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MESSAGE FROM RICHARD



Greetings Sound Connections family!

So here it is, the last month of the year, the final issue of 2010. There is in our minds, our society, and in life, this constant reminder of time's presence: seasons that change, bodies that age, buildings that crumble. Yet there is the mystic's view of life that time is relative, that it in fact does not exist at all beyond our own faith in it.

Time after all, is a creation of mankind. It is a bi-product of our sentience, and of our free will. Yes, in our struggle to understand the vastness that is God, the limitlessness of "always has been and always will be", our discovery of a Universe with no borders or ending - in this incomprehensible endlessness, we need boundaries. We need limits. Enter Time. It gives us a beginning and an end to just about everything in our universe.

So with the stroke of midnight December 31, life and history become another year longer - whatever that means. The two schools of thought on the subject of time are:

#1- Live each day as if it were your last.

#2 - Live each day as if you had 300 years to live.

School #1 gives us permission to take risks, to savor each moment, to be in the here and now. School #2 gives us permission to slow down, relax and to know that there is plenty of time do all that needs to be done. (I'm currently attending School #2, though I'm far from graduating)

On behalf of your Music Ministry Team here at Unity Worldwide Ministries, we truly love and appreciate you and thank you for being part of our Tribe in 2010. We hope you enjoy this final issue of the year as we close out the first decade of the new millennium.

THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHTS:

A New Thought Songbook/CD from Hal Leonard Publishing!

At least 10 reasons why you should attend January's emPower Posi Awards Celebration.

2011 Sound Connections Grace Note Award recipient Announced!

The most darling video/song for your children's choir in Video Links and New Releases

Peace Song composer Jill Jackson's daughter writes in to the Mailbox.

So as you go through what is probably your busiest time of the year as a Minister or Music Director, you are no doubt feeling crunched for "time" - behind and late for everything. Remember the mystics' view of time and Instead of thinking about "taking time" consider "giving time". Don't look at the clock for the rest of the day. Give time to pause and consider your blessings. Give time to just breathe. Give time to connect with the immortality of your soul and know that what needs to be done will be done "in time".

See you next year!

Richard Mekdeci LUT
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Unity Worldwide Ministries

THIS MONTH'S FREE SHEET MUSIC ATTACHMENT

HERE'S TO LIFE (The Toast)

A new classic, New Year's Eve Song

By Richard Mekdeci

I hope you enjoy this song for your Burning Bowl or New Year's Day service. It won the SongSpree songwriting contest in Nashville, TN in 2000 and has been played on many radio stations around the country over the past 10 years. It has a classic rubato introduction, then a singable refrain in 3/4 time. It's a salute to the year behind and a wish for the year ahead.

Here's To Life (The Toast)

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words and music by Richard Mekdeci

Rubato

Cadd⁹ Dm/G Fmaj⁷ Em⁷ Dm⁷ Cmaj⁷ Dm⁷

When the hol-i-days are o-ver, his t'ry grows a - no-ther year. old-er.---

5 Fmaj⁷ Em⁷ Dm⁷ Cmaj⁷ Am F[#]dim

Start-ing with a mid-night wish, we'll raise our glass and re-mi-nisce. A - no-ther year be-hind us, and a

8 Dm Dm⁷ Dm/G G $\text{♩} = 92$ Cmaj⁷ Fadd⁹ Cmaj⁷ Fadd⁹

brand new year a - head. Here's to life, it's a - no-ther year long. --- Here's to

14 Cmaj⁷ Fadd⁹ G⁷ G Am G/B Am A^{b+} G

friends; old and new, here and gone. --- To the les - sons we've learned, and the brid-ges we've

The full lead sheet is attached at the end of this PDF file. This service is offered with permission from the author. Please email Richard@unity.org if you would like the full piano/vocal score, free of charge.

If you would like a piece of your sheet music offered in Sound Connections, just send a PDF file of your song to music@unity.org.

SOUND CONNECTIONS ongoing updates

Unity Worldwide Ministries Music Team is excited to announce Sound Connections 2011 Grace Note Award Recipient!



Karen Taylor Good!

Not only a Grammy nominated songwriter and multi Posi Award winning artist, Karen is a longtime Unity/New Thought student and uses her talents and status to bring the New Thought message to a huge audience via her music. Karen has visited hundreds of New Thought Churches and Centers and has been featured presenter at past Sound Connections conferences. Karen will be giving a keynote presentation and concert at this year's event. More details to come!



SOUND CONNECTIONS 6- KEYNOTES! JAN GARRETT AND JD MARTIN

Join us at Unity Village for independent singer-songwriters Jan Garrett and JD Martin, who live and create their music in the heart of the Colorado Rockies near Aspen.

Both Jan and JD are seasoned professional performers, keynote concert presenters, and wise teachers of "Authentic Voice," "The Soul of Songwriting", and "Tuning Your Life to the Heart of Harmony." Their recordings consistently receive wildly enthusiastic reviews. In live performance Jan & JD are deeply inspiring, fiery and funny, a compelling blend of luscious vocals, good humor, and masterful lyrics inspired from a broad spiritual perspective. This is soulful feel-good music and presentations with depth and integrity.

To date Garrett and Martin have recorded 7 CDs of original music, available at:
www.Garrett-Martin.com

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS:

The January issue of Sound Connections will have instructions and links to your early bird registration forms.

This year we are going to use Reg On Line, an event registration service we used for Unity People's Convention last year.

Reg On Line is a fast, easy and secure way to register for Sound Connections and it does a lot of the paperwork and tracking for us.

And, you'll receive immediate confirmation of your payment.

Early Bird price is the same as last year \$140 until February 28.

So plan now to be among the first to register for New Thought's premier music conference.

***Sound Connections 2011 is Monday, July 25 – through
Friday, July 31***

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED TOPIC



A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE: the emPower Posi Awards Celebration - by Sue Riley

While New Thought Churches have been around for more than a hundred years, it is only in the last decade that our amazing Posi Music has come into the forefront. As a New Thought Music Director for over 20 years, I can well remember having to change the lyrics to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" or search for some pop song that might possibly fit any part of the minister's message. At the risk of sounding like family members who speak of "how hard it was in their day", I know you will agree with me that it is a LOT easier now.

There are several reasons for that, one of which is the great set of songbooks produced through Unity Worldwide Ministries. Another reason is our annual July Sound Connections New Thought Music Conference, which provides resources for all of our Music Directors around the country. But there's another event coming up this January in Orlando, FL that has had a lot to do with it as well: The emPower Posi Awards Celebration (EPAC). Yes, it's three days of music and workshops culminating with an awards show, but it's so much more than that -- it's a tribe of like minded musicians, fans, ministers, and speakers who are united by positive, New Thought music and dedicated to the mission to bring this music to the world.

Ten years ago, most of the artists doing this type of music didn't know each other, and were traveling parallel paths. Today, these talented musicians have formed friendships, performed together, have even written songs together... creating the beginnings of a new and budding industry and a powerful community which lifts up EVERY ministry.

EPAC is a unique opportunity to experience and support this musical groundswell. The 3 day festival contains 3 great evenings of music, one on one mentoring sessions with the artists, jam sessions, fun and informative workshops, a "Faith Lift" service on Sunday morning, an afternoon of great speakers, intimate acoustic showcases of 50 of your favorite artists, networking opportunities, and much, much more. It is not just for musicians, but rather for anyone whose life has been touched and made better by hearing the unique Posi brand of inspiring music.

If you are Minister or Music Director, the Celebration is a can't-miss event.

- You will be exposed to hundreds of appropriate songs for use in your service
- Most of these songs and accompanying sheet music are available on site and in our onsite store
- You will be deeply inspired, moved and entertained!
- You can share your music, join in music jams, and have mentoring sessions with established artists and music directors
- You can pick the brains of many Music Team members
- You can book great musicians for your Sunday services and your concert series' on the spot.

Here's what the artists have to say about this yearly celebration:

Karen Drucker

"Here is the deal: It's January, it's Winter, it's a new year, and we are all are busy with so many

responsibilities...and yet we have that longing for connection, new ideas, making new friends and being inspired. So here is the reframe: it will be warm and tropical in Florida, and you have goals that will become clear by coming to the Posi's, and all your "to do" lists can wait - this conference should be on top of your list to do. The time you give yourself to come to the Posi's is the best investment you can make in your music career and a great after-Christmas gift to yourself. The connection to other musicians, the inspiring music workshops, pajama jams, the actual Posi award show, but mostly the unexpected moments that just happen when a bunch of like-minded folks get together in the name of music and Spirit. It is magic. I have made lasting friendships at this event and it feels like old home week to reunite and catch up. This conference is for anyone and everyone who loves music - musicians, fans, ministers, music directors - just being in the "vibe" of the weekend will give you the faith lift to start the new year and will leave you transformed.. I know I will be.

David Roth

"I've been to the Posi's almost every year. It's much, much more than handing out awards to some of the most amazing creators on the planet. It's a community of loving, awake, generous, and gracious people that ANYONE would want to be in the trenches with if push came to shove. And great memories happen when least expected...a conversation, an impromptu song, a spur of a moment, a chance meeting, a workshop that surprises and enlightens, a late-night jam session, a new "ah-ha", and so much more. Ministers, music directors, songmakers, congregants, those old and new to "New Thought"...something for everyone. Inspiration abounds, and even if you've never been, you'll feel a "re-union" the minute you arrive."

Daniel Nahmod

"Great music is a cornerstone of any thriving ministry, and the emPower Posi Awards Celebration in Orlando, Florida each January (expertly produced by emPower Music & Arts) is the perfect way to FIND that music. It's an astonishing array of talent -- dozens of gifted singers and songwriters presenting powerful, heart-opening, humanity-uniting music. Whether you're a performer, a music director, a minister, or even a fan -- and you're seeking music to bring your own soul OR community to a next level, I can't imagine a better way to spend three days and just a few hundred dollars. You're absolutely guaranteed to be inspired yourself, and to return home with incredible new resources you never knew existed. Think thousands of songs, songbooks, tracks, free gifts, empowering ideas, powerful performances, talk titles and song titles... emPower Music & Arts' weekend in Orlando will improve the way you 'do' church, music, maybe even your life. Seriously, it's that powerful, and it's that valuable. I highly recommend it."

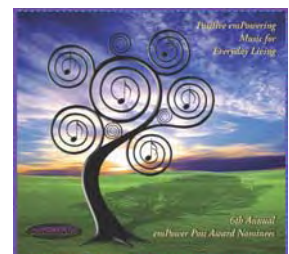
Jennifer Ferren

"The January Posi Award Celebration in Orlando, Florida is a vital part of my annual schedule. The reasons are multi-fold. As an original Posi-artist, it is a huge gathering of both fans and artists, which helps get original Posi music "out there" to all those who attend. As a music director, it is a great place to find new music to perform at my church. There are always songs books and CDs that I come away with that help my church programs remain phresh and engaging. People, we are far beyond having to change lyrics to popular songs. There is a huge variety of music that has been written in the past decade which is hip, cool, current and all about positivity. All of us are part of a phenomenal and fast-growing tribe. Your support of the January Posi Music Award Celebration in Orlando is requested. I invite you to answer the call."

The emPower Posi Awards Celebration. An uplifting festival of music, spirit, and community. Be there!

Check out www.empowerma.com for more information, or contact sue@empowerma.com or Richard@empowerma.com

Special: Pre Order the new 2010 emPower Posi Award Nominees Compilation CD now and get 2 for 1 as part of our



Pre-Release special - \$20 plus \$4 S&H at www.empowerma.com

FROM THE ROAD - Traveling Artist Review

Bring this awesome artist to your church or center!



ANNIE SIMS

Singer/Songwriter/Speaker/CwG Workshop Facilitator

Annie Simms is founder of the first city-wide chapter of the **Positive Music Association** in Nashville, and is Music Director of the Music City Center for Spiritual Living in Brentwood, Tennessee, where she leads the congregation in singing her songs when she's not "on the road". Her music is featured on the International Centers for Spiritual Living website on the New Thought music page under "Songs for Services and Gatherings".

Annie has released two country CDs, winning a DisCOVERY Award from Country Music Historian/Music Row Magazine critic Robert K. Oermann, who stated, "... Her sweet, languid and crystal-clear vocal is perfect for this tuneful romance. Very, very pretty".

Her latest CD entitled "Go Within", is her first in the burgeoning New Thought/Posi Music genre, and contains both radio-friendly songs as well as songs that are suitable for congregational sing-alongs."

Annie has toured extensively in Europe, including a five week, eight country tour as musical guest artist for best-selling author and speaker, Neale Donald Walsch (*Conversations With God*). She is featured on his website, recommended in his book "*Home With God*", and was commissioned by him to write a song to accompany his book entitled "*When Everything Changes, Change Everything*".

Walsch says of Annie: "*Country song stylist Annie Sims has recorded some very special music, including songs inspired directly by her experience of Conversations With God. The achingly beautiful "Go Within" is a deeply moving example. The only problem with Annie is her hands are too small, because when she sings, she has the whole audience in the palm of her hand, and her hands are too small!*"

She and her husband and producer, Greg, facilitate at Walsch's spiritual retreats and teach Conversations With God (CwG) classes at "Center for Spiritual Living Nashville".

LOVE IS WHO I AM Talk Synopsis:

According to *Conversations With God*, the word "Love" is interchangeable with the word "God", and Love is all there is. This talk explores how we can use that knowledge practically and functionally to create a world that works for all.

BOOKING:

For Music and/or Music & Message bookings please contact Ray Wiggins:

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(615) 712-5414

TESTIMONIALS:

Rev. Dyann Woody, Minister, Music City Center for Spiritual Living and #1 charting Americana recording artist:

"Annie Sims is what 'we' in the business call a 'triple threat'. She is a Stellar Singer, Superb Songwriter and a Poignant Pianist. And, as if that were not enough, she is totally beautiful inside and out and is a consummate artist, performer, music director, entertainer and public speaker. This woman is the whole package, professional to the max. She is, quite simply, as good as it gets. She is a STAR in her own right. Her light shines so bright that you'll need to wear shades around her. I feel completely honored and humbled to have someone of her caliber in both talent and spiritual integrity as a part of my ministry. I love everything about this woman. And unlike many who take themselves way too seriously when they have this big a gift... she has the greatest sense of humor to augment the whole deal. You will love her and her music!!"

J. Aaron Brown, Multiple Grammy award-winning producer of the "A Child's Gift of Lullabies" collection:

"I spent some precious time with you and your CD last evening and just wanted to tell you what a great work it is. You are my favorite singer in the whole live world as (my grandson) Hamilton would say. Thank you for your incredible take on 'Just Make A Wish'. You are special!"

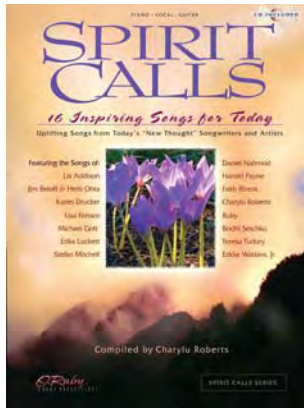
Don Neuen, Director of Choral Activities at UCLA and Director of the Cathedral Choir on Crystal Cathedral's Hour of Power TV broadcast:

"Your singing is SO refreshing, such free and natural tone quality (the soft passages are stunningly beautiful), always absolutely perfect intonation, and that wonderful (traditional!) country style. Again, you're terrific ...you sing me all the way home from UCLA (an hour and a half) - 'tis a nice way to travel. Again, I LOVE your singing!"



For more information and to hear Annie's music, please visit www.anniesims.com.

CD REVIEWS



SPIRIT CALLS

New Thought Songbook with Accompanying CD

16 Inspiring Songs for Today
Compiled by Charyl Roberts
Reviewed by Sue Riley



Oh, Happy Day! New Thought Music finally has a songbook published by Hal Leonard! This is the first volume of the "Spirit Calls Series" and each song is in the format of piano, vocal, guitar along with a full production CD. The creation of this book was a vision of Charyl Roberts and she did a masterful job of choosing great songs, both to represent the movement and to provide churches of all sizes with a great music resource.

This is a beautifully done book full of great songs. The cover paragraph defines New Thought "as a modern spiritual philosophy- based on ancient wisdom from both the East and the West-that stresses the unity of all life." I love this! As musicians and Music Directors, we already believe in the incredible power of music to deliver a message straight to the heart and often completely change a life. This book offers us some fresh, new songs to do that with.

There are a variety of artists works represented in this book, and most of the songs are soloist songs. The principal themes of the book are peace, unity, making a difference, and being the change that you want to see in the world. Most of the songs can be effectively performed with any variety of instruments from a piano soloist to a full house band.

The book starts with that awesome anthem of unity "Stand Together" written by "Posi Award Winners" Harold Payne and Faith Rivera. A church with a house band of any size could have the whole congregation on their feet with the opening chords of this amazing, energetic song.

Eddie Watkins Jr., who was the bass player for many of the huge Motown Hits, has a snappy little number called "All is Well". I dare you to try and stay seated when this song starts!

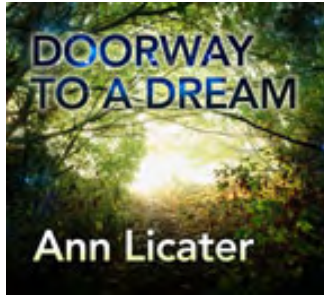
There is a lovely rendition of Michael Gott's wonderful song "There is Only Love" along with beautiful adaptations of songs by Karen Drucker, Daniel Nahmod, Lisa Ferraro, Stefan Mitchell, and many others.

Each song has a nicely done intro, and the melody is represented in the top score of the piano accompaniment. I say, beautifully done Charyl, and we eagerly await Volume II of the series.

Songbook/CD compilations - retail (\$19.99)

<http://www.halleonard.com/product/viewproduct.do?itemid=312027>

CD Only : <http://www.orubyproductions.com> or <http://www.selfpublishmusicbooks.com/>



ANN LICATER'S **DOORWAY TO A DREAM**

Reviewed by Kathy Parsons from MainlyPiano

"Doorway To a Dream" is Native American and World flutist Ann Licater's follow-up to her award-winning 2007 debut, "Following the Call." The album is an invitation to embark on "a healing dream journey to the infinite expanses of your imagination and the sacred spaces within."

Licater is joined by an impressive ensemble of musicians that includes Jose Neto, Jeff Oster, Peter Phippen, and Shambhu. Licater performs on six different types of flutes, including wood and clay instruments and silver alto flute. She studied Native American flute with R. Carlos Nakai and facilitates "Flute For the Soul" workshops where participants explore how contemporary replicas of ancient wood and clay flutes can be used as tools for personal discovery, spiritual practice, and relaxation.

Each of the fourteen tracks has its own special meaning along the dream journey, and it is recommended that "Doorway To a Dream" be listened to from beginning to end for an inspirational meditation for unwinding and escaping into the dream.

"Doorway To a Dream" begins with the title track, which offers a seductive invitation to relax and surrender to the music. Flute, ambient sounds, and delicate wind chimes begin our journey. "Shades of Light" is a gentle flute duet that takes us through the "doorway." "Into the Heart" is a favorite. Light percussion creates a rhythmic backdrop for the haunting and almost mournful flute. "Xiao Garden" is a gorgeous flute solo that takes the listener deeper into a dream state. "Angel Bird" is another favorite, and features Shambhu on acoustic guitar - very light and carefree. I also really like "Bridges In Time," with slow, graceful flute backed by ambient sounds - very dreamy and flowing. Jose Neto joins Licater on "Earth to Sky" playing Coral electric sitar which has a fascinating sound. Troy Arnett adds some lovely piano as well. "Divine Love" is a rapturous flute duet that has background keyboard washes for additional color. Jeff Oster appears on "Radiance" with his distinctive flugelhorn - a very unusual but beautiful combination of instruments. "Floating" brings us to the end of our dream journey, bathed in light and deeply refreshed. Piano (William Hoshal) and ethereal keyboard washes create a dreamscape for Licater's delicate flute.

"Doorway To a Dream" offers the listener a very soothing hour of musical tranquility. Recommended!

Listen and purchase at www.AnnLicater.com

SUBMIT YOUR SONGS FOR UNITY'S NEXT SONGBOOK

ONGOING: Each year your music ministry team meets in January to produce a new songbook of the best new thought music we can find from hundreds of submissions.

We gladly accept submissions throughout the year so send us your new congregational, solo, youth, Holiday, or choral songs to help build a huge library of available material for you to have at your fingertips.

Submission deadline for this year is January 1st 2011.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA -

- >3 songs, maximum, per artist, per year please.
- >Songs must be submitted on CD or electronically as an MP3 file.
- >Songs should be accompanied by a lyric sheet in pdf or Word Doc format.
- > Songs should also include a lead sheet or piano/vocal arrangement in pdf format.
- >You will be paid royalties of .25 per song per book printed. This is higher than the standard print royalty.
- >Songs should be original. (This means we are not looking for new words to old standards or vice versa.)
- > Lyrics should be universally acceptable and have a uniting spiritual message that aligns with New Thought theology.
- >We look for music that is not "artist specific" and can easily be sung by your average soloist or congregation while at the same time being original and fresh in its melody and chords.

Mail submissions to:

Sacred Music Resources

The Association of Unity Churches International

PO Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Electronic Submissions to: [Music @unity.org](mailto:Music@unity.org)

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE MUSIC DIRECTORS LISTING

ONGOING: Beginning in May of 2011, our Unity.org website will have a link to a listing of Unity and New Thought music directors, their churches and contact information if desired.

This directory will be provided as a service of Unity Worldwide Ministries to other Music Directors for networking purposes and to traveling artists wanting to contact you about a guest appearance when in your area.

There has never been a directory of New Thought Music Directors so I hope you will all participate and spread the word to as many other music directors in as many other churches and NT denominations as you can think of.

Our desire will be to have the list be "organic" or editable so that you can go in and add your information yourself, or so you as a minister can update the information if you change music directors. For now though, we will collect names and listings between now and May so that when the list goes up, it will be substantial already.

Please forward your name, church, length of tenure, and contact information (email address and phone if desired) - if you have not already. Also, include the name and church name of any other Music Directors you may know or know of in any other NT churches in your community or elsewhere.

Please do not reply to the newsletter email but send directly to music@unity.org

The MAILBOX - YOUR LETTERS & QUESTIONS

MESSAGE FROM JAN-LEE MUSIC RE: The Peace Song

Dear Richard,

I have been looking through my mother's (Jill Jackson) old files, and I found a notation that she had used for her alternate wording of "Let There Be Peace...." the following:

"...With God our Creator, we are family. Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony...."

I think "we are family" fits much better with the music than "family all are we", so I am changing the copyrighted lyrics on our website to that and also adding the copyright itself.

I know that Unity is used to the "Family all are we..." version, and that is fine with me.

However, if there is a time when changes can easily be made, just wanted to let you know. And if it isn't possible, no problem.

Best wishes,

Jan Tache

Administrator, Jan-Lee Music

Thank you Jan,

I know there are many ministers and music directors who want to honor your mother's wishes for the song and will happily comply.

I'll put it in the next newsletter and convey that change whenever possible.

peace and blessings

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SHOUT OUT FROM NEW ZEALAND re: SONGBOOKS

Dear Richard,

Loving Greetings from Unity in NZ!

Thank you just love receiving your newsletter and thanks for the free song sheets.

I remember participating in your workshop when I attended a Unity conference about 4 years ago now, (hence you send me your newsletter) and was interested at the time in the different opinions, and sentiments etc about the old song book.

Would you believe it? we still are using the old one!!! which has mixed responses, as the older Unity folk love the old songs, however as you well know the younger ones love the more upbeat heart songs. I also love many of the old ones but personally love "heart songs" as well.

In your Newsletter this month (November) I notice with great interest and enthusiasm, that you

have mentioned a New Unity Song Book, Yea!! This could well be an answer to our prayers, and what we have been waiting for, for a while now to get us up and away with a new beat for our singing hearts. We do love singing here in Unity of Auckland.

So just a few questions that you may be able to assist me with

- 1) Will the new Unity Song Book have more of the heart songs you and others sing in Unity?
- 2) Can you tell me when this may be available? and
- 3) Will it also have a musicians flatter copy available as well? and
- 4) What the approximate cost might be? (so we can begin to consider postage costs on numbers of books that are heavy as the postage from USA to NZ is very expensive even with allowing 2nd rate airmail.
- 5) Or the possibility of downloading a copy from a PDF?

So when you get a moment, I would greatly appreciate feedback about the new Unity song book. Thank you and bless you.

From Unity & Silent Unity in New Zealand.

In appreciation and gratitude,

Rhonda Joy,

Rev. Rhonda Joy Gola.

Minster Director Unity & Silent Unity NZ

Hey Rhonda

We actually have 10 new songbooks. These are not "Hymnals" like Wings of Song, but full blown songbooks with full piano/vocal score, plus "flat sheets" for the band, lyric sheets for the singers AND a CD in the back of the book with a 2 minute recording of each of the songs.

They are all at www.unity.org/music for your perusal. They are @ \$30 each.

The new one I mention in the newsletter will be out by June.

Yes, they are filled with heart songs, upbeat congregational songs and all styles of music from our favorites - Karen Drucker, Daniel Nahmod, Jana Stanfield, Faith Rivera, Harold Payne, ME and more.

LEt me know if I can help you get these to you.

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VIDEO LINKS & NEW RELEASES

We welcome you to send us news of new CD releases, concert events, or YouTube links that you have come across that would be of interest to our community.

It could be New Thought songs you've discovered on YouTube, touching stories for sermons, new music from your favorite artists or from your church.

This will be updated each month. Links will be rotated off every 3 months.

Send your link to music@unity.org

YouTube and OTHER LINKS

We wrote the song as a way to teach the 5 principles to kids, but have found that adults seem to like it, too. Enjoy,

Dan Johnson and Roger Tomhave dan@soulpajamas.com

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om5qOuawKWo&videos=wTWOiJmOFEA&feature=BF>

David Roth - Women Planting Trees - My new song about Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai has just been mounted on the internet on the ShareAfrica website. David

www.davidrothmusic.com

<http://shareafrica.org/articles/women-planting-trees-david-roth-dedicates-song-to-share>

Yvonne Smith - check out Yvonne's Vlog as she critiques the food at one of Asheville, NC's best known vegetarian restaurants.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AKubzuGjKw&feature=related> 11/10

Dale Worley Unity of Savannah - Scenes from our Homecoming Concert at Unity of Savannah with my new bandmate GEORGIA KYLE (www.georgiakyle.com)

We are working on a positive music jam-band, kinda like the Allman Bros in a way, blues and gospel based...! xo dale

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Onk1QP_NVY0

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utiHiRLr7gg> 11/10

New from Linda Missad - I wrote another new song and my wonderful friends at **Unity Church of Peace** sang it last Sunday. We video taped it and it's available for viewing:

<http://www.lyralindamusic.com/ill-give-it-back-you> 11/10

Three Videos from Here II Here - 11/10

"NOBODY IS A VICTIM" by Here II Here performed live at Prison Programs Benefit Event - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtEtPQ_TcKY

Live @ Agape (LA) with Rev Michael Beckwith performing HOLY, an exceptional song celebrating all pathways to your own Divinity.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHZwUbCsgyo>

"WHAT IF" Acapella @ the Grand Canyon -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DuVr4IXKQQ>

Susan Kay Wyatt - featured video at <http://susankaywyatt.com/>

The Magic of Music in our Schools. And check out this cool new mom show I got to co-host! <http://mommytomommy.tv/>

Click on the SK pic in the upper left hand corner to the "How to deal with Mommy Burn out!" 11/10

NEW RELEASES



[New Children's Book by Martha Hall Bowman](#)

I am thrilled to announced that my first children's book, "It's Hard to Hug a Porcupine," is now done and ready for purchase, just in time for Christmas!

This book, illustrated by Laurie Barrows, is based on my song by the same name. The book is for sale for \$9.95 and there is a song that goes with the book. The song CD is \$8.00, or you can purchase both for \$15 plus \$2 shipping. The books can be purchased through www.CreateSpace.com or through my own website, www.MusicalLifeLessons.com. The books will be available on Amazon soon, too! 11/10

Dan Del Negro "Feel the Presence", a Soloist / Music Director Package to accompany his album, the winner of the 2009 Hawaii` Music Award for Inspirational

Album of the Year. Lead sheets, lyric sheets, PowerPoint slides, and instrumental tracks. Available as individual song downloads or as the complete album package download. All available at Dan's online store:

<http://dandelnegro.com/store.html> 10/10

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CHURCH MUSIC JOB OPENINGS

Unity of Omaha, NE seeks Music Director

Unity of Omaha, a spiritual community dedicated to supporting people in discovering and living their spiritual purpose and potential, is seeking a music director who is passionate about the power of music to spiritually inspire, heal and uplift people. This person will join our ministry team and will direct and lead a music program that seeks to create:

- Quality music that conveys a contemporary, powerful, heart opening spiritual message; music that is touching, inspiring and uplifting achieved through a combination of performance, energetic congregational singing, and meditation music that is relaxing, calming, and prayerful.
- A diverse, spiritually focused music program that attracts, motivates and supports the participation of talented people in the congregation and also utilizes professionals who excel at spiritually inspiring music.
- A program made up of regular musicians that are passionate about our positive, spiritual message and who inspire others by communicating that passion through music.
- The position is a part time paid position of 10 to 12 hours per week including Sunday morning. Starting pay is \$25 per hour. (One Sunday off per month). There is an additional

funded amount for other musicians and musical expenses. Qualifications include music talent and education, leadership and direction skills in performing arts and the ability to embrace Unity's positive spiritual message. For more information contact Unity of Omaha at 402 571 1344 or email yourvoice@unityomaha.org with your inquiry and resume.

Unity of Ft Myers, FL is seeking a creative keyboardist to lift our Sunday services. Position pays \$150 per Sunday. Yamaha Baby Grand, organ and Roland KR7 on site. Reading from chord charts a plus! Reply to: music director Susie Hulcher, handswithheart@earthlink.net

Center for Spiritual Living, Sarasota, FL

Growing 50-member congregation (Sunday attendance 30-35) looking for music coordinator/director. Vocalist and keyboardist with extensive repertoire of new thought and new thought compatible music. Must provide own keyboard. Read music and also play by ear/improvise. Lead and accompany congregational singing; accompany guest vocalists; Approximately 8 hours per week - Sunday service, rehearsing with guest vocalists, planning Sunday service music. This role will expand as we grow - and will contribute to our growing as well. Compensation negotiable. Contact Rev. Karen Wolfson revkwolfson@gmail.com

Unity of Panama City, FL is seeking a part-time Music Director for our growing congregation (presently 85 – 95 on a Sunday). We affirm this person is a skilled pianist who can lead congregational songs, perform as a soloist, select and rehearse other soloists, and work with our choir. They must be familiar with a wide range of New Thought music. Panama City is located in the northwest panhandle of FL and known for its beautiful white sand beaches and year-round lovely weather. With a new airport opening in May 2010, we are poised for growth over the next few years which will add to our culture and arts, ecotourism, and economy. Our city also hosts a community college and a campus for a major university. The position would likely involve 8 – 10 hours per week (less on typical weeks and more during holiday events). Contact Rev. Darby Neptune at 850-769-7481 or darbyneptune@aol.com.

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Here's To Life (The Toast)

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Rubato

Cadd⁹ Dm/G Fmaj⁷ Em⁷ Dm⁷ Cmaj⁷ Dm⁷

When the hol - i - days are o - ver, his t'ry grows a - no - ther year_ old - er. —

5 Fmaj⁷ Em⁷ // Dm⁷ Cmaj⁷ Am F#dim

Start - ing with a mid - night wish, we'll raise our glass and re - mi - nisce. A - no - ther year be - hind us, and a

8 Dm Dm⁷ Dm/G G = 92 Cmaj⁷ Fadd⁹ Cmaj⁷ Fadd⁹

brand new year a - head. Here's to life, it's a - no - ther year long. — Here's to

14 Cmaj⁷ Fadd⁹ G⁷ G Am G/B Am A^{b+5} G

friends; old and new, here and gone. — To the les - sons we've learned, and the brid - ges we've

21 F#dim F Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G G Am⁷ G/B Cmaj⁷ Fadd⁹

burned, here's to Auld Lang Syne. — Here's to peace, in our world far and

28 Cmaj⁷ Fadd⁹ Cmaj⁷ Dm Em F E⁷ E⁷/G# Am

near. — And to our health, I'm just glad we're all here. — To the tears that were

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35 $A^{\flat+5}$ G $F^{\sharp dim}$ F Dm/G G Cmaj⁷ Dm⁷/G Cmaj⁷

cried, and the love that sur vived, and to all, A_ Hap-py New Year! piano melody

43 Fadd⁹ Cmaj⁷ Fadd⁹ Cmaj⁷ Dm EmF E⁷ E/G[#] Am $A^{\flat+5}$

To the les-sons we've learned, and the

52 G $F^{\sharp dim}$ F Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G GAmG/B Cmaj⁷ Fadd⁹

brid-ges we've burned, here's to Auld Lang Syne.____ Here's to peace, in our world far and

60 Cmaj⁷ Fadd⁹ Cmaj⁷ Dm Em F E⁷ E⁷/G[#] Am

near.____ And to our health, I'm just glad we're all here.____ To the tears that were

67 $A^{\flat+5}$ G $F^{\sharp dim}$ F Dm/G G Am D⁷

cried, and the love that sur - vived, and to all, a Hap-py New Year.____ And to

74 C F Fm C Cmaj⁹

all, a Hap - py New Year.____