows the sources of UOC's 2013 income, current and alumni students continue to support *Unity On Campus* faithfully. Better than anyone else, they understand how valuable UOC is and want to give back from what they have received. Although total expenditures continue to be below total income, there are always so many more opportunities to enrich students' spiritual lives than can be afforded. Nevertheless, *Unity On Campus* strives to be good stewards of what is given, maintaining little overhead cost and using the vast majority of income to directly support students' educational and spiritual wellbeing.



Total Income 2013: \$46,328

Total Expenditures 2013: \$44,235

#### **Prosperity Prayer for Unity On Campus:**

"We affirm and know that *Unity On Campus* thrives in all areas of our ministry. We bless and give thanks for all we have been given, and look forward with excitement to all that is to come. We know that we have been called to a special work. Let us be the hands, the feet, the heart, and the inspiration that awakens the Spirit of Truth in all who are drawn to *Unity On Campus*. We affirm and see *Unity On Campus* as a center of love, blessed with overflowing abundance, and filled with dedicated co-creators. Thank you, God. And so it is."

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** "What water can do, gasoline cannot and what copper can, gold cannot. The fragility of the ant enables it to move and the rigidity of the tree enables it to stay rooted. Everything and everybody has been designed with a proportion of uniqueness to serve a purpose that we can fulfill only by being our unique self. You as you alone can serve your purpose and I as I alone can serve my purpose. You are here to be you... just you." - Kiran Kumar Roy

May we all celebrate the unique ways we each express the Christ within.

## This Summer 🌣

This summer, *Unity On Campus* students are pursuing a variety of experiences to enrich their academic and spiritual learning. Three students are traveling and studying abroad in Italy, Germany, and China. Another student has a graduate internship. Others have summer employment in local areas.

#### A Peek into the Future!

On September 11, 2014, students will begin studying the Twelve Powers.

### A Student's Perspective

"I am so thankful for *Unity On Campus*, a magical atmosphere for like-minded souls to meet weekly to ponder and celebrate the essence of consciousness and spirit and the interconnection between the two. Every week I attend, and these peers have become fast friends, a family away from family, a home away from busy class schedules and meetings. I don't know what I'd do or where I'd practice spiritually without it."

- Evan Gennrich

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