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A Report of
THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

September, 1970

We have conceived of CONTACT being a number of things. From time-to-time we have hoped that we might have contributions that would be a source of encouragement and blessing to you. The following contribution is shared with the thought that it might have special significance to many of us. I only wish that the author had divulged his name so that we might give proper credit. I only know that the writer's letter was postmarked from San Jose, California.

We, in Unity, are wondering why the movement isn't growing as rapidly as it should. We have so much to offer the world but the world is not beating a path to our Centers. Why not?

My opinion is, along with Catherine Ponder's article in August's "Unity", that we Truth students are not balancing the mental with the heart. The heart is the center of that divine spark, warmth, compassion, tenderness--a Christ love for all.

Even Charles Fillmore wrote in "Truth Demonstrates Itself":

"Many people are deluded by cramming the intellect with lessons on Truth. One Truth statement understood and demonstrated in life is worth more than many lessons and statements about Truth."

Leslie Weatherhead in "Psychology, Religion, and Healing":

"In an ideal church there exists a central group of people, with a warm experience of God in their own hearts and a capacity and willingness to receive every person into such a real fellowship that the love of God is meditated through loving persons to the soul of each.

Most people require a constant supply of appreciation for their mental health and happiness. If they cannot get it at home, the church should help at this point.

There can be no more integrating factor in personality, more powerful or more socially valuable than a sense of the love of God, flowing into human hearts, both directly from Him and through His other lovers in the fellowship of the church, and then out to the starved lives of others whom men come to love for His sake and whom they seek to serve in His name."

David Seabury wrote in "High Hopes for Low Spirits":

"We must find a way to make that warm "feeling" contact with the Creative Center within (our Christ within) to receive the universal energy and power. 'Contact' is a state of touching."

In my prayer work this is what I have been using (with very wonderful results):

Remember, dear one, prayer does not change God; He is unchangeable. Prayer does, however, change people, making them receptive to His good which is without limit! All we need do is claim it--for ourselves or for our dear ones. But first we must make that warm, "feeling" contact with our Christ within. How do we do this?

Turn to the inmost depths of your heart. He is there. Touch Him. Touch Him with your soul.....as you do, His radiant love (for God is love) flows through your heart, spilling over into every atom and cell in your body. It flows in and through your mind. In this warm contact, every good word and thought connects the heart and mind with the very powers of the Universe, God!

In this powerful current, claim the good you desire. See it already manifested in your life. Feel the joy of having it. Hold on to this image and feeling, never letting go, always thanking God for it even though it may yet be in the invisible. It will come into the visible, sooner or later, depending on the closeness of your contact with Him and on the consistency of keeping that current of Power flowing steadily.

There is one more thing we must do--listen for His guidance. It will come as an idea, an inspiration, an impulse, or an urge. You will know it comes from Him by that very "right" feeling about it. Express this feeling. As you do, everything will fall into place, easily and perfectly with scarcely any effort on your part, for "The Father within me does His works."

Our young people are the hope of Unity. They know how to connect heart and mind, they are feeling, vibrant, compassionate! Oh, let us not turn them away with our clinging to the "status quo", the keeping of the organization intact, the deluge of "triplicate copies"--they are close to nature, to God--they are simple, natural, and honest. If we in our middle years can not bend, then our only hope is in our youth--unless the mental coldness turns them away! I have heard one of our brilliant, talented young men say "I am leaving Unity, because of the regimentation, the organization, the paper work." I answered him that we must not leave Unity, not yet, it is a wonderful channel for His work, His compassion, His love--it is up to him and me, and all those others who feel the need of warmth and humanity in our everyday contacts to promote this "feeling and love" that each soul needs desperately.

How do you feel about it? Organization man or a man of God?

AUC CALENDAR In response to many requests we are endeavoring to provide an AUC activity calendar. The enclosed calendar for the period of October 1970-June 1971 includes all of the confirmed activities that we have at this time. In order for our future calendars to be as helpful as possible, we will appreciate your cooperation. All information that will be suitable for inclusion please send along to us and this information will be passed along in order that you might keep your calendar up to date.



From left to right, regardless of row they are: Lowell Fillmore, John Cuddeback, Carol Knox, Shirlie Barnes, Verda Scales, Tom Vivens, Maya Brandenberger Grace, Arleen Martin, Louise Odom, Christina Knox, and William L. Fischer.

GRADUATION AND ORDINATION SERVICE

On August 14, we graduated eight students from our School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. There were nine ordained that same evening. Representing the AUC as the featured speaker at the service was James Freeman whose outstanding message brought a very unique and special blessing to each one. You will be interested to know that Carol Knox has accepted leadership of our work in Walnut Creek, California. Maya Brandenberger Grace, subsequent to her graduation and ordination, married Rick Grace and at the present time is employed in the Radio Department of Unity School. Shirlie Barnes is the new associate minister at our Unity work in St. Petersburg, Florida, working in conjunction with Paul and Terri Barrett. Tom Vivens has been accepted as our minister in charge of Christ Unity Fellowship in Detroit, Michigan. Arleen Martin is our new Regional Youth Minister for Southern California working in direct cooperation with the Unity Ministers' and Teachers' Conference in the southwest. Verda Scales, Christina Knox and Louise Odom are continuing in their work at Christ Unity Temple in Chicago for the present time. As of this writing, John Cuddeback has not yet been placed but we have confidence that Spirit will guide him to his right place of service within our movement.

NEWLY LICENSED UNITY TEACHERS

The protem Licensing Committee met and interviewed our new licensed teacher applicants. These were all recommended to the Board of Trustees for licensing and have been accepted. We rejoice and give thanks for these loving folks and for the rich blessing that they are contributing to the Unity movement that we love. They are: Fred Goering, Oak Park, Ill., Fred Hanger, San Antonio, Texas, Nancy Kendrick, Lee's Summit, Mo., Fred Kimball, Pomona, Calif., Muriel Lynch, Brooklyn, N.Y., Mary Katharine MacDougall, Austin, Texas, and Marcia Sheer, Unity Village, Mo.



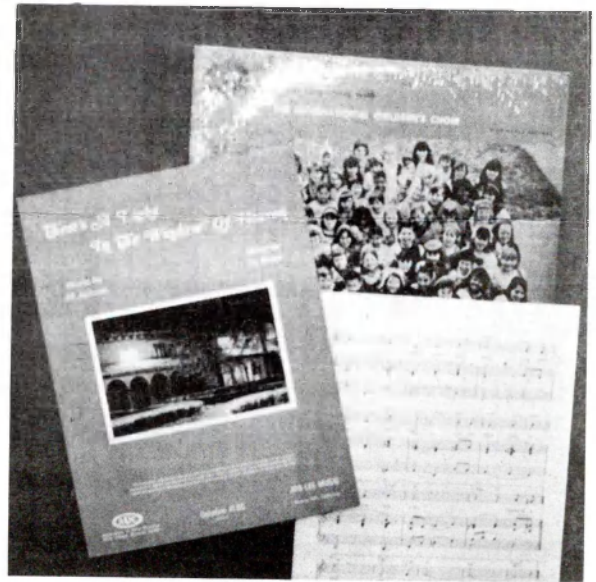
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH OF UNITY CONFERENCE

Each year in reporting to you the activity that is the highlight of our youth program we make some statement regarding the current Conference being the greatest ever. This year the response to the YOU'ers is best described in an expression by Otto Arni, Farm Manager. Otto, who is responsible for the coordination of housing, feeding, etc. of all large groups, said that if every Conference was like this one it would certainly make his job a lot easier. The discipline of the young people was outstanding and, of course, they returned home on "Cloud Nine". All of us owe a great debt of appreciation to Dan Perin and Michael Murphy and all who helped to make it such a success.

PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS SALES

As an added blessing to your ministry, the AUC would like to make available at cost a supply of the long play records of the International

Children's Choir and the special commemorative edition of the sheet music "There's A Light In the Window of Heaven". Both of these items would make ideal Christmas gifts for the members of your congregation and can add to the flow of substance into your ministry. The long play record will sell for \$2.00, the cost to you only \$1.00. The sheet music with the beautiful picture of the light in the window will sell for \$1.00 and are offered to you at 50¢. We will appreciate your orders as early as possible.



YOUTH EDUCATION MANUAL

The new Youth Education Manual is now printed and is available at a cost of Five Dollars each. There are three chapters yet to be added. There will be no additional charge for these when they become available. Each year the manual will be updated as

is necessary at a nominal charge.

The manual will be the basis for leadership training seminars being conducted this year by Dan. We are seeking to train persons whose prime responsibility is to train teachers. This will give each center, and certainly each region, trained persons to carry on a regular follow-up training program after seminars conducted by Dan.

You, as minister, can be extremely helpful to our efforts by seeing to it that your most qualified person attends the regional seminars being conducted this year. If

you have not been contacted yet in regard to a scheduled seminar, you soon will be. You may write to the AUC Youth Education Department requesting a seminar for your area, though it should be recognized that we are attempting to concentrate on regional seminars this year rather than conducting them in each center.



SMRS
ENROLLMENT

We felt you would like to see a photograph of the new student body in Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. Starting with the Fall trimester, there are fifty-five students enrolled in SMRS, including several special students. For the past several months we have been declaring, 'The World is Ready!' This increased student body is a step in the direction of getting Unity ready for the world.

NEW SALES
DEPARTMENT
POLICY

The Sales Department of Unity School has asked that we inform you of a new policy. They have asked that you please collect your literature orders and send them in on a weekly basis, or less frequently, rather than sending them in one at a time. We will appreciate your cooperation in the collection of your orders no more frequently than once a week. This would eliminate a great deal of book work here at Unity School. We will appreciate your continued cooperation.

NEW TESTAMENT CORRESPONDENCE LESSON BOOK - NOW READY!

In the past, Correspondence School lesson material, of necessity, had to be restricted in its availability to Unity ministers and teachers and lesson by lesson to those enrolled in the Correspondence School. As a service to our ministries and to all their students we are making the new lesson material available in booklet form to one and all. The now completed material is on 8 1/2 x 11" pages, saddle stitched. The cost of these, which includes postage, is \$2.00 per copy. We are now including a profit margin as we wish to encourage the largest possible exposure of this material to Unity students. Please direct all of your orders and payments for same to the AUC Office.

UNITY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION TAPE
RECORDINGS

Limited publicity has gone out to those who participated in our recent Convention regarding the availability of tapes. We have available both reel to reel and cassette tapes of the entire Convention. These are available for \$35.00 a set (9 tapes) or \$4.00 for individual tapes.

The availability of these tapes is a service that we have sought to render to the movement as a whole and certainly to your students. For those in your congregation who were unable to participate, we would like to make these available through your center. If you would like to have a supply of order blanks for your literature table, please let us know immediately and we will forward these to you.

HERE'S A SUGGESTION WORTH CONSIDERING

Since the outstanding messages presented at the Unity International Convention are available on tape, you might like to consider bringing the Unity International Convention in its entirety or selectively to your congregation. This would be a tremendous way to create a greater sense of involvement in the movement as a whole on the part of your people. With one or two exceptions, the talks are limited to fifteen minutes. These would make an excellent basis for a discussion activity in your center. You could make it possible for the folks to listen to each speaker and you could lead them in discussion on the subject matter covered. Greater emphasis could be offered by the opportunity for your students to listen again in the privacy of their own homes to their copy of the tapes. We would be more than happy to make available copies of the Convention program for you to distribute among those participating. This could be an added incentive to greater participation in your presentation of Unity International Convention--1970. Not only could this add broader scope to your ministry, but it can be very meaningful in offering a new dimension, a unifying dimension to the whole of our Unity ministry.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July - August, 1970

Cash Balance - July 1, 1970:

Cash on Hand and in Banks	\$ 8,151.68
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Receipts - July & August, 1970:

YOU Conference fees, etc.	\$16,135.99	
Payments for Youth Education material	8,983.65	
Miscellaneous Sales	120.73	
Refunds of Expenses	2,602.35	
Love Offerings	31,486.10	
Love Offerings for Endowment Fund	1,750.00	
Down Payment - Calif. Property	16,409.49	
Other Receipts	5,568.15	
Total Receipts		<u>83,056.46</u>
Total to Account For		<u>91,208.14</u>

Disbursements - July & August, 1970:

Youth Education Materials	5,637.49	
Transfer to Endowment Fund	1,750.00	
Convention	3,063.22	
YOU Conference	988.33	
YA Retreat	190.70	
Operating Expenses	33,500.85	
Other Disbursements	3,488.06	
Total Disbursements		48,618.65

Cash Balance - August 31, 1970:

*Cash on Hand and in Banks	<u>42,589.49</u>	
Total Disbursements and Balances		<u>91,208.14</u>

*\$15,147.66 reserved to pay YOU Conference Expenses.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1 - August 31, 1970

Cash Balance - July 1, 1970

Cash on hand and in banks

\$ 8,151.68

Receipts - July 1 - August 31, 1970

YOH Contributions 1970 - 1971
 Payments for YOH Educational Materials
 Miscellaneous Sales
 Refunds of Expenses
 Love Offerings
 Love Offerings for Endowment Fund
 Down Payment - YOH Property
 Other Receipts

\$3,086.46

\$11,238.14

Disbursements - July 1 - August 31, 1970

Youth Education Materials
 Transfer to Endowment Fund
 Contribution
 YOH Contributions
 YOH Property
 Operating Expenses
 Other Disbursements

\$6,618.82

Cash Balance - August 31, 1970

Cash on hand and in banks

Total Disbursements and Balances

\$4,550.40

\$1,308.14

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