Unity On Campus Newsletter

Fall 2013 Edition



Dear Friends,

We are delighted to present you with this first *Unity On Campus* Newsletter which will be issued quarterly.

We know that supporters and alumni of the campus ministry want to hear more about current students, study themes, celebrations, and special programs.

Most of our students use the *Unity On Campus* Facebook page or our new blog to share their thoughts on what they are learning. This Newsletter format will allow us to compile some of their messages and share different events happening with the group. Hopefully, this will allow our friends and alumni to better follow all the great work that *Unity On Campus* continues to do as the ministry enters its 16th year!

On the second page of this newsletter, you will find info about past and upcoming events, and you will hear from different students. Feel free to give us your feedback by email at (unityoncampus@aol.com) or

734-787-3664. Enjoy!

We especially want to make sure you know how much we appreciate your support: financial, spiritual, physical. Students regularly express gratitude for your generosity: for the funds that allow us to host guest speakers at our annual retreats, for the donations of food to provide homemade dinners and take-home snacks, for the gifts of warm scarves and hats and blankets, for the prayers that uplift all of us.

We hope you understand the importance of what you do. Our students and alumni are also generous with their time, money, and prayers, having learned in Unity and observed from you what it means to live in a state of abundance rather than lack. Thank you.

Warmest blessings, Savannah (Savi) Sisk 2013 University of Michigan alumna

P.S. Be sure to check out our blog, <u>unityoncampus.wordpress.com!</u>



Photo from our 15th Anniversary Celebration in April 2013 – such good food and company! It was an amazing time of fellowship – hearing from alumni and current students alike.

AFFIRMATION: God moves in and through me to bless the world. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid." Matthew 5:14-16

We School Year 2012-2013 Recap!

Throughout the 2012-13 school-year, students read from Metaphysics I: Overview of Basic Teachings of Unity. As an advanced book, it really challenged the students to understand why we believe what we do at Unity and why it matters. We pushed ourselves to learn how to better communicate Unity teachings to people without any New Thought background.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: "Take the time to discover your real intention before you act. If it is to change someone or the world so that you will feel safe or better about yourself, don't act on it, because it is an intention of fear and can create only painful consequences. If your real intention is to create harmony instead of discord, cooperation instead of competition, sharing instead of hoarding, and reverence for life instead of exploitation, act on it, because it is an intention of love and can create only healthy and wholesome consequences. When you do this, you are creating authentic power." -Gary Zukav

OH THE [PAST] FUN!

In December '12, we had our annual weekend retreat. Dr. Debra Brodie-Smith, our guest speaker, presented on "Balancing Feminine and Masculine Energies." She used material from the Twilight movies, which really grabbed our attention! Students reflected on how we too often try to use relationships to find fulfillment. Instead of cultivating the masculine and feminine

within each of us, we look to another person to be complete. It was a topic very relevant to college students!

OH THE [UPCOMING] FUN!

Students chose to study Major Religions of the World this 2013-14

school year. While following The Basic Religions of the World, they will learn about Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Shinto, and Islam. It will be an exciting year of finding Unity principles in unexpected places!

STUDENT TESTIMONIES

"Unity On Campus has been essential to my success at UM – the spiritual renewal I got every week encouraged and uplifted me, and I would not be as healthy or happy or supportive of my friends or motivated to serve my community without that nourishment."

Savi, 2010-2013 student

The spiritually fulfilling experience that I've had at each meeting has convinced me that those three hours of my industrious week are many names."

worthily surrendered to seeking the truth principles of our God of David, Current Student

"I hope I can be the guiding beacon for others the way Unity On Campus was for me."

Deanna Marshall Martin, 2002 Student