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Spring is here, and something wonderful is happening. Exciting and wonderful things are occurring throughout our movement. Like the world around us, there is quickening, there is new excitement, there is a movement of Spirit. We can certainly feel that movement of Spirit here at Unity Village, and from your correspondence we feel its vitality in every phase of the ministry. We sincerely hope and pray that you feel our excitement and will share with us in the anticipation of the tremendous things that are happening to move and mold and expand our ministry of service to people everywhere.

## PRE-CONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS

If you haven't already done so, it is time NOW to make your reservation for Pre-Conference and Conference.

Remember that Pre-Conference this year will be held at Unity Village, and promises to be one of the most productive, helpful programs that we have ever been privileged to offer. The Pre-Conference, for ministers, teachers and their spouses, will be held July 19, 20 and 21 here at Unity Village. It will be preceded on the Monday and Tuesday by committee meetings on July 17 and 18. By the time you read this, all motel accommodations here at Unity Village will be spoken for. We have had marvelous cooperation from the Registration Office and UICE, and there are still available accommodations in the cottages. For any who wish assistance in obtaining accommodation at the motels in the vicinity, we will be more than happy to be of assistance.

Conference this year, to which ministers, teachers, their spouses, and active key lay people are invited, will be held at the new Holiday Inn in Kansas City. You will have received your reservation forms. We would want to urge you to make your reservations either at the Holiday Inn or the Continental Hotel NOW. Remember, Pre-Conference is for ministers and teachers and their spouses only. Conference, which will be held downtown, is for all who attend Pre-Conference plus our key lay people.

## PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM

As mentioned above, our Pre-Conference program this year promises to be one of the most exciting, stimulating and helpful programs that we have ever been privileged to offer. The program itself will be entitled, "Effective Speech Techniques Seminar." This will be conducted by Dr. Eugene Bahn, who is chairman of the area of oral interpretation in the Department of Speech in Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Bahn, as a professor of speech, has taught at Wisconsin University, the State University of Iowa, Colgate University, Ohio State University, Marburg University and Anatolia College and Wayne State University. Dr. Bahn will be presented by our Conference President, Glenn Mosley and will be participating in our seminar each of the three days of Conference. On the Friday evening of Pre-Conference, Dr. Kenneth McFarland, who has been declared by the United States Chamber of Commerce as America's greatest public speaker, will be our guest speaker. Dr. McFarland is guest lecturer for

General Motors Corporation, he also serves as educational consultant for the American Trucking Association, Inc., Washington, D.C. and was the guest lecturer for Reader's Digest. Dr. McFarland is the author of "Eloquence in Public Speaking," now in its twelfth printing and a best seller in its field. His masterful speeches have been recorded live as actually delivered and distributed very widely throughout the country. He has been referred to by one biographer as "the home run king of the speaking world." All who are a part of our movement will be richly blessed by this Pre-Conference program.

CONFERENCE  
PROGRAM

Our Conference this year will get off to a rousing start when we come together to share "Charles King in Concert." The program this year is going to include a number of special extras, including a mini-Conference of Unity ministers' spouses, concise clarification of our retirement plans, a concise presentation of a health care plan for all Unity ministers, our ordination service at Unity Temple, Catherine Ponder's Prosperity Seminar, the "Phenomenon of Man," presented by Phillip Pierson, a travel log of India, presented by Donald Curtis, Mr. Richard Austin, Secretary of the state of Michigan, as a guest speaker, and again at our banquet Dr. Kenneth McFarland as speaker. Plan to be on hand for the best AUC Conference that we have ever been privileged to share. There will be parts of the program of interest to everyone.

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY"  
BALL AND BANQUET

Enclosed please find a reservation form for the "Christmas in July" Banquet. The cost of the ball and banquet this year will be \$10.00. We will appreciate having your reservation early in order that we might return the tickets to you. Please send the remittance along with the form and designate what it is for. If we do not receive your request before June 30, we will hold your tickets until you arrive for Conference.

The outstanding job that is being done by our Banquet Committee assures us that this gala occasion will be a happy and wonderful time. An excellent meal will be served, there will be dancing as well as the outstanding program featuring Dr. Kenneth McFarland.

All who will be attending are asked to bring along a comical Christmas gift costing no more than two dollars and wrapped in Christmas joy. As a part of the program, all of us will have the opportunity to receive just such a gift. It might be best for all men to bring gifts for men and ladies to bring gifts for ladies.

HEALTH CARE PLANS  
INVESTIGATED

For the past few years our AUC members have expressed interest in the possibility of having group health insurance. Within the past years, inquiries have been more numerous. Since last Conference we have investigated several companies with the view as to which would be the most economical with the best coverage, that would also be the most economical to administer for our Executive Office, that is, so we would not have to add personnel. We feel sure that we will be prepared to propose such a company at Conference, and quite probably by mail before that time.



AID SHEETS (ACTIVITIES  
FOR INTERACTION AND  
DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE SHEETS)

Many ministers have expressed an interest in the AID sheets that have been prepared by the Youth Education Department and made a part of the recent mailings of YOU NEWS-NOTES. Some ministers have been exposed to these by direct presentation from one of the staff members presenting the promotional packet that has been developed to explain AUC services to our field ministries. For your convenience we are listing here by title the AID sheets that have been prepared up to this time. If you are interested in receiving any of these for use in your class work, we would be happy to send them to you. The AID sheets are designed to give you activities that will help illustrate particular points you wish to make in a class; or they can be used as activities to promote better group relationships and fellowship. While these sheets were designed primarily for use with young adults and teenagers, the activities are completely appropriate for most adult class work. The AID sheets list the purpose of the technique, give ways to present it, and offer guidelines for evaluating the program after it is over.

*IDENTITY COLLAGE*

*ONE WORD DESCRIPTION*

*SYMBOLS OF OUR TIMES*

*CONTACT PAPER SLIDES*

*ART SLIDES*

*UTILIZING HANDMADE SLIDES*

UNITY SCHOOL  
PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

You will recall in the February issue of CONTACT that we shared information with you regarding Unity School staff outreach activities. This dealt with the channeling of requests for Unity School staff through the AUC. Remember that when a staff member can be of assistance to you, the request should come through the Executive Office of the AUC. This is to assure an equitable and loving distribution of the available services of staff members to our field activities. A part of the wonderful spirit of cooperation that made this possible is also making possible an orderly distribution of Unity School publications through our ministries.

As you know, for many years Silent-70 has functioned to make available Unity literature to institutions and to individuals unable to meet the cost. Silent-70 has dealt basically with back issues of Unity publications and specific literature that has been designated as free literature. The policy of Unity School is to furnish to all public institutions and individuals upon direct request to them copies of magazines or other literature free of charge if they are unable to pay the cost. This, with the braille work and cassettes, is the main outreach of the Silent-70 Department. Tremendous growth has been experienced in this area of the service of Silent-70 in the last few years, with magazines and literature being sent from Unity School to over four thousand public institutions as well as many thousands of individuals.

The AUC Executive Office, in an endeavor to assist Silent-70, is accepting responsibility for the channeling of free literature and back issues of the periodicals, through ministries only. Since this part of the Unity work has almost doubled in the last few years, prayerful consideration and thought has been given to how best to meet the increasing need of literature for distribution in the future. We are in the process of fulfilling the opportunity that is such a wonderful privilege of cooperating with Silent-70 in administering the distribution of free literature through our Unity ministries. In the future, all requests for free literature should flow through this office.

#### SMRS GRADUATION AND ORDINATION CEREMONIES

On Friday, April 21, graduation and ordination services were held for the eight-month SMRS students. This year there have been four eight-month students in our SMRS program. They were Sylvia Chavelier from Trinidad in the West Indies, Julian Vazquez from Puerto Rico, Jack Boland from Dallas, Texas, and Elmer Schmidt from Detroit, Michigan. A beautiful service was held, at which Joel Boehr from St. Louis, was the principle speaker. Bill Fischer presented the certificates of graduation to the students on behalf of the Association of Unity Churches. Representing Silent Unity, James Dillet Freeman ordained Sylvia Chavelier and Julian Vazquez. These two are returning to their homeland and the ministries there to bring a strength and blessing to the Unity work as it continues to unfold and bless the lives of untold numbers of Unity friends.





IN MEMORIAM Lillian Ichlen, an ordained minister who was a part of the staff at Unity of Miami, has made her transition. Lillian, known and loved by all of her Unity friends, not only for her outstanding abilities as a minister and a teacher, but as a rather remarkable musician, passed away on March 24. Charles Neal conducted the memorial service, and on our behalf blessed Lillian in her eternal ongoing. We know that all who knew and loved Lillian will want to join in extending a blessing to her as she moves on, as well as to all who have this challenge of her passing to meet.

On April 15, Roxie Miller, a retired ordained Unity minister, made her transition. Roxie was the former minister of our Unity work in Lansing, Michigan, and retired in 1966. Roxie has, over the years, been loved by all of us in the movement and has, we know, our very special blessing as she moves on in our Father's house of many mansions. We bless her and her family during this time of change.

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SLIDES, BLACK AND WHITE GLOSSIES  
or SNAPSHOTS OF THE  
1970 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

\* Please, please, please may we have the opportunity to borrow any slides,  
\* black and white glossies or shapshots that you have of the Convention  
\* of 1970. We would ask that you please put your name on the back and  
\* send them to us. We will return them. We are looking for slides or  
\* snapshots for possible reproduction in our promotional material for our  
\* 1973 Convention. Your cooperation is urgently requested. Thank you,  
\* thank you, thank you.  
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KANSAS CITY TO HOST  
INTERNATIONAL NEW THOUGHT  
ALLIANCE CONGRESS

July 2 through July 7, Kansas City will be the host city for the 57th annual Congress of the International New Thought Alliance. Our own Sig Paulson has been invited to be host and Congress Chairman of this

Congress. The Congress will be held at the Muehlebach Hotel and will begin with an opening meeting on Sunday evening, July 2, with Norman Vincent Peale as guest speaker. Many Unity folks will be involved in the Congress, and a very special blessing to the whole of the New Thought movement will be experienced in the fine consciousness that will evolve. For further information regarding the Congress, drop a line to Sig Paulson, Congress Chairman at Unity Village Chapel. We know that he will be most happy to send information to you.

SPRING MEETINGS OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE ASSOCIATION OF  
UNITY CHURCHES

During the week of April 10, your Executive Committee met here at Unity Village. In addition to the normal business to be conducted by the Executive Committee, they had extended an invitation to two special committees to come and spend time with them for special purposes. These special committees were the Human Relations Counsel and an Education Research Committee. As always, when dedicated Unity ministers with a unified purpose come together with committed and dedicated lay people, exciting and wonderful things happen for the good of our movement as a whole. At the outset, on behalf of the Executive Committee, our whole movement wishes to express appreciation to the members of these two special committees and especially the lay people who functioned on them.

Our Human Relations Counsel was made up of lay representatives from several of our ministries. They included Lavenia McKinney, from our Unity work in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania under the leadership of Frank and Martha Guidici; Anna Morris, from New York City and our work under the leadership of Ida Bowles; Grover Eubanks, from Chicago, Illinois and member of Christ Unity Temple under the leadership of Johnnie Coleman; Anna Cole, from Buffalo, New York and our ministry under the leadership of Lillian Matthews; James Simms, from Sacramento, California, involved in our Unity work under the leadership of Dorothy and Phillip Pierson; Davene Price from Memphis, Tennessee, member of Unity Center of Memphis and also granddaughter of Montee Falls, the leader of our Unity work in Memphis; and Mayola SaltPaw from Detroit, Michigan. Mayola is active in Detroit Unity Temple under the leadership of Glenn Mosley.

The Human Relations Counsel added prayerful consideration to the outstanding report and recommendation that had been previously presented to the Board of Trustees of AUC by the Concerned Committee for a Better Unity Movement in Chicago. The outstanding consciousness of these dedicated Unity friends brought a tremendous blessing to the Executive Committee, and through them surely to our movement as a whole.

The Education Research Committee, that was formed as a result of our January Midyear Council of Committee meetings, met with Bill Fischer to share enthusiasm and insight from an educational standpoint in ways to strengthen our ministerial training program. This committee included two ministers, Blaine Mays of Phoenix, Arizona and Philip Nicola from St. Louis, Missouri; and two laymen, Mayola SaltPaw from Detroit, who is professionally qualified in the field of education, and Dr. James Harris, assistant superintendent of the Raytown City Schools in Raytown, Missouri, who is active at Unity Village Chapel.

We are deeply grateful to all of these good Unity friends who added much in consciousness to the effectiveness of our Executive Committee meetings and made recommendations that will strengthen our movement as a whole.

As a part of the recommendations that grew out of our recent Barton Associates survey, your Executive Committee is eager to present what can be an effective fulfillment of the prayers of many Unity leaders. The Executive Committee has determined to hold its October meetings at some point in the country where the presence of these Executive Committee members could be exploited to the personal

benefit of the local ministry or ministries. The thought is this: it costs a certain amount for the Executive Committee to come to Unity Village and conduct its business here. The AUC could continue to make that investment, and the public activities that would be a part of such a program could offset any additional expenses.

If you would be interested in extending an invitation and hosting the Executive Committee in your area, write to the Executive Office of the AUC outlining briefly the way in which you feel you could utilize the Executive Committee and how your ministry or your neighborhood ministries might benefit. In order for arrangements to be made, we will have to have all invitations for this pilot program before the end of May. Give this some prayerful thought. Maybe a real stimulation of spiritual activity can occur in your area and make possible a real expansion and growth in your ministry.

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REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA Negotiations are still going forward regarding succession of leadership after Ken Fagerlin's move to Boulder, Colorado.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA As the culmination of months of outstanding, healing work by Marion Brown as interim minister in Pasadena, succession of leadership has occurred. Jeannette Hedge, who has been in charge of the Unity work in Shreveport, Louisiana, is accepting leadership in Pasadena in May.

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA Negotiations are under way regarding succession of leadership of our work in Shreveport.

NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA Glenn Kaufman, who took a leave of absence from the Unity work to complete his education, has returned to the Shopping Center ministry in cooperation with Unity of Miami. We are grateful for the opportunity of welcoming Glenn back into active work and know that his experimentation in North Miami will be of interest and prayerfully supported by all of our movement.

BREMERTON, WASHINGTON We are continuing in our negotiations for succession of leadership of the fine work in Bremerton, Washington.

LITTLE ROCK - PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS We continue in our negotiations with the Boards of Little Rock and Pine Bluff activities in regard to succession of leadership.

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES  
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES 3-31-72

	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Income:		
Love Offerings	239,909.07	23,295.78
Ministerial Education Offerings	5,212.35	1,094.00
Youth Education Offerings	1,093.35	175.53
Gain from Operations:		
Curriculum and Material	10,411.38	237.91
Other Income:		
Interest and Miscellaneous Income	5,317.61	167.68
Tuition Income	<u>2,430.00</u>	<u>-.-</u>
Total Income	264,373.76	24,970.90
Expenses:		
General Office	149,850.31	12,134.90
Youth Education	42,107.60	2,948.04
Ministerial Education	<u>35,341.12</u>	<u>3,178.16</u>
Total Expenses	227,299.03	18,261.10
Excess Income over Expenses	37,074.43	6,709.80



## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**NEW NOTE PAPER FROM STUDENT GIFT SHOP** "Favorite Scenes of Unity Village" is the theme of the new stationery being offered for sale through the AUC-Student Gift Shop. This note paper has been designed and executed by Sandra Cousens, a first year ministerial student, who previously was a commercial artist. If you are interested in purchasing this stationery for resale in your center bookroom, please contact the AUC-Ministerial Student Gift Shop at Unity Village.

**OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES FOR MINISTERIAL STUDENTS** Ministerial students at Unity always seem to be seeking outside activities where they can put into practice some of the ideas and techniques they receive through their training in SMRS. In previous issues of CONTACT we have given you information on some of these activities. We would like to share with you a couple more of them in this issue.

Roy Fox, a first year ministerial student, is currently teaching a Sunday morning adult bible class at the Independence Unity Center, where Bonnie Armstrong is minister. Roy has had previous teaching experience in the Unity Center of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he previously attended. Roy is an adept bible student. Some of his fellow students call him "the walking bible." Reports are that both Roy and his class members in Independence are showing fine growth through the class.

Bob Marshall, also a first year ministerial student, began looking for an opportunity to gain practical experience which would be useful in the future in a field ministry. He found that opportunity in the youth ministry field. He also is teaching at the Independence center, where he has a class of seventh graders. Bob reports that he is finding this a challenging and stimulating experience.

**STUDENTS GO TO 'PANORAMA OF TRUTH' IN CHICAGO** Johnnie Colemon recently made a most generous offer to all ministerial students at Unity Village. She was conducting a three-day "Panorama of Truth" in Chicago on April 6, 7 and 8. She offered to pay ALL the expenses for any of the ministerial students who wanted to come and attend. This included expenses for transportation, housing and food. A number of the students responded to this generous offer and went by chartered bus from Unity Village. They report that it was one of the great spiritual experiences of their lives. As an expression of their gratitude, the students made a public presentation to Johnnie of some long-stemmed roses, and also a contribution to the building fund of Christ Unity Temple in Chicago. Everyone extends a most gracious and hearty thanks to Johnnie and her staff for such marvelous hospitality.

RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) for the AUC "Christmas In July" Banquet @ \$10.00 each.

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Tickets will be sent to you if this reservation form is received prior to June 30.



RESERVATION FORM

Pay to the order of \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the person to whom the ticket is to be issued) for the use of \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the person to whom the ticket is to be issued) in July, August & September 1910.

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket will be sent to you if the reservation form is received before the 10th of June 1910.