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*Our online New Thought music community is now over 1600 strong!*

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Unity Christ Church - Fort Wayne, IN

## MESSAGE FROM SUE



Greetings Sound Connections Family,

I just returned from Unity Village, where I was blessed to be part of Richard and Paula's beautiful wedding. My favorite part was when Richard sang the song he wrote for Paula - "Let's Make a Short Story Long". Richard planned to sing it as she walked down the aisle, but the sight of his bride took his breath away and I think he only got out 5 words. It was magical. May we all have moments of such beauty that they literally take our breath away. Congratulations to Richard and Paula, two of my favorite people on this planet. Together they are going to do amazing things!

Well, we're pretty excited about some upcoming events. First our brand new, awesome songbook "Can I Get an Amen" is set to debut at the Unity Ministers conference next week. It is full of energetic, exciting songs to empower your music ministry. The book contains piano vocal scores, lead sheets, lyrics sheets, and a 2 minute clip of each song. Check it out and tell us what you think. It is available by calling our order department at 800-690-0282.

Then, we build up momentum for the Sound Connections New Thought Music Conference in September - aptly named "Music Speaks Louder than Words". Isn't that the truth! How many times has a song touched you to the very depths of your soul? This conference is about connecting and growing, both as leaders in your spiritual communities and as artists. We have lots of great stuff to share with you! You will be able to get feedback on your "songs in progress" from amazing songwriters David Roth and Harold Payne, and be inspired by keynote Daniel Nahmod. You'll help us honor Karen Drucker for her amazing body of work and her tireless spirit, write a Song of Love with David Roth, learn new vocal skills with the incredible Sloan Wainwright, share songs and stories, and connect with musicians from around the country. We're creating a Unity World Orchestra again this year, and a choir to go with it! You're going to have a tough time deciding between concurrent workshops! Thank you God!

The conference runs from Sept 15-19 at Unity Village, and finishes up with a concert by David Roth, Sloan Wainwright, Harold Payne, and Karen Drucker. See details and a schedule of the workshops below in Chapter 3.

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual EmPower Posi awards will be held this coming January 18-20, 2010 in fun-filled Orlando, Florida. How does Florida in January sound? The songwriting awards will be held at the spectacular Wyndham resort, with acres of walking paths and swimming pools galore. You'll enjoy fun and informative workshops by Posi Award Nominees, the yearly Mega PosiPalooza Concert and of course, the wildly popular "Pajama Jam Music Showcase" rooms in their very own wing and with their own swimming pool! If all that isn't enough, the hotel is located right on world famous International Drive, just minutes from several of Central Florida's major theme parks and attractions. Come early or stay after and explore the many sites that make Orlando one of the premier vacation destinations in the world. Empowering, fun, and music filled. Keep an eye on [www.empowerma.com](http://www.empowerma.com) for more information.

Can you tell I'm excited about all the cool stuff coming our way? Here's wishing you a summer filled with adventure, friendship, and music. Now, let's get connected!

Sue Riley  
Chair, Music Ministry Team

## THIS MONTH'S FREE SHEET MUSIC ATTACHMENT

### *I AM*

*by Robert Anderson of the duo "Devotion"*

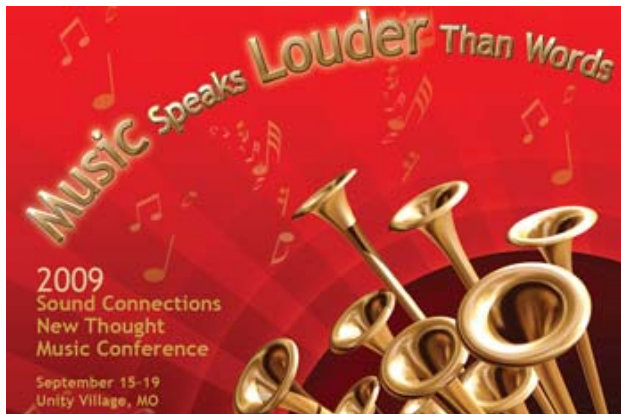
*This chant was the winner of the 2006 Posi Award for best "Group/Chant". It has been used in churches all over the Unity and New Thought movement. It can be sung as a single melody or in three simple parts for your congregation or choir. Robert Anderson has a complete songbook of Devotion music now available.*

*[www.devotionsings.com](http://www.devotionsings.com) or email [Devotionsings@aol.com](mailto:Devotionsings@aol.com)*

*You will find this song attached at the end of this PDF file. This service is offered with permission from the author. Please contact the author if you would like to purchase additional copies of this music.*

*If you would like a piece of your sheet music offered in future issues of Sound Connections, just send a PDF file of your song to [music@unity.org](mailto:music@unity.org) for review.*

## SOUND CONNECTIONS FOLLOW-UP



### **"MUSIC SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS"**

*September 15 - 19, 2009*

The Posi Awards are moving to January 18 - 20 in Orlando Florida, next year so there will not be a Pre-Conference event. Sound Connections will begin on Tuesday night, Sept. 15 and run to Saturday morning, Sept. 19. This year's theme reflects the universal language of music, its role in ministry and its ability to unite diverse groups of people.

### *Keynote Presentations:*

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM - Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30**

**Laying the Groundwork for a magical week**

Be sure you experience your time at Sound Connections to it's fullest by attending this important first gathering of the whole group. Set your intention for the week and ground it in prayer. Choose your secret prayer partner and create a mission and vision statement for your experience. Lots of bonding, fun and fellowship . . . oh yea, and music too!

### DANIEL NAHMOD - Thursday 9:30 - 11:30

#### Discussion and Experience of Musical Worship

Songs from my Sacred Love CD sung with the group, plus a conversation about facilitating the deepest possible sacred musical experience. Discussion about the worship service Richard Rogers, Jill Fredal and I did at Unity of Phoenix. How-to's, how-not-to's, my own observations and lessons learned over these last ten years and how to take it deeper.

### KAREN DRUCKER - Friday 9:30 - 11:30

#### I Give Myself Permission To . . .

A few years ago I wrote a little chant that said: "I give myself permission to be all I can be. I give myself permission to live passionate and free." I have thought about that word, "Permission" for a while. In our time together, we will look at that word as it relates to our music careers, our music ministries and our lives. With songs, stories, discussion and lots of laughter, we will learn how to give ourselves permission to be, do and have all that we desire.

### Additional Guest Presenters

**Harold Payne** - the man who coined the phrase, "Positive Music" and wrote the theme song for this year's conference will present three workshops on songwriting from three different perspectives. Harold has had over 100 of his songs recorded by artists like Rod Stewart, Pattie LaBelle, Snoop Dogg, Bobby Womack and the current hit single by Kelly Rowland.

**David Roth** - always back by popular demand. David is one of the Sound Connections family. David will present four workshops this year. His two regulars, "Grain of Salt" song critique, and the hugely popular "Writing for Songs of Love" where the group co-writes a song for a sick child. Also David will present one of the Guitar Labs on how to use alternate tunings, and a brand new presentation called, "What Can I Do For You Today" on being of service.

**Sloan Wainwright** - Sloan was absent last year because of her husband's illness and transition. She was moved by the outpouring of love sent to her from our conference last year and will return this year to our fold to give two of her Vocal workshops (which were all packed last year), and a new presentation on the Creative Process - Very awesome!

Drummer, **Jeff Wolf** and Shaman, **Nina Gibson** will lead our drumming class this year and prepare us for the Friday night bon fire and drum circle at the labyrinth.

Studio and Sound Engineer **Cliff Rubin** will share his knowledge of sound and equipment to help you get the best from your church's sound equipment and tips on how to achieve the best recordings of your services and events for your CD's and web streams.

### 12 Additional Workshops each day!

#### WEDENSDAY

1 - 2:30

1. Music Director 101: Rising o the next level – Sue Riley
2. Be Like Water – Daniel Nahmod
3. Ensemble Rehearsal Techniques – Carol Tomhave
4. Sacred Light Workshop – Chris Foster
5. Voice and Singing – Sloan Wainwright
6. Notation Software for Beginners – David Ezell & Fred Bogert

3: - 4:30

1. Underscoring and Segues – Todd Lowry

2. Turning Titles Phrases & Sermons into Songs - Harold Payne
3. Keyboard Lab – Fred Albers
4. Guitar Lab – Fred Bogert
5. Unity World Chorus – Melinda
6. Unity World Orchestra– Chris and David

#### THURSDAY

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| 1 – 2:30  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Creative Process – Sloan Wainwright</li> <li>2. What’s a NT Song? – Richard Mekdeci</li> <li>3. Choral Reading Session – Carol Tomhave</li> <li>4. What Can I Do 4 U 2 Day – David Roth</li> <li>5. Spiritual Dancing For All Ages – Blair Tabor</li> <li>6. Healing Drumming – Jeff Wolf and Nina Gibson</li> </ol> |
| 3: - 4:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grain of Salt – David Roth</li> <li>2. Art of Collaboration – Harold Payne</li> <li>3. Keyboard Lab – Fred Albers</li> <li>4. Guitar Lab – Chris Foster</li> <li>5. Unity World Chorus – Melinda</li> <li>6. Unity World Orchestra – Chris and David</li> </ol>  |

#### FRIDAY

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| 1 – 2:30  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Voice and Singing – Sloan Wainwright</li> <li>2. Planning Music Sunday – Blair Tabor</li> <li>3. Indy Artist Cookbook – Daniel Nahmod</li> <li>4. Songs of Love – David Roth</li> <li>5. Hosting Successful “Special” Events – Sue Riley</li> <li>6. Elements of Style for band – Fred and New Day</li> </ol> |
| 3: - 4:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Copyright Do’s and Don’ts – Todd Lowry</li> <li>2. Songwriting Playshop – Harold Payne</li> <li>3. Keyboard Lab – Fred Albers</li> <li>4. Guitar Lab – David Roth</li> <li>5. Unity World Chorus – Melinda Allen</li> <li>6. Unity World Orchestra – Chris and David</li> </ol>                               |

### **FILL OUT AND RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TODAY**

Click the link below to download the form from our website.

<http://www.unity.org/association/ministriesLeaders/musicMinistry/pdf/SC2009RegistrationForm.pdf>

### **FULL COLOR BROCHURES NOW AVAILABLE**

If you would like us to mail brochures to your church or group, make your request at [music@unity.org](mailto:music@unity.org) . Include number of brochures you would like and your address please.

## Help Us Celebrate Karen Drucker

### Association of Unity Churches® 2009 Grace Note Award Recipient



The Unity and New Thought community congratulate Karen Drucker on being the 2009 recipient of the Association of Unity Churches' annual Grace Note Award. This award is given by the AUC each year at the Sound Connections New Thought Music Conference for outstanding, pioneering achievement in New Thought Music to the artist they feel has had the most positive, productive, musical impact on the planet thus far in their careers. Recipients are chosen as the result of their effective, influential songwriting and performance skills, as well as their overall contributions to society. Since its inception in 2006, past AUC® Grace Note recipients have included Carmen Moshier, Jana Stanfield and LeRoy White.

Please join us in celebrating Karen Drucker at this year's 2009 Sound Connections Music Conference at Unity Village, September 15<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, September 18, Karen will be giving a keynote presentation to attendees in the morning general session, then later that evening she will accept her award followed by a live performance.

We invite all of you in the greater community to get involved by helping to create the award's presentation. If you have ANY information you would like to contribute, please contact AUC Music Ministry Team Member Jennifer Ferren at [jferreings@aol.com](mailto:jferreings@aol.com).

All info must be received by August 1, 2009.

Please send any of the following:

- a written statement/testimonial;
- a brief 2min audio (mp3);
- a brief 2-min video clip (contact Jennifer regarding format of video file);
- your favorite Karen Drucker songs (so we can include them in the program)

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to your participation!



## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED TOPIC



### *Sibelius Tips*

by David Ezell

In working with Sibelius notation software I have discovered some useful techniques that are not necessarily easy to find in the manual. Some of them are outlined here. If any reader has Sibelius questions, write to [david@heartwindmusic.com](mailto:david@heartwindmusic.com) and I will try to give you some helpful hints.

#### **To copy lyrics from a text file to Sibelius:**

1. Copy the lyrics from the text file (Use copy command in Edit menu.)
2. Go to Sibelius.
3. Click on the first note that should receive a lyric syllable.
4. Type command-L (Mac) or control-L (Win).
5. Type command-V (Mac) or control-V (Win).
6. Repeat #5 for each word that should receive a syllable.
7. If there is a slurred note or other note that should not receive a syllable, tap the space bar to skip it.

This syllable-by-syllable approach works better for me than the mass-copy approach that's in the Sibelius reference, because with the mass-copy I find some syllables attached to the wrong notes. When a word needs to be hyphenated, Sibelius will, with few exceptions, do it for you. It is still good to check the dictionary, because Sibelius' hyphenation usually agrees, but not always.

#### **To copy lyrics from Sibelius to a text file:**

1. Try this procedure first:
  - A. Edit--Select All
  - B. Plugins--Text--Export Lyrics
2. If the above procedure yields a document with the words out of order:
  - A. Select a region
  - B. Edit--Filter--Advanced Filter
  - C. To the left of the dialog box, choose text in the View and Find sections.
  - D. To the right of the dialog box, choose only one line of lyrics.
  - E. Copy the selected lyrics and paste into the text file.
  - F. Repeat D & E for each different line of lyrics.
  - G. If there are unwanted hyphens in the text file:
    - i. Copy a hyphen
    - ii. Go to find and replace (probably in the Edit menu)
    - iii. Paste the hyphen into the Find box.
    - iv. Leave the Replace box blank.
  - H. Check the word processor document, placing all verses, choruses, etc. in the desired order.

**To get a tenor vocal part to play back in the right octave:**

1. Create a new instrument in the Create menu or type “I”.
2. Select Singers--tenor.

**To put a verse number at the beginning of a lyric:**

Use a non-breaking space. I learned about this by referring to Sibelius 5 Reference pages 180 and 185. This works better for me than the plug-in described on page 410.

**To create cue-sized notes:**

1. Select the note(s).
2. Open the Properties window.
3. Make sure the Notes section is open.
4. Select note shape 10 from the pop-up menu.

If you use the keypad to change the note size on a vocal line, it will also change the size of the lyrics. Thanks to Sue K. Riley for this tip.

**To completely select a region:**

1. Hold command (Mac) or control (Win), and click a measure at the beginning or the end.
2. Hold shift and click a measure at the end or beginning.
3. Check that the selection rectangle for the region is purple.

This is helpful in transposing regions, changing key signatures or clefs, deleting measures, and other tasks. Sometimes, if the selection rectangle is blue, the task cannot be accomplished.

**To leave more room for a copyright notice at the bottom of the first page:**

1. Choose Layout--Document Setup
2. In the Staff Margins area at the bottom left, check “After first page.”
3. In the left part of the Staff Margins area, set the bottom number to a high amount (perhaps 1.0 or greater).

**To globally reverse stem direction of middle line notes.**

1. Select a region.
2. Edit--Filter--Advanced Filter
3. On the left, check only Notes.
4. On the right select the correct pitch. (For treble clef it will be Pitch B, octave 4.)
5. OK the box
6. Type “X”.

The Sibelius manual correctly says that stems for middle line notes should point down, but many times when the notes are entered they point up. This procedure is best done after you decide what key you’re going to be in. Otherwise the notes will move away from the middle line and will have to be reversed again.

**To create slur or tie from a note into outer space (such as at the beginning of a second ending):**

Use a non-magnetic slur. In my Sibelius 5 manual, non-magnetic slurs are discussed on p. 136.

**To make global changes:**

1. Use Filter in the Edit menu. Advanced Filter gives a lot of flexibility.
2. Use the Properties window. You can open it from the Window menu, or by clicking on its icon in the toolbar. (I use this for lyric fonts and sizes.)



**To work as efficiently as possible:**

1. Buy the printed reference manual (available separately), and write notes in it as you work.
2. Memorize and use the keyboard equivalents for your most frequently-used menu commands.
3. Always have the latest software version. (Sibelius 6 is now available.)
4. Use PhotoScore to scan music that is in public domain, or that you have permission to use. Music scanning has arrived at a point where it can save you a lot of time.
5. Use a USB musical keyboard. I have found they have fewer issues with connection and communication than MIDI keyboards.
6. If you're working with a small laptop without a numeric keypad, buy an external numeric keypad for easier note entry.
7. Consult with experienced Sibelius users when you have questions.

## FROM THE ROAD

*Bring this awesome duet to your church or center!*



## ***DEVOTION***

Devotionsings.com

Hi Everybody! We are delighted to be featured in this month's "From The Road." Many of you may be familiar with Devotion and our music . . . or perhaps we'll meet you very soon. Ch-ch-ch changes! During these amazing and challenging times, we feel blessed to be a part of a musical community committed to evolution and transformation . . . one note, one breath, one act of kindness at a time. We just love our job!

So . . . here's our "official" bio information:

Colorado duo DEVOTION has been sharing their 'World-Positive' music with tens of thousands of people across North America and Europe since 1995.

DEVOTION's Robert Anderson is an award-winning singer, producer and arranger. He has written a #1 hit song; was co-founder and vocalist with a national-championship acappella group; and is a 3-time winner at the national 'POSI' songwriters awards. Recording artist Lori Sandstrom is a soulful vocalist and gifted speaker. A graduate of the International Peacemaker Institute, she facilitates peace trainings, prayer workshops and women's gatherings throughout the country.

Together as DEVOTION, their inspiring concerts, landmark recordings, keynote talks, transformational workshops, humanitarian efforts and youth events reflect a commitment to positive change . . . and their transcendent voices and powerful

messages of peace & compassion speak to the heart, spirit and imagination of people around the world!

We love our New Thought family and friends and we're very grateful for the chance to share our music and message with so many spiritual communities (Devotion just sang on a Unity cruise . . . it was fabulous). Let's co-create something wonderful together - we are excited at all the possibilities! Coming up: A colorful October cruise in New England & Canada, a sunny Winter adventure in Hawaii, and a late spring 2010 contemplative retreat in Assisi, Italy. We'd love to have you join us.

What's new? Well, Robert's long-awaited "Songs of Devotion" songbook is now available . . . 23 songs (best of Devotion's 3 CDs), arranged for piano and vocal, with guitar chords/frames and full lyrics. This user-friendly book is currently available for \$35 with **free shipping** in the U.S. Also, as a special bonus in this issue of 'Sound Connections,' you will find our award-winning, 4-part chant "I Am."

*"We have used Devotion's music for years . . . for our choir, for our praise band team, as solos and duets. Now Robert's new songbook has 23 award-winning songs from our favorite Devotion CDs. It's easy to read and follow, and we have already used 12 of the 23 songs at church. We can't wait to explore the rest."*

*Carole and Roger Tomhave, Music Directors, Unity of Fairfax, VA*

*"Thank you Lori & Robert for your wonderful music and songbook. Now I can sing AND play with you. Your music just lifts my spirit---you are a blessing!!!"*

*Teesh Moulton, Vero Beach, FL*

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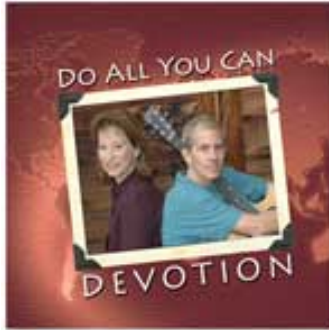
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If you are a touring artists and would like to be featured in [From The Road](#), submit your article to [music@unity.org](mailto:music@unity.org) "

## CD REVIEW



### **DO ALL YOU CAN**

*Reviewed by Carole Tomhave, music ministry team*

Devotion is the husband/wife singing duo of Robert Anderson and Lori Sandstrom. One of the most well-known New Thought musical teams in our movement, their arrangements of Robert's songs are always heartfelt, authentic and moving. The songs are also very accessible for use by your own communities and musicians, both as worship songs and as special music.

The title track, "Do All You Can" won a Posi Award last year for Best Spiritual Social Action song. This great song tells the story of Nkosi Johnson, an African boy with AIDS who used his short life to encourage others and raise awareness. "Do all you can, with what you have, in the time you have, in the place you are." Fabulous!

Robert is the master of easy but powerful call and response songs and congregationals—there are 3 excellent ones on this new CD:

"We Are One" and "One Great Power" use gospel-style melodies and harmonies that feel immediately familiar. "Expression" is a true call-and-response that has people singing strongly the first time they hear it!

Lori's lovely warm voice is at its best on "These Times", another gentle call for us to step up and step out to bless our world. "This path makes us stronger, the higher we climb. Our hearts were made for these times".

Devotion just seems to keep getting better—this latest CD is arguably their best. It will bless each individual who hears it, and has potential to bless your Unity community as well. Robert has recently published a new songbook, and many of these songs are included—pick one up today!

Devotion can be reached and heard at:

[www.devotionsings.com](http://www.devotionsings.com)

## MUSIC RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE

# MUSIC PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

*Your Music Ministry Team has as its primary directive to produce and provide music resources for your ministry and with Sue Riley at the helm, that is exactly what it has been doing. Below is a list and partial contents of all nine (that's right 9!) of the songbooks now available through the AOUCI.*

### PLEASE GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!

*We have been including the CD with 2 minute song clips of each song, Piano/vocal scores, PLUS Lead sheets and lyric sheets, as well as contact information for each of the songwriters and artists. In an email to [music@unity.org](mailto:music@unity.org) let us know:*

*Are the scores easy to read?*

*Do you find the Lead Sheets valuable?*

*Do you find the Lyric Sheets valuable?*

*Do you find the clips CD valuable?*

*Do you find enough usable songs in the book to make it worth the purchase?*

*Is there a way we can make the books better for you?*

*Please take a minute to give your opinion. Your feedback will help us when producing the next songbook.*

These products are made available through the Sacred Music Resources Department, and the Music Ministry Team at your Association of Unity Churches International.

Order by calling 866.236.3571 (wholesale) or 800.669.0282 (retail) or go online to [www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org).

**CAN I GET AN AMEN!** - Now Available! Lots of upbeat Gospel, interfaith, thematic, chants and songs - including our first Rap song! Many of our favorites like Karen Taylor Good (Color Blind), Eddie Watkins Jr. (We Come Together), Harold Payne (Music Speaks Louder Than Words) and David Ault (Work of Heart) plus lots of great songs right from our Music Directors and Ministers in the field like Erin McGaughan, Claudia Carawan, Blair Tabor, Leddy Hammock, Sue Riley, Cliff Rubin and more.

**SHINE ON!** 26 songs Includes: Do All You Can (Devotion), God You Are (Daniel Nahmod), Stand (Karen Drucker), I'm Here To Remind You (David Ault), Life Is A Dance (Karl Anthony), Even On A Bad Day You're A Child Of God (Dana Clark), Pour Over Me Holy Spirit (Sue Riley), This Is What I Know (Jan Garrett) What Must Be Done (Greg Greenway) and a variety of congregational, and solo songs for Independence Day, Easter, and Christmas. \$24.95

**SEEDS OF LIGHT** - 24 upbeat, congregational songs, and solos including: Unity (David Friedman), Here and Now (Jana Stanfield), You Remind Me (David Roth), I Dreamed of Rain (Jan Garrett), Sacred Love (Daniel Nahmod), You Are Healed (Karen Drucker) The Part of Me That Is You (Sue K Riley), I'm Here (Fred Bogert), Lead Me To The Light (Bethani), Spirit Calls (Ginger Curry) \$24.95

**SPECIAL SERVICES AND CHANTS Volumes 1 & 2** - Finally, a songbook with songs specifically written for those special services and ceremonies unique to our New Thought traditions. You'll find songs for Burning Bowl, New Years, Candle Lighting, Child Christenings, Church Anniversaries, Volunteer Appreciation, Love In Action, and NT songs for traditional Mother's and Father's Day, Easter and Thanksgiving services. Plus several chants in each book that will get your congregation on their feet \$24.95

**ONE VOICE SONGBOOK** - 28 songs. Includes some four-part arrangements for choral use, duets, and solos. The clips CD is enhanced to include Power Point lyrics. **Use Me** (Rickie Byars Beckwith) **Colors Of Praise** (Faith Rivera) **God's Refrigerator** (Karen Taylor Good), **I Am A Light** (Devotion) **I Am One** (Jana Stanfield), **Love, Love, Love** (Chris Foster) **The Way of God** (Richard Mekdeci) **Your Prayer is My Prayer Too** (Karen Drucker) \$29.95

**HOLY NOW** - 25 songs including, Peter Mayer's incredible title song, **Holy Now**, **I Release** (Rickie Byars-Beckwith), **If I Were Brave** (Jana Stanfield) **I Am** (Devotion), **Healing In The Hands Of Time** (Karen Taylor-Good), **Love Is My Decision** (Daniel Nahmod), **Earth** (David Roth), **The Grand Design** (Greg Tamblyn), **Growing Love** (Fred Bogert) **The Lord's Psalm** (Richard Mekdeci) **Today** (Lisa Firestone), **Welcome Song** (Armand & Don Rowell) \$24.95.

**The LOVE NOTES SAMPLER SONGBOOK** - We have taken one song from each of the 28 discontinued Love Notes programs plus added 3 bonus choral pieces to make a 31 song compilation of the popular flagship program. **Will You Come Home** (David Roth) **You Heal Me** (Karen Taylor Good), **Here's To Life** (Richard Mekdeci) **Step By Step** (Chuck Pyle), **More Than Enough** (Jana Stanfield), **Strength To Surrender** (Linda Webb-Khakaba) and more. \$29.95.

**SONGS FROM A WORLD AWAKENING** - 30 solo and congregational songs in lead sheet form, packaged for use by any size church with a CD ROM containing the full sheet music, lyrics for projection, liner notes and artist contact information, and an audio CD with the piano tracks for churches and groups without musicians. Includes: **The Grace Chant** (Richard Mekdeci), **My Dedication** (Claudell County) **La Oracion De Proteccion** (Coco Ramos) **Feel My Love** (Greg Tamblyn), **As I Give I Truly Receive** (Michael Stillwater), **Healing Hands** (Carol Johnson), **I See Divinity In You** (Nancy Abercrombie) \$24.95

**SONGS FROM A WORLD AWAKENING COMPANION CD** - This CD takes the piano tracks and adds vocals with harmonies and some extra instrumentation to create a fabulous 30 song CD. Originally created as a service to assist music directors in using the tracks, this is a great CD of great music for \$14.95

**SPIRIT IS JOY** - 25 songs including: **Blessed Always** (Rickie Byars Beckwith), **I Don't Need To Know** (Daniel Nahmod), **I Am The Thinker** (Sue Riley), **One More Time Around The Sun** (Fred Bogert) **God Is** (Richard Mekdeci), **Right And Perfect Place** (Terry Dearmore) \$24.95.

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## "PosiPalooza! Music That Matters"



**Fridays at 2:00 pm Central Time** [www.unity.fm](http://www.unity.fm)  
*Listen to past shows in the archives or download programs from iTunes!*  
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### **JUNE SCHEDULE**

- June 5 – Posi Potpourri – “More Music and less of me.”
- June 12 – Guest Artists – Devotion – Live!
- June 19 – Let’s Celebrate Father/Man - hood
- June 26 – Posi Potpourri – a great variety of your favorite Posi & New Thought artists.

## The MAILBOX - YOUR LETTERS / Q&A

### Music Resources Feedback

*Hello Sue -*

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the wonderful books you & the team have produced! I find terrific solos in these books for performing on Sunday mornings. I don't really use the lead sheets or lyric sheets; the CD is invaluable.*  
*The only thing I could hope for would be more songs that are simple that the congregation could sing for hymns....that is my constant challenge! I'd like to do new songs every Sunday, not from Wings of Song, but from your incredible new songbooks; so far, I haven't found more than one or two that were easy for the folks to learn, as well as "meaty" with lyrics. Maybe you could challenge our songwriters to come up with more congregational songs?*  
*Again, many blessings to you & the team on the job you're doing!*

*Gratefully,*  
*Kate McCutchan, Music Director, Unity of Harrisburg, PA*

*PS: Looking forward to being there in Sept for Sound Connections.*

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*Are the scores easy to read? Yes!*  
*Do you find the Lead Sheets valuable? I have not used them yet but would like to.*  
*Do you find the Lyric Sheets valuable? Same*  
*Do you find the CD valuable? Very much!*  
*Do you find enough usable songs in the book to make it worth the purchase? Absolutely. I use them almost every week.*  
*Is there a way we can make the books better for you? As much full piano parts as possible.*  
*Please take a minute to give your opinion. Your feedback will help us when*

*producing the next songbook.*

*Can't wait to see the next one. Thanks for giving us resources to work with.*

*See you all soon.*

Marc W. Wildman

## Conferences and Events

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### Unity People's Convention June 8-12, 2009



**Doubletree Hotel  
Overland Park, KS**

[www.unity.org](http://www.unity.org)

Opening night at Unity Village with Karen Drucker, Jason and DiMarco and Sky St. John. Other music includes, Richard Mekdeci, and Sue Riley

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### U.M.M.A.S. Leadership Training for Music Directors

Unity Music Directors from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee are invited to leadership training sponsored by Unity Ministers of the Mid-Atlantic States (UMMAS). Presenter will be Carole Tomhave, Music Director at Unity of Fairfax, Va. "New Day", the music team from Unity of Fairfax, will also perform.

The sessions will be held at Unity in Greensboro, 1935 Opal Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408, 336.273.0944. Times are Friday, July 17, beginning at 6:45 P. M, and Saturday, July 18 beginning at 8:45 A. M and lasting most of the day.

There is no charge for attendance, and the only reason for pre-registration is a count for the free lunch that is provided on Saturday. This is why only participants from UMMAS member churches are invited. Please include "music directors and music team members" in the beginning part.

Those wanting more information can email [david@heartwindmusic.com](mailto:david@heartwindmusic.com).  
or [info@unityingreensboro.org](mailto:info@unityingreensboro.org)

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## 2009 Sound Connections New Thought Music Conference at Unity Village –

September 15 – 19

Featuring Daniel Nahmod, Karen Drucker, Harold Payne, David Roth, Sloan Wainwright, your Music Ministry Team and many more. (See more details and workshop descriptions in this issue.)  
Registration form and complete brochure available online at [www.unity.org/music](http://www.unity.org/music)

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[www.themusicbridge.com](http://www.themusicbridge.com)

Church Copyright Association – Administration, Consultation, Education

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National Music Publishers Association

U.S. Copyright office; select copyrights

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### Record Production and Music Consulting with Daniel Nahmod

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[www.SmoothJazzBackingTracks.Com](http://www.SmoothJazzBackingTracks.Com) Custom backing tracks, custom midi sequencing, sing along tracks, and a whole lot more. Owned and operated by former Unity music director Martin Funderburk.

<http://www.MusicSUBMIT.com/ib> The Web's#1 site for Online Music Promotion We submit your music EPK to genre-specific Internet radio stations, music webzines, podcasts, and more.

[www.GateMusic.com](http://www.GateMusic.com)

The Gate Media Group; production; printing; Ph: 510-558-9045

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Corporate Media Group; production, etc. Ph: 800-981-7856

[www.discmarketing.com](http://www.discmarketing.com)

Disc Marketing Inc.; fundraising music sales; Ph: 626-795-2370

## MUSIC MAGAZINES

[www.newagereporter.com](http://www.newagereporter.com)

A site dedicated to the New Age Music industry.

[www.indiebible.com/newsletter](http://www.indiebible.com/newsletter) - Dozens of new places each month to promote your music plus other invaluable information for indie artists.

[www.galaris.com](http://www.galaris.com)

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[www.NewThoughtMusic.com](http://www.NewThoughtMusic.com)

Resources for music directors – from Gregg Akkerman

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[www.vitalworship.com](http://www.vitalworship.com)

Worship products

[www.Sacredworldmusic.com](http://www.Sacredworldmusic.com)

Large variety of music that lists all music as sacred

[www.saw.org](http://www.saw.org)

Songwriter's Assoc. of Washington

[www.springhillmedia.com](http://www.springhillmedia.com)

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Great artists and compilations. My favorite; "Lullabies from The Axis of Evil" reviewed this issue.

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[www.empowerma.com](http://www.empowerma.com) – Online community for artists, speakers and authors.

[www.positivemusicassociation.com](http://www.positivemusicassociation.com) Scott Johnson Executive Director 303-581-9083

<http://www.watf.info/> (We Are The Future – International Song Project)

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C(add9)



Am11



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G7sus



*pedal simile throughout*

C(add9)



Am11



Fmaj9



G7sus



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\*low F played with thumb

C(add9)



Am11



I am as God cre - at - ed me I am a light in this world

Yes, I am, I am

Yes, I am, I am

Fmaj9



G7sus



I am as God cre - at - ed me I am, I am, I am

Yes, I am, I am I am, I am, I am

Oh, I am

C(add9)



Am11



Oh, I am Oh, I am



Fmaj9



G7sus



Oh, I am, I am, I am Oh, I am

C(add9)



Am11



I am as God cre - at - ed me I am a light in this world.

Yes, I am, I am Yes, I am, I am

Oh, I am Oh, I am

Fmaj9



G7sus



I am as God cre - at - ed me I am, I am, I am

Yes, I am, I am I am, I am, I am

Oh, I am, I am, I am Oh, I am

You are light.

C(add9)



Am11



I am as God cre-at-ed me I am a light in this world.

Yes, I am, I am

You are gold - en You are beau -

Oh, I am Oh, I am

Fmaj9



G7sus



I am as God cre-at-ed me I am, I am, I am

Yes, I am, I am I am, I am, I am

ti- ful You are ho - ly, ho - ly You are light

Oh, I am, I am, I am Oh, I am

*repeat and fade*