

## About the founder...

Joanne Burns is a Certified Spiritual Educator, Licensed Unity Teacher in both Adult Education and Youth Education and a Unity Minister with a specialty in Youth & Family Ministry.

She has served many years as a YFM Director in various churches across the US. Her first hand experience in the family, pastoral, program and corporate size churches as both a volunteer and staff member offers levels of insight that is a valuable asset to our movement.

She has worked with the Association of Unity Churches as a contributing writer of the "Youth & Family Ministry Guide", presenting ideas toward best practices in YFM, curriculum writing projects, field tested new lesson plans for upcoming publications and served as a volunteer on the Education Services Ministry Team.

In addition, Joanne has worked at the International Y.O.U. as Conference Assistant overseeing the details to facilitate the annual Y.O.U. Conference while also acting as Head Sponsor for the international Peace by Piece Program. Joanne is a recipient of the Distinguished Youth Service Award from the Association of Unity Churches in 2002.

Currently, she is part time staff for the South Central Region as the Uniteen Consultant and Teen Ministry Trainer specializing in education for those serving with any age group within Teen Ministry. Joanne is extremely passionate about and dedicated to the creation of consistent and high quality spiritual education.

## Mission:

To empower and assist ordinary Youth Ministry staff and volunteers to do extraordinary things!

## Vision:

To coach and mentor to those willing to rise to excellence in Spiritual Education.

## Values:

Quality Spiritual Education.

Standard of excellence in all levels of service.

Live, learn and teach from a Spirit centered life.

Practical, clear, honest and timely communication.

Spiritually nurturing relationships.



## YFM MENTOR

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**Strengthening  
Youth and Family  
Ministries  
to "FUN"ction,  
Educate and Serve**



**Consider a  
"New Thought"  
on Children's, Youth &  
Teen Ministry!**

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## What does “yfm mentor” DO?



- Consultation Services
- On-site visit & program observation
- Appreciative Inquiry style meetings
- Interview & educate stakeholders
- Support expression of YFM vision
- Assist in creating a 3 to 5 year plan to make your vision a reality
- FREE templates to get the YFM Administration started off right
- Mentoring for the Youth Director
- Mentoring for Church Leadership
- Training for staff and volunteers
- Networking systems within New Thought Youth & Family Ministry
- ... All customized to fit your church community and culture

## What GOALS does “yfm mentor” have in assisting you?

- Support the leadership to set up the Youth & Family Ministry for success
- Offer a pro-active approach toward support & training based on visitation and assessments
- Strengthen consistency and quality of Spiritual Education offered by multiple volunteers within youth ministry
- Reduce turn-over of Director and volunteer staff
- Offer workshops and/or Sunday sermon to the entire congregation regarding the reality of what is needed to support a quality program



For additional information & referrals, email:

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## Testimonials:



“If you want to jump-start your YFM, or if you want a plan for deepening your program’s service to your spiritual community, you must invite Joanne Burns to support you. Our YFM is experiencing new enthusiasm, new interdependence, new leadership and new vision. You will not find a more passionate and professional YFM expert!”

**Rev. Linda Martella-Whitsett**

“I have spent the past 40 minutes with your report and am in AWE of the excellent service you have provided the church! I knew you were thorough, but I didn’t know how creative you could be, or to what level you used existing policies and guidelines to support your suggestions for improvement.”

**Rev. Barbara Huffman**

“Joanne’s passion, wisdom and skills are a valuable asset to our Unity movement. Her presence transcended our YFM to bless the entire ministry. As Unity ministers, we have been uplifted by Joanne’s presence, service and consciousness.”

**Rev. Ross & Jude Campbell**

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**Our passion is our purpose!**