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*A Report of*

THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

March, 1970

You will note that the date on this issue of CONTACT is March, 1970. That means that we missed a copy for February, 1970. As we move closer to our Convention, the activities here in the Executive Office are on the increase. For this and for your response to the increase, we rejoice and give thanks.

## C O N V E N T I O N   N O T E S

We thank you each one for the growing response and support of the UNITY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION--70. We have already received thousands of requests for registration and accommodations. Among these requests many questions have been asked about various details. We will, therefore, devote the first several pages of this issue of CONTACT to giving you a full recap of Convention information.

PARTICIPATION TICKETS: The following prices apply:

Adults \$25.00

Students (Any individual who is attending public, parochial, college, post-graduate or technical schools. Valid student identification must be shown if requested at time of purchase.).....  
\$12.50

Children (age six or under).....NO CHARGE.

The following services and activities are included in the cost of each participation ticket:

### ADULTS:

All Convention lectures, receptions, entertainment and tours beginning Wednesday, June 24 through Sunday, June 28. (A total of eleven specific events; see Brochure for details.)

All local transportation to and from these events.

All registration fees, programs and exhibits.

Child-care for all regularly scheduled day-time events. Evening child-care will also be available on a love offering basis.

Pre-registration for post-Convention Retreat (see below).

STUDENTS:

All of the above and/or a full range of educational and recreational activities for ages 4 through young adult.

Access to a youth center activity throughout the day and evening.

Special student social gatherings.

CHILDREN: (under age four)

Nursery care supervised by bonded professional nurses throughout the Convention program.

PROGRAM AND BROCHURE: The detailed program has been completed with the exception of the actual signing of one of the professional entertainers. When this is accomplished, the program will be presented to the Executive Committee during the meetings here at the end of this month. At that time the final program and the final brochure will be released.

Each center will be forwarded the same number of final brochures as they requested during the mailings of the early, initial brochure. If you feel you need MORE of the final than you required earlier, please notify us.

PUBLICITY: Articles on the Convention are appearing bi-monthly in Weekly Unity's news supplement. In addition, the April issue of UNITY magazine includes an excellent article by Bob Sikking. Another "World is Ready" article appears in the April 19th issue of Weekly Unity by Scott Sherman. A two or three page spread including pictures of speakers, authors and entertainers is scheduled also in Weekly Unity for late May. You may want to tell your congregation about these so that they can look for them.

YOUNG PEOPLES' PROGRAM: Plans for a "Convention Corner" program for young people from the ages of four through thirteen have been completed. Special classrooms and activity rooms have been reserved in the Convention complex for these activities. A special educational program called "Lessons in Living" has been developed for each morning, while an afternoon program of creative crafts and group participation is now scheduled. A light lunch will be provided so that parents may be free to join their fellow adult delegates at group luncheons if they wish.

In addition, a tour of Unity Village which includes games, swimming and picnicing is also planned.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Submission of requests for hotel accommodations are arriving in large numbers now and, according to the Housing Bureau, are generally correctly prepared. There are now eleven hotels available to us. However, a strike threatens to delay the opening of the Holiday Inn; therefore, the Housing Bureau is NOT booking anyone into this hotel at this time. The management of the Holiday Inn has promised to notify us no later than April 15th if they WILL be able to begin accepting reservations.

Remember, NO confirmations of any hotel reservations will be returned to your people before April 1st for those who have requested them prior to that time. After that date, confirmations will be forwarded to the requestor within three days after the hotel has confirmed availability to the Housing Bureau.

Y.O.U. PROGRAM: Rooms for over one hundred YOUers have been set aside at the Downtowner Motor Inn immediately adjacent to the Convention site. Under a special multiple housing arrangement with the Housing Bureau, YOUers will be able to stay there at \$6.00/night or less whether or not their parents are attending. Sponsors will be available so that YOUers will be properly supervised. This idea permits young people whose parents are not coming to the Convention to attend.

POST-CONVENTION RETREAT: Thanks to the cooperation of World Unity Retreats, a post-Convention retreat--"We're Ready"--will be held at Unity Village immediately after the Convention terminates. THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION COSTS. Those who wish to come to this retreat will simply pay the cost of room and board for the Retreat itself. A letter including details was forwarded to each center on March 17th. Appropriate reservation forms were included in that letter. IF YOU NEED MORE REGISTRATION FORMS, ADVISE IMMEDIATELY; THE FIRST TWO HUNDRED ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED. Registrants MUST have purchased their participation tickets to be accepted.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS: Participation Control Sheets--If you have not as yet finished your first participation control sheet and forwarded it to us with your check, PLEASE DO SO. We now have over 7,000 tickets out in the field. If you need more tickets, please let us know and they can be sent to you immediately, but please complete the first twenty sales as soon as possible. If you are sort of STUCK at a point where half of a sheet is sold and you are expecting to sell more, simply reproduce a copy of the control sheet and send us the names of those you already have along with the remittance.

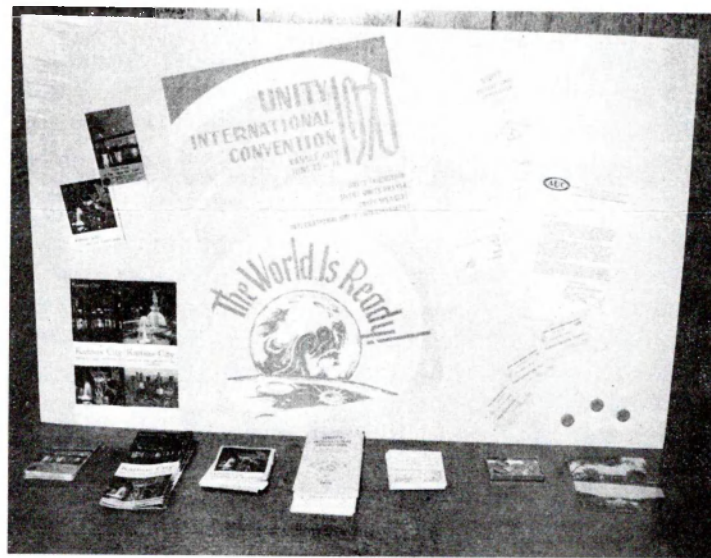
Two or three centers have sold a portion of their first twenty tickets and then returned everything (including the unsold tickets to us). We then have to REISSUE the tickets to them. So, if you are stuck in the middle of the block of twenty, HOLD THE UNSOLD TICKETS and send the names of your early purchasers and the appropriate check so that we can register them as soon as possible.

Promotional Materials--Plenty of buttons, posters and prayer cards are on hand, as are accommodation forms and post-Convention Retreat registration forms. Now that the early rush is over, we can have them into the mail for you within 24 hours of receipt here. Try us!!

TRANSPORTATION: We have been informed that transportation arrangements are fairly firm from each major region of the country plus England, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, and Hawaii. If you are having any difficulty with transportation, please let us know and we can refer you to someone nearby who is making arrangements. For example, the Chicago area has bus, rail and both charter and regular commercial aircraft seats booked and



ready. We understand an Ohio center is getting several bus loads together and making a "grand tour" of it with over-night and scenic stops planned. One center has THREE airplanes booked to come, while another has both a bus and an airplane heading our way. They have found that as soon as they decide to set up another vehicle to either drive or fly in this direction, it is almost immediately filled with reservations to come. We think this is simply a wonderful demonstration of Principle--a vacuum is created and lots of Unity students flow into it. Great! We're ready for all of you!



*One of the centers wrote and described a bulletin board that they had prepared including all of the Convention materials received at that time. We made up our own to show it to all of you. In addition, the center put it near a hostess who was well-informed on the Convention. She had all of the tickets, information and appropriate forms, too, so that she was really ready to help those who were interested. From the response of this center, it looks like this idea is working VERY well.*

CHANGE OF LISTING  
FOR UNITY CENTERS  
AND CLASSES

As of May 17th the listing of our Unity Centers and Classes will appear in the WEEKLY UNITY supplement. They will no longer be printed in the UNITY magazine. This change will give even broader outreach of our listing. It is our responsibility to keep the listing up-to-date; therefore, it might be well for you to glance at your address to see if it is correct. We are also interested in having your active regular classes listed, and if we are not already doing so, please send the information to the AUC Office.

CONFIDENTIAL  
FINANCIAL  
EVALUATION  
CARD

If you are in charge of a center or church, you will find enclosed a Financial Evaluation Card to be filled in. The information contained therein enables us to function here in your Executive Office more effectively for you. These cards are referred to many times throughout the year in various aspects of our work and are very helpful to us. Please fill in your card and return it to us at your earliest convenience, by return mail if possible.

NEW TESTAMENT  
BIBLE LESSONS

*In the last issue of CONTACT there was an error made in regard to the Bible lessons being made available through the AUC Office. Reference was made to "Dr. Hunt's Old Testament Bible Lessons". We do apologize to Elizabeth Sand Turner as it was she who compiled the Old Testament Bible Lessons some time ago. Dr. Hunt has prepared the New Testament Bible Lessons and these are being made available to you. Due to a slow down in printing, they will not be ready as soon as we had anticipated, but we will hold your orders and they will be filled as soon as possible.*



SCOTT AND JUDY SHERMAN: Scott and Judy Sherman came to us in the AUC by way of Unity Church of Hawaii. During Scott's work with the United States Air Force, he was stationed in Honolulu and he and Judy took a very active part in the ministry there. Scott and Judy have two boys, David, 8, and Douglas, 5. Scott had completed his UICE training before coming back to be an eight month student in SMRS. Judy was employed, upon their arrival, as Dan Perin's secretary in our Youth Education Department. They will only be with us through June of this year before going out into the ministry for Unity.

Scott, in addition to his studies in SMRS, is our "Convention coordinator". He is doing an outstanding job in seeing to the details of our Convention promotion and preparation.

We know that you will want to come and greet Scott and Judy when you are here at Pre-Conference and Conference time.

## PLACEMENT

Fort Myers, Florida: In the last issue of CONTACT we reported that there was an opening in Ft. Myers and that candidates were being considered. We are happy to announce that as of February 15, Alma Coleman has accepted leadership in Ft. Myers and we do extend our warmest blessings to Alma and the folks in Ft. Myers.

Lemay, Missouri: We are glad to welcome Paul Funk, who was in charge of our work in Lemay, Missouri. Paul has been employed by Unity School as an Associate Director in the Retreat Office. Carol Marie Guental is now serving as interim minister in Lemay for the month of March. We know your prayers are with all of us as the right person is drawn to accept responsibility for the work there.

Walnut Creek, Calif.: Marie Giles, after twenty years of loving service in Walnut Creek, California, is retiring from full time leadership and has submitted her resignation as of April 5. We are now working on succession of leadership there and will appreciate your consciousness of prayers.

Escondido, Calif.: For the past eleven years, Dorothy Edwards has been the spiritual leader of the ministry in Escondido. She has now decided to resign from active center leadership and we know your blessings join with ours for the right outworking of the Father's will for Dorothy and the ministry in Escondido.

Fairfax, Virginia: During the month of February, Unity of Fairfax has continued on under the capable leadership of members in the center. Candidates will be going there during March and we hope to have leadership worked out in Fairfax very soon. Here again, we solicit your loving prayers.

Akron, Ohio: A change of leadership is occurring at Akron Unity. After approximately a year and one half of dedicated, spiritual leadership in Akron, Joe Jones is seeking leadership elsewhere. The Board of Unity Akron has extended an invitation to Vic Zarley to be their new minister. He will accept leadership there the 12th of April. Our special blessings and prayers are with Vic and they also continue with Joe as he moves forth to his right place of service.

Minneapolis, Minn: After the departure of Bernard and Polly Dozier from leadership in Minneapolis, Lee Norment went there to consider permanent leadership. Lee's decision, after several weeks, was to turn down the invitation of the Board of Minneapolis. Lee is taking a year's sabbatical from leadership in the ministry and will appreciate the abiding consciousness of prayer of all of his fellow ministers.

Atlanta, Ga: Wendell Mixson, who has been in charge of our ministry in Atlanta for just over a year, has tendered his resignation. He will be coming back to Unity Village to assist us in our plans and preparations for Convention. We know that he will bring a special blessing into our AUC activities before his return to the field through placement in one of our ministries. The Board of Directors in Atlanta has extended an invitation to Jay Dishman to accept succession of leadership in Atlanta. Jay will take charge of the Atlanta ministry as of April 5. Our special blessings are with Jay as he brings his unique blessing to this ministry.



Vista & Yucaipa, Calif.: With Vic Zarley's acceptance of leadership in Akron, Ohio and Jay Dishman's acceptance in Atlanta, we are at the present time negotiating succession of leadership in Vista and Yucaipa. Your prayers for Divine Guidance in this regard will be deeply appreciated.

Amarillo, Texas: Louise Bowman has accepted responsibility to serve as interim minister in Amarillo until placement can be worked out there. Your continued blessings are very much appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM      January 29, 1970, we were informed of the passing of Florence Brummer of St. Louis, Missouri. Florence has conducted a ministry in St. Louis for a number of years. She became a Licensed Unity Teacher in 1938 and was ordained in June, 1942. We know your blessings join ours as we extend our loving prayers to Florence's family and to the people in St. Louis whom she has so lovingly served.

Our sincere blessings go out to Grover Adams upon the passing of his wife, Mary Gladys Adams, on February 20. Mary Gladys served in Glendale, California for ten years. She then became the minister in La Crescenta where she served for seven and one half years. In March, 1961, she moved to Sun City, Arizona, and began a study class in conjunction with Unity Church of Phoenix.

MINISTERIAL      Things continue to "hum" at the School for Ministerial and  
EDUCATION      Religious Studies. Currently all of our senior students  
PROGRESS REPORT      are assigned to one month internships in Unity centers and churches, working with ministers so that they may be oriented in some of the practical aspects of the ministry. The assignments for the month of March are as follows: Shirlie Barnes is with Paul Barrett in St. Petersburg, Florida. Maya Brandenberger is working with Robert Stevens in San Diego, California. John Cuddeback is getting his experience with Eric Butterworth in New York, New York. Elvina Hausmann is spending her month of internship with Blaine Mays in Phoenix, Arizona. Ronald Johnson is up in the great Northwest with Dale Newsum in Vancouver, B. C. Larry Kendrick is at the other end of the country in Miami, Florida, with Charles Neal. Carol Knox is more centrally located geographically with Charles Roth in Indianapolis, Indiana. Arleen Martin is working with Mary Stovin in Tacoma, Washington. And Gordon (Tom) Vivens is assigned to work with Glenn Mosley in Detroit, Michigan. All of the students seemed enthused with their internship assignments, and we anticipate a great deal of good coming from their experience.

A most successful work-study program is being conducted during Lent in cooperation with Unity Temple in Kansas City; Ernest Wilson, minister. Over the Lenten period seven of the SMRS students are conducting weekly classes in the study of "THE WEEK THAT CHANGED THE WORLD". Another seven are presenting special Lenten meditations prior to each Wednesday evening service at the Temple. We are grateful to Ernest Wilson for providing this opportunity for our students to have this practical and helpful experience.

YOUTH EDUCATION SEMINAR CANCELLED      There will be no annual Youth Education Seminar this year as previously planned. We are concentrating our entire attention upon making the International Unity Convention a complete and all-encompassing success. Since there is a special family retreat at Unity School immediately following the Convention and the Unity Institute for Continuing Education program, there will be enough activity to fully satisfy the schedule at that time.

During the Convention the Youth Education Department of the AUC will provide a full schedule of training activities for children of all ages--child care for those three and under; activity times and classes for those four through 13; fellowship and workshops for those in the teen-age and young adult bracket. These activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. each day of the Convention (Thursday, Friday and Saturday).

For teachers desiring to work with us at this time, we will provide on-the-spot-training in the use of our lesson activities and teaching programs. If teachers in your center or church are interested in working with us at this time, we encourage them to write to us right away. They should contact Dan Perin in care of the AUC Office.

Next year it is our hope to bring the Youth Education training back into the U.I.C.E. schedule and spread it over the two week session.

UNITY      The Editorial Department has asked that we pass this information  
BOOK      along to you.  
CLUB

"Several Center leaders have indicated that some confusion exists over the new outreach of the Unity Book Club, so we would like to clarify this:

"The special mailing in February, explaining that each recipient was automatically a member of the Book Club, did not go to the entire Unity list; it went only to those who had previously purchased books from Unity School by direct order, through the mail. Thus there is no intent or wish to make Book Club members of those who are accustomed to buying their books from a local center or church . . . merely a plan whereby those who are in the habit of buying books by mail, from the School, will receive regular announcements of new titles, which they may purchase at a special price.

"Of course the Book Club will not cover the entire field of Unity-related books. Only six books will be selected for the Book Club each year, and the many other metaphysical, Truth, and New Thought books published during the year will still be available only at the publishers' listed prices.

"To sum up, the Unity Book Club is a specialized direct-mail project designed only for those who are regular mail-order buyers from Unity School. It is not in any sense "in competition" with local church and center literature sales as such."



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 \* WEEKLY UNITY Be sure and read the supplement in WEEKLY UNITY.  
 \* SUPPLEMENT This is our media for promotion. By your being  
 \* informed regarding the contents of the supple-  
 \* ment, you will know the kind of material that you can submit for  
 \* the promotion and development of your ministry.  
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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Jan - Feb 1970

Balance - Jan. 1, 1970:

Cash on hand and in Banks	\$ 5,286.18
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## Receipts:

	Jan	Feb	
Love Offerings	\$18,413.28	13,225.40	
Youth Education Material	2,617.52	1,922.46	
Other Receipts	2,559.78	6,309.92	
Total Receipts	<u>23,590.58</u>	<u>21,457.78</u>	45,048.36
Total Available			<u>\$50,334.54</u>

## Disbursements:

Operating Expenses	\$16,265.81	15,688.25	
Youth Education Material	2,407.30	2,271.47	
Mortgage & Interest - Calif. Property	400.00	400.00	
Convention	274.65	158.79	
Tithe	1,848.50	1,633.54	
Other Disbursements	--	2,817.28	
Total Disbursements	<u>21,196.26</u>	<u>22,969.33</u>	44,165.59

Balance - Feb. 28, 1970:

Cash on hand & in banks	6,168.95
Total Disbursements & Balances	<u>\$50,334.54</u>

## NOTE

- This statement does not include note receivable from Island View House - \$18,020.00
  
- Youth Education Material - to date \$24,943.18  
 Less: Payments Received to date 18,110.30  
 Unrecovered Balance 6,832.88
  
- Paid to date - Calif. Property \$ 6,669.85