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A Report of
THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

January, 1970

We have just concluded our Mid-Year Council of Committee meetings and the meetings of the Board of Trustees of the AUC. Almost without exception every committee member and Board member commented on the amount of work that was accomplished and the quality of the stride taken in the growth and evolution of our ministry. Specific recommendations have been made by committees and action taken by your Board of Trustees, which will be reported in this issue of CONTACT. Much more involvement in communication and commitment was experienced and expressed than can be recorded here. To each one who participated, our movement owes a debt of gratitude.

An assignment was given to those not officially attached to committees so that everyone was involved. A meeting was held each morning which tended to link us even more closely together. Johnnie Coleman had brought a song, the words and music of which were prepared specifically by a member of her staff to increase enthusiasm among those attending the meetings. It certainly served its purpose in a wonderful way.

LIKE A WOMAN, THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ITS MIND. BELOW IS THE REVISED, AND WE HOPE FINALIZED CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OUR PRE-CONFERENCE, CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION ACTIVITY IN JUNE. PLEASE MAKE NOTE.

JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	15 Licensing and Or- dination Meetings	16 Committee	17 Committee Meetings	18	19 Board of Meetings	20 Trustees
21 Pre-Con- ference Lecture	22 AUC	23 CONFERENCE	24 Evening-- Welcome	25 UNITY CONVENTION	26 INTERNATIONAL	27 1970
28 UNITY VILLAGE TOUR			Unity Temple			

A tremendous program has been prepared for our forthcoming activities in June. A real attempt has been made by those concerned to adjust our time at Unity Village and in Kansas City comfortably within the two weeks that have been traditionally given to our Pre-Conference and Conference activities.

Sadye Thomas, as chairman of the Program Committee, has submitted a fine program for the Pre-Conference and Conference activities. During our committee meetings at the Pre-Conference, there have always been those who have come along but who have not been involved in an active committee. The program this year for Pre-Conference which will be available to all who are able to be on hand will begin on Wednesday evening, June 17. The Pre-Conference and Conference theme is WE ARE READY. On the Thursday and Friday of Pre-Conference, a full program has been planned for morning, afternoon and evening with a prayerful planned program that will involve an increasing number of our leaders, each of whom has a real contribution to make, to our readiness in the world today.

During our Conference activities on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we will have business meetings all day on Monday with our Ordination Service that evening. Tuesday morning will be given to business sessions and in the afternoon there will be a well-prepared program for all those attending. On Tuesday evening, there will be a Rededication and Communion Service. This will be the spiritual highlight of our Conference activity and should prepare us well for our Convention activities to follow.

Doris Caldwell, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, gathered her committee together and was given an unusual responsibility this year. Instead of there being a traditional banquet, the Banquet Committee is preparing a special program for our luncheon on Wednesday and for our fellowship to follow. This should be a joyous highlight in our Conference, as it will be a time of relaxation and fun to help set the mood for our Convention. Further details regarding the special luncheon will be forthcoming between now and Conference.

LICENSING AND
ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Surely the busiest and one of the most important committees within our movement is the Licensing and Ordination Committee. Just like the folks who people it under the able chairmanship of Lillian Matthews, there is a tremendous spiritual consciousness evolving in the committee as a whole. Because of the vital role that this committee fulfills, the decision was made during the Board meetings that members of the Licensing and Ordination Committee should come back to Unity Village a little earlier and spend more time in interviewing the student ministers. It was recommended by the Licensing and Ordination Committee and ratified by the Board of Trustees that the following applicants be ordained in June, 1970: Harold Whaley, Robert Marshall, Helen Dade, Genevee Campbell, Edna Powers, Scott Sherman, Carolyn Noonan, Lillian Ichlen, Mildred Davis, Robert Beggs, and Helen Chapman.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
COMMITTEE GETS NEW
NAME

A new committee was appointed last June which was called the Equal Opportunities Committee. The purpose of the committee has been defined in a recommendation to the Board of Trustees and a recommendation has been made to change the name of the committee. This committee will now be established as a permanent committee with rotating membership and will be called the Appeals Committee.

The purpose of the Appeals Committee will be to provide individuals and/or groups affiliated with the Association of Unity Churches an avenue of expression through which any grievances can be aired. The committee will provide an impartial, confidential hearing in a loving and understanding manner. This committee will in no way attempt to initiate action but only act upon matters that are referred to them. They shall have the full cooperation of the Executive Office and/or committee(s) involved in working toward a right solution.

Procedure has been established by which appeals shall be made. The minister or ministers with a grievance should make initial contact with the committee member in his vicinity. That information will be related to the chairman of the committee, who will determine whether the matter is within the province of this committee for action. If so, upon receipt of the written grievance, the chairman in association with his committee members will seek an impersonal viewpoint based upon principle. Where indicated, the chairman will initiate investigation and will call where necessary for a hearing. In the event a solution is not reached the committee will assure those concerned that the matter will be referred to the AUC Executive Committee for their action.

Until June when the permanent committee is established with the rotating members, Richard Billings, chairman of the committee, will receive and handle any grievances with his existing committee members.

EXPANSION OF UNITY *Under the able chairmanship of Ruth Seaton, our Expansion Committee did much in the way of prayerful brainstorming in those areas of our movement where expansion is so clearly needed. As a result of their recommendations, research is being done into the feasibility of a national advertising and promotion campaign for our movement. Strong encouragement was given to our Board regarding ways to tap the laymen potential within our movement.*

Pilot programs for expansion are being planned for the development of new ministries through the reading room concept in areas where there are no ministries and through "spin off" ministries in conjunction with our larger centers and churches. In addition the Board of Trustees is encouraging and authorizing the regional representatives from the Board of Trustees to work with the Expansion Committee regional representative in the cooperative development by the region. Your regional representative and/or your regional Expansion Committee member will undoubtedly be in touch with you to enlist your cooperation in being of service in the development of ministries locally. With the kind of enthusiasm and spiritual insight displayed by the Expansion Committee and your Board of Trustees, we will have exceeded our goal of five hundred Unity ministries in ten years. Praise God that it is so!

IN LOVING MEMORY On January 13, 1970, Mildred Park, our Unity minister in Fairfax, Virginia, passed on. Mildred started her involvement in Unity in 1935. She began her study for the ministry in 1947 when she served in Washington, D.C. with Ann Sandefer. In March, 1957, Mildred began a study group in Fairfax, Virginia and under her loving and dedicated leadership, that ministry has evolved and grown to one of our finest. Mildred was ordained in June, 1962.

All of her fellow ministers and coworkers in Unity join in blessing Mildred in her eternal ongoing. We bless, too, her husband Donald and daughter, Mary Jane that they might know the peace and strength that would be her gift to them.

SERVICE-- One of the primary purposes of AUC is to be of service to you and
THE NAME OF your ministry. In the November issue of CONTACT we extended a
THE GAME new service to you and made available hospital ministry leaflets.
We sincerely hope that all of you took advantage of our offer
and have availed yourself of this service.

We are inclosing herewith the next in our series of pamphlets to be of service to you and to enable you to be of service in your community. "The Healing Quality of Grief" by Glenn Mosley, was first printed in UNITY magazine. For some time the pamphlet has been used in Detroit with a volunteer member of Unity Temple making note of the obituaries in the local paper and dispatching, without further comment, this pamphlet. Of course, it has been used also by the ministers and teachers and prayer counselors at Unity Temple to extend services to those meeting this challenge.

Your Association has had these printed and these are available on the love offering basis upon request. Please let us know the number that you require and they will be dispatched immediately.

NEW BIBLE LESSONS For a good many months now, many of our ministers have
BY DR. HERBERT utilized the Old Testament Bible lessons prepared by Herbert
HUNT Hunt and made available through the Correspondence Department. You will be pleased to hear that he has completed the New Testament portion and that these soon will be available for your use. The AUC is undertaking to have both the Old and New Testament material printed and bound. The cost of these will be 50¢ per copy. We will be happy to receive your advance orders. All orders and remittance for the Bible lessons should come through to AUC. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Hunt for the continued blessing that he continues to be to our Unity Movement.

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* CONVENTION NOTES *
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* SPECIAL STUDENT In order to encourage more families to attend the Convention
* RATES the AUC Board last week voted to permit students
* to attend the Convention for half price. A stu-
* dent is defined as one who is above the age of
* six years through college age. Individuals who are attending grad-
* uate or professional schools and possess student identification *
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* cards will also be permitted to purchase participation tickets at
* the half-price rate. When you issue such a ticket simply type the
* word student adjacent to the \$25.00 admission price in the lower
* right hand corner of the participation ticket. On your participa-
* tion ticket control sheet simply indicate student along with the
* name of the individual who purchases a student ticket and forward
* your check for the reduced amount to the AUC.

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* YOUNG PEOPLE'S Plans have also been made to conduct a series of
* PROGRAM young people's activities at the Convention.
* While this will be primarily designed for those
* individuals too young to participate in the Con-
* vention type activities, themselves, a full range of youth activi-
* ties are planned. This will permit adult members of the family to
* attend all Convention activities and provide a full program of
* interest and value to the young people who might come with them.
* This service includes a nursery service for the daytime portion of
* the activities. Provisions for lunch for young people will also
* be available.

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* ACCOMMODATIONS Nine hotels have now committed themselves to pro-
* viding rooms for our Convention activities. We are
* waiting confirmation from one further hotel. This
* confirmation is expected this week. At that time we will forward
* our accommodation reservation forms to you in a number that should
* be sufficient to begin making accommodation arrangements for the
* individuals concerned. These accommodation forms will include the
* prices and a brief description of the hotels in general. Please do
* not issue an accommodations form request to anyone who has not as
* yet made his participation ticket purchase from you.

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* PROMOTIONAL A shipment of postcards and a letter explaining their
* MATERIALS use as well as a publicity release has been forwarded
* to each center. Their purpose, of course, is to
* remind your students that we will, indeed, be spend-
* ing a full day here at Unity Village as well as the activities in
* downtown Kansas City and at the Unity Temple there. The publicity
* release will enable you to inform your community of your attendance
* at the Unity International Convention as well as its purpose. If you
* require any further publicity materials, please let us know and we
* will send them to you immediately.

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* CONVENTION Many centers have given their initial issue of Conven-
* BUTTONS tion buttons to members of their Board or to their
* hostesses. Others have given these buttons to indi-
* viduals who have already purchased participation tick-
* ets or to their entire congregation. If you have the need for any
* more Convention buttons, please let us know and they will be forwarded
* to you.

CONVENTION BROCHURE With the completion of the tentative program
AND FINAL PROGRAM for the Convention, preparation on our final
brochure has begun. It will be completed as
soon as we have received commitments by the
remaining entertainers who we have invited to perform at the Con-
vention. The program is designed to present you with finest Unity
thoughts, singing, and a constant atmosphere of fellowship and
prayer. Those of us who have worked on it are very enthusiastic
about the program at the Convention and feel that it is something
which will be meaningful to any of your Unity students.

THERE'S BEEN
SOME CHANGES
MADE!

Unity West, Milwaukee, Wis.: On October 27, Louise Bowman went to serve as interim minister in Unity West. Jack Hamilton, who was ordained in August, 1969, was accepted as leader in Unity West on December 18, and we have received many fine reports on the good work that he is conducting.

Unity Church of Christianity, Milwaukee, Wis.: Upon the resignation of Donald Gates, William Fletcher, former assistant minister in Akron, Ohio, was accepted as minister on December 1, 1969. Our special love and blessings are extended to Bill and his family as they move forward to do the work of the Father.

Lansing, Michigan: After considerable negotiation between the Board in Lansing and the AUC Office, Edward Hoge has accepted leadership as of January 1, 1970 in Lansing and has thus returned to full time ministry. We know that you will want to join us in welcoming Ed back into our Unity family.

Minneapolis, Minn.: Upon the acceptance of Bernard and Polly Dozier in Austin, Texas, negotiations began in Minneapolis for succession of leadership there. Lee Normont spoke in Minneapolis on December 14 and accepted leadership there as of January 1, 1970. We know you will want to extend a special blessing to Lee as he continues to unfold and expand the ministry in Minneapolis.

Oroville, Calif.: Upon the occasion of Marie Kapp's resignation, Phillip Pierson met with the Board in Oroville, on behalf of the AUC. Gilberta Sommer, after interim leadership in San Luis Obispo, has accepted leadership in Oroville as of January 15, 1970. We see Unity of Oroville growing and expanding under Gilberta's capable leadership.

Fort Myers, Florida: Glenn Kaufman submitted his resignation to his Board in Ft. Myers on December 18, 1969. Several candidates have spoken in Ft. Myers and we are awaiting word in the AUC Office as to who will become the new minister. Please join with us in the consciousness of prayer for the perfect outworking of the Father's will.

Amarillo, Texas: For personal reasons, Jean Beggs resigned from leadership in Amarillo, Texas and is now residing in Kansas City. Marion Brown accepted responsibility as interim minister as of January 1. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to Marion and the good work that she is doing wherever she is needed. Blessings to Marion and the ministry in Amarillo, and we know your prayerful support is deeply appreciated and will aid in fulfilling the need for right leadership.

Fairfax, Virginia: With the passing of Mildred Park, we are in negotiation with the Board of Directors in Fairfax regarding succession of leadership. Your loving prayers for all of those concerned in Fairfax will be deeply appreciated.

RADIO *Unity School is taking increasing steps to develop its outreach to*
PROGRAMS *the world. A decision has recently been made to discontinue all*
 five-minute Voice of Unity broadcasts as of January 31. "The Word,"
 is now being broadcast over a thousand stations. The only radio
broadcasts now, other than "The Word" are those maintained by Unity centers and
churches around the country. Remember that Bill Helmbold in Santa Barbara
produces five-minute scripts and will be happy to make them available for
rebroadcast elsewhere and Eric Butterworth in New York City produces fifteen-
minute scripts and also makes them available for rebroadcast elsewhere. We
are deeply grateful to Bill and Eric for their efforts in assisting us to keep
our Unity Movement on the air.

THANK YOU FATHER A set part of our CONTACT copy has become and will continue
FOR LIMITLESS to be the following brief financial report. It is important
BOUNTY that you as members be conscious of the progress that we
 are making as a movement.

You will be pleased to know that of our 233 centers and churches, 226 have contributed to AUC at least once. Your Budget and Finance Committee met at Unity Village during the Mid-Year Council of Committee meetings and examined in detail the statements of income and expenditure of the AUC. Charles Neal, who is chairman of that committee, conveyed through the Board a commendation that the funds had been administered wisely and in the best interests of our movement. In their report to the Board of Trustees, the Committee requested that the following paragraph of the report be shared with the membership at large:

"At the recent January meetings of Committees, the Budget and Finance Committee noted with pleasure that most centers have recognized that the AUC incurs considerable expense each time the Executive Director or other official flies out to meet with individual ministers, board and congregations. In many cases the centers have made love offerings covering the expenses of such visits. Ken Tiffany, Comptroller, will always be happy to advise any center of the approximate cost of the visit by the Executive Director, or any other official."

In the financial statement for November, 1969, included in the December issue of CONTACT, a notation was made of an expenditure in November as follows: "Mortgage and annuity in California property--\$400.00." We have had a number of inquiries about this item and we apologize for having caused confusion in anybody's mind. We are not purchasing property in California. The AUC has been given property in Montebello, California upon which was a mortgage and from which an annuity is given to the donor. As soon as divine order reveals itself regarding the disposition of this property, a sale will undoubtedly be consummated. In addition to the property in Montebello, California we also have property that has been given to the AUC in Florida and New Mexico.

GROUP HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE

During the January meetings it was discovered that many of our ministers understood that a group hospitalization insurance plan had been established and that they were obligating themselves to participate in the plan without knowing the details.

Since many have felt that such a plan would be of definite value to our field ministry, we have been investigating the possibility of developing such a plan. Before we can establish a plan that will give proper coverage at a cost that is within reason, nationwide, we must have an indication of how many of our ministers, teachers, and full-time paid workers in the centers and churches are interested. After research and development, the results will be submitted to each one again for acceptance or rejection.

You are under no obligation by returning the coupon. You will assist us in acquiring sufficient information to work out a group plan.

Presently we have 30 who have indicated a desire to participate in such a plan if and when it is developed. Considering the number of ministers, teachers, and full-time paid employees in our centers and churches, this is not enough to warrant further development of a group plan.

GROUP HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE

I AM INTERESTED IN A GROUP HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE PLAN TO COVER MINISTERS, TEACHERS, AND FULL-TIME PAID EMPLOYEES OF UNITY CHURCHES AND CENTERS.

I understand that I am not obligated to participate in such a plan if and when it is developed.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Married? _____ Age: _____

No. of children under 18 _____

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 1969

<u>Balances - Dec. 1, 1969</u>		
Cash on hand and in Bank		604.71
<u>Receipts - December 1969</u>		
Love Offerings (cash)	20,894.74	
Paid on Youth Education Material	6,112.35	
Other Receipts	<u>2,430.77</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>29,437.86</u>
Total Available		<u>30,042.57</u>
<u>Disbursements - December 1969</u>		
Operating Expenses	19,127.76	
Youth Education Material	2,708.05	
Mortgage - Int - Taxes - Calif. Property	1,090.84	
Convention	490.95	
Tithe	<u>1,338.79</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>24,756.39</u>
<u>Balances - December 31, 1969</u>		
Cash on hand and in Bank		<u>5,286.18</u>
Total Disbursements and Balances		<u>30,042.57</u>

NOTE:

--This statement does not include note receivable from Island View House--
\$18,020.00.

--Investment to date, in Y E Material	\$18,720.47
Less: Payments received to date--	<u>13,570.32</u>
Unrecovered Balance	<u>5,150.15</u>

--Paid to date on Calif. Property:	<u>5,869.85</u>
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This property has a market value of
between \$100,000.00 and \$125,000.00.