

Spirit's Light Foundation  
Presents

## 9th Annual National Spiritual Educator's Conference

Thursday, April 14 to Saturday, April 16, 2011

Chicago, IL

### **Community**

*This segment focuses on building community in ministry and workshops include:  
Multigenerational Ministry & Earth Care*

### **Relationships**

*This segment focuses on the power of building relationships in and out of the classrooms:  
Social Media Networking; Relationship Enhancement; Indigo Children & Community Building*

### **Life**

*This segment focuses on personal renewal and workshops include:  
Self Care & Energy Work*

#### ***Spirit's Light Foundation's Vision Statement***

*"We are New Thought Spiritual Educators who lead, empower and inspire individuals & organizations dedicated to personal and community transformation by providing multigenerational products and services."*

# Spirit's Light Foundation

## Who We Are...

Rev. Diane Venzera, CSE, LUT, Executive Director

Debbi Nussbaum, LUT - Secretary/Treasurer

Executive Team Members: Denny Balish, Socorro Viña & Eileen Patra, CSE, LUT

**The more we recognize the Divine potential within each child and teen the more we realize the Importance of creating youth ministry programs that give them the opportunity to explore all they are meant to be.**

## CSE Event Credit & LUT Post Grad Credit

Credit for Unity's Spiritual Education & Enrichment Program (S.E.E.) is available in the following ways:

### Event Credit

Certified Spiritual Educator program

- National Event Credit

### Post Grad Credit

For Ministers or Licensed Unity Teachers

- 10 Hours

## Just 10 of the reasons YOU should attend!

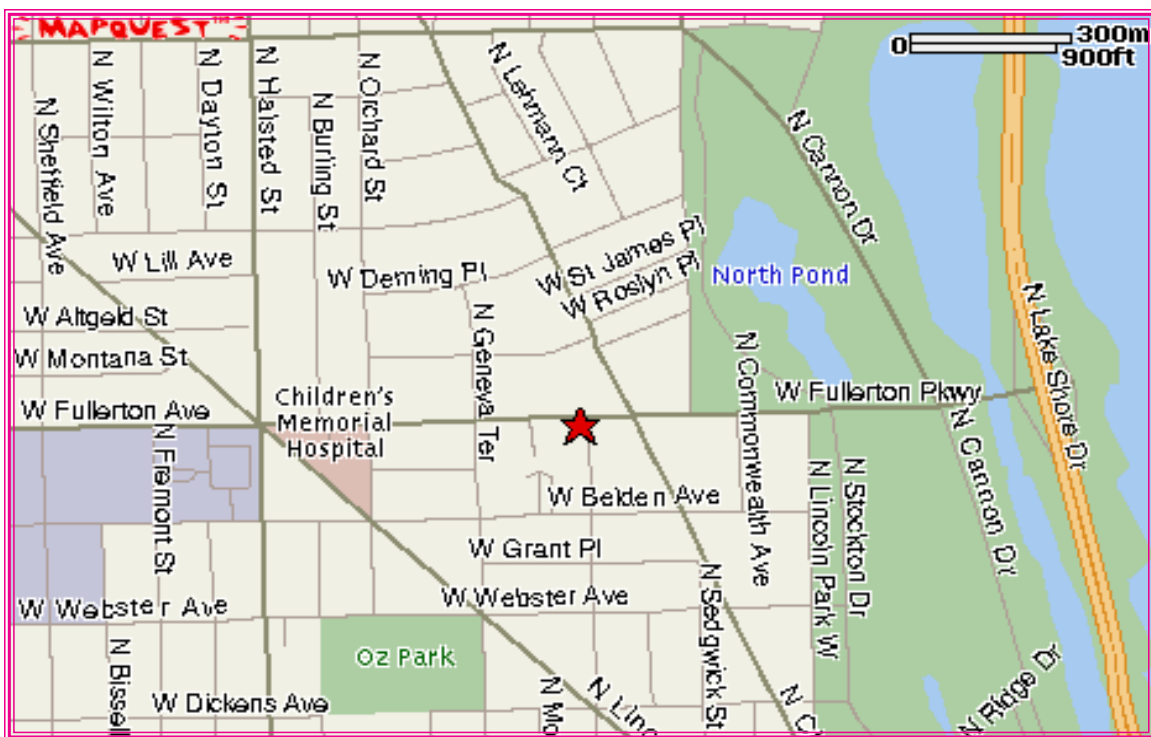
1. Network with peers in an enriching environment.
2. Learn more about Youth & Family Ministry.
3. Explore current trends in the field.
4. Gain credit needed for the Certified Spiritual Educator and Licensed Unity Teacher Programs.
5. Explore ways to be a great Social Networker.
6. Explore how to create a Multi-generational ministry.
7. Explore tools that assist us in becoming better caretakers of our Earth.
8. Join together to become a force for thriving youth & family programs in all ministries.
9. Explore your creativity and have fun.
10. Be inspired and renewed!

# Conference Lodging

## Cenacle Retreat & Conference Center

513 W. Fullerton Parkway  
Chicago, IL 60614-6428

Tel: 773-528-6300



Located four blocks from Lake Michigan in Chicago's beautiful Lincoln Park neighborhood, the Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center is walking distance to many area attractions including: the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Lincoln Park Conservatory and the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

For transportation from either Midway or O'Hare airports...

773-247-1200

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

<http://www.cenaclesisters.org/chicago-retreat-conference-center/>

# Conference Presenters



**Rev. Diane Venzera**  
CSE, LUT  
Spirit's Light Foundation

Diane is an Ordained Unity Minister, focusing in youth and family. She serves as the Great Lakes Regional Children's Ministry Consultant and Youth Minister for Unity Northwest Church in Des Plaines, IL. She is one of the founding members of Spirit's Light Foundation. Diane is the executive director of Diane Venzera, LLC, a corporation dedicated to developing and publishing curriculum materials for children, teens and adults; and maintaining her workshop and lecture schedule. She is currently the author of twelve curriculum books for youth ministry. [www.dianevenzera.com](http://www.dianevenzera.com)



**Denny Balish, PCC**  
Spirit's Light Foundation

Denny Balish, PCC, Professional Certified Coach, has dedicated her life to helping people reach their fullest potential, believing in the power of the human spirit to transform lives. She specializes in Life Purpose, Career Transition and Leadership Development coaching and provides seminars on leadership excellence within the business, educational and not-for-profit sectors. She uses a brain-based approach; blending neuroscience, quantum psychology, and core energy coaching to help her clients achieve extraordinary results.



**Desmond Raftery**  
MPS, MSW, LCSW

Des is a licensed clinical social worker and a spiritual director. He holds dual Bachelor Degrees in the Arts and in Theology from St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Ireland. He graduated with two-master degrees in Social Work and in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois. Des is a certified EMDR trauma therapist and an approved EMDR consultant. He is also certified as an Imago relational therapist, certified advanced hypnotherapist, certified breathwork therapist, certified enneagram presenter, a divorce and family mediator, a Reiki Master, and a critical incident stress debriefer. Des has presented workshops, training seminars and facilitated retreats in Ireland, Great Britain, West Africa and the United States. He is a social worker with the Elk Grove Village Police Department and maintains a private clinical practice.

**“You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world.” ~ Woodrow Wilson**

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**Chuck Holman**  
Unity of Kalamazoo

Chuck Holman's passion for the environment led to a career in the green industry in Seattle and Michigan, in his own company and with other industry leaders. He currently is affiliated with Flowerfield Enterprises. It was a natural career move for the man who grew up on a cattle ranch in Montana. His passion for the environment is matched only by his passion for youth. Introduced to Unity at Unity of Kalamazoo in spring 1997, Chuck became Y.O.U. Sponsor that fall. In February 2009 he became Director of Youth Ministry. At regional conference that year, Chuck joined the Great Lakes EarthCare Team, and moved to Coordinator of that team this past December. Melding his two passions, Chuck and Y.O.U. Regional Communications Officer Ben Georgeoff, developed the Y.O.U. EarthCare Initiative.

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived" - Ralph Waldo Emerson



**Kathy Jo Slusher-Haas**  
PCC, ELI-MP

Kathy Jo Slusher-Haas, PCC, ELI-MP, Anthropologist, Author, Speaker, and certified marketing coach works with coaches, service-based organizations, and solo-professionals who are looking to create a powerful marketing plan, share their message, and change the world. Over the past 15 years, she has successfully marketed and grown 2 businesses with no background in marketing. She strongly believes if she did this, so can you. Her innovative heart-marketing approach has helped coaches all over the world take the fear and ickiness out of marketing and selling. For more information visit: [www.MarketYourCoachingBusiness.com](http://www.MarketYourCoachingBusiness.com)



**Rev. Vareta Foster**  
Renaissance Unity

Vareta Foster is currently a Y.O.U. sponsor, Volunteer Training and Development Council Leader and Teacher of Adult classes at Renaissance Unity in Warren, Michigan. She became an Ordained Unity Minister April, 2010. She is employed by Detroit Public Schools as Director of the Office of Student Assistance and Intervention Programs. Vareta has spent many years working with expelled students and their families to help them to redirect behavior and develop an ability to successfully meet life's challenges.

# Conference Schedule At-A-Glance

## Thursday, April 14

9:30 am to Noon	CONFERENCE CHECK-IN
12:30 pm to 1:20 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>Book Store Opens</b>
1:30 pm to 2:00 pm	Sacred Circle Opening
2:10 pm to 4:00 pm	<b>"Empowered Leaders, Enlighten Communities"</b> Rev. Diane Venzera
4:10 pm to 6:00 pm	<b>"Earth Care"</b> Chuck Holman
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Dinner

## Friday, April 15

8:00 am to 8:45 am	Breakfast
8:00 am to 6:00 pm	<b>Book Store Opens</b>
9:00 am to 9:15 am	Sacred Circle Opening
9:15 am to 10:45 am	<b>"5 Pillars of Social Media Marketing"</b> Kathy Jo Slusher-Haas
11:00 am to 12:30 pm	<b>"The Indigo Child"</b> Rev. Vareta Foster
12:30 pm to 1:20 pm	Lunch
1:30 to 3:30 pm	<b>"Creating Relationships You Can Love"</b> Denny Balish
3:45 pm to 5:45 pm	<b>'We Are All In This Together'</b> Rev. Diane Venzera
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Dinner

## Saturday, April 16

8:00 am to 8:45 am	Breakfast
8:00 am to 2:00 pm	<b>Book Store Opens</b>
9:00 am to 9:15 am	Sacred Circle Opening
9:15 am to 12:15 pm	<b>"Workshop for Caregivers, Part 1"</b> Desmond Raftery
12:30 pm to 1:20 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm	<b>"Workshop for Caregivers, Part 2"</b> Desmond Raftery
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Closing Celebration

# Conference Event Descriptions

## Thursday, April 14

### **“Sacred Circle Opening”**

**Thurs. 1:30 to 2:00 pm; Fri. 9:00 to 9:15 am;  
Sat. 9:00 to 9:15 am**

**Facilitated by Spirit's Light Foundation**

We begin each day with a sacred circle that invites us to celebrate the mind - body - spirit connection. We will explore different music and rituals to use in our youth ministry programs.

### **“Empowered Leaders, Enlightened Communities”**

**2:10 to 4:00 pm**

**Facilitated by Rev. Diane Venzera**

Gaining insight into who we are, how we show up in the world and the values that shape our lives help us to create healthy relationships. When we are able to understand one another and to work together, we strengthen the feeling of community in our ministries.

In this workshop we will determine the values that form our lives and how they impact our leadership styles. We will explore how we can work together to create amazing spiritual communities that support the growth and unfoldment of the soul of each participant.

### **“Earth Care”**

**4:10 to 6:00 pm**

**Facilitated by Chuck Holman**

During this workshop you will explore Unity's Earth Care Program and how you can get your youth program involved in this program. The program will: foster a consciousness of God Love and caring for creation through covenanting; guide individuals and teams to take action; and/or lastly guide a broader approach to sustainability through an audit process. Completion of any or all tracks merits certification in Unity and ministries receive recognition at our annual Unity People's Convention.

## Friday, April 15

### **“5 Pillars of Social Media Marketing”**

**9:15 to 10:45 am**

**Facilitated by Kathy Jo Slusher-Haas**

Social Media is the fastest growing marketing venue. More and more organizations are using social media marketing to get exposure, drive traffic to their website, and increase their visibility and brand recognition. Why? It's fast, free, and effective.

So why are so many people not seeing the results they want?

Simple. They're not using social media in the right way. They are "marketing."

Marketing has changed drastically and forever! Studies have shown that more than 60% of businesses who use Social Media for marketing see a significant increase in business. For your organization to keep up with the marketing trends and get the exposure you are looking for, you must follow the 5 PILLARS OF MARKETING.

This powerful session will help you:

- Understand what marketing really is
- Implement the 5 Pillars into a Powerful Marketing Strategy
- Teach You Tips, Tricks, and Techniques to Reach the People YOU Want to Reach
- And Gain Massive Visibility World Wide!

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### **“The Indigo Child”**

**11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**Facilitated by Rev. Vareta Foster**

The Indigo Children Session is designed to take a look at the concept and characteristics of Indigo Children. We will then discuss and experience steps that we as Spiritual leaders can take to assist parents and child to gain a deeper understanding of their life purpose; as well as how to become more peaceful and joy filled.

### **“Creating Relationships You Can Love”**

**1:30 to 3:30 pm**

**Facilitated by Denny Balish**

Do you find yourself in relationships at home or work that leave you feeling angry, frustrated, worried, or weary to the bone? Then this workshop is for you! By exploring the Seven Levels of Relationships through an engaging and interactive format, you will learn how to transform relationships that drain you into ones that foster forgiveness, compassion, peace, and joy. Come learn about the two forces that create your relationships every minute of every day and how to build relationships you can love.

### **“We’re All In This Together”**

**3:45 to 5:45 pm**

**Facilitated by Rev. Diane Venzera**

Exploring how to ignite the spark of possibility in our children and teens through interactive games and activities. While creating and having fun, we build strong relationships skills that serve us throughout our lifetimes.

## Saturday, April 16

### **“Workshop for Caregivers, Part 1 & 2”**

**9:15 am to 12:15 pm**

**1:30 to 2:30 pm**

**Facilitated by Desmond Raftery**

Creating space in one’s life is not easily achieved today. We are constantly being interrupted and bombarded by sights and sounds that take us away from being fully present to self and others.

This presentation will provide you with the opportunity to stop, listen, feel and sense the great pools of wisdom, healing and life that lies within and around you.

The only prerequisite for participation in this presentation is that you are or have been fully immersed in the noise and bedlam of daily life and you are open to listen to the “still down voice” within. Here you will discover new sounds, colors and sensations, which will enliven and enlighten you.

At the end of the presentation, I hope that you will leave with a deeper appreciation of the richness of your inner life and take with you new spiritual practices that will support, encourage and challenge you to be your authentic self.

The workshop will incorporate didactic and experiential processes that will touch all the senses.

# Expanding Personal Power

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## IMPORTANT

- Please photocopy this form for additional attendees wishing to register and for your records. **One registration form per person is required.**
- Read all information carefully and complete both pages of the form.

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

- **Paying By Check:** Payment must accompany each registration.
- Make checks payable to Spirit's Light Foundation, Inc. and mail to 642 N. Harvey, Oak Park, IL 60302
- **Paying By Credit Card:** Log onto Website to register on-line & pay through Paypal. [www.spiritslight.org](http://www.spiritslight.org)

Registration fees do not include accommodations, transportation and tips.  
For any questions please call Diane at 708-785-7566.

**Yes! Please register me**

**Print your name and title as you want it to appear on your name tag.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church /Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**All registrations must be postmarked by March 28, 2011.**

**There will be NO on-site registration.**

### Refund Policy

Refunds are available upon written request to Spirit's Light Foundation if postmarked by March 28, 2011, less a \$25.00 administrative fee.

Absolutely no refunds will be made if postmarked after March 28, 2011.

**NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Check all that applies to you...**

- 3-Day Conference (Thursday Afternoon through Saturday Afternoon)  
Includes: All Events & Seminars, 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners.

**Full Conference Fee- \$325.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Day Rates:**

- Thursday, includes Seminars and 2 meals - \$125.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday, includes Seminars and 3 meals - \$175.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday, includes Seminars and 2 meals - \$125.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodations:**

- Single Room: \$75.00/night Total # of Nights \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Double Room: \$60.00/night/person Total # of Nights \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Multiple Person Discount:**

- 3 or more people registering for the FULL CONFERENCE receive a \$15.00 per person discount. Total # of people \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Subtract Discount)

**TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Conference Bookstore will only accept cash or checks.**

Mail Registration forms (both pages) and payment to:  
**Spirit's Light Foundation**  
**642 N. Harvey, Ave**  
**Oak Park, IL 60302**

**DO YOU NEED POST GRAD OR EVENT CREDIT FORMS? YES NO**