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This issue of CONTACT may not look like a very different issue, but it is different. It is different in a number of ways. To begin with, it is different because it is going to be the first of monthly issues of CONTACT (affirmation, affirmation, affirmation). As a part of the report of the findings of the attitude survey conducted by Barton Associates, it was clearly the wish of our membership to receive CONTACT on a regular, monthly basis. Okay, you asked for it.

MIDYEAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES      Your Board of Trustees met at Unity Village on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 19, 20, 21 for their regular midyear meetings. The Board of Directors was particularly happy to have the opportunity to see that our Association is in wonderfully sound condition financially. We not only, as an Association, have established order in all of our fiscal matters, but we are functioning in the black and have taken the necessary steps to clear up all indebtedness of our Association.

A year ago, a decision of intent was made by the Board of Trustees that all non-recurring income to the Association should be saved and become a part of the financial stability of our movement. Not only were we able recognize our sound position at this meeting of the board, but we were also able to implement that decision by the decisions to retain nonrecurring income in the form of stocks and bonds that have been given to the Association and assets that have come from the sale of property given to the Association.

The Finance and Budget Committee has done the necessary groundwork for our new budget, and the members of the committee expressed their appreciation for the ease with which they were able to carry out their responsibility.

SPACE UTILIZATION IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE      As a result of recommendations by the Executive Committee and action taken by the board, we made a number of physical changes in our Executive Office to enable Dan Perin to have his offices adjacent to those of Bob Sikking. Dan has been able to accept increasing responsibility for office management and production in the AUC office. As an assistant to the Executive Director, the move enables Dan to have closer day to day communication with the day to day decisions of office procedure.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM      Ross Breakwell, chairman of the Conference Program  
COMMITTEE REPORT      Committee, presented the exciting plans of the Program  
Committee to the Board. The Conference them will be  
"A Time for Silence and a Time to Speak." The program will involve not only  
the Conference, but Pre-Conference time as well. The Pre-Conference will be given  
over to the presentation of a speech clinic. The featured expert in this area  
will be Dr. Kenneth McFarland, who is considered by many to be one of the finest  
public speakers in the world. "The Phenomenon of Man" program will be presented  
by our own Phil Pierson during Conference, and a special time will be set aside  
for spouses of Unity ministers. A great deal of creative thought has gone into  
a stimulating program for the laymen who will be attending the Conference this  
year.

Pre-Conference will be held here at Unity Village, to which all ministers,  
teachers and their spouses are invited. Again this year we are urging  
you to bring your key laymen to participate in the stimulating Conference  
program, which will be held at the downtown Holiday Inn in Kansas City.  
Details regarding this and registration requirements will be forthcoming  
in the not too distant future, separate from CONTACT. You will want to  
make note of the dates for Pre-Conference and Conference this year.  
Pre-Conference week will consist of committee meetings on July 17 and 18,  
Monday and Tuesday. The Pre-Conference program itself will run Wednesday  
through Friday, July 19 through 21. Saturday will be free for all except  
the Board of Trustees, and the Conference will commence with the meeting  
on Sunday evening, July 23. The Conference will run July 24 through 27.

CONFERENCE BANQUET      Charles Korfhage, as chairman of the Banquet Committee,  
COMMITTEE REPORT      presented a very enthusiastic report of his committee  
to the Board of Trustees, which revealed plans for a  
"Christmas in July" banquet to be held in the Imperial Ballroom at the  
Muehlebach Hotel on Wednesday evening, July 26. The decor and entertainment  
will follow a Christmas theme, and the committee hopes that all who will be  
participating will be dressed up in their Christmas finery. Of course, more  
information will be forthcoming on this in later issues of CONTACT.

MUSIC COMMITTEE      Though the Music Committee did not meet at the Midyear  
PROGRESS      Council of Committees this year, a report was given to  
the Board through the Executive Office and through the  
loving services of Dorothy Pierson. The Board of Trustees has approved in  
principle, the plan of the Music Committee to make available printed inserts  
on thin, opaque paper of popular hymns, joy songs and others that are not  
included in our hymn book. Every ministry should, by now, have received a  
letter and a form for sharing the names of favorite music not included in  
our hymn book. The top ten or fifteen of these will be included in our  
Conference program so that a consensus of the Conference body can be felt  
regarding the first hymn book supplement. If you have not filled in your  
list and the additional list of favorite hymns, please do so now. Subsequent  
supplements to our hymn book will, we hope, include new music and specially  
prepared music to upgrade our singing as a whole. As an expression of  
commitment to this project, the Board of Trustees has designated that  
\$5000.00 from the tithe account can, when required, be earmarked for the  
development of the supplements for our use.



UNITY INTERNATIONAL      In October, 1971, when the Executive Committee met at Unity  
CONVENTION 1973      Village, a student minister, Wes Wallin, was hired as our  
1973 Convention Coordinator. Wes will be working part-time  
during these next six months while he is still a student minister. He then will  
be employed full-time at the point of his graduation through Convention 1973. Wes  
brings not only his wonderful consciousness of dedication to our Convention plans,  
but also brings commercial artist's skills as well.

The theme for the 1973 Convention will be "Unity, the Way Up." Extensive, detailed  
information will be presented to everyone in attendance at the Conference this  
summer, and our promotion can commence upon your return to your ministry after  
Conference.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR      For several years, we have responded to requests on the  
SUPPORT LETTER      part of conscientious objectors for a letter of confirma-  
tion from the Association. The Board of Trustees revised  
this letter and recommended that it be made available to the ministries for use by  
you in the support of members of your congregation who request it. The substance  
of the letter follows.

"It is the intent of this letter to state the position taken by the  
Association of Unity Churches regarding individual members of Unity who  
request Conscientious Objector status in their Selective Service System  
classification. This position is a matter of record in the official  
minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting January 20, 1972.

The AUC has not, and probably will not, take an official stand for or  
against military service and its alternatives. It is basic to the  
principles we teach that each person dedicate himself to the practice  
of peace. Each person, however, is encouraged to determine for him-  
self how best he can fulfill that practice in light of his own sense of  
duty, integrity and responsibility to the ideals in which we believe.

\_\_\_\_\_ has requested from the Association  
of Unity Churches a letter of support for his application for recognition  
as a conscientious objector. In view of the above-stated position we fully  
support his request for such status."

THE CONCERNED COMMITTEE FOR      During the last year, a number of meetings have  
A BETTER UNITY MOVEMENT      been held between a group of Unity ministers, teachers and  
laymen from the black community within our member-  
ship. May Colbert, an articulate lay person from Johnnie Coleman's Christ Unity  
Temple, reported to the Board of Trustees on behalf of this committee. The  
committee was unanimous in its spirit of appreciation and respect for the recom-  
mendations and the tremendous efforts that have been made by the committee. May  
won a very special place in all of our hearts for her constructive concern. Among  
many other things, the Board of Trustees has determined to create a Human Relations  
Counsel made up of dedicated black laymen from our movement. A questionnaire has  
gone out to every Unity ministry requesting a thumbnail sketch of any black Unity  
students whom any of our ministers would wish to recommend. A representative  
group of these will be selected and a counsel will be formed to help us assure  
minority groups within our movement of our constructive and loving concern and  
action on the part of our Board of Trustees and our membership, as a result of  
guidance from this specialized group. Your consciousness of prayer for divine  
guidance in regard selection in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

INCREASED COMMUNICATION  
OF IDEAS

As you will note in the survey report, there is a desire on the part of many for ideas that would be helpful for sermons, lessons, classes, etc. A number of our ministries, that of Grover Thornsberry in Seattle, Washington among them, publishes the transcript of the Sunday morning lesson. Grover Thornsberry has expressed his willingness to mail this to anyone on a regular basis who is desirous of receiving it. If the ideas that Grover shares might be helpful and stimulating in your own ministry, Grover would be happy to share this with you. If you can make available to others the ideas that are productive in your ministry, let us assist you in doing so by making them available to others.

ARE YOU PLANNING A VISIT  
TO ENGLAND THIS YEAR?

Last year a number of folks from the field were able to tie in their vacation plans to include some time in England. Doug Morton and all of the Unity friends in Great Britain would be interested to know if you could do so this year. If so, Doug would appreciate having the opportunity to include in one of the activities that have been especially planned for the year, and to utilize you in lecture activities while you are there among the existing study groups. This is a marvelous way to assist in the development of the work in Britain. Our beloved friends at Unity House will meet our expenses while we are in Britain and will give us the opportunity to give our special blessing to Unity in Britain as extensively as we are able to make ourselves available. Feel free to write to Douglas Morton, Unity House, Bourne End, Bucks, England as soon as possible. Thank you and bless you for your wonderful cooperation.

January  
February 11/13  
March 17/19  
March 30/April 3  
April 14/16  
September 22/24  
October  
November  
November 3/5  
December

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YOU Conference  
NORTHERN RENEWAL  
EASTER RENEWAL  
WEST COUNTRY RENEWAL  
AUTUMN RENEWAL & OPEN DAY  
NORTHERN AUTUMN RENEWAL  
WEST COUNTRY RENEWAL  
YOU Conference  
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Unity House  
St. Annes  
Unity House  
Torquay  
Unity House  
Blackpool or St. Annes  
Torquay  
Unity House

HAVE YOU AN ANSWER  
TO THE QUESTION???

From time to time there are situations that arise that we don't have, in the Executive Office, a ready answer for.

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TO THE QUESTION???

Question number one: Who would be interested in interim leadership of a Florida ministry for June, July and August this 1972? The responsibilities would include the Sunday lesson, midweek service, Dial-a-Prayer and minimal supervision of the office. If you have the answer to the question, write to the Executive Office of AUC. It will be appreciated. Question number two: Where can we find a Unity oriented secretary who could accept administrative responsibility for office management, and who could conceivably carry some of the teaching load in an active Unity ministry. The abilities should include telephone counseling as well as office management skills. The interesting part is that we need three of these. Do you have an answer to this question? If so, let us know in the Executive Office so that we can pass the information along.





Richard Buchholzer presents the Association of Unity Churches' Service Attitude Study of Barton Associates, Inc. to Bob Sikking.

During the week of the Midyear Council of Committee meetings, Richard Buchholzer, a member of the AUC Professional Counsel, came to Unity Village to present to the Board of Trustees the results of the Barton Associates Service Attitude Study. As a part of that report we were informed that early in October 387 questionnaire assemblies were airmailed from Akron, Ohio, covering the entire roster of ordained Unity ministers. A total of 202 responses were received by December 22. This represents a 52.2% return. In the realm of studies and surveys, this was considered a most excellent response. Even a most carefully structured audience ordinarily produces from 25% to 33 1/3 % return. While our ministers were advised that it was not necessary to identify themselves, 113 of the 202 did in some manner disclose their identity.

It was notable that the number of crotchety or petulant replies, noting completely subjective emotions, was less than one would usually expect in a study of this kind. There were two parts to the questionnaire. Those who undertook essay-type answers seemed to have less of a clear-cut delineation between the responses to the two questions. The conclusions shared by Barton Associates with us follow.

"The summaries of questions one and two included in this assembly provided the factual and mathematical statistics that can be drawn from the study.

However, that which is communicated by the spirit of the response is, we believe, as important as that which derives from the letter. This is probably true because our group of respondents are trained to be very articulate, quite involved in abstractions and verbalize well.

It appears throughout the study that respondents are making an effort to identify more closely with the Association of Unity Churches. Some seem to have a sense of isolation. Others desire reinforcement of their sense of 'belonging.' This is to be concluded from the many times the subject of communications is stated or implied.

Statistics clearly indicate a general satisfaction--even delight--with the ministerial and placement situation in the Association of Unity Churches. Evidently, the problem areas arise in post-placement activities and rapport.

Again, drawing from the tenor of the responses rather than the statistics, we would state the following: 1) There is general satisfaction with the type of office and field communications that now exist, coupled with a feeling that these should be expanded; 2) There is a genuine need for a comprehensive definition of services (possibly including a cataloging of literature) available from home office to field; 3) There is a need for interpretive material and assistance in disseminating the image and philosophy of Unity to the general public, including media and methods for reaching prospective members for local church bodies."

The first question that the study asked was, "Please enumerate the Association of Unity Churches' services now being offered to your ministry which you consider worthwhile, and evaluate each one." The six most frequently mentioned services and the rating of each, directly or by respondent implication are as follows:

1. PLACEMENT OF MINISTERS:	Excellent	21	
	Good	44	
	Satisfactory	5	
	Fair	7	
	Poor	<u>4</u>	81
2. ADVISORY SERVICE AND FIELD SERVICE, INCLUDING ARBITRATION AND SOLUTION OF INTERNAL CONFLICT PROBLEMS:	Excellent	12	
	Good	41	
	Satisfactory	3	
	Fair	1	
	Poor	<u>5</u>	62
3. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION (And seminary)	Excellent	27	
	Good	23	
	Satisfactory	2	
	Fair	3	
	Poor	<u>1</u>	56
4. "CONTACT":	Excellent	12	
	Good	38	
	Satisfactory	1	
	Fair	3	
	Poor	<u>2</u>	56

5. CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS

(Also pre-conference sessions)

Excellent	23	
Good	25	
Satisfactory	3	
Fair	1	
Poor	<u>3</u>	55

6. LITERATURE

(in general)

Excellent	11	
Good	32	
Fair	<u>4</u>	47

In addition to these, there was evaluation regarding youth education, the yearbook, counseling services, pamphlets, representation to regional meetings, Special Services book, Pension Plan, etc.

The summary of responses to question two, "Please list other services you would like to have the Association of Unity Churches offer, and give details," were very extensive. The first eight in order of appearance frequency were:

1. GUEST SPEAKERS

This includes lecture programs, speakers' bureau. Funding of such a program drew some comment.

2. PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS

Advertising on local and national levels; public relations; TV to be used nationally and locally; newspaper ad suggestions with copy and layout. Request for PR person at office to send publicity stories.

3. "CONTACT" PUBLICATION

Request for more frequent issuance.

4. IDEA EXCHANGE

With reference to a "catalog of ideas" or exchange in a publication. Five mentions were made of a clearing house for methods of communicating, ideas, techniques.

5. BETTER COMMUNICATIONS

6. STUDIES AND SURVEYS OF CHURCHES  
Details were given in several letters.
7. LESSONS AND CLASSROOM MATERIAL  
Includes one request for new Lessons in Truth--and one request to retain the Lessons in Truth!
8. STUDY COURSES - SEMINARS - POST-GRADUATE WORK

In addition was request for legal and financial tax counsel, a sermon idea book, more and less travel for members of the Executive Office, manual on all phases of church operation, a new hymn book and many other individual suggestions mentioned at least once.

The Board of Trustees has appointed a Service Attitude Study Research Committee, whose responsibilities will be to function as early as possibility in setting up priorities for implementation of the results. The board expressed grateful appreciation and wished that CONTACT would convey that appreciation to everyone who responded to Phase 1 of the Association of Unity Churches' Service Attitude Study. We have a very clear picture of where we are as a movement and the direction in which we must move. Publically, we would express grateful appreciation to Barton Associates for their excellent services on our behalf. We know that your consciousness of blessing and prayer will sustain and strengthen them.



LOWELL FILLMORE MADE  
PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF  
UNITY SCHOOL OF  
CHRISTIANITY

LOWELL FILLMORE MADE A recent decision of the Board of Directors of Unity School  
PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF has been announced regarding a number of changes of title.  
UNITY SCHOOL OF Lowell Fillmore has been named President Emeritus, Charles  
CHRISTIANITY R. Fillmore has been made President of Unity School, James  
Dillet Freeman has been made First Vice-President and  
remains Director of Silent Unity, Barney S. Ricketts has been made Vice-President  
and Secretary-Treasurer of Unity School. We all join in the field in our conscious-  
ness of blessing of those who bear so lovingly and so well the burden of responsibility  
for the administration of Unity School.

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\* UNITY SCHOOL STAFF Throughout the year our ministries in the field +  
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES are constantly making special requests of employ- +  
\* ees of the staff of Unity School for assistance +  
in the field ministry. Those requests are for lecture activities, local +  
\* or regional retreat activities, special supply of periodicals or publi- +  
cations, use of recorded or filmed material, etc. The Board of Directors +  
\* of Unity School are endeavoring to find loving and intelligent ways to +  
fairly respond to such requests. Through a continuing dialogue with the +  
\* Directors of Unity School, we must find ways in which to evaluate the +  
reasons and purposes of such requests. Guidelines are being laid down +  
\* that will enable us to consider such requests not only from the standpoint +  
of their value to the local ministry, but also from the standpoint of +  
\* their value to the Movement as a whole in relationship to other requests +  
and demands that are constantly being made.

In the future, all requests from our field ministries seeking cooperation from Unity School or any of its staff members, should be directed in writing to the Executive Director of AUC. In order to work the plan, no verbal or telephoned request will be considered. All requests will be evaluated individually according to agreed evolving guidelines, the final decision resting with the Board of Directors of Unity School.

+ As much information as possible should be given in advance with the +  
request and as much time as possible should be afforded the AUC Executive +  
Office and the Board of Directors of Unity School in making the decisions. +  
It is the desire of Unity School and of the AUC to utilize the maximum +  
potential for promotional and publicity activities in any involvement of +  
Unity School staff in the field. It is important for us to be conscious +  
of the cooperative spirit of Unity School and to express appreciation to +  
all in the field for assistance in the orderly handling of these procedures.

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LICENSING OF WEST INDIES TEACHERS      Application has been made by Diane Seaman for license teacher recognition on the part of several of her students who have completed specified courses of study. It was the unanimous decision of the Board of Trustees to approve this request and the following students are being granted Licensed Teacher certificates:

Alice Armstrong  
Gwendolyn Armstrong  
Margaret Cook  
Erica Pile

Nancy St. John  
Lester Da Costa Springer  
Joan Ward  
Agnes Wason

LATIN AMERICAN  
TEACHER TRAINING  
PROGRAM

As we have reported previously, plans for the development of a Unity Teacher training program in Spanish are proceeding. The Instituto Unity de Cristianismo Practico, Inc. has now been formally and legally created. The Board of Trustees for the AUC has authorized financial support from our tithe account in the amount of \$2,000 for the initial developmental expense of this phase of our work. Promotional as well as record-keeping plans are being made and the first session of the Instituto will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico June 26-July 8. The following courses will be given: LESSONS IN TRUTH, CHRISTIAN HEALING, JESUS CHRIST HEALS, THE STORY OF UNITY, INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT, PRAYER, AND PUBLIC SPEAKING.

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NEW YORK CITY Eric Butterworth, in charge of our ministry in New York City, expressed the need for additional assistance in the work there. John Cuddeback, who was working with Dorothy and Phil Pierson in Sacramento, has accepted the invitation of Eric Butterworth and the ministry in New York to participate as an associate in that activity.

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON Mildred Perdue, an August 1971 ordinand, has accepted leadership of our work in Olympia, Washington, and is thrilled and happy with her assignment.

Boulder, COLORADO Lloyd Gibbs, our minister in Boulder, has expressed the desire to have at least a year's leave of absence from the ministry. He has tendered his resignation and will be withdrawing from leadership as soon as succession of leadership can be provided. This is, at the present time, being negotiated.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA Paul Butler has resigned as minister of Unity Christ Church in Pasadena, and is no longer active in the Unity ministry. Marion Brown, an AUC interim minister, is conducting the activities in Pasadena in preparation for succession of leadership there.

NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA Our North Miami Shopping Center ministry in the Causway Plaza Shopping Center, 12155 Biscayne Boulevard, North Miami, is being conducted with Unity of Miami by Elvina Hausmann. Vina was ordained June, 1971.

CHRIST UNITY FELLOWSHIP in DETROIT, MICHIGAN There has been a merger of Christ Unity Fellowship of Detroit, Michigan with West Side Unity Church, Detroit, Michigan. Ruth Mosley continues in her leadership role of dedicated ministry to Unity friends in both groups.

UNITY PANAMERICANO, NEW YORK CITY Marie Cruz, who for several years has conducted the Unity ministry in New York to our Latin American students, has been guided to accept leadership in the new ministry in Miami. An invitation has been extended to Luis and Maria Molinary to return to the full-time ministry work once more, in charge of Unity Panamericano. They have accepted that challenge and as of February 1 are once more resident in New York.

MIAMI, FLORIDA There has been a rapidly expanding Spanish ministry in connection with Unity, Miami. The group has sufficiently developed to extend an invitation to Marie Cruz to accept leadership and pioneer the work there. Marie's responsibilities commence with activities as of February 1, and will, we know, have the consciousness of blessing of our entire movement.

The following is a letter received from Norman Olsson, who recently resigned from the Unity movement and wished to share with all of us his consciousness of Unity and appreciation for the orderliness of this change in his experience.

*"Helen and I send our greetings and best wishes to all and want it known that the ministry we pioneered in the westside of Cleveland goes forward most successfully under the capable and progressive spiritual leadership of Bob Wallet.*

*Helen and I feel richly blessed by the spiritual manner and wisdom on Bob's part in maintaining the succession of consciousness already established and expanding the church program to utilize the new facilities and serve a larger congregation. He has our prayers and support. We feel richly blessed having Bob and his lovely wife, Kathryn, and their family as friends.*

*I am now a special agent for the Prudential Insurance Company of America. We maintain our life apart from the church and find this has permitted Bob to establish his leadership with no conflict of interest or confusion. Bob perpetuates the same harmony and is carrying the work on to higher levels of growth. We believe the transfer of leadership here reflects good recommendation on the part of the Association of Unity Churches and the changeover locally sets an example for the field in which we can all take pride. We thank God for the outcome.*

*I wish to close this letter of acknowledgment and friendship by quoting Myrtle Fillmore. 'When we do our best and continue to look to God for our light and ability, and opportunities for expression and service, the divine law works out our problems and we have more grace and glory than we had anticipated.'*

*Blessings to all!*

*Norman and Helen"*



Some years ago James Dillet Freeman wrote the poem, "The Church That I Love Best," which concludes our issue of CONTACT. This, we have printed up in card form for you to share with your congregation or with your correspondents. If you would like to have copies of it, we will be happy to send them to you. It would be on a love offering basis. They are yours for the asking.

THE CHURCH THAT I LOVE BEST

The church that I love best is small,  
It is no grand pretentious hall  
Set round with works of holy art--  
It is the chamber of my heart.

Where else but in this secret place  
May I catch glimpses of Truth's face,  
And even catch, however dim,  
A sense of being one with Him?

I have no church until I find  
Holiness in my own mind;  
Once found, wherever I may be  
Becomes the house of God for me.

--James Dillet Freeman

Just before the printing of this issue of CONTACT, word was received of the passing of Dale Newsum. Dale had been in the hospital since early December. He passed away on Tuesday morning, February 15. All of us in the movement express a deep spirit of appreciation to the Father for having known and been a part of Dale Newsum. We bless Minn as she moves forward, strengthened by the great consciousness of love that is so much a part of her. A memorial service was held on Friday, February 18, conducted by Bob Sicking.

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

### TEMPORARY BIBLE HISTORY TEACHER SECURED

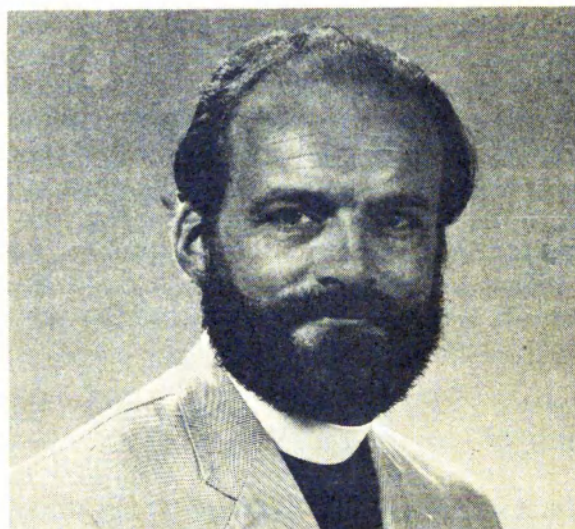
With the sudden passing of Dr. Herbert Hunt, it became necessary for special arrangements to be made to assure continuity in the SMRS Bible

history program. We were most fortunate to get a member of the staff of

St. Paul School of Theology (Methodist) to teach Old Testament history for the winter trimester. He is Llewellyn M. Heigham, Jr. Lew has a B. A. from the University of Maryland. He also holds a B. D. from St. Paul School of Theology. He has earned a Master of Sacred Theology from Drew University, and holds another Masters in Theology from Princeton University. Lew is 38 years old, married, and he and his wife, Ella Jean, have three children. In addition to his teaching work, Lew has ten years pastoral experience.

Although he is making no attempt to fill Dr. Hunt's shoes, he is doing a marvelous job filling his own. Lew is held in high regard by the SMRS

students. Lew is not a permanent member of the SMRS faculty. This is a matter which is not yet solved. Phil White of our faculty is ably handling Bible interpretation for the second year students, while Lew is doing a fine job for the first year students in Bible history.



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\* GOOD APPLICANTS Throughout recent years the best source of ministerial  
FOR SMRS NEEDED material we have had has come through the Unity field  
\* ministry. If you have some persons in your congrega-  
\* tion who are seriously interested in the Unity ministry, have them write  
\* to Bill Fischer in care of the SMRS office. Applications are being taken  
\* for September of this year.

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### SMRS STUDENT GIVEN SIGNAL HONOR

David Monument, a second year ministerial student, was presented with the JAYCEE'S Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding community contribution to the young people of Lee's Summit, at the "Boardwalk." The "Boardwalk" is a teen center, and Dave is both program coordinator and member of the policy board. Dave has made great strides in organizing constructive activities for the young people of Lee's Summit. He devoted many long hours in helping get the youth center established, even though it was considered by many to be only an experimental project. All of his fellow students were proud that Dave received the honor he richly deserved.



NEW PHONE EQUIPMENT GIVES  
CLASSROOMS A VITAL  
EXPANDED DIMENSION

SMRS has recently leased from the Bell System a newly-developed piece of equipment. It is an amplified phone device which can be plugged into jacks which have been installed in two of the classrooms.

This equipment will enable us to use ministers in the field to be the guest teachers in SMRS classes, and to do so right from their own studies. It has two extension microphones which the members of the classes use to ask questions. The regular instructor also has a microphone for his use. The equipment was first used locally with a recent SMRS graduate, Maurice Erhard, of Kansas City. Maurice was able to tell the students of a counseling class some of the things a newly-placed minister encounters. The second use of the equipment was with Charles Neal from Miami, Florida. Charles gave the class a vital counseling lesson, and also fielded their questions. It looks like a marvelous teaching aid and a valuable new piece of equipment. Any time a field minister is called, he will be notified a day or two in advance so that he may be prepared.

AUC-M.S.  
GIFT SHOP

Since December, 1971, the Ministerial Student Gift Shop has become a part of the Association of Unity Churches. It operates solely under the direction and supervision of the Student Manager, who is responsible for inventory, selection of new products, and sales. The purpose of the Gift Shop is to provide useful products and services to all AUC ministries, which would normally be too costly for individual centers to provide. The merger with the AUC has provided many benefits of operation for the ministerial students. All profits from the operation are used for student scholarships and emergency aid.

WEDDING BELLS FOR  
MINISTERIAL STUDENT

On Friday, January 28, at 11:00 a.m., Paul Stewart, second year ministerial student, and Judy Britt, of Asheville, N.C., were united in marriage at the Unity Center of Christianity in Asheville. Bill Fischer was on a field interviewing trip to Atlanta, Ga., and was able to route himself through Asheville so that he could perform the ceremony at Paul's request. Judy and Paul are residing at Unity Village, where Paul is employed as a Unity patrolman during the hours when he is not in class.

STUDENTS RECEIVE  
INTENSIVE HOSPITAL  
TRAINING

Each second year student in SMRS receives an on-the-job hospital orientation through the fine cooperation of Kermit Smith, chaplain at the Research Hospital and Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. The students report to the chaplain's office at the hospital each Wednesday for a twelve-week period. A part of their training is a classroom session, where techniques for effective hospital work are discussed. The remaining time is devoted to the clinical situation where the students spend their time in actual visitation. While this program has been running for several years, we have never had any better cooperation than we are now receiving through the kindness of Chaplain Smith.



## NEWS ABOUT AUC OUTREACH TO YOUNG ADULTS

Gary McCarty, our Coordinator of Youth Activities, will soon be going into the various regions in connection with the annual official YOU rallies. Since Gary has been working in our office we have made a distinct effort to expand our outreach not only to YOU, but even more importantly to our young adults. In order to do this, we need a great deal of cooperation from each of you. Explained below is one way you can help us reach your young adults, and perhaps turn them on to reaching you.

We would very much like for Gary to have an opportunity, while he is in the various regions in connection with YOU rallies this coming spring and summer, to meet with any young adults or leaders interested in young adult activities. These would be informal meetings, designed to inform the ministries and young adults of our interest in being of assistance to them in their own spiritual development and program activities. We are also interested in keeping them informed as to what we have been doing already in terms of young adult retreats and person-to-person contacts in major hub city areas of the country.

We are listing below the scheduled dates for regional YOU rallies. If you would like to offer your facility for meeting space for a young adult session while Gary is in the area, we would be glad to hear from you. Remember that these young adult sessions are for all young adults, including young married couples.

If you have any questions in regard to these activities, we encourage you to write AUC for full particulars. We have been witnessing a great surge of interest in the young adult area of the ministry in this last year, and feel that we are really on our way toward providing a personal service for them. We now need your assistance in providing the place and opportunity for Gary to meet with young adults in your area. Thank you for your cooperation.

### OFFICIAL YOU REGIONAL RALLY DATES

EASTERN	Syracuse, New York	May	26-28
GREAT LAKES	Chicago, Illinois	July	14-16
MIDWEST	Unity Village, Missouri	May	19-21
NORTHWEST	Seabeck, Washington	April	21-23
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	Albuquerque, New Mexico	April	14-16
SOUTH CENTRAL	Houston, Texas	July	6-9
SOUTHEAST	West Palm Beach, Florida	May	5-7
SOUTHWEST	(Not yet known)	June	24-25
WEST CENTRAL	San Jose, California	March	17-19