

# Rev. Joanne Burns

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## Overall Resume' Summary

### SUMMARY

Extensive experience in spiritual education requirements for children, teen and adult learners. Unity Minister specializing in program design, training and support services to Youth & Family Ministry. Multiple Licensed Unity Teacher Certificates received from Unity School for Religious Studies, MO. Excellent management, organizational and business skills based in spiritual principle and used for Spiritual education, program management, operational responsibilities and staff /volunteer team development.

### EXPERIENCE

- South Central Unity Churches Association** 5/06 – present  
*Uniteen Regional Consultant (ages 11 – 13)/ Licensed Unity Teacher*
- “yfm mentor”** 1/02 – present  
*Independent Consultant to Youth & Family Ministries in New Thought Movement in U.S. & Canada*
- Christ Unity Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico** 12/06 – 5/07  
*Interim Youth & Family Ministry Director / Licensed Unity Teacher*
- Unity Church of the Hills, Austin, Texas** 5/03 – 6/06  
*Youth & Family Ministry Director / Licensed Unity Teacher*
- New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati, Ohio** 10/01 – 4/03  
*Youth & Family Ministry Director / Licensed Unity Teacher*
- St Chad's Episcopal Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico** 1/01 - 9/01  
*Office Manager / Assistant to Pastor*
- Unity Church of Christianity, Albuquerque, New Mexico** 7/98 - 7/01  
*Youth Education Director / Assistant to the Minister / Licensed Unity Teacher*
- Unity of Oak Park, Oak Park, Illinois** 11/96 - 6/98  
*Youth of Unity Volunteer Sponsor (ages 14 - 18)*
- Unity of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois** 4/91 - 11/96  
*General Volunteer*

### AWARDS

**Distinguished Youth Service Award 2002, Association of Unity Churches**

### INVITATIONS

- Reviewer for Templeton Education Grant, Assoc. of Unity Churches, 2008**  
*Serve as an expert regarding the competency level of the educational programs for the Association of Unity Churches.*
- Spiritual Parenting Radio Show, unity.fm on-line radio, 2008**  
*Participate as a guest speaker in regard to spirituality of youth*
- Appreciative Inquiry Advisory Team, Christ Unity Church, Albuquerque, NM 2007-present**
- Appreciative Inquiry Regional Summit, Association of Unity Churches, 2007**
- Leadership Recruitment & Development Team, Assoc. of Unity Churches, 2006-2008**  
*Serve as Team Chair to assist with the selection of nominees for the Association of Unity Churches Board, compile LRDT Manual for effective team function in alignment with Association Bylaws, Policies & Procedures.*

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## INVITATIONS

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### **Education Services Ministry Team, Association of Unity Churches, 2003-2008**

*Serve as a team member to provide continued expansion and improvement of the spiritual education services available to member churches of the Unity movement for children, teens, adults and families.*

### **Director Manual Rewrite Team, Association of Unity Churches, 2004-2005**

*Serve as a team member to create a new user friendly and educational training manual for Youth Directors, Ministers and those serving children, teens and families.*

### **International Youth of Unity Conference 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003**

*Served as the Assistant to Y.O.U. Coordinator for the Association of Unity Churches, Head Sponsor and Immediate Sponsor to the International Peace By Piece Program delegates.*

## RECENT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

### **Coordinator, Belen High School Natural Helpers Program, 2009-2010 1 year**

*Serve as coordinator of peer support group, retreat and training facilitator for local high school teens and their peers.*

### **Facilitator, Citizen Schools Animal Humane Education, 2008-2009 1 year**

*Serve as co-facilitator of animal humane education program, training and guest service coordinator for local middle school teens and their families.*

## PREVIOUS CAREER EXPERIENCE

### **Advertising, Photography and Design for Printed Materials 18 years**

(Employment history and Education not listed on this document)

## EDUCATION

Bachelors Degree Equivalency (For entrance into FLP or MEP), Association of Unity Churches, MO  
Licensed Unity Teacher (Director of Youth Education), Association of Unity Churches, MO  
Certified Spiritual Educator (Intergenerational Education), Association of Unity Churches, MO  
Licensed Unity Teacher (Adult Education), Association of Unity Churches, MO  
Member of Sandia Toastmasters #765, Albuquerque, NM  
Leadership Development Program, Unity School of Religious Studies, MO  
Youth Education Leadership Training, Unity School of Religious Studies, MO  
Communication, Leadership and Advanced Landmark Forum, Chicago, IL  
Personal Development Program, Unity School for Religious Studies, MO  
Communication Skills and Assertiveness Training, Marcus Group, Oakbrook, IL