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The tempo of activity throughout the whole of the Unity movement is noticeably picking up. We're moving toward the busy Christmas season, when the demands on our time and energies are at fever pitch. As you move into these wonderful days of Christmas, just remember that you are sustained and strengthened and richly blessed momentarily by your coworkers in the AUC Executive Office. The quickening spirit of the newborn Christ permeates our entire movement and establishes to us the Father's perfect will of infinite life.

GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR RESPONSE TO CONTACT

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for the fine response that we had to our CONTACT issue number 25, which came out in September. We reminded you again about the availability of pamphlets of service to your ministry, and we have been grateful for the opportunity to fill many orders. We also were able to tell you of the availability of "Young Adventurers" at the AUC office. The nearly five thousand copies that we had to share with you are now all gone. We deeply appreciate your cooperation in getting these fine books into circulation. We know that they will add to the consciousness of Christmas in your ministry.

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MIDYEAR COUNCIL OF COMMITTEES, 1972 CONFERENCE AND 1973 CONVENTION DATES

Our midyear Council of Committees this year will be meeting during the week of January 16th. Your current yearbook lists the committees that will definitely be meeting. The chairman of your committee will be in touch with you if your committee plans to meet at this time. The committees will meet on the 17th and 18th of January, and the Trustees will meet on the 19th, 20th and 21st. Our Preconference in 1972 will be held here at Unity Village July 17th through the 21st. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, downtown Kansas City, July 23rd through 27th. As you will note later in this issue of CONTACT, preliminary plans are being made for our 1973 International Convention. This will be held in Kansas City. The dates are July 19th through the 23rd. A great deal more in the way of detailed information will be forthcoming in due course.

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WEDDING BELLS
IN THE AUC

You will be pleased to know that there has been a very special day and a very special occasion in the life of Ida Bowles, our Unity minister in Roosevelt, New York. As you know, Ida is a member of our Board of Trustees. On November 4th, Ida was married to Mr. Gasper Smith. Though she will not be using her married name professionally, we know that you will want to convey your very special blessings and greetings to Ida and Gasper. We bless them in the assurance that God in His infinite wisdom is sustaining, strengthening and blessing them in every way.

Ralph Knox has recently written to tell us of his marriage. We know that you will want to join with us in extending very special blessings to Ralph and to his new wife, Marilyn. They were married on October 1st. In Ralph's letter he gave us his new address, since he is, as you know, inactive at the present time. He also asked if we would henceforth use his legal name, which is Ralph C. Minton. Knox was his mother's maiden name, one that he used professionally when he was in radio and kept on using when he entered the ministry. So Ralph (Knox) Minton now lives at 823 East Orange Grove Avenue, Glendale, California 91205. A word of blessing would mean a great deal to Ralph, I know.

Kathy Doyle, a recent graduate of SMRS, moved to Roanoke, Virginia to develop the Unity work there, as an extension of the work in Norfolk and Virginia Beach. After establishing the work there, Kathy and Alan Rowbotham were married. Alan, who has been serving the Unity Center of Truth in Akron, Ohio, has joined Kathy in Roanoke and is becoming involved in her growing work there. Our blessings reach out to Kathy and Alan Rowbotham, knowing that the blessings of spirit are quickening rich joys in their lives.

UNITY SCHOOL'S
EXPANDING
CASSETTE PROGRAM

How wonderful it would be if you could stop in the office off of the library here at Unity Village, where the cassette program is being developed. It's difficult to imagine the outstanding job that is being done in this area, of the limitless potential that is a part of the cassette program. With each new series of tapes, all of our ministries receive fliers regarding the series. These enable the ministry to benefit by a forty per cent discount for sale and distribution of the tapes through the local ministry. Shortly after the first of the year, Unity School is going to have available for us a catalog that includes detailed information regarding the cassette program. These will be sent along to you, shared through your literature department.

In addition to wanting to make the tapes available to an increasing number of Unity students, those responsible for our cassette program are keenly interested in ideas for programming to be put on tape. If you have any ideas for individual tapes or a series of tapes, Pete Rhea, who is in charge of the cassette program, is keenly interested in hearing from you. The cassette program can be a means by which your message of truth and your ideas for presentation of that message can reach a much larger number, and a means by which you can receive in return, for yourself or for your ministry, part of the profit that will result. Feel free to write to Pete and share your ideas for programming. He is eager to cooperate in any way that he can.

THE UNITY INSTITUTE OF
CONTINUING EDUCATION AND
CORRESPONDENCE COURSE
EXTENSION PROGRAM

Unity ministers and licensed Unity teachers around the world are participating in our extension program. Classes in our local ministries include "Lessons in Truth," "Christian Healing," "Discover the Power Within You," and "Leadership Training." The Unity Institute of Continuing Education has added a fifth course to the extension program, which is conducted through the cooperation of the Unity ministries in the field and the correspondence school. This will be "The Study of the New Testament," by Dr. Herbert J. Hunt. Like the other extension courses, this may be taught by any Unity minister or qualified licensed teacher.

Teachers should write to the Unity Institute of Continuing Education for the extension course registration. Enrollment forms will be sent to the teacher for the number of students expected in the course. The lessons will then be sent to the teacher. The papers will be graded by the correspondence school and returned in bulk to the teacher concerned. As with the other extension courses, there is a UICE registration fee of five dollars for the New Testament course.

Four credits are given for each part of the two part series, based upon the New Testament. Workbooks are available through the AUC. Both the AUC and the UICE place a great deal of importance on the classroom experience that the students have with the teacher in the local ministry. A request is made of each teacher to accept the responsibility of informing the UICE when students do not fulfill their class attendance. In this respect, teachers in the extension courses accept an additional burden of responsibility, about which all involved feel very strongly. For additional information, don't hesitate to inquire of Margaret Conn in the Unity Institute of Continuing Education, Unity Village, Missouri 64063.

RESEARCH QUESTIONNAIRES

We want to take this opportunity to express the deep spirit of appreciation to all who responded to the questionnaire sent out by Barton Associates of Akron, Ohio to all of our ministries in Unity. We received over two hundred responses, which are now being evaluated. Early in the new year, the detailed evaluation of the questionnaires returned will be shared with you in a direct mailing. Since the final evaluation has not been finalized, we cannot at this time give a detailed report, but feel certain that the information gained and subsequently to be shared will be of tremendous value to our movement as a whole.

INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

As a result of a great deal in the way of prayerful discussion on the part of the Executive Committee, a decision has been made to make steps to expand the responsibility of our regional representatives to our Board of Trustees. It is the desire of the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees and the Executive Office that steps should be taken to increase the responsibility of regional representatives to function on behalf of the Executive Office in the field. The first step in accomplishing this aim is an instruction that has been given to the Executive Director, to send to the regional representative copies of all official correspondence pertaining to ministries within their regions. Henceforth, correspondence of an official nature will carry notification of a carbon copy having been sent to the regional representative. Where practical and reasonable, regional representatives will be drawn into Executive Office activities in their region. Your consciousness of prayerful support in regard to this forward step is solicited, and your consciousness of blessing of each of our regional representatives will be deeply appreciated.

UNITY MINISTRY AFFILIATION CERTIFICATES

In our last issue of CONTACT we had a tear-off questionnaire regarding the certificate of membership of our ministries with the Association of Unity Churches. We have not as yet an adequate response to indicate clear guidance. We would appreciate your looking up your CONTACT issue 25, and sending off to us, as soon as possible, your candid opinion regarding the worth of our certificate. Thank you and bless you for your wonderful, loving cooperation.

"LESSONS IN TRUTH"
AND "CHRISTIAN
HEALING" WORKBOOKS

Visualize an 8½ X 11" sheet of paper lying on the desk in front of you. The three holes for a notebook are on the right side. That side of each piece of paper is reinforced around the holes with plastic so that the sheets won't tear out easily. In the upper left hand corner of that sheet of paper, there is printed a page out of a standard "Lessons in Truth" book. If you have taken your training in fundamentals or "Lessons in Truth" or "Christian Healing" in recent years, your instructor may have had you cut up two copies of a "Lessons in Truth" book in order to have such a workbook. It enabled you to have the page out of "Lessons in Truth" in the upper left hand corner, the balance of that page blank, and the opposite page blank also. The blank space was for your notations, to use the workbook in your study or in your teaching. The big drawback from this kind of workbook was that the pasting of the pages on the sheets of paper made an unwieldy and awkward book of it.

Recently, through SMRS, we have obtained permission to print "Lessons in Truth" and "Christian Healing" directly onto the three-hole 8½ X 11" sheets of paper. We've produced these for the benefit of the student ministers. It proved to be such an effective aid, that we have obtained permission to make these available to our ministers and teachers in the field and to their students in their classes. We are, therefore, able to make available, and through you to your students, unbound, three-hole, 8½ X 11" printings of "Lessons in Truth" and "Christian Healing" at our cost of \$4.50 each. This figure does not include the notebook or binder. For obvious reasons, these cannot be offered through your literature department as a retail sale item. Please send your order for your copy, copies for your teachers and copies for students along with a remittance to the AUC. The "Lessons in Truth" packets are complete and in stock on our shelves, the "Christian Healing" packet will be available by January 1st.

HAVE YOU SHOWN "INVOLVEMENT" IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

We have an adequate supply of copies of our color film, produced by John Payne, of our student ministers, entitled "Involvement." It runs about 27 or 28 minutes on 16 millimeter color film. We want to invite you to find opportunities to share this outreach with your congregation and through any other avenues of exposure that might be available to you in your locality. It's yours upon request. We are interested in exploring any ways beyond your local ministry to which we might be able to obtain exposure of the film. It is a good investment on behalf of our movement as a whole, but it needs your promotion.

UNITY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION 1973

Another Unity celebration of truth is going to be shared by Unity friends from around the world in 1973. Your Executive Committee has done the preliminary work on this and has been wonderfully inspired by James Dillet Freeman's new book, "A Case for Optimism," published by Harper and Row. The theme will be taken from the spirit of Jim's book, and we would encourage you to find the time to read it and get in tune with its spirit as we move toward convention. Your people will be richly blessed as well.

Your Executive Committee has hired Wes Wallin as our Convention Coordinator. Wes is a second year student minister, and will be involved part-time between now and his graduation. The dates for the 1973 Convention are July 19th through the 23rd, 1973.

1971-72 AUC YEARBOOK By now you should have received the initial dispatch of the new, official Yearbook of the Association of Unity Churches. We have an ample supply of these on hand, and will be more than happy to supply you with as many additional copies as you can use. If you need additional copies for your staff, for your board or whatever, don't hesitate to let us know. Send your request for additional yearbooks to the AUC.

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BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT Negotiations are still going on with the Board of Directors of the Unity work in Bridgeport, Connecticut regarding its future. We appreciate your continued consciousness of prayer.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN, CHRIST UNITY FELLOWSHIP We continue to express appreciation to Ruth Mosley for her cooperation in sustaining the activity in Christ Unity Fellowship in Detroit. We bless all who are a part of that ministry for their continuing expression of faith in God regarding this work.

ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI The Board of Directors of our Unity work in St. Joseph, Missouri has extended an invitation to Richard Beavans, a newly graduated and ordained Unity minister, to accept leadership of that work. Dick accepted that leadership in October, and already the work is expanding and unfolding in an exciting and wonderful way.

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON Upon the resignation of Wendell Mixson from our Unity work in Olympia, Washington, Marion Brown has been involved in interim leadership. Her wonderful, loving consciousness is, as always, a rich blessing to the Unity ministries in which she serves. We invite the blessing of all of our membership upon this evolving, new ministry. We are, at the present time, in the process of negotiating with the board regarding permanent succession of leadership there.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI Rudy Nan, a recently graduated and ordained Unity minister, has launched into a new experimental project in downtown Kansas City. In a large, downtown office building, Rudy has taken accomodation and has established "TLC of KC." Through this he is offering tender loving care through counseling and meditation to business people in downtown Kansas City. We are looking forward eagerly to positive and productive results from this experiment. His address is 1310 Commerce Tower, Kansas City, Missouri. A word of encouragement from you would be very meaningful to Rudy.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA Bill George, a recent graduate and ordinand from SMRS has been invited and has moved to Jacksonville, Florida, as an associate minister working with Bonnie and Bill Grenson. We bless Bill and Lila, knowing that they will be a source of inspiration, strength and support to the Grensons in that great work. We're deeply grateful to Bonnie and Bill Grenson for their consciousness of unity and for their vision of growth for the work in Jacksonville.

NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA In our last issue of CONTACT, we made mention that Harold and Florence Dibblee would be going to Nigeria, working with Unity School in the establishment of an activity there. These plans have changed, and though there is a continuing interest in the activities in West Africa, Hal and Flo Dibblee are currently serving as campus ministers for the Wesley Foundation at Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, Missouri. They were invited to undertake the directorship of this ministry in September by the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation, acting on behalf of the Area Commission for Higher Education of the United Methodist Church. In addition, Hal and Flo are also serving on the Pastoral staff of the First United Methodist Church in Warrensburg. The Reverend Mr. Hubert Neth, and the members of the board had expressed the feeling that the Christian conviction and witness of members of the local congregation and the students might be strengthened and broadened by exposure to "Unity's unique and affirmative witness to the teachings of Christ." And once again Divine Wisdom has provided a new opportunity in which Unity can serve by reaching into the world to help men to know the Truth and to become more vitally aware of the Christ-center of their lives.

NOTICE

Please make your reservations for the January Committee meetings through the Reservations Office, Unity School. Motels are available, but it will be necessary to share. If you have a preference, please designate. Make your reservations NOW!!!

Just before we finished this issue of CONTACT, we received word of the passing of Dr. Herbert J. Hunt, Dean of Bible and beloved minister of many years in Unity. We know that you will want to include him and his wife Fern in your blessings, knowing that in his ongoing he is ever one with the Father just as Fern is sustained in the peace of that same Presence. A memorial service was held on Saturday, December 11.

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

WINTER TRIMESTER -- 1972

JANUARY 3, 1972 --- APRIL 21, 1972

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 to 8:50	<i>SUVC</i> <i>STUDENT CHAPEL SERVICE</i>	1 U4 LIFE & TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST (Fischer) 2 & 8 U2 CONTEMPORARY MINISTRY TO YOUTH (Perin)	1 U4 LIFE & TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST (Fischer) 2 & 8 U2 CONTEMPORARY MINISTRY TO YOUTH (Perin)	1 U4 CHRISTIAN HEALING (Conn) 2 & 8 U2 BIBLE (White)	1 U4 CHRISTIAN HEALING (Conn) 2 & 8 U2 BIBLE (White)
9:00 to 9:50	1 U4 CHRISTIAN HEALING (Conn) 2 & 8 U2 COUNSELING (Fischer)	1, 2 & 8 TR GREAT TEACHERS	1 TR SPEECH (Fischer) 2 & 8 U2 SPECIAL SERVICES (Local Unity Ministers)	1, 2 & 8 TR GREAT TEACHERS	1 TR SPEECH (Fischer) 2 & 8 U2 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES (Whaley)
10:00 to 10:50	1 U4 BIBLE (Hunt) 2 & 8 TR SPEECH (Fischer)	1 U4 BIBLE (Hunt) 2 & 8 TR SPEECH (Fischer)	--- I N T E G R A T I V E --- --- S E M I N A R --- ---	1 U4 BIBLE (Hunt) 2 & 8 TR SPEECH (Fischer)	1 CH & FL GROUP LEADERSHIP (Williamson and A. Krem1) 2 & 8 U2 COUNSELING (Fischer)
11:00 to 11:50	1 TR SPEECH (Fischer) 2 & 8 U2 BIBLE (White)	SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING STUDENT PRAYER TIME	--- I N T E G R A T I V E --- --- S E M I N A R --- ---	SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING STUDENT PRAYER TIME	1 CH & FL GROUP LEADERSHIP (Williamson and A. Krem1) 2 & 8 U2 SPECIAL SERVICES (Local Unity Ministers)
12:00 12:50		1 TR SPEECH (Fischer)		1 TR SPEECH (Fischer)	1 TR SPEECH (Fischer)