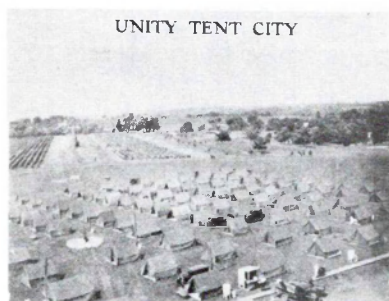


# CONTACT

A Report from the Association of Unity Churches

November, 1969

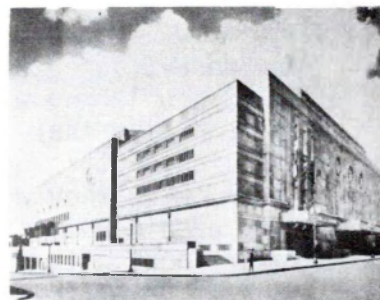
You will recall at Conference in June that a very last minute decision was made regarding the planning of the Convention to be held in 1970 in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. Though everybody picked up the initial enthusiasm shared at the time the announcement was made, there certainly were serious questions in the minds of many of us about whether or not this was an effort in which we wished to become involved. During July and August and September there have been a number of inquiries about the Convention because there have been those among our leadership in the movement who have caught the vision. At your Executive Office, it has simply been necessary for us to seek the indulgence of those writing about the Convention until further information was available.



Your Executive Committee met several weeks ago and a great deal of prayerful consideration was given to this matter. There was talk of the sort of outside speakers we could invite, but very quickly the brainstorming lead us into other areas of consideration. We began by determining why we would be having a Convention in 1970. We feel, with great conviction, that we in Unity have the greatest message on earth. We do not have to go to anyone anywhere to find a greater or more effective Truth. We see Convention 1970 as a reaffirmation of the great power that Unity is and can be in the world. This will be a Unity Convention with Unity speakers, Unity participants, Unity students from all over the world who will be presenting the Unity message. The consciousness that they will draw together can be the consciousness to change the world.

Quite a number of years back Charles Fillmore said, "One day the world will be ready for the Truth that Unity has to offer and when that time comes they will stand in line for the Truth."

The theme for our convention, the Unity International Convention 1970, will be "The World Is Ready." At the commencement of this new decade on every hand there is evidence that the world is ready for change. Unity will be ready to offer the great blessings that it has to offer for mankind. The dates for the convention will be June 25th through 28th, 1970. We hope that you will have the opportunity to get this information out to your people as soon as possible so that as additional promotional material comes your way your folks will be prepared to join with you in this great endeavor.



Pre-Conference this year will begin with Committee Meetings conducted on Monday and Tuesday and possibly Wednesday morning, the 15th, 16th, and 17th of June. The Board of Trustees Meetings will be held on the 17th and 18th and possibly the 19th of June. The weekend will be free, the 20th and the 21st. Our AUC Conference will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of June. The plan at this time is to have a late lunch in lieu of a banquet so that we might be free to welcome our folks who will be arriving in Kansas City that afternoon.

JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	15	16	17	18	19	20
	COMMITTEE MEETINGS			BOARD OF TRUSTEES MTNGS.		FREE
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
FREE	AUC	CONFERENCE		UNITY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 1970		
28						
UNITY VILLAGE TOUR						

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The first meeting of and for the Convention for the benefit of those who will by that time have arrived, will be held at Unity Temple on the Plaza. We visualize filling the sanctuary when Ernest Wilson speaks and utilizing our closed-circuit television equipment so that the overflow can also fill the Charles Fillmore Chapel and the Fellowship Hall.

The Convention will commence with the Thursday morning meeting. On the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday there will be a two and one-half hour meeting each morning and a two hour meeting each afternoon, plus the big name entertainment program each evening. Our most outstanding Unity ministers and speakers will be asked to be a part of the program charged with the responsibility of presenting the tremendous Truth message that Unity has to offer to the world.

On Sunday, June 28th, transportation will be provided for the more than 5,000 people who will want to have the opportunity to visit Unity Village to arrive there in time for Sig and Janie Paulson's devotional service which on this occasion of perfect weather will be held in the amphitheater. You should understand that the amphitheater will not hold that many people but the overflow will sit comfortably outside of the amphitheater looking through the trees. Unity School is making arrangements for tours of Unity friends to see around Unity Village. Catering service will be offered for a meal and the open house will be a highlight of the whole Convention activity for our visitors from around the world.



\* Communication is on its way to you sharing the many details of the  
\* Unity International Convention 1970. Arrangements are being made for  
\* promotional material to be developed and distributed to you at the earli-  
\* est possible date. The responsibility for the tremendous success that  
\* we envision rests with you as a Unity leader. We want, as the AUC Of-  
\* fice to assist you in any way possible to fulfill the goal that you set  
\* for yourself and for your students in participation in Unity Internation-  
\* al Convention 1970.

\* Any way that we can increase the effectiveness of our service to you  
\* through your ministry in making a success of Unity International Conven-  
\* tion 1970 will be deeply appreciated. Drop us a line or pick up the  
\* phone. This is your movement; this is your ministry; this is your Con-  
\* vention. You have what the world is ready for and indeed, the world is  
\* ready!

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*SALES ORDER IDENTIFICATION*      *All orders for Unity literature sent to  
the Sales Department on behalf of your  
center or church should be identified  
as an order for your ministry regardless  
of who sends the order in. Often confusion occurs and  
there is delay when your hostess, secretary, or other  
volunteer worker sends the order signing the request but  
not identifying the minister. Your cooperation in this  
matter will assure prompt attention for all orders to  
the Sales Department or the AUC.*

UNITY  
SUPPLEMENT

YOU WILL FIND ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE OF CONTACT A COPY OF A  
SUPPLEMENT THAT WALLY TOOKE HAD MADE FOR THE TOLEDO BLADE.  
WE WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO SHARE ANY INFORMATION WE MIGHT  
HAVE FROM WALLY WITH YOU IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUERIES.



THERESA M. MACMILLAN: We are happy to have the opportunity to introduce to you a member of your AUC Staff. Theresa has only been with us a short time but much of her life has been involved in and exposed to Unity. Theresa is employed by the AUC in our Youth Education Department. She has a background in journalism having graduated from University of Montana Journalism School in 1968. She makes a tremendous contribution to our work as an editorial assistant to Gladys Branscum proofreading copy and preparing our material for youth education for the printers.

Theresa came to us from Portland, Oregon, where she was with the Associated Press. Her mother is Leone MacMillan who was minister of our Unity work in Missoula, Montana, prior to her recent move to Seattle.

We hope that you will have an opportunity to introduce yourself to Theresa the next time that you are at Unity Village and can stop in the Youth Education Department.

UNITY            The Expansion Committee of the Association of Unity Churches, under  
EXPANSION       the Chairmanship of Ruth Seaton, is doing a tremendous work of  
                 accumulating and evaluating ideas with which to enable our existing  
                 ministries to unfold and grow and become more effective. From time  
to time in the months that lie ahead you will be receiving communications from  
the Expansion Committee. Those communications will seek your cooperation in  
order that we might draw together and unify the prayer power and creative intents  
of our movement.

In addition to the many productive ideas that will pour forth to assist our existing ministries to grow and unfold your Executive Committee has recognized the need for a program of expansion to enable us to intelligently plan for an increasing number of Unity ministries to exist in three or five years time. We see that a certain number of Unity ministries exist today. Great effort is being made to intensify the effectiveness of our Ministerial Training Program. We need also to assure an increasing area of service for those who are drawn into our work.

Please continue in your consciousness of prayer knowing that our movement is inspired and directed to the perfect outworking of the Father's will in the expansion of our ministry. Though the increase of substance to accomplish the goals that we set for ourselves has not yet been forthcoming to our ministry, we know that once we are ready with a meaningful program all that we require in the way of substance will be available and our ministry will unfold and grow in exciting proportions.

REGIONAL  
CONFERENCES

Between the last week in August and the third week in October we have five of our seven regional conferences. It is a very special joy to be able to participate in regional conference activities.

At each conference there is the expression of concern that proportionately so few of our ministers and teachers participate in regional conferences. It is difficult to understand why this is the case. Though each regional conference is different there is a tremendous spirit of involvement in our individual ministry, in the regional activities, and in our AUC as a whole. For those who make the effort to participate in a regional conference there are always at least two ways in which the individual and his ministry are blessed. Always there is an exchange of ideas that help us to more effectively do our job. Always there is a greater spirit of unity with our movement as a whole. Surely we need to increase the effectiveness of our ministry on a local level and surely we need a greater spirit of involvement in our ministry as a whole.

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# Stella Wrenn gave a One Day Seminar and Workshop on Monday, September  
# 29. Her general subject was prayer, and particularly her HOUR GLASS  
# SERIES. She had four or five different diagrams which she distributed  
# and graphically made the prayer principles come alive.

# What a roaring success! The happy atmosphere and consciousness that  
# Stella inspired was terrific. The people loved her and sat back in amaze-  
# ment of her living example of the Unity teachings.



# If a Center is looking for a way to generate tremendous enthusiasm #  
# for Unity, and thereby EXPAND the scope of its work, Stella Wrenn's HOUR #  
# GLASS SEMINAR will do it." #  
# #

IN MEMORY On October 26, William Prints of Sacramento, California, passed on. Bill began studying Unity in 1955. In 1956, he came to Unity School and entered the Ministerial Training Program from which he graduated in 1958. From 1958 until 1963 Bill served as leader in Richmond, California and Sacramento, California. In 1964 Bill became leader in San Leandro, California, and resigned from that work in 1965. He had been inactive since that time. All of us are privileged to call forth special spiritual blessings from our Father of eternal life upon this dedicated friend. We see him moving forward into the eternal light of Spirit sustained in our consciousness of love and abiding gratitude.

NEW ASSOCIATE  
IN NEWARK, NJ

*We have received wonderful word from Helen Crombie that Adah Doerner is now serving as an associate minister with Helen at our Unity church in Newark. We are rejoicing with Helen and Adah as they work together to spread the Truth message which we all love so dearly.*

#### PLACEMENT

UNITY CHURCH OF CHRIST  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN :

Don Gates has left the Unity ministry and has become manager of a cheese store and restaurant in Madison, Wisconsin. William Fletcher, who for the past five years has been associate minister in Akron, Ohio, has accepted leadership as of November 15th. If you have an opportunity to send a word of blessing to Bill you might like to congratulate him and Maryann on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Sue, whom we know has brought rich and wonderful joy and blessings to them.

UNITY WEST  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

Bob Wasner resigned from the Unity ministry of Unity West as of October 26th. We understand that Bob is continuing his education at the university in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Louise Bowman is functioning as interim minister at Unity West until such time as placement can be finalized.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY:

You will recall that considerable negotiation has been entered into regarding succession of leadership in Louisville, Kentucky. Ross Breakwell, you remember, accepted leadership of our work in San Diego. Virginia Hinnens has been functioning as an interim minister during this period of negotiation. Frank Hanson has been accepted as new minister in Louisville, and is accepting responsibility as of November 1st. Frank, for the last two years, has been in charge of our Unity work in Rockford, Illinois.

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS:

We are at the present time negotiating change of leadership in Rockford and at this time this has not as yet been finalized.

CHRIST UNITY CHURCH  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM :

Many times in this segment of CONTACT there is concern involved in our announcements. We rejoice to announce that Dessie Metcalfe has resigned from the Unity ministry to get married on November 28th. We know that you will rejoice with us for Dessie and that you will extend blessings to her. We are at the present time negotiating succession of leadership in Albuquerque and will appreciate your consciousness of prayer with us.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL:

In our last CONTACT we reported that negotiations were underway for succession of leadership in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. On October 1st, John Lee Baughman returned to the Unity family in accepting leadership of Unity Church of Christ, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. All who know and love Jack and Ardis will want to drop a word of welcome to them.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA:

Lee Norment has resigned from leadership of Christ Church Unity, San Jose, California, and plans to take several months break before reassignment. At the present time he is doing substitute work for Johnnie Colemon in Chicago. Warren and Marguerite Meyer have been accepted to succeed Lee in San Jose.

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON:

With the move of Warren and Marguerite Meyer a vacancy occurred at Unity Church of the Valley. Emily Sanford who was ordained in August is the new minister in Yakima. We know that wonderful loving blessings will pour forth for her and the ministry there.

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL  
AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Fall Trimester in Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies is now fully underway. We thought you would be interested in knowing some of the courses that are being offered to the students this year. We have instigated a "Remedial English" course to help our students in their effectiveness with the presentation of ideas. All students continue with Speech courses throughout their entire training period. All incoming students are continuing to study "Unity Fundamentals" and second year students are engaged in a class entitled "Dialogue on Metaphysics." Center Administration continues to be taught and both first and second year students are engaged in their continuing study of the Bible. We are teaching a course in contemporary ministry and also, one designed to help the student grow as an individual which is entitled "The Growing Student." In the past we had an opportunity for students to be engaged in the work of Silent Unity. Inasmuch as this is no longer possible because of the changes in the work arrangements in Silent Unity, we are now having Silent Unity bring a course entitled "Prayer and Healing" to the students. This is under the direction of James Freeman who has selected special Silent Unity workers to assist him.

All of us are encouraged with both the quality of our students and the number of students that we have in SMRS this year. We hope that in your forthcoming visits to Unity Village (for conferences, retreats, and the like) that you will plan sometime to come by the School and have an opportunity to meet the fine students that we have this year in SMRS. If, at any time, any of you ministers in the field have any specific questions that you wish to ask pertaining to the AUC participation in the Ministerial Education Program, please direct your inquiries to William L. Fischer, Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC.

MINISTER'S FEDERAL  
INCOME TAX GUIDE

*Last year we were able to obtain copies of  
the MINISTER'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX GUIDE for  
those who wanted them.*

*If you would like a copy of this GUIDE for 1969 please let us know  
no later than December 31, 1969, in order that we may be able to  
secure them for you.*

*The cost last year was \$2.95 and it is presumed that it will be  
the same this year.*

CENTRAL ORGANIZATION FUND

As of October 28, fifteen organizations have deposited  
\$27,000.00 in the Central Organization Fund.

A tentative commitment of \$20,000.00 to purchase furniture and fixtures for  
one church has been made. Presently two requests for loans totaling \$65,000.00  
are awaiting sufficient deposits to cover.

We see this fund as being a definite help in the expansion and development of  
Unity, and we trust that you will give this matter your very serious consideration.  
If you want more information about the Central Organization Fund just let us know.

NEW HOSPITAL  
MINISTRY AIDS

Here in the AUC office we are always seeking ways in which we may  
help you in your ministry of service. The enclosed hospital-min-  
istry leaflets are our latest effort in this endeavor.

You will note that one of these is to be given to a person upon his admission  
to a hospital. The other is to be given or sent to him upon his return home.  
Please note also that there is a line at the lower right-hand corner of the inside  
of the leaflet. This is the place for you to sign your name as the visiting mini-  
ster, to give this your personal "touch."

Beneath the signature line enough space has been left for you to put the  
stamp of your church or center. This, of course, identifies the material with  
your local organization.

These leaflets are now available for distribution to you as a Unity minister.  
There is no charge for them, as they are being sent out on a love offering basis.  
Please let us know the number of each leaflet you desire, and they shall be sent  
to you promptly.

YOUTH EDUCATION

September and October have been exciting, busy, fruitful, grow-  
ing months for our Youth Education Department. As you know,  
our new teacher-oriented youth education material is now in  
production. Orders are being received from virtually all of our centers who have  
a youth education program. The success of this material is dependent to a very  
great extent upon our ability to inspire and infuse our superintendents and  
teachers.

During September and October, Dan Perin has conducted 30 seminars in 27  
cities. Most of these have been attended by representatives of more than one  
center. To date, attendance has been over 700, mostly teachers, superintendents  
and ministers; however, more and more parents are attending. Between November  
1st and the end of February another 20 seminars are scheduled. Tremendous  
strides are being taken in our youth education and rich blessings reach out to  
Dan for his abundant, generous giving in this way.



RETIREMENT PLANS      More than 60 ministers are participating in the BANKERS LIFE ANNUITY PLAN. This Plan was put in force in 1963, and is currently earning in excess of 5% interest. Under the ANNUITY PLAN you:

deposit a fixed amount each month, which amount is not included as income. (You can deposit up to 20% of your income.)

can make the full deposit yourself or your center or church can share the cost with you in any proportion you desire.

The more people in the plan, the less cost per person, and the more benefits that will accrue to each participant.

Here is an illustration of what this plan will do for you with a deposit of \$100. per month to age 65.

Your present age	Benefits at Age 65	
	Cash Value	Annual Income for Life
30	\$104,322	\$8,600.
40	55,504	4,576.
50	25,249	2,082.

There are now 10 centers in addition to the Central Office Staff - 21 persons involved - participating in the MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN. This plan became effective as of January 1, 1969. Under the Money Purchase Pension Plan you

contribute 3% of your salary (not including your manse or other allowances).

Your church or center contributes 8% of your salary.

You are not taxed currently on the 8% contribution made by your church.

The 3% is made with after-tax dollars, but your contribution compounds on a tax-free basis.

The Plan provides not only for ministers but also includes (under certain conditions) all full-time paid employees of the church or center.

There is no guaranteed return since the amount you deposit and the amount that is deposited on your behalf by your church or center may fluctuate according to increases in salary. Plans of this type have a history of excellent return (some in excess of 10%).

Additional information concerning either or both of these plans will be sent you upon your request.



September 1969

Income and Expense Statement

INCOME:

* Love Offerings	22810.15	
Dividend on Stock	1.70	
Sale of Sun. Sch. Mtls (4th Qtr 1968-9, 1st Qtr 1969-70)	<u>1189.98</u>	
Total		24001.83

EXPENSES:

**General Office	7653.75	
Youth Education		
(18,539.91, less \$13,400. YOU CONF FEES)	5139.91	
Service Dept	1609.43	
Ministerial Education	<u>2366.39</u>	
Total		<u>16769.48</u>
Gain		<u>7232.35</u>

<u>CAPITAL INVESTMENT (Office Equip.)</u>	<u>198.32</u>
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<u>INVESTMENT IN SUN. SCH. MAT'L. (2nd Qtr 1969-70)</u>	<u>2048.72</u>
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\* Includes Special Gift of \$7,520.50

\*\*Includes Depreciation and Amortization

GROUP HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE

Last month we mentioned the possibility of working out a plan to initiate group hospitalization for ministers, teachers, and other full time workers in centers and churches.

To date the response has not been sufficient to warrant the time and money required to initiate such a plan.

If you want this type of coverage, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and return to us as soon as possible.

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TO: AUC OFFICE

YES, I AM INTERESTED IN THE GROUP HOSPITALIZATION PLAN!

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)

Married? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(age)

Number of children under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

C O N V E N T I O N   N O T E S

COSTS:    Several leaders have asked for estimates on prices for convention attendance; estimates follow:

Participation ticket for all convention activities.....\$25.00  
Hotel Rooms (average).....\$6.00-12.00/day double occupancy  
Meals (on an individual basis)  
Transportation (on an individual basis)  
    examples: chartered jet, round-trip per person  
                Chicago - K.C. --45.00  
                San Francisco - K.C. --103.00  
                Tampa - K.C. --95.00

PARTICIPATION TICKETS:    Now being prepared.    Should be in your hands not later than 1 December.    Cost will be \$25.00 each.

CHARTER TRANSPORTATION:    Several centers have already negotiated with airlines individually.    We have also obtained some tentative commitments for flights from other areas.    Savings over commercial fares are about 35-40%.    Information on how to go about getting an air charter will be forwarded to each region, as well as bus charter information.

CORRESPONDENCE:    All convention correspondence addressed to you will be prominently marked for easy identification.

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:    Several centers have begun special prosperity accounts into which individual members may deposit savings for convention expenses.    Sounds like a good idea!



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