

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Youth Of Unity program, better known within our movement as the Y.O.U. The Y.O.U. program is a local, regional, national and international youth group for teens ages 14-18 designed to encourage spiritual growth. This program, under the auspices of Unity Worldwide Ministries is open to teens actively seeking to explore the spiritual tenets of Unity, practical Christianity and other faith traditions.

A Y.O.U. group typically meets weekly to learn and discuss a variety of spiritual teachings. In addition, many chapters include social gatherings and opportunities to be in service to the local church and the greater community. Under adult supervision, a leadership team of teens is elected to plan these activities and lessons. During these gatherings the program provides the opportunity to explore Unity principles as well as other truth teachings and to demonstrate these teachings in their daily lives.

Three times a year the chapters come together for a regional retreat as a means of broadening the spiritual exploration. In addition to these retreats, local chapters are encouraged to hold "zone lock ins" at their church site. Recently our local chapter, Unity North Atlanta, held an Interfaith zone lock in and invited several youth from the Interfaith community to join them. It was very successful. Our particular youth community, under the leadership of Miranda Baker has made some wonderful inroads in the local Interfaith community.

If you would like any more information about the Y.O.U. or our particular chapter, please feel free to call me at any time.

Sincerely,

Rev. Richard Burdick

Unity North Atlanta Church

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## Regional Resources & Info

What is an active YOU group?

In order to attend an international IYOU event, participants from the United States and Canada must be part of an active YOU group/chapter which:

- Is under the direction of a recognized Unity member ministry of Unity Worldwide Ministries
- Is active in their regional YOU
- Includes one or more teens ranging from the ages of 14 through 18 years of age and at least one adult sponsor

These eligibility requirements replace the previous program of chartering through Unity Worldwide Ministries.