

CONTACT

A Report from the Association of Unity Churches

June 1969

You will note that this first information in this issue of CONTACT is in a box, that means it needs your special attention. Please read it and if necessary, please respond now. In our last CONTACT we shared further information regarding the Pre-Conference Program to be presented by Dr. Ira Progoff. There was a typographical error in that first paragraph. It stated that the workshops are not consultation groups. What that should have been was that these groups are not confrontation groups. We also informed you that the continuing program visualized in the workshops and through the workshops is made possible by the workbook, which all participants will be required to purchase for \$10.00. All participants, whether husband or wife, will be required to purchase the workbook. These workbooks serve not only to present notes, for being reminded of the effectiveness of the intensive workshop, but they also present the participant with his individual project for continuing prayer and self-development.

When you receive your Pre-Conference and Conference Program you will note that on Sunday evening, June 8, there will be a public lecture presented by Dr. Ira Progoff. You will note that there is a \$2.00 admission charge for this meeting. If you plan to attend the Pre-Conference Program and will be here for the public lecture you will want to earmark \$2.00 for this public lecture from that portion of your love offering that you will want to share at the love offering meeting during Pre-Conference week. The purpose of this public lecture is to make Dr. Progoff available to professional people in the area and also to enable their financial involvement to assist in meeting our investment in Dr. Progoff.

The following information is also in regard to Pre-Conference and Conference and you will want to make a note of it. Committee and Board meetings will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15. The Pre-Conference week is geared for the blessing of all, including Committee and Board members. We hope to make it possible for it not to be necessary for Board meetings to be held during Conference week. The good services of the various Committees in fulfilling their responsibilities will, we trust, make this possible. A golf tournament is planned and if you are interested in participating, please let Ken Tiffany know. We have had word from the Reservation Office that all motels are reserved for the Pre-Conference and Conference, only cottages remain. There is always of course the possibility that there would be a cancellation, but at the moment this is the position.

DELEGATES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Due to the few number of registered delegates this year, we did want to emphasize that all delegates are welcome to attend Pre-Conference and Conference. You will recall the decision was made last June to invite all delegates to attend all business meetings. Please make your reservations now if you have a delegate who would like to attend.

WHAT IS A THING?

A "thing" is something you do that is your very own. It is your "bag" as the saying goes. It is what you do best; what you like to do in your most creative, happy moments.

All of us as ministers have our own "thing" that we do besides ministering. Some of us can sing, others dance, play musical instruments, tell stories, or do impressions. Some do their own thing by reading poetry, acting a part, or just being silly and making others laugh. Whatever your "thing" is, we would like you to do it on

TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 17TH AT 8:00 P.M. UNITY VILLAGE CHAPEL

We are calling this "do your own thing" evening "SHAIR!" It will be a time of letting our "shair" down as we let ourselves be ourselves in ways that aren't always possible during our ministerial duties in our Center or Church.

This is going to be a spontaneous, informal, "whatever turns you on" type evening. Even if you can't perform, we'd like you to express yourself by wearing a real groovy, wild outfit that you probably have tucked away in your closet, but never get a chance to wear at home. We will also have a fashion show and prizes will be awarded for the farthest out, most mod gear. Be sure to pack your outfit, along with whatever you need to "do your own thing". Come, planning to express yourself, enjoy your self, and really get to know yourself (and the rest of us). Dave McClure, Producer.

P.S. BE SURE TO PACK A FLASHLIGHT!!!!!!!!!!

PLACEMENT We would ask your special consciousness of prayer with us as we work toward fulfilling the needs for placement of the following ministries. We know that you will be knowing with us that Spirit has a perfect plan and guides us toward the perfect outworking of the Father's will.

Cincinnati, Ohio: The Board of Trustees of New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, has accepted the resignations of both Wesley Price and Virginia Hinners. Succession of leadership is being dealt with at the present time.

Livonia Mich.: Diane Seaman has recently tendered her resignation as minister in charge of the great Unity work that she has expanded and developed over the years of her leadership there. She and her husband are moving to the West Indies where her wonderful consciousness of Truth will undoubtedly be of tremendous blessing to long time, new and yet to be discovered Truth Students. We are looking forward to being able to finalize arrangements for succession of leadership in Livonia prior to Conference.

Birmingham, Mich.: Ernest Ramsey, a graduate 8 months student from the School of Ministerial and Religious Studies, has accepted leadership of the center in Birmingham, Michigan. During his training and prior to it, Ernest served as assistant minister to George Hilbert at Christ Church, Unity in North Kansas City.

Bremerton, Wash.: Marion Brown after many wonderful years of successful leadership in Bremerton, Washington has tendered her resignation and is retiring from full time leadership in the Unity ministry. Marion will be able to serve AUC through special assignment work in many areas. Much in the way of prayerful consideration has entered into preparations for succession of leadership for the great work in Bremerton, Washington.

Pittsburgh, Pa.: Andrew Carlson after 19 years of successful leadership in our Unity work in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has tendered his resignation for retirement. Andy's determination to retire at this time is surely the result of much in the way of prayerful consideration. If after a year, he feels led to return to the Unity ministry, like all others he is more than welcome to seek placement anew. We are at the present time seeking succession of leadership for Pittsburgh.

Portland, Maine: We have not as yet been able to fulfill our need for leadership in Portland, Maine. We are continuing in our consciousness of prayer, knowing that we are guided, and as always, Spirit has a perfect plan and that that plan is being revealed in a divinely ordered and perfect way.

Independence, Mo.: After several years of continuing activity without permanent leadership, our Unity ministry in Independence, Missouri, has requested permanent leadership. For several years, now, leadership in Independence has been provided by student ministers in the School of Ministerial and Religious Studies. Bonnie Armstrong, a graduate eight months student from the School of Ministerial and Religious Studies has accepted leadership of the work in Independence. As you will recall, Bonnie was in the Field Department for several years in charge of the Youth of Unity desk.

We know that you join with us in special blessings and prayers, not only for these ministries, but for the ministers who have been or shall be drawn to serve in keeping with the Father's perfect will. We thank you and bless you for that consciousness of prayer.

PROPOSED SINGLE COPY PRICE CHANGE With the September issues of Unity periodicals, Unity School has decided on an increase of the single copy price for all Unity magazines with the exception of WEEKLY UNITY. The single copy prices will be; DAILY WORD, 25 cents; UNITY, 35 cents; NEW, 35 cents; WEE WISDOM, 50 cents. Please note that no change will be made in the subscription rates. Raising the single copy prices will help our centers, since we will still be able to purchase our copies on the subscription rate basis. Also if we are ever able to place any magazines on newsstands, these prices are more realistic single copy prices and will make our publications more attractive to distributors. It is expected that Unity School will offer a special discount, perhaps 50%, for quantity purchases on single copy basis. We know that you will respond with joyous thanksgiving for the efforts being made on the part of Unity School to increase the scope and outreach of our Unity periodicals. We bless them and wish to cooperate in every way possible.

SPECIAL SUMMER SUBSCRIPTION OFFER Unity School will be running a special summer promotion which will be publicized in the magazines and through mailings in which they will offer to those who subscribe to one magazine only, a subscription to one of the other magazines for only \$1.00 or \$2.00 as the case may be.

Because of the low subscription rate being offered and because we in the centers are already receiving a substantial discount, this offer cannot be extended to the centers. If you receive inquiries from subscribers to only one of the Unity magazines, you will know that this is an attempt on the part of Unity School to increase the readership of the various publications and thus increase interest in all phases of our Unity activity.

SPECIAL HALF-PRICE BEING
OFFERED ON CERTAIN
UNITY BOOKS

In the June NEWSLETTER you will find a list of books ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$2.95 that are being offered at half-price. These are stocks of Unity books that are not going to be reprinted but which Unity School hopes to clear from its shelves. This is a wonderful opportunity for developing center or church libraries, it is also a wonderful opportunity to encourage our students in the development of home libraries. Make special note of the books listed.

PROPOSED BYLAW
CHANGE

Enclosed you will find the recommendation of the Bylaw Committee regarding changes to our AUC Bylaws. These are being enclosed with this issue of CONTACT in order that we might comply with the requirement of mailing the recommendation to you thirty days prior to the Conference date in which they will be considered. We know that you will want to give your prayerful consideration to these important matters.

II. Article IV Membership and Voting.

Section 4.01 (b). Membership Under Special Dispensation.

Any Unity Church which is a member of this Association may retain its membership during the transition period when its minister is neither ordained nor licensed, providing said minister is authorized under special dispensation to serve said church. Special dispensation will come through the office of the Executive Director. While operating under special dispensation, a member church shall have no vote in Association business, nor shall it be officially represented on any Association committee. A leader under special dispensation may attend annual conferences of the Association as an observer.

Leadership under special dispensation is a temporary expediency. Any minister under this provision shall become qualified for licensing and/or ordination at the earliest possible convenience; or the Association shall provide said church with a properly certified minister.

(I) Article XVII - Licensing and Ordination.

Section 17.01 Ordination. Ordination of ministers shall be performed by the Association of Unity Churches, Inc., in accordance with the policies established as follows: They shall be recommended by the Licensing and Ordination Committee. They shall be endorsed by the Board of Trustees. They shall be approved by the membership. And they shall be implemented through the office of the Executive Director. The Licensing and Ordination Committee shall also work closely with the Director of Ministerial Training of the Association of Unity Churches and the Department of Education of Unity School of Christianity in the planning and preparing of a curriculum necessary for graduation and ordination.

Section 17.02 Licensing. Licensing of ministers and teachers shall be performed by the Association of Unity Churches, Inc., in accordance with the policies established as follows: They shall be recommended by the Licensing and Ordination Committee. They shall be endorsed by the Board of Trustees. They shall be approved by the membership. And they shall be implemented through the office of the Executive Director. The Licensing and Ordination Committee shall also work closely with the Director of Ministerial Training of the Association of Unity Churches and the Department of Education of Unity School of Christianity in the planning and preparing of a curriculum necessary for the licensing of all ministers and teachers by the Association.

Section 17.03 Policies. All ordination and licensing policies, properly recommended, endorsed, and approved, shall be on file in the office of the Executive Director.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 1969

Balances March 31, 1969

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

April 1969

Cash Receipts	\$23,125.22	
Cash Disbursements	<u>18,094.81</u>	
Receipts over Disbursements		\$ 5,030.41
		<u>\$37,288.30</u>

Balances - April 30, 1969

Commerce Trust Company	\$ 3,460.46	
Toronto-Dominion Bank	1,360.57	
Midland Bank	4,593.02	
Home Savings Association	10,874.25	
Island View House	<u>17,000.00</u>	
Total Balances - April 30, 1969		<u>\$37,288.30</u>

Obligations - April 30, 1969

Accounts Payable	\$ 2,400.34	
Accrued Taxes Payable	759.92	
Accrued Tithe	<u>16,189.64</u>	<u>\$19,349.90</u>