

# UNITY 2008 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

## Unity Retreats and Unity Summer Internship

### MISSION STATEMENT

Inspire a new generation of change agents.

### PROGRAM GOALS

- Help the youth understand their values and how to live and work in a multicultural society;
- Increase youth awareness of the root causes of injustice;
- Help youth develop their own talents and leadership skills;
- Support the youth in discovering the power they have to create systemic change.

### ELIGIBILITY

**Unity Retreats:** All youth who apply will be accepted into the Retreats. The focus of the retreats is on the individual – their values and how they make decisions. The retreat is a live action interview for acceptance into the Unity Summer Internship Program.

### **Unity Summer Internship:**

Selection is made from youth who have completed 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade, are willing to commit to 200 hours of training and work between June 16<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> and who meet program criteria. Attendance at one of the two Unity Retreats is mandatory.

### DATES AND DETAILS

#### **Unity Retreats:**

- Registration forms for the February 29<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> Unity Retreat are due **Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**.
- Registration forms for the March 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Unity Retreat are due **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**.
- Unity Retreat dates are **February 29<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>**.
  - These are overnight retreats.
  - The retreat will begin at 5:00 PM on Friday and run until 4:00 PM on Saturday.

#### **Unity Summer Internship Application Process:**

- Application forms for the Unity Summer Internship Program are due on **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**.
  - Application instructions will be available at the retreats. No interviews will take place.
  - Send applications to Debra Rodgers, Program Director, First Universalist Church, 3400 Dupont Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408. Fax number (612)825-8879.
- Notification letters will be mailed out on **Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**.
- Youth must inform us if they accept the internship by **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- Youth will be informed of their worksite placement and receive their job description by **Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **Unity Summer Internship Program:**

- A parent/ intern informational meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM**.
- The Unity Summer Internship Program 2008 officially begins **Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**.
- Intern Orientation and training will be held on **Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>**.
  - The worksite experience will begin on **Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**.
  - Additional trainings will be held on Fridays: **June 27, July 11<sup>th</sup>, and July 25<sup>st</sup>**.
- Celebration will be held on **Thursday, August 14<sup>st</sup>**.

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- Interns must complete the 170 hours of work by **Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**.