

A Report of

THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

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Thank you and bless you for your appreciative response to CONTACT issue 27. Thank you, too, for joining with us in the continuing consciousness of affirmation that makes our outreach to you more and more effective. You will have noticed in issue 27 that we had pink sheets that served to highlight the results of our Barton Associates activity in connection with AUC. We had a gold sheet containing news from our School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and a salmon sheet for news about our AUC outreach to young adults. Henceforth, we will follow the color coding in the pages of CONTACT. We discovered that much of the important information that is directly important to our ministers and ministries was lost in the pages of our YOU NEWS-NOTES, our young adult PERSPECTIVE and our youth education NEWSLINES. These pages will not take the place of the other publications, but will capsulize the information for you in CONTACT.

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES' FINANCIAL POSITION

You will find in this issue of CONTACT and in subsequent issues a monthly statement of the financial position of the AUC. We are endeavoring

to keep the financial statement as simple as possible for your information and for the information of your Board in their consideration of support of AUC. You will be pleased to know that the Association of Unity Churches is functioning in the black. We hold two fluctuating reserve accounts in addition to our general operating account. From our general operating account we meet all normal operating expenses, including our regular tithe to our tithe account. This is a reserve fund that fluctuates by virtue of the flow of the AUC tithe into it, and by virtue of expenditures from it at the direction of your Board of Trustees of AUC. The other reserve account is our nonrecurring income reserve. The development of this account enables us to build an endowment for our field movement. If there are questions that arise regarding the AUC finances, you know that we will be more than happy to answer them to the best of our ability.

PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM OF VITAL SIGNIFICANCE

"Give us someting special of a practical nature at Conference . . .", "Let us come away from Pre-Conference better, more effective ministers than when we arrived."

Whenever our ministers have had an opportunity to express their wishes regarding Pre-Conference, they have followed this tenor. Your Program Committee, under the able chairmanship of Ross Breakwell, has taken steps to fulfill such requests. Certainly the most important tool we have in our profession is speech. The Pre-Conference program for ministers, teachers and their spouses will be held this year, July 19, 20 and 21 at Unity Village. The week will actually begin with committee meetings being held on the Monday and Tuesday, July 17 and 18. The 19th through the 21st, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, will be given over to the Pre-Conference program. No committee or Board meetings will be held in conflict with the program.

The Pre-Conference program will consist of a speech clinic highlighted by a speech by Kenneth McFarland, who is reputed to be the finest, most successful public speaker in the United States. The speech workshops will include presentation of effective speech techniques from within our own movement as well as what will prove to be an exciting type of program for the gathering of example stories and sermon ideas. Your Program Committee has referred to this part of the program as the "shotgun type of meeting," in which, in rapid succession, many helpful ideas will be shared that have proved effective and successful within our work.

The Program Committee has given a great deal of prayerful thought and attention in preparing the Pre-Conference program to assure its effectiveness for all of us.

Since the UICE session will be conducted during the Pre-Conference, there will be some limitation in space availability. We will provide accommodations here at Unity Village on a first come, first served basis. We will also be happy to assist in obtaining motel accommodations in the vacinity for those requiring them.

# ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Again this year your Board of Trustees and its Conference committees are seeking to find the best ways in which to tap the tremendous resources that

are latent within our laymen. We want to urge all of our ministers, of course, to participate in the Conference and invite key laymen to attend as well. The Program Committee has prepared segments of the program that will be of particular interest to our laymen and will enable them to make their contribution to the planning and goal setting for our field movement as a whole. No limitation is being put upon the number of laymen that you may invite. The only requirement is that each layman should be a committed Unity student, since the entire Conference program will be geared to the conduct of our normal business and the development of methods and means for making our field movement more effective.

The Conference this year will be held at the new Holiday Inn in Kansas City. Facilities for all of our meetings have been provided either in the Holiday Inn or immediately adjacent to it. Reservation forms will be mailed to you in the very near future.

To assist us in the research now being conducted regarding the development of a new hymn book, Charles King will be on hand to lead our singing. He will be involved with us throughout the Conference and will add that special sparkle and magic that is so much a part of his wonderful consciousness. The Conference will commence with the Charles King concert on Sunday evening, July 23. The Conference program will include an opportunity to share with the department heads at Unity School. We will share in a 1973 International Convention program. There will be group workshops to discuss and evaluate the goals and plans of our AUC as well as to conduct the annual business of our Association.

An opportunity is going to be made for the spouses of Unity ministers to share together in inspiration and fellowship; time for our laymen to share and develop their contribution of consciousness to our movement. Phil Pierson will be presenting an exciting program on "The Phenomenon of Man." There will, of course, be our ordination service at Unity Temple and our Silent Unity healing service at Unity Village. A great program has been planned, and now all we need is you and your key lay people. We know that you will want to make your reservation as soon as the blanks are forwarded to you.

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY." OUR CONFERENCE BANQUET THEME

The Imperial Ballroom of the Muehlebach Hotel is the site for our Conference Banquet, to be held on July 26, 1972. The theme of our banquet will be "Christmas in

July." All who participate in the banquet will be asked to bring a small Christmas gift to be exchanged as a part of the program. There will be an exciting and stimulating program, with Dr. Kenneth McFarland as the featured speaker. Any who have had the opportunity to hear Dr. McFarland or to hear one of his many recordings will know that we are in for a marvelous experience. There will be dancing and, of course, an excellent meal. The banquet tickets will be \$10.00, which will cover the meal and the program. An open invitation will be extended to all Unity School employees, as in the past. More information regarding ticket sales will be forthcoming. The evening promises to be a special, joyous one, with all of the beautiful Unity people in their Christmas finery.

Following the initial announcement in CONTACT of the 1973 UNITY INTERNATIONAL Unity Convention, many of the ministries have been putting CONVENTION 1973 brief announcements in their bulletins and newsletters, encouraging their people to begin making plans to attend the Convention. Many folks will want to begin planning their budgets for coming to Kansas City, as well as making arrangements for vacation time during July, 1973. Perhaps there are ways in which you and your ministry can help your folks to do something along this line collectively.

Unity International Convention 1973 will be held at the Kansas City Convention Center July 19th through the 22nd, 1973. Detailed information regarding registration, transportation (such as charter flights) and the basic activities of the program will be presented at Conference this summer. The theme of the 1973 Convention is "Unity, the Way Up."

A NEW RADIO PROGRAM FOR GROWTH, PEACE AND LOVE

A one-minute, youth oriented program called "Unity Today" has been devised by Maya Grace and David Williamson, sponsored by Unity School. On over 35

college and rock stations all over the country, this first series (further ones are planned for spring, summer and fall) consists of twenty spots of original messages, sometimes based on or built around quotations from Unity's writings as well as Thoreau, Joan Baez or Kahlil Gibran. scripts are offered to the listeners, printed on the back of a multicolored poster with the theme of unity and love. Response has been exciting, and if you wish the list of the radio stations or have any questions, please contact Maya at Unity School.



ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES SERVICE ATTITUDE STUDY

In our last issue of CONTACT we shared with you the substance of the responses to our service attitude study, conducted by Barton Associates of

Akron, Ohio. We do hope that you have had the opportunity to read over the response, and trust that you will do so again. It is important for us to get clearly in mind the picture of our movement as conveyed by this study. It is equally important that we move forward steadily in the implementation of the recommendations and the fulfillment of the needs revealed by the study.

Richard Buchholzer, who made possible the generous contribution of the Barton Associates survey along with members of that firm, met with the AUC Service Attitude Study Research Committee. This committee was appointed by your President, Glenn Mosley during the January Council of Committee meetings, and consists of Hal Rosencrans, chairman; Dan Perin; Lillian Matthews; and Marjorie Hartzell. Glenn Mosley and Robert Sikking function as ex officio members of the committee. Detailed and exhaustive recommendations have been made to the committee to implement the recommendations of the survey and the fulfillment of the needs that that survey revealed.

It is clearly evident from the survey that the majority of our ministers have little awareness of the extent of the services available and rendered by the Association to its members. In the preparation of a packet of tangible and intangible services rendered by the AUC, it became clear to the Executive Office staff that we did not realize the extent of the services offered. A decision has been made and is being implemented to get personally to the minister of every member ministry in our movement with a presentation of this packet. The Executive Office staff and members of the Board of Trustees will be participating in making these contacts. The target date for completion of this vitally important communication with our ministries is Conference time this summer. Already, the majority of our ministries in the Detroit area, the Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia area have been given the presentation. You will be contacted in the not-too-distant future, either by a staff member of AUC or a member of your Board of Trustees, to give specific, detailed consideration to the services offered to your ministry by AUC. We know that your response will be positive, cooperative and appreciative.

Be assured that your Board of Trustees of AUC and your Executive Office staff are eager for your suggestions or recommendations in making the most of the tremendous gift of our service attitude study.

It seems so small to say simply thank you and God bless you to Dick Buchholzer, but we know that the gratitude and prayerful appreciation of all who are a part of our movement reaches out to bless him and his staff for their cooperation with us. Your consciousness of prayer and blessing to Dick and his staff will be deeply appreciated.

BOULDER, COLORADO Lloyd Gibbs has tendered his resignation as minister in charge of our Unity work in Boulder. He has asked for a year or more leave of absence, with a willingness to be of assistance wherever he might be needed in the meantime. Ken Fagerlin, Redondo Beach, California, has met with the Board and the membership and will accept responsibility for the work at the end of May.

REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA At this point we are in communication with the Board of Directors in Redondo Beach regarding succession of leadership there.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA For nearly three months now, Marion Brown has functioned as interim minister in our Unity work in Pasadena. A wonderful, healing consciousness is evolving there and we know that when succession of leadership occurs sometime in April there will be an unfoldment of vitality and strength in the work.

HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA Fermor Manley has conducted our Unity work in Hollywood since September, 1960. She has brought a wonderful, loving blessing to many over the years. Fermor has retired from active leadership in the work as of February I, 1972. Carolyn Mohn functioned on behalf of the AUC Executive Office in the position of interim minister until succession of leadership could occur. The Board in Hollywood has extended an invitation to Elvina Hausmann to accept full-time leadership of the work there.

NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA With the cooperation of Charles Neal and his Board of Directors, Elvina Hausmann has accepted the invitation to be responsible for our work in Hollywood. She will continue to teach a class in our North Miami shopping center ministry, and will work in cooperation with Unity of Miami staff members until succession of leadership can be accomplished.

VANCOUVER, B. C. With the passing of Dale Newsum, the AUC was involved in negotiation regarding succession of leadership there. The Board of Directors has extended an invitation to Tom Sikking of Bremerton, Washington to accept leadership of the work as of Easter Sunday. Minn Newsum is inactive at the moment to enable her to have freedom to make the necessary adjustments in her own affairs after Dale's passing. She will undoubtedly be involved further in our work as the spirit within her dictates. Edd Dawson, who was serving with Dale and Minn as an associate minister, will be carrying on in Vancouver.

BREMERTON, WASHINGTON Succession of leadership is now being negotiated with our Board in Bremerton. We know that everything will work out in divine order.

LITTLE ROCK--PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS Ruby Rawlins has relinquished leadership of our joint ministry in Arkansas at Little Rock and Pine Bluff. At the present time, we do not have leadership there, but are in negotiations with the boards involved.

# ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES 2-29-72

	Year to Date	Current Month
INCOME:		
Love Offerings Ministerial Education Offerings Youth Education Offerings	216,613.29 4,118.35 924.14	17,596.70 127.50 44.15
Gain from Operations: Curriculum and Material	10,173.47	1,345.69
Other Income: Interest and Miscellaneous Income Tuition Income	5,149.93 2,430.00	136.00
Total Income	239.409.18	19,250.04
Expenses:		
General Office Youth Education Ministerial Education Total Expenses	137.715.41 39,159.56 32,162.96 209,037.93	11,929.43 3,093.42 3,061.01 18,083.86
Excess Income over Expenses	30,371.25	1,166.18

In addition to our general fund flow of substance shown above, the AUC is accruing monies in two funds. We maintain our tithe account in a separate saving account, which at the end of the month totals \$14,693.85. We also maintain a fund of non-recurring income which at the end of the month amounted to \$41,377.50.

### NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS: LAY PROBATION OFFICERS Probation services is an "outside activity" which involves student ministers. The students volunteer to work for the city of Kansas City Probation Department. They work

with people from all walks of life, who have been placed on parole for various reasons--from dope addiction to private property disputes. The main body of parolees are young adults who have been unable to cope with life's challenges.

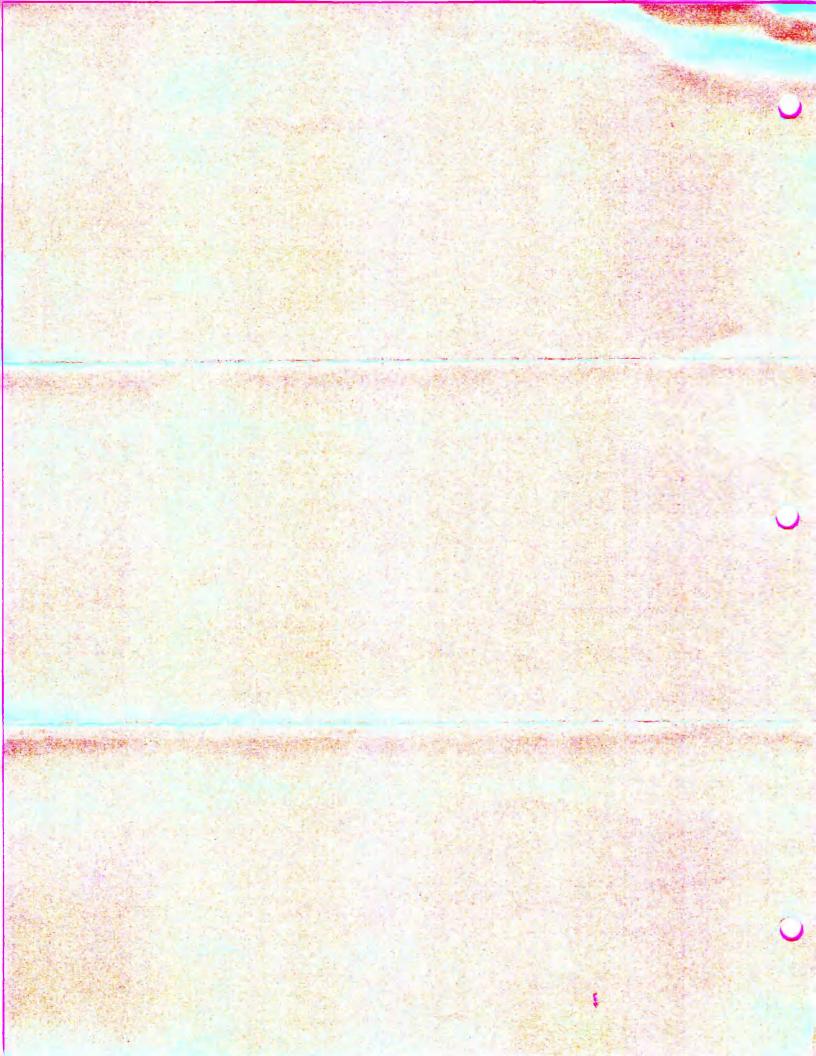
Ernie Milleur, a second-year ministerial student who has been involved with the probation services program for about a year, states: "It has been an education in communicating with people," and "that helping people is always rewarding." Bob Means, class president, said: "One thing that was paramount in my experience was that I built a relationship with my parolee in that he knew I cared. He is on his way to a positive way of living and is no longer on probation." Other students involved are: June Dorell, Don Bould, and Sandra Counsens.

#### STUDENT GIFT SHOP

Seed thoughts from last summer's AUC Ministers' Conference have germinated into golden wings. The sowers (ministers) planted the idea that they would like to have Unity wing pins at a reasonable price for resale to their congregations. After extensive contacts with wholesale jewelers, novelty specialists, advertising wholesalers, and seven months of comparative shopping, the "seed idea" reached spiritual completion and came into manifestation. The response to the Unity Wing Pins has been extremely successful. Your participation and continued support is an outworking of your ideas. The ministerial students want you to know how grateful they are to you, the ministers.

STUDENT BODY ATTENDS

The entire student body attended a "Medical Morals and BAPTIST HOSPITAL SEMINAR Ethics" seminar at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Kansas City on Monday, February 14, 1972. This was the ninth annual such conference held at the hospital for physicians and elergymen. The seminar dealt with such vital subjects as: "Abortion," "The Prolongation of Life," "Euthanasia--Mercy or Murder?" "Artificial Insemination (Adultery?)" and "Organ Transplants," to name a few. There were question-and-answer sessions in which the ministerial student could become involved. It was a most enlightening seminar for all.



#### IMPORTANT OUTREACH

# TO YOUTH EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENTS AND YOU SPONSORS

TWO SEMINARS IN ONE

June 4-9, 1972

Parallel seminar programs are planned this year to accomplish some goals which have long needed to be met. We are going to conduct a youth education seminar aimed at helping superintendents and teachers of the preschool and graded levels discover and develop the teacher within. Parallel to this we will conduct a Youth of Unity sponsor training workshop covering the whole week. With these two programs running at the same time we will be able to accomplish more than twice what we usually accomplish within a training week.

## YOUTH EDUCATION TRAINING SESSIONS

The youth education section of the seminar will utilize persons such as Lani Jones, the author of our preschool material; Milly Collins, one of our original contributing members of the Youth Education Research Committee and writer and teacher trainer for the Association of Unity Churches, Joan Shaw, co-creator of the Color Key Program and several other outstanding leaders, in addition to our youth education staff. Also covered in the youth education seminar will be the newly developed Color Key Program. Another highlight of the seminar will be the share shops, a time for superintendents and teachers to share unique ways they have used the materials and applied the lesson ideas to the classroom.

## SPECIAL YOUTH OF UNITY SPONSOR TRAINING

One of the most significant aspects of our seminar this year will be a totally new workshop program designed specifically for adults who are working with the high school age young person. Under the direction of Gary McCarty, our Coordinator of Youth Activities, and Dan Perin, the new YOU GUIDEBOOK will be introduced. The GUIDEBOOK covers all major areas of the organization and operation of a high school age youth group. Specifically, it gives help on understanding the young person and the sponsor who works with the group; provides information regarding the international, regional and local structure of Youth of Unity; gives full particulars on the YOU Conference--how quota is arrived at and distributed and types of programs offered. It also provides information on teaching methods, materials and special services. Additionally the GUIDEBOOK includes information on the Scholarship Award Program and International Unity Student Exchange Program. There will be ample opportunity for those participating in the sponsor's workshops to ask and receive answers to their particular questions. One alternative program that will assist in this way is the share shop time, wherein sponsors who have accomplished some specific things with their group have an opportunity to share what they have done with others.

### JOINT SESSIONS

There will be times provided where both those attending the Youth of Unity sponsor workshops and those attending the youth education seminar will have joint meetings, wherein general information regarding young people and methods of approaching and dealing with their needs will be shared. Two outstanding tapes are being offered. One tape is of a lecture by Dr. Douglas Heath, Professor of Psychology at Haverford College. Dr. Heath has been active as a consultant for the National Association of Independent Schools and for public school districts around the country and has authored numerous professional articles and reviews. The second tape is of a lecture by Dr. Urie Bronfenbrenner. At the 1970 White House Conference on Children Dr. Bronfenbrenner was chairman of Forum 15 entitled "Children and Parents: Together in the World." This forum focused upon the child's early development in the home and the problems he encounters as he begins to spend more of his time in situations outside the home. The tapes are of lectures at the University of Missouri at Columbia, attended by Gary McCarty and Dan Perin, and are highly recommended.

#### A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT

We strongly urge every minister to make every possible effort to see that his YOU sponsors particularly, but also his youth education people, are informed of this seminar and aided in any way possible in their attendance. Many ministries consider it an excellent investment to aid financially the key people in their youth education and YOU programs in attending seminars such as these. A well trained staff provides the greatest assurance of a well developed and implemented program. Full details and reservation forms will be mailed to your YOU sponsors and youth education superintendents soon. This is an advance notice to you. We appreciate your cooperation.

#### COST PER PERSON

5 days and 5 nights	Cottages	\$67.50
Food, lodging and		
registration	Motels	\$92.50

All accomodation rates are on a shared room basis.

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Dear Friends,

Paraphrasing Henry Ward Beecher, education is making a tool of every faculty --opening the tool, keeping it sharp, and learning ways to apply it to all practical purposes. With special emphasis, this year's Pre-Conference Speech Seminar held at Unity School July 19, 20 and 21 is a post-graduate course of study to keep our "tool of education" sharp that we might be increasingly effective in our chosen profession. Some of our most prominent Unity ministers and teachers have engaged speech coaches and attended speech classes and have found the need to "unlearn" distracting verbal and physical habits acquired over a period of years, and many have requested such a Speech Intensive.

The Seminar will be presented by Dr. Eugene Bahn, professor and Chairman of Oral Interpretation in the Department of Speech at Michigan's Wayne State University. Dr. Bahn does much more than lecture; his students participate. There will be some talks given, and there will be much reading of the Bible and poetry as exercises in oral interpretation. In addition, the afternoon sessions will allow for sharing of condensed lessons, lesson ideas, true lesson illustrations from everyday life, and humorous lesson illustrations. Bring your best material to share and be prepared to take notes on a "raft" of speaking material others will share, thereby fulfilling our two-week theme, "A Time for Silence, A Time To Speak"; a time to express—a time to receive—new oil for the "lamp of Truth."

Dr. Kenneth McFarland, voted America's No. 1 public speaker by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, will be our guest speaker on Friday, July 21, at 8 p.m., and again at the banquet during Conference week.

Conference week begins Sunday, July 23, at 8 p.m. with Charles King and his "technique of instant rapport." Again, we urge you to invite your dedicated lay people to attend Conference, which will be held in the downtown Kansas City convention facilities. This is the second time we are inviting lay people, and we are building in time for them to share their invaluable ideas.

Much of the Conference business and program will be in direct response to needs of the Association of Unity Churches as pointed to by you through the recent "Service Attitude Study" by Barton Associates, Inc.

The ideas, energies, and consciousness of you and your laymen are needed at Conference. Please bring them!

God bless you richly,

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

Glenn R. Mosley

President

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