

CONTACT

A Report from the Association of Unity Churches

April, 1969

In our last CONTACT and in the subsequent publicity that included your application form, we shared with you information regarding the forthcoming Pre-Conference Program. This Program, which is described by Dr. Ira Progoff as Intensive Journal Workshops, is designed to serve as the core of a spiritual growth program. The workshops are not consultation groups, they are depth experience groups of which the self-realization of each person proceeds according to his own inner rhythm and in the context of his individual life experience. The continuing program is made possible by the workbook which all participants will be required to purchase for \$10.00. There will not be a set charge for the program, though we will have an opportunity to consecrate and bless our gifts during the week. The workbook or Intensive Journal is a private instrument: thus, with regular use, it becomes a natural vehicle for a deepening inner dialogue. If for any reason you did not receive your application form or have misplaced it, please let us know and we will be happy to send another.

1969 AUC CONFERENCE Janie Paulson and the members of her Program Committee are preparing a fine program for Conference. We trust that by this time you will have made your reservation for the Conference. The Reservation Office is endeavoring to handle requests in as orderly and fair way as possible. Certain requirements, such as reservation form, deposit, etc., are required, your cooperation will be appreciated.

TRANSPORTATION Arrangements have been made with the Yellow Cab Company so that
FROM those arriving for the Ministers Pre-Conference and Conference
AIRPORT TO may meet at the airport and share a taxicab or limousine to
UNITY VILLAGE Unity Village.

If you wish to avail yourself of this service, please go to the Yellow Cab Starter's booth, with your luggage. It is located outside the Airport and can be reached by using the Exit door opposite Gate 9, then turn right at the sidewalk, a few yards distance. In order to pool as many people as possible, it is suggested that you arrive at the airport between the following times:

Pre-Conference: Sunday, June 8 -- between 3 and 10 p.m.
Monday, June 9 -- between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Conference: Saturday, June 14 -- between 3 and 10 p.m.
Sunday, June 15 -- between 3 and 10 p.m.

Yellow Cab has assured us that everything possible will be done to send people to Unity Village in groups. This arrangement may mean a short wait on your part but it also may mean that someone else won't have to come here in a cab alone!

IN MEMORY On April 2, Grace Comley, our Unity minister in Knoxville, Tennessee, passed on. Grace was ordained in 1961, having taken her training while doing teaching in Louisville, Kentucky. She served in Chattanooga, Tennessee, from 1958 to 1959. She became leader in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1959.

Mary Myles, a long-time and deeply loved pioneer in our Unity Movement, passed on April 17. Mary worked with Charles and Myrtle Fillmore at the Unity Society on Tracy avenue from 1926 to 1935, at that time she was ordained by Charles Fillmore and moved to Texas. In 1936 she began the Unity work in San Antonio, Texas, and remained the leader for 33 years. In addition to her own personal contribution to the Unity Movement, her daughter, Alice Myles Cronley, followed in her profession and still conducts our Unity work in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

All of us join in giving special blessings to Mary and Grace in their eternal ongoing. We know that the Infinite Spirit of the newborn Christ expressed through them finds joy and fulfillment along the path of eternal life. We give our special blessings to all who feel the challenge of this change.

THE VOICE OF UNITY Unity School's Radio Ministry is expanding and increasing in its blessing to Unity friends everywhere. We have recently had word from the Radio Department that all 15 minute Voice of Unity Broadcasts have been cancelled and only 5 minute broadcasts are being conducted. There has been some considerable inquiry regarding this by the listeners. If you continue to get inquiries, you might wish to point out that this radio policy is a part of a growing policy through which increased blessings are expected. You will be interested to know that there will be a change of voice as of June 1, on our Voice of Unity Broadcast. Though at the time of this writing, it has not been decided whether or not the personality involved will be recognized publicly. Phil White from the Education Department, and an ordained Unity minister, will make the master tapes for the Voice of Unity commencing June 1.

A new list of Voice of Unity Programs is being prepared by Unity School, which will not include a listing of center programs. Having previously had our programs listed, there has been some considerable confusion in the minds of ministers as to who has been responsible for sponsorship. By not having the center programs listed we trust that this difficulty will be eliminated.

Over 150 stations are now carrying "the Word" on the same basis. Everyday this number increases. The Radio Department is working toward the time when celebrities of national or international fame can be used in this phase of the School's Radio Ministry.

PLACEMENT La Crescenta, Calif. After a brief time outside of the full time ministry, James Serada has returned to the full time work in charge of our Unity ministry in La Crescenta, Calif. We all rejoice in the opportunity to welcome Jim back and we give thanks to God our Father for the wonderful success that he is going to experience in his ministry in La Crescenta.

Bridgeport, Conn.: It has taken several months for leadership in Bridgeport to be finalized. Dick and Carolyn Noonan, who have been living in Florida and working closely with Mary Kupferle, have accepted leadership of our work in Bridgeport. We know that you will want to convey special blessings to Dick and Carolyn as they go forth from strength to strength in their work in Bridgeport.

East Columbus, Ohio: James and Audré Morgan, who were active in our Unity work in Memphis, Tenn., are now living and developing a Unity ministry in Unity Truth Center, East, 1098 Fountain Lane, Apt. E, Columbus, Ohio, 43213. Here again, your special love and blessings will be meaningful to Jim and Audré as they move forward in their work for the Father.

Little Rock, Ark.: Ruby Rawlins, a graduate 8 months' student from the School of Ministerial and Religious Studies, is going to Little Rock, Ark., to take over leadership of the work there and the Study Class in Pine Bluff. During her training and prior to it, Ruby has been active in the Unity work in Northeast Kansas City.

A number of other ministries are in the process of change due to pending retirement of leadership. Your continuing consciousness of prayer will be deeply appreciated.

PULPIT EXCHANGE Mary Jo Cooper of San Bernardino, Calif., and Dorothea Fowler of Arlington Heights, ILL., recently participated in a pulpit exchange. In lieu of sabbatical leave, these two fine leaders felt that this kind of exchange would strengthen them personally and would add a new dimension to their ministry. There is a unanimous consensus that what they did proved most effective for them personally and their ministries and for all concerned.

They each stayed in one another's homes, used the others car and each paid her own transportation costs for the exchange. Their salaries continued right on from their own respective churches. Naturally this was with the consultation and approval of their Board. The reception of each leader to the other's ministry was warm and loving. Everyone in his congregation was most cooperative.

Both Dorothea and Mary Jo received pages of comments from members of their respective congregations. If you have any specific questions you might wish to ask, either Dorothea or Mary Jo would be more than happy to answer them for you.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS AT UNITY VILLAGE Your Regional Representatives met here at Unity Village April 15, 16, 17. A detailed report will be coming to you directly from your Regional Representative in the very near future. We wanted very much for you to know that it was the unanimous opinion of your Regional Representatives that this time shared together was a most valuable experience of fellowship for the good of our Movement that we have had to date. The consciousness of love, devotion and prayer was a very special blessing to all of us in the Executive Office.

MEMBERSHIP CARD ENCLOSED Enclosed is your application card for membership. Please fill out and return to the AUC office as soon as possible as the information is important for our office records. Thank you and bless you for your promptness.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

March 1969

Balances - March 1, 1969:

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>	
Total Balances-March 1, 1969		\$ 31,184.75

March 1969:

Cash Receipts	\$ 18,548.79	
Cash Disbursements	<u>17,475.65</u>	
Receipts over Disbursements		<u>1,073.14</u>
		\$ 32,257.89

Balances - March 31, 1969:

Commerce Trust Co.	\$ 3,348.07	
Toronto-Dominion Bank	1,035.57	
Home Savings Assn.	10,874.25	
Island View House	<u>17,000.00</u>	
Total Balances - March 31, 1969		\$ <u>32,257.89</u>

Obligations--March 31, 1969:

Accounts Payable	\$ 3,155.31	
Accrued Taxes Payable	773.51	
Accrued Title	<u>14,601.24</u>	<u>\$18,530.06</u>

Accounts Receivable - March 31, 1969: \$ 1,979.61

Inventories - March 31, 1969: \$ 8,389.92,