

CONTACT

A Report from the Association of Unity Churches

March, 1969

PRE-CONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE, 1969 Since the Reservations Office has not as yet mailed the application cards for Pre-Conference and Conference, many ministers are writing to inquire about dates and accommodations. The dates for Pre-Conference this year are Monday, June 9 through Friday the 13. Conference will be Sunday, June 15 through Friday, June 20.

An outstanding program is being planned for the benefit of all of us--Unity ministers, teachers and center delegates. More detailed information regarding the Pre-Conference Program being prepared by Ira Progoff will be forthcoming soon. We know that you will want to plan to be here for the entire period of time. A fine program is being planned for Conference aimed primarily in conducting the business at hand and giving you time for fellowship with your co-workers in Truth.

GROWING RESPONSIBILITY IN EDUCATION At the time of the selection and appointment of William Fischer as our Director of Ministerial Training, it was indicated that increased responsibility should be prayed toward by all of us in AUC. Bill has accepted an increasing load of responsibility and has met with wonderful cooperation on the part of all who are active in the educating and training of our ministers.

Several weeks ago we were approached in the AUC by the Education Department for an opportunity to do some prayerful brainstorming in regard to our acceptance of further responsibility in the School For Ministerial and Religious Studies. Hal Rosencrans, chairman of the Executive Committee, Bill Fischer and Bob Sikking met with Charles Fillmore, David Williamson, Ralph Rhea, Phillip White, and Warren Kreml for two full days of prayerful, constructive discussion. The primary objective of the discussions was to explore ways in which we, the AUC, might further assist the School in the training of Unity ministers. This responsibility has been borne by Unity School from every standpoint, until this past year. Curriculum development, faculty availability and economics have all been taken care of by Unity School. All of us who are a part of the Unity Movement feel a deep sense of gratitude for this service rendered over the years. All of us are products of this responsibility so lovingly borne.

With the employment of Bill Fischer, Unity School has transferred to the AUC a certain responsibility in curriculum development, class activity, and decision making that involves the student ministers. As an outgrowth of our recent discussions, Unity School has asked if there are additional ways that the AUC could assist in the administration of the School For Ministerial and Religious Studies. They would like for us to have an increasing voice in curriculum development and assume full responsibility for recruitment of ministerial students, administration, registration, record keeping and evaluation of student progress. They would also like for us to be responsible for student guidance. The Education Department would still like to provide faculty and facilities and to be involved in curriculum planning.

This transfer of responsibility would enable the Education Department to fulfill a vitally important need in our movement, that of research and development. They would be able to continue their responsibility for continuing education (adult education for our professional and laity) and leadership development for Unity School.

The acceptance of this kind of responsibility on our part, would require the addition to our staff of at least one full-time worker. As soon as the AUC, as a unified field movement within the body of Unity, is more adequately structured on a financial level, we will be able to accept this proffered responsibility and privilege. All who are a part of the Unity movement must reevaluate their sense of responsibility to the future of our movement that we might move forward in an orderly way in the area of ministerial training.

MINISTERIAL RECRUITMENT You will be interested to know that Phil White, of the Education Department and Bill Fischer have spent the last week in Northern and Southern California recruiting applicants for ministerial training. It is a little early yet to give a detailed evaluation of the trip, but it is clearly evident that we have a responsibility to reach out in encouragement to those who show interest in our profession.

"THE WORD" A new service is being rendered by Unity School to Unity friends
RADIO SPOTS all over the country and to the public in general. It comes in the
OF INSPIRATION form of one minute radio spots that are made available on a sustaining basis to radio stations around the country. The concept of this inspiration for busy people is the presentation of a key word for the day. It is possible that this may be used on hundreds of stations around the country many times throughout the day. If you should hear "The Word" or hear about it through your folks, we would be interested in knowing what the response is. We would like to be able to share this with the Radio Department for their prayerful consideration.

IN MEMORY On January 19, Ocoa Moore passed on. Ocoa has been a member of our Emeritus Prayer group for several years. She retired from leadership of our Unity work in White Plains, N. Y. in 1950. In December 1927, Ocoa was active in the organization of First Unity Society in Tampa, Florida. In 1931 at the request of Unity School, she organized the Unity center in Orlando, Florida. Ocoa Moore was ordained in June 1935. She served in White Plains, N. Y. from March 1945 until retirement in 1950.

Marie Munro passed away on January 31, 1969. Marie was still active at the time of her passing conducting a study group activity in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Marie had been ordained in 1960 and had been a Licensed Minister since 1945. Marie conducted our Unity work in Ann Arbor, which was developed as a study class by Erwin Gregg in the early 40's.

Arthur L. Sikking passed away on March 5, 1969. Art, husband of Sue Sikking and father of Robert Sikking and Joy Turowski was licensed in 1952 and ordained as a Unity minister in 1958. He assisted in the development of our Unity ministry in Santa Monica, California. He served at the request of the Field Department, our Unity ministry in Ventura, California during 1958-59. For several years, Art has been less active in the ministry and was employed by the Britannica Company until his retirement in 1966.

All of us join together in extending special loving blessings to Ocoa, Marie and Art in their eternal ongoing. We extend special loving blessings to those who feel most deeply their passing. We rejoice and give thanks for the blessing of Spirit that attends them and their loved ones.

PLACEMENT Thank you and bless you for your expression of prayerful, constructive concern regarding our continuing challenge with placement in our Unity movement. That consciousness of prayerful support is deeply appreciated and will aid us in the fulfillment of our appointed task.

Philadelphia, Pa.: Angelo Giordani, who has been minister of Unity-Birmingham in Birmingham, Mich. for the past year has been invited to accept leadership of our Unity work in Philadelphia. Very special blessings enfold Angelo and Marjorie as they move into this new and challenging opportunity.

Birmingham, Mich.: Prayerful consideration is being given to succession of leadership for our work in Birmingham.

La Crescenta, Calif.: Bill Carpenter has conducted our Unity work in La Crescenta since March, 1967. He has tendered his resignation and hopes in due course to be placed in another ministry. Several folks have considered the work in La Crescenta and negotiations are still moving forward regarding leadership there.

SAY & SING YOUR WAY TO SUCCESSFUL LIVING Sometime ago we received a note from Carmen Moshier asking us to let you know that you, as Unity ministers and teachers, have permission to run off words to any of her songs, "Say and Sing Your Way To Successful Living". Carmen asks that you state at such times "Copyright 1967, Carmen Moshier" on mimeographed sheets. Carmen has had a number of inquiries along this line and has expressed her wonderful spirit of love in this way.

GREETING BOOKLETS- PAMPHLET RACK We have word from Grover Thornsberry in Seattle, Washington telling us of the availability of a fine circular, turning book rack such as those for paper-back books in drug stores. It is inexpensive and holds all of the small Unity books, greeting pamphlets and pamphlets. The rack holds 550 books, 88 different titles and the price is \$26.96 plus freight. The freight from Kansas City, Kansas to Seattle was \$8.17. This item #7084 of the Atlas Wire Products Company, Inc., 6615 Inland Drive, Kansas City, Kansas 66106. Tel: 913-375-1100.

JUSTUS CREDIT UNION In a previous CONTACT we mentioned that the Justus Credit Union had given financial assistance to some of our centers for some special and pressing needs. The Justus Credit Union has been most cooperative and their service is available to you as ministers and as centers. The Credit Union is exploring the possibilities of expanding their services to you. For help or advice financially contact this office and we will relay the message with our recommendations to the Justus Credit Union. Or, you may contact Wilson Hembree, manager of the Credit Union direct. He will be happy to help you.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

February 1969

Balance February 1, 1969

Commerce Trust Co.	1,792.79	
Toronto-Dominion Bank	712.66	
Home Savings Assn.	10,874.25	
Island View House	<u>17,000.00</u>	
Total Balances		30,379.70

February 1969:

Cash Receipts	15,317.31	
Cash Disbursements	<u>14,512.26</u>	
Receipts over Disbursements		805.05
		<u>31,184.75</u>

Balances - February 28

Commerce Trust Co.	2,274.93	
Toronto-Dominion Bank	1,035.57	
Home Savings Assn.	10,874.25	
Island View House	<u>17,000.00</u>	
Balances February 28, 1969		<u><u>31,184.75</u></u>

Obligations February 28, 1969

Accounts Payable	2,142.53	
Accrued Taxes Payable	684.50	
Accrued Tithe	<u>13,154.74</u>	
Total Obligations		<u><u>15,981.77</u></u>