

CONTACT

A Report from the Association of Unity Churches

September, 1969

In the AUC Office this is and has been vacation time. Rest and renewal have been the order of the day. We trust that consciousness reaches out to you.

We invite you to join with us in a consciousness of daily prayer for the benefit of our movement, our AUC and all of our Unity activities. Let us daily speak this word together:

DIVINE LOVE PROVIDES ABUNDANTLY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE AUC. WE ARE OPEN AND RECEPTIVE TO ALL CHANNELS OF SUPPLY. GOD PROVIDES THE IDEAS AND GOD PROVIDES THE SUBSTANCE TO FULFILL THE IDEAS.

This prayer has been submitted by James Lewis of Denver, Colorado. We know your consciousness embodying it will draw rich blessings to our unifying efforts.



ORDINATION OF ELVIRA GIL CACERAS

At our January meetings of the Board of Trustees, the decision was made to confer ordination upon Elvira Gil Caceras of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. Elvira who does not speak English took her training in the Unity work under Luis and Maria Molinary at Unity Pan Americano in New York City. During the period of time that she lived in New York, she was active in every part of the Unity ministry, from housekeeping to Truth teaching. Upon her return to the Dominican Republic she established the Unity ministry that has grown in exciting proportions to being a stabilizing influence on the community as a whole.

On the day when we were privileged to convey ordination, the president of the Dominican Republic, President Balaguer, presented to Elvira Caceras the Heraldic Order of Cristobal Colon. This is the highest award presented to people in education. We can be proud of the inclusion of Elvira Caceras in our membership. Perhaps you might wish to convey your blessings and your welcome to Elvira whose address is: Elvira Gil Caceras, Unity En Dominicana, 49 Santome St., Santo Domingo, D.N. Rep.

YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE

One of the requirements for full time employment in your Executive Office is that each staff member should be fairly familiar with the names, the location and the activities of our teachers and ministers in the field. When conference time comes we, as a staff, feel that we know you and are constantly putting forth increasing efforts to do so. In the past we have not had a way in which we could help you, our co-workers in the field, to know your staff. Henceforth, in copies of CONTACT we are going to include information about your staff so that upon the occasion of your visits to Unity Village you will have the same joy of knowing that we have.

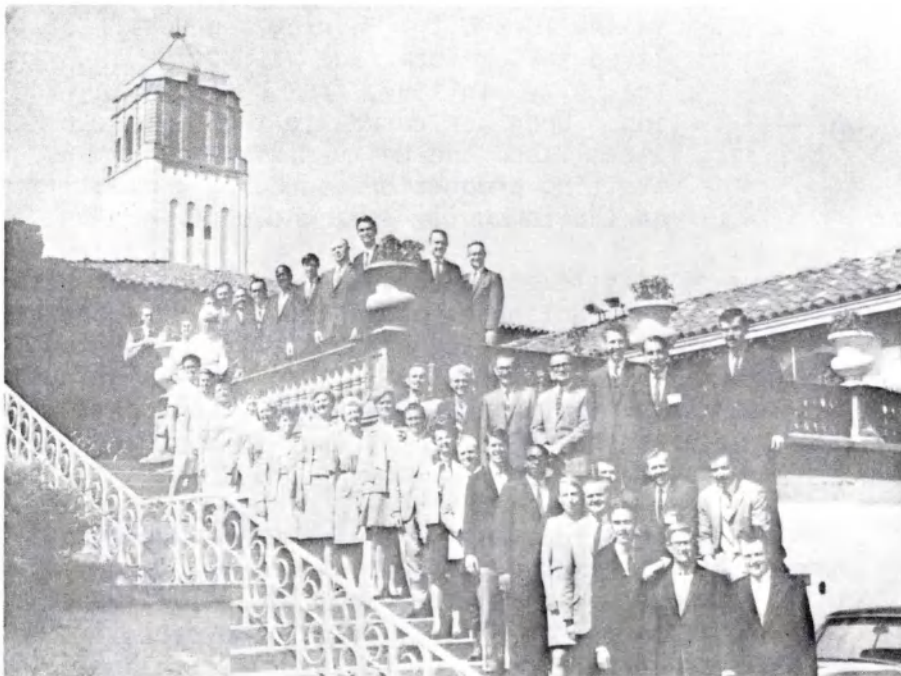


Linda Barkley Park: "Linda Lou" came into the AUC Office directly out of high school. She began her work with us as a typist on October 4, 1967. Her great love at that time was horses. Linda found our staff a little overwhelming, because she was naturally a shy girl. She very quickly won the hearts of all of her co-workers because she is a warm, sincere and friendly person. Linda has developed a keen interest in Unity and has proved to be one of our most valuable workers. About six or eight months ago Linda's primary interest changed from her horses to a very fine young man, Clay Park. On June 1, it was Bob Sikking's privilege to perform the wedding ceremony for this couple.

On the occasion of a recent change in personnel in the AUC Office, Linda accepted responsibility for the work that is done on our IBM ITST machine. She found that she did so well and enjoyed it so much that she has become our very effective ITST operator. Whenever you visit Unity Village and your AUC Office, we know you will want to say hello to "Linda Lou."

SPECIAL NOTICE
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You will be interested to know that the Unity School of Christianity has a new address and therefore the Association of Unity Churches also has a new address. On August 18, 1969, a new branch post office was opened in the Unity Tower and is equipped to perform most postal services including the handling of regular mail, 1st through 4th class, domestic and foreign, air mail, special delivery, registered and certified mail, etc. The address of Unity School is now Unity School of Christianity, Unity Village, Missouri 64063. The new address of the ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES is UNITY VILLAGE, MISSOURI 64063.



**SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL
AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

The autumn term for Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies has begun. Including the thirteen second year students, there are forty-one members of the student body this year. The Orientation Week proved tremendously successful and there is a great spirit of enthusiasm expressed by student body and faculty alike.

HOSPITAL INSURANCE We have been approached in the AUC by a long time friend of Unity who would like to assist us in preparing a hospitalization insurance policy for all Unity ministers around the country and the full time paid employees (full time equals twenty or more hours per week). If you are interested in the possibility of further exploration into this matter, would you please send the following information regarding yourself and each full time paid employee at your earliest convenience: Name, Age, Marital Status, Number of minor dependents. If there is sufficient interest on the part of our ministries, the above information will give us a cross section that will determine whether or not such a plan is feasible.



**AUGUST 1969
ORDINATION
CLASS** Standing with Lowell Fillmore and Ralph Rhea from the top to bottom are Carrie Bowens, now minister of Christ Unity Prayer Station as an extension of Christ Unity Temple, Chicago, Ill. Jack Hamilton is in the process of being placed, although this has not yet been finalized. Adelaide Dibblee is our new minister in Huntington, N.Y. Tom Sikking is our minister in Bremerton, Wash. Violet Assam is returning to the West Indies and will be our minister in charge of the work in San Fernando, Trinidad. Emily Sanford is serving in the Counseling Center at Unity School waiting placement in the field. Mary Fourchalk is in Vancouver, B.C. Canada waiting placement. William Hines is assistant minister in

St. Petersburg, Florida. Ethelyn Hosley was not ordained, but graduated from SMRS and is now serving for a year as a teacher with Ruth Johnston in Ft. Worth, Texas.

**NEWLY
LICENSED
TEACHERS** During the summer courses of the Unity Institute of Continuing Education, the following students completed their work and have been granted licenses as Unity teachers: Mildred Davis, Memphis, Tenn.; Dorothy Dietz, Palm Desert, Calif.; Helene Mueller, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ella Rollo, Overland Park, Kansas; Anita Polk, New York, N.Y.; Genevieve Kalbfleisch, Bridgeton, Mo.; Diane Hertz, Canoga Park, Calif.; Blanche Scardamalia, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Leona Hanover, Columbus, Ohio; Gladys Malan, Johannesburg, South Africa; Bonnie Leimeter, Detroit, Mich.

PLACEMENT Cincinnati, Ohio: Lee Alberts, recently of Des Moines, Iowa, was invited by the Board of Trustees of New Thought Unity Center to be their new minister. We know that rich blessings will pour forth in that fine ministry under Lee's leadership and that he will find a rich blessing in his association there.

Livonia, Mich.: You will recall that Diane Seaman has moved to the West Indies. Her new address is: Unity Church Mission Retreats, Newcastle, St. John, Barbados, West Indies. She has been succeeded in leadership in Livonia by Marlyn White, who has been recently the assistant minister to Bill Helmbold in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Bremerton, Wash.: As you will recall, Marion Brown has retired from the full time ministry and her leadership of our work in Bremerton, Wash. Tom Sikking, an SMRS graduate has been invited to accept leadership there. Marion plans to assist the AUC Executive Office by serving on special assignments whenever needed.

Pittsburgh, Pa.: Andrew Carlson and his lovely life, Lorna, are on an extended vacation since their retirement from the Unity work in Pittsburgh. Frank and Martha Giudici have accepted leadership of this great urban ministry and will bring rich blessings, we know, to our Unity friends there.

Portland, Maine: After a considerable length of time, we have been able to finalize the matter of leadership of our work in Portland, Maine. Edna Sessions, after a leave of absence, has returned to the ministry and is in charge of that work.

Huntington, N.Y.: For some months Pat Filiault has carried responsibility for both the Unity work in Huntington and Valley Stream, N.Y. Upon graduation from SMRS, Adelaide Dibblee has been accepted as full time minister of our work in Huntington.

Asheville, N. Car.: Alma Colemon has resigned from leadership of the Unity work in Asheville in order that she might return to Florida. She is prayerfully awaiting assignment in Florida. Alma has been succeeded in leadership at the Unity Center of Asheville by Florence Anderson. Florence was an eight months student who was ordained in June.

Houston, Texas: Robert Walleet has resigned from the Unity ministry and has become professionally involved in "Mind Control." We know that you will want to bless Bob in his endeavor and to rejoice in the assurance that he is guided in this decision, as in all decisions, by the infinite wisdom of Spirit. John Rankin, who has been minister of our work in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. has been invited to succeed Bob in the work in Houston.

San Diego, Calif.: Fred Rogers has tendered his resignation as minister of Unity San Diego. At the present time Fred is exploring the possibility of involvement in the ministry in Australia. Ross Breakwell has accepted the invitation and is now in charge of our Unity ministry in San Diego.

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.: We are, at the present time, working with the Board of Directors of Unity Church of Christ, Ft. Lauderdale regarding succession of leadership there. Zelpha Thompson is acting as interim minister until succession of leadership can be finalized.

Louisville, Ky.: Virginia Hinners is acting as interim minister in Louisville, Ky. at Unity Temple there. We are negotiating for succession of leadership at the present time.

Milwaukee, Wis.: Bob Wasner's leadership of the Unity work in Milwaukee known as Unity West, has been terminated. Bob is planning to take time off from the Unity ministry to complete his education at the University of Oshkosh, Wis. We are at the present time negotiating with the Board of Trustees of Unity West regarding succession of leadership.

IRA PROGGOFF BOOKS We still have a limited supply of SYMBOLIC and THE REAL, by
Ira Progoff. This book retails for \$6.00, but we can make
them available to Centers and Churches for \$5.00 per copy
plus postage. You may get them by sending your order to this office, attention
Order Department.

EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL
TAX ON TRANSPORTATION

In order to clarify the regulations concerning tax exemption on air travel for ministers, we contacted our attorney and the Internal Revenue Service.

The Internal Revenue Service states that this exemption is provided for educational institutions only, and its primary purpose is to grant exemption from the payment of Federal Transportation Tax for the transportation of athletic teams, and groups of people as a part of an educational institution's program. It applies to teachers only if travelling on official business of the educational organization. Individually, it does not apply to ministers as such. It is not legally allowable for a minister to use the exemption when travelling to and from conferences, conventions, vacations, etc.

We realize that many ministers have been using the exemption for practically all travel, but according to the IRS this is not a legal exemption. Most Airlines, Travel Agencies, etc. have accepted Form 731 (certificate which accompanies payment for tax exempt travel) without question. Since the Airlines, Travel Agencies, etc. bear no responsibility in the transaction by accepting Form 731, they, of course, are not concerned. The person signing the certificate is legally responsible for its proper and legal use.

In view of the information received from IRS it is our opinion, and our attorney's as well, that this exemption should not be used.

YOUTH OF UNITY
CONFERENCE

The annual Youth of Unity Conference was held at Unity Village from August 17 to August 23. After every conference when those remarkable, exciting, wonderful young people come here there is always a re-echoing of a time worn phrase... "The greatest Conference ever." From all that we have been able to gather this certainly has been the case this year. Michael Murphy, our YOU Secretary, did an outstanding job in his association with the young people, in his association with the sponsors and minister advisors and in the conduct of the conference as a whole. We thought a sharing from correspondence received since conference would be meaningful to you. The first is from a sponsor who did not attend, the other two from YOU'ers.

"From what we have heard, Conference must have gone pretty great. The kids all seem to think it was the best ever. Congratulations."

"One week in the middle of an August month... in the midst of summer 69', 350 or more kids were feeling the touch of life and reality smacking them right square in their hearts... and what a beautiful image on our hearts it has made.... We have discovered something more worthwhile than ever before... we have found some joy in the now, some of the peace in the here, some of the love in ourselves... Thank you for all."

"It seems like I could stay at Lee's Summit forever. I made many new friends... I met new people from all over the USA... This has been one of the nicest experiences in all of my life. Bridge of Faith, the fountains, and the tower will remain in my heart... I find also that I have a serenity within since I have been there."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(June, July, August, 1969)

Balances - June 1, 1969:

Cash on Hand	123.06	
Commerce Trust Co.	2025.10	
Home Savings Association	10874.25	
Toronto-Dominion Bank	1668.18	
Midland Bank	6713.52	
Island View House	17000.00	
Total Balances - 6/1/69		38404.11

Receipts:

June	23168.21	
July	28612.11	
August	21455.25	
Total Receipts		73235.57
Total to be accounted for		<u>111639.68</u>

Disbursements:

June	31671.38	
July	24178.23	
August	25248.85	
Total Disbursements		<u>81098.46</u>

Balances - August 31, 1969:

Deposits in Transit	5992.46	
Commerce Trust Co.	.10	
Home Savings Association	1095.58	
Toronto-Dominion Bank	2293.18	
Midland Bank	4159.90	
Island View House	17000.00	
		<u>30541.22</u>