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Northwest



Success Story from Rev. Nancy Worth

Our church made a commitment to creating a dynamic youth program at **Unity of Bellevue**, Wash. But that added about \$30,000 more to the budget. We asked our community to help support the additional budget that was required to fund the program.

This was the announcement on Palm Sunday: “We have an incredible opportunity! On Easter Sunday, we have the commitment from the board of directors, the minister, and several families of this church to provide a financial match. What that means is *collectively* they will “match” up to \$20,000 received in the offering basket on Easter Sunday.”

I gave the congregation one week to pray about it and come in the following Sunday with their gift. The Easter Sunday basket was over \$33,000, so we had a \$53,000 Easter Sunday!

It was a very easy fundraiser with no expense, no person power to make it happen, and no long preparation time. There was a very compelling vision to give to—the youth program. There was a plan with an amount we needed to balance the budget. We knew what our vision was: We defined our dream, we named it, and then we claimed it. But most important, we asked for what we needed to be successful in accomplishing our vision. The congregation held in prayer that we would meet *and* exceed the Easter match. And lo and behold—we met *and* exceeded our goal! And everyone felt very good and proud about our accomplishment. We did it together.

Great Lakes



from Rev. Sandy McKinney, www.unityeauclaire.org

Unity Christ Center in Eau Claire, Wis., has been honored to be involved with a project that moved our consciousness from local to global. We were invited to be prayer support for the It Can Be Done Africa project beginning in 2008. In 2007 a group from Chicago began efforts to bring clean water to the village of Uru, at the base of Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa. Our connection: the founder conducts workshops at our Unity center annually.

That first call for prayer resulted within days in magical outcomes with more water accessed than ever anticipated. Trenches are being dug and pipe laid to move the water to a reservoir. The first trench was named “Unity Path.” We cried.

We were blessed to have Alphonse and Eva Ngowi visit us in Eau Claire in September 2011 (see photos). A women's initiative has now been formed by Eva and is moving

forward to create fair trade products. We will be carrying four sewing machines to the village, notwithstanding its limited access to electricity.

I am honored to join in fundraising and in our mission trip in January 2012. We are developing marketing for distributing the products produced by the women and children of the village.

The Unity movement continues to evolve globally carrying the message of hope and love into a world hungry for its message. To learn more and how you can support these efforts, go to www.itcanbedoneafrica.org.



West Central Region



Prize for Peace Awarded

In celebration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, **Rev. Michael Moran** of Spiritual Life Center, Sacramento, Calif., was presented with Morehouse College's prestigious Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award for his "untiring efforts for peace based on interfaith understanding and collaboration." The founder of the Gandhi Institute for Reconciliation, Dr. Lawrence Carter, presented the award to Moran at the opening of the "Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace" exhibition, Saturday, January 14, 2012.

Carter says Moran has shown, "extraordinary commitment to cross-cultural and interfaith understanding and peace since founding Sacramento's first interfaith ministry in 1998 with his late wife, the Reverend Faith Moran.... He has wonderfully embodied the noble virtues of the individuals for which this award is named."

Spiritual Life Center has, among other activities, sponsored Sacramento's first Interfaith Habitat for Humanity construction involving Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Buddhist and Sikh volunteers who built a home for a migrant Russian Christian family.

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