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## Awakening the Dreamer Through Unity

Unity Worldwide Ministries has partnered with the Pachamama Alliance to create *Awakening the Dreamer Through Unity*. Created in 2005, *Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream* has been presented in more than 70 countries by over 4,000 trained volunteer facilitators.

The symposium's purpose to create a cadre of global citizens who are engaged in the conversation for what it's going to take to create a new future—people who have a vision, an optimistic vision, for the future that we can actually create.

As founder Lynne Twist says, "It's clear that when two organizations like Unity and the Pachamama Alliance can align in action that a powerful force is unleashed in the world—such is this moment." I'm thrilled to see our partnership manifested now with Unity-adaptations of Pachamama Alliance tools and strategies that can spread far and wide through the Unity network, awakening many thousands more people into action for our shared vision of an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, socially just world."

With video messages by Unity leaders, Unity teachings and a call to action through the EarthCare Program, *Awakening the Dreamer Through Unity* presents congregations that are passionate about caring for the earth the opportunity to deepen their understanding, explore new perspectives and possibilities, and perhaps find their own work by engaging with the EarthCare Program. For others, the symposium may offer altogether new and vital information and perspectives on the world and themselves. Regardless of the motivation, it is a chance to face full-on both the opportunity and challenges of our times in a way that gives us energy and hope, while being open to the fact that something greater than ourselves is moving.

## Welcome Six New EarthCare Congregations!

The EarthCare Team is proud to announce six new Certified EarthCare Congregations: Unity of Ft. Myers, Fla., Unity of Birmingham, Ala., and Unity of the Villages, Summerfield, Fla., have completed Track A of the EarthCare Program by adopting a Covenant of EarthCare. Unity of Buffalo, N.Y., and Seattle Unity, Wash., have completed Track B, EarthCare Commitment. And last but definitely not least, Unity in Fayetteville, Center for Conscious Living in Fayetteville, Ark., has completed all seven steps of the Path to EarthCare and is certified under Track C. Welcome to our growing movement and thank you for formally demonstrating your intuitive understanding of the interrelationship of all life on earth!

The EarthCare Program is based upon the seven-step Path to EarthCare that helps each community to discover what Spirit calls them to do to care for our Earth home. Completing the path integrates an earth-oriented spirituality into the congregation's ministry.



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## Mentoring Program

Join David Cordova for mentoring on the second Saturday of the month, **12 p.m. noon, Eastern**, to learn how to form a Green Team or expand your existing EarthCare Program. What a perfect opportunity to share inspiration and provide an inspiring cross-pollination of ideas and encouragement from across the continent. For more information, contact David Cordova, at [davecordova@msn.com](mailto:davecordova@msn.com), or by calling 210.825.8422.



## Unity of Beaverton Park Project Stamped “Complete”

A final work party on March 30 marked the completion of a five-year project to restore A.M. Kennedy Park in Beaverton, Oregon. Begun in 2009, the project was adopted by Unity of Beaverton’s EarthCare Team to fulfill the requirements of becoming a Certified EarthCare Congregation.

“Love Your Park Days” were scheduled four times a year after Sunday services. Led by Ranger Kyle Spinks, the team and congregants spent a total of 793 cumulative hours pulling ivy, blackberries and other invasive plants to clear the way for 1000 native plants that would eventually be planted in the 8.3-acre urban park.

Unity of Beaverton was the first organization to ever adapt a park in the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. Park Volunteer Coordinator Melissa Marcum said, “Without the church there wouldn’t have been a volunteer effort. They deserve all the credit.” The relationship proved so successful that Ranger Spink was invited to speak at the church’s Earth Day program.



**April, Andrew and Judith at work in the A.M. Kennedy Park.**

Team coordinator Mark Shanbeck, whose family lives two blocks from the park, said after the park’s opening, “No one knew there were so many kids in the neighborhood until the park opened. Now there are kids and families there all the time.”

While the project is now stamped “Complete,” the memories are just beginning. For details on the park and pictures, go to:

<http://www.thprd.org/bondprojects/>

## Earth Day Minister’s Template

Ron Habin, Chair, Unity EarthCare Team, is pleased to offer the following minister’s template for their Earth Day message:

Tuesday, April 22, 2014, is Earth Day. As we go into prayer, do we hear a still small voice whispering what it is ours to do? Are we called to love and protect God’s growing green Earth?

In our expanding wisdom, we take into the silence our recollection of our fifth Unity Principle: “I do and give my best by living the Truth I know. I make a difference.”

To make manifest this principle, I can plant a spring garden. I can join a community garden. I can meditate on tomorrow’s sunrise and sunset. I may set out to clean up some of the litter in my neighborhood. I can diligently recycle. I can start a Green Team at church. We can “green our church.” Then our team can green our community. By such right action, we invite new friendships into our lives both from within the church and in our neighborhoods.

At Unity we know we are at one with the earth. As Unity co-founder Charles Fillmore has said (*Christian Healing*); the trees are alive, the grass is alive, even the rocks are alive. We are all energy. We are all light. We co-exist with it all.

We are all the divine path. We coexist on earth with all beings from a spiritual place of empathy, respect and love. And, if we are called to participate in the nourishment and rescue of our part of the planet, we pray and meditate about what is ours to do, and then we skillfully walk our walk. Amen.