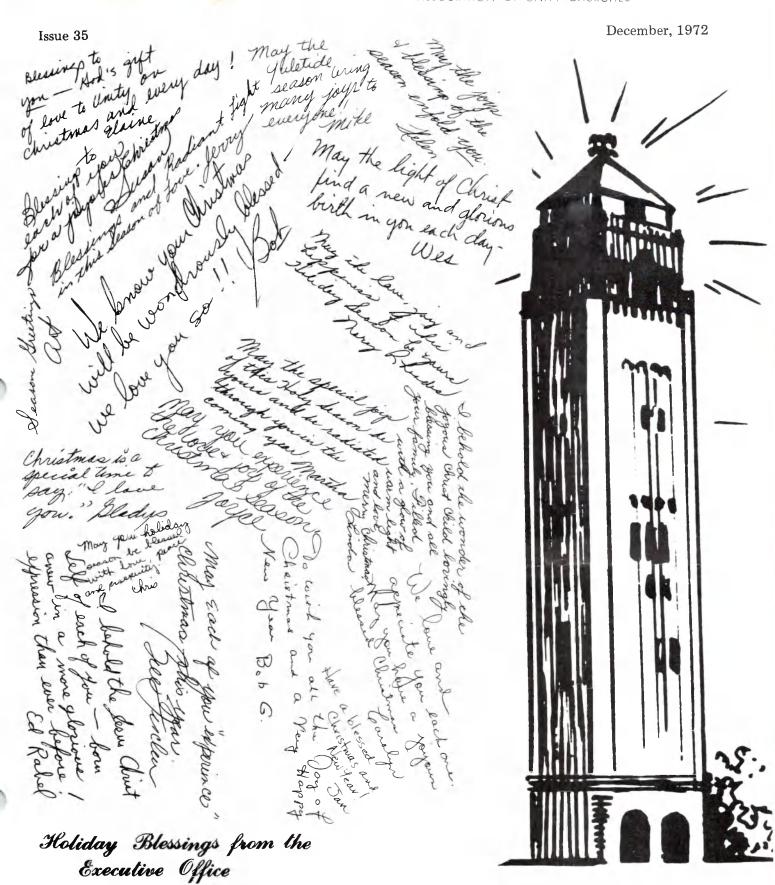
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THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES



Silent Unity Blessings

December 1972

Merry Christmas, Friend!

And every person in Silent Unity joins me in saying this. You have been in our thoughts and in our prayers. When we receive a letter or a call from you, or a letter or call that mentions you, your work, your helpfulness, we see you in our mind's eye and we reach out to you with our heart's love.

We will all be having a different Christmas, yet Christmas for us will be the SAME. It is this sameness I'm thinking about. We share so much — our dedication to God and prayer, our way of thinking, our approach to life, our love for people. Have you thought as I'm thinking now, we are in a work where every day is Christmas.

Every day we help men and women, boys and girls to let the Christ be born anew in them. Every day we point out a star of truth that others may follow until they come to where the Christ child is. Every day we join the angels' song when we pray for health, happiness and well-being.

Yes, Christmas for you and for us in Silent Unity is the same. Whether we are man or woman, married or single, with or without family, living in the north, south, east, west or in other lands, we have found where Christ is born.

I am glad I know you, I am glad we're friends.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, FRIEND.

Sincerely,

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CHANGES IN OUR YOUTH **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Nearly five years ago, Daniel Perin left his Unity ministry in Spokane. Washington, to join the staff of the Association of Unity Churches. During those five years, the tremendous contribution that he has made is evident to all who

are a part of our ministry. The years of research that were involved in the preparation and production of our graded youth education material, plus the development of leadership training courses in connection with that material, have in themselves been a contribution of major significance. Dan's involvement in our Youth of Unity, working with Michael Murphy and Gary McCarty, established that phase of our work on a firm foundation of order and effectiveness. That contribution on its own has been a major contribution to our AUC. Dan's involvement over the years in the office in establishing patterns of procedure for accomplishing the many responsibilities that fall to the AUC has been exemplary. His loyalty, his integrity, his commitment to Unity, to the AUC and to the staff have always been a source of strength.

In his own prayer consciousness, Dan was able to see the fulfillment of the three phases of our Unity work from his standpoint. He felt strongly the need to become involved once more in serving in the ministry in the field, not only to youth but to adults as well. Dan tendered his resignation as Director of Youth Education in the AUC, effective October 31. It is with a sense of regret that his resignation was accepted. It is with a deep sense of assurance that Spirit is in charge of this decision and the succeeding steps that will result from it which enables us to collectively bless Dan as he moves forward into the next part of the Father's work that is in order for him.

The Executive Committee felt that, without ministerial leadership at this point, our research and experimentation in the field of young adult activities should be relegated to the ministries for continuation. Information has been circulated as indicating an intent upon the part of the AUC no longer to fulfill its obligation and responsibilities in the field of youth education, and this just is not true. Gary McCarty, our youth coordinator, in the light of this decision, has tendered his resignation at this time. It was Gary's feeling that, since his primary interest is in the young adult activities and since he does not have the necessary ministerial qualification, he would seek expression elsewhere. Gary's resignation became effective November 30.

Michael Murphy has lovingly offered his time and familiarity with YOU to come to Unity Village during the week following Christmas to help conduct the YOU Executive Committee meeting, which is annually held at that time. The YOU Executive Committee will make preparations for the YOU Conference to be held in August, as well as other related YOU activities. Our special gratitude goes out to Michael for his dedication to the YOU.

In the Executive Office, with the tremendous and valuable cooperation of your Executive Committee, reevaluation is being done regarding the best way to fulfill our responsibilities and enhance our opportunities for greater service to our ministries. We know that we have the prayer support of all of our ministers and ministries, and we know that Spirit is guiding us toward the perfect fulfillment of His will in our work.

YEARBOOKS BEING MAILED

purposes.

When you receive your new YEARBOOK for the Association of Unity Churches, you will notice that they are dated for the year 1973. We have changed it to the calendar year to make it possible to show changes which occur through October. This change will enable us to print a more up-to-date book for your reference



MIDYEAR COUNCIL OF COMMITTEES

During the week of January 14, 1973, the Council of Committees will come to Unity Village for the midyear meeting.

The determination has been made that the following committees will meet: The Executive Committee, Finance and Budget Committee, Licensing and Ordination Committee, Youth Education Research Committee, Ministerial Education Advisory Committee, Program Committee.

We trust that the chairman of each committee that will be meeting will contact the members of his committee. Your President and the chairmen urge your attendance and prayer participation in these meetings.

The COMMITTEES will meet on MONDAY, January 15 and TUESDAY, January 16. The BOARD will meet on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY — January 17-19.

The Reservations Office has asked us to let you know that they will not have space for single accommodations during the Midyear Council. Reservations will be for *shared accommodations only* — make your reservations soon.

Airport Has Moved

Kansas City is very proud of its new International Airport and we know you will enjoy its facilities, too. However, the new airport is about an hour's drive to Unity Village! Although we wish it were possible, we will not be able to provide transportation service for you from the airport. You will want to take the distance to Unity Village and your arrival time in mind when you make your plane reservations.

SILENT-70 NEEDS YOU

We thank you for your continued understanding as we work toward an effective system for handling the Silent-70 orders. Unity School supplies us with a monthly quota of this material to be distributed by the AUC to the ministries. As we survey the operation at this time, it is noted

that the love offerings for the materials have not been sufficient to cover the cost of postage. After the postage costs, we are to reimburse Unity School for the printing of these materials.

We are grateful to Unity School for the Silent-70 materials and in order to keep within the quota which is issued to us, we fill your orders impartially on a first-come, first-served basis. To provide this service for you, we need your continued support through offerings to the AUC with a designation on the check that it is for Silent-70. As the quantity, or quota, of pamphlets provided us is not unlimited, perhaps you would want to consider ordering smaller quantities at appointed times to ensure an equalized distribution among the ministries.



RETURN YOUR CARDS FOR BLUE CROSS

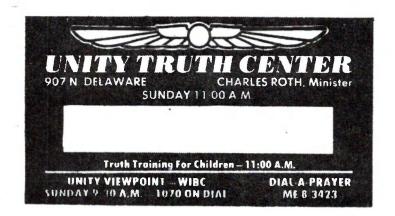
We have been receiving inquiries as to when we will know about acceptance in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Care program. To date we have received only 67 cards wanting to be a part of the program. As

you recall, we need to have 75% participation before this plan can be activated.

IF YOU INTEND TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PROGRAM, PLEASE RETURN YOUR CARD NOW.

HERE'S AN IDEA:

Charles Roth, of Indianapolis, Indiana, has had the following advertisement designed for the newspaper. Charles has his subject for the week placed in the center "box" He has shared this idea with us in the thought that some of you might want to check with your local newspaper for a similar plan. The advertisement is outstanding and we thank Charles for sharing this idea.





WEDDING BELLS

Alma Redfern, our minister in San Mateo, California, and Olin L. Berry are honored in our "Wedding Bells"

section this time. To quote Alma: "Olin and I were married on November 9 in Honolulu. Stan Hampson officiated and the Sig Paulson's stood with us. Wish all of our friends could have been present." We assure you of our best wishes and blessings ever present with you, Alma and Olin.

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UNITY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

In order to offer greater service to students and visitors who come to Unity Village for instruction and inspiration, Unity School has combined many of its departments into one unit called "Adult Education." The

departments affected are those responsible for Unity School's on-premise ministries: UICE, RETREATS, CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL, VILLAGE CHAPEL, LIBRARY, COUNSELING, TOURS, and WEE WISDOM SCHOOL.

Believing that these departments could serve more effectively by consolidating their services and better planning for the utilization of space, the Retreat Department and the Correspondence School moved to join UICE on the second floor in the east wing of the Administration Building. With the Retreat Department's move, space became available which allowed AUC to expand its office space.

In 1972 all the retreats were booked to near capacity and many were entirely sold out. More students than ever before enrolled in UICE classes. Interest in the Correspondence Course is at an all-time high. With these facts in mind, the new Adult Education Department is busy preparing for its 1973 activities. Exciting ideas are developing. It promises to be a great year!

SPACE UTILIZATION FOR AUC PRINTING AND STOCK ROOM In the September, 1972 issue of CONTACT we shared the news of the blessing of the new office space on the second floor. Our stock room and printing facilities remain on the ground floor, but have been moved to the enclosed space across the hall. All of us have rolled up our sleeves and worked side by side to move the "tons" of materials and

supplies. We are grateful to the Father for this new area which affords better lighting and space utilization.

MUSIC, RECORDS AND BLESSINGS FOR A MARRIAGE

The AUC would like to make the "International Children's Choir" stereo album available to you for \$1.00 each. These have formerly sold for \$2.00. These records make especially nice gifts for children.

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson wrote the song, "There's a Light in the Window of Heaven," to be especially distributed through the AUC. This sheet music, which has the lighted window on the front, is listed for \$1.00 on the order form, but is now being offered to you on a love offering basis.

James Dillet Freeman's "Blessing for a Marriage," printed on 8½ x 11" paper, would be excellent for framing. This beautiful blessing would be the perfect gift for the bride and groom. We have a limited supply of this blessing to share with you.



IN MEMORIAM

We have just received word of the passing of Blanche Evans Ross of Sacramento, California, and of the passing of Marie Giles of Walnut Creek, California. These two are in our gratitude for the beautiful way they have been expressers of Truth throughout the years.

Blanche was ordained in 1944 and served in the ministries in Lincoln, Nebraska; Eureka and Sacramento, California, We know you will want to join with us in prayerful love and blessings of strength for her daughter, Doris, We see Blanche moving forward into the eternal light of Spirit, sustained in our consciousness of love.

Marie was ordained in 1952. She served with Rose Emery in Oakland from 1938 through 1949. Marie established the work in Walnut Creek and was there until her retirement in 1970. We extend the strength of our prayers to her dear ones as we free Marie into the keeping of God.

PLACEMENT

GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA We are happy to report that Clifford Carpenter, our minister in Glendale, has decided to remain active and not to retire.

MEDFORD, OREGON Negotiations are continuing with the ministry in Medford regarding succession of leadership there.

DES MOINES, IOWA William Hines, our minister in Vista, California, has accepted leadership of our work in Des Moines, Iowa, as of January 1, 1973.

VISTA, CALIFORNIA With the move of William Hines to Des Moines, Iowa, we have begun negotiations with the board for succession of leadership.

RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY During the month of December the ministers and teachers of Unity Center of Practical Christianity, New York City, are responsible for carrying on the activities in Ridgewood, New Jersey, until succession of leadership can be worked out. We do appreciate the willingness of all those who are responding to the need and giving so freely of themselves.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA John L. Baughman has accepted responsibility for continuing the ministry of Irwin Seale in New York. Our love and blessings go with Jack and Ardis as they continue in their service to mankind. James Heinecamp, minister in Syracuse, New York, has been accepted to become the minister in Fort Lauderdale around January 1st.

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK The vacancy in Syracuse happened while CONTACT was being produced, therefore we have not begun negotiations there but will be working with the board to secure succession of leadership in the very near future.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE Esther Lewis, our minister in Nashville, Tennessee, has tendered her resignation and plans to retire as of January 1st. The Executive Office is working closely with the board in Nashville at this time.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA With the acceptance of Eugene Sorensen in Livonia, Michigan, Christ Church Unity has been in need of an assistant minister. Philip Nicola of St. Louis, Missouri, has accepted the invitation to work with John Hinkle in Los Angeles.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI With the vacancy caused by Philip Nicola's resignation as of January 1st, we are now in negotiation with the board for succession of leadership.

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

Seven Months, 72/73 Bookyear

	CURRENT	YEAR TO
INCOME	MONTH	DATE
Love Offerings - General	18,526.49	131,326.68
Love Offerings - Ministerial Education	10.00	735.63
Love Offerings - Youth Education	40.60	719.13
Gain from Operations:		
Curriculum and Material	237.51	4,437.29
Other Income	1298.45	8,340.92
Total Income	20,113.05	145,559.65
EXPENSES		
General Office	16,647.71	108,183.90
Youth Education	4,733.57	24,679.47
Ministerial Education	3,291.04	24,520.42
Total Expenses:	24,672.32	157,383.79
*Excess income over Expenses:	(4,559.27)	(11,824.14)

^{*}Out of operating capital a total of \$18,079.08 has been expended as pre-paid Convention 1973 expense. Such sum will be recoverable upon the execution of the Convention.

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

I NTENSIVE SEMINAR ON THE "DYNAMICS OF SUCCESS"

Joyce Kramer, minister of Unity of Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Virginia, conducted

a special intensive seminar on "THE DYNAMICS OF SUCCESS" during the week of December 4 through 8. All students of the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies attended. This is a course that Joyce presented through the Adult Education Department of the Chesapeake Public Schools in Chesapeake, Virginia. The purpose of this course was to motivate students to become more successful through an understanding of the principles upon which success is based, and through guidance in the application of these principles to their own lives and in their future careers as Unity ministers. This seminar has helped the ministerial students get a proper success image of themselves in preparation for their service in the Unity field. Our deep appreciation to Joyce for taking time out from her own busy ministry to give this loving and capable service to the students of SMRS.



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STUDENT GIFT SHOP INFORMATION

Want to know what has been "happening" in the Student Gift Shop? Our selection of Unity wing pins and tie tacs are still very popular items. The Student Gift Shop has been very busy dreaming up new items to offer to the

centers. One of these new items is the Unity engraved six and eight ounce glasses. We also have candy jars similar to the apothecary jars seen in candy shops of years gone by. Both the glasses and the clear glass jars are beautiful gifts, as well as decorator items. We have other new items in mind to offer to the centers and retreatants, but we are going to surprise you with what they are in the future. In the meantime, the ministerial students wish you a joyous and blessed holiday season and a fantastic, miracle-filled New Year.



MINISTERIAL STUDENTS GETTING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE Many of the first-year students have been searching to see where they could be of help. Gene Connor, a first-year student, has found a home in the Independence Unity Center. Gene was not at school very long until he accepted the opportunity to teach an adult Bible study class there. Lora

McAfee is also teaching in Independence. At first Lora expressed some misgivings about being a Sunday school teacher, since she had not taught before, but now she is happily involved.

Students have not been wasting any time in getting practical platform experience. In addition to the Monday morning student chapel services, they are conducting the entire public midweek healing services for the Unity Village Chapel. Second-year students have been handling these services throughout the first trimester. With the beginning of the second trimester in January, first-year students will become involved with chairmanships and meditations. Both the students and staff of Unity Village Chapel are thrilled with the challenge of building a midweek attendance at Unity Village.

SCHOOL FOR MINIS'. RIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES WINTER TRIMESTER January 2, 1973 - April 13, 1973

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 to 8:50	SUVC STUDENT CHAPEL SERVICE	1 TR SPEECH (William Fischer)	1 U-4 LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST (William Fischer)	1 TR SPEECH (William Fischer)	1 U-4 BIBLE HISTORY (Phil White)
		2&8 U-4 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel)	2&8 U-2 MINISTERIAL ETHICS & ETIQUETTE (L.E. Meyer)	2&8 U-4 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel)	2&8 TR SPEECH (William Fischer)
9:00 to 9:50	1 TR SPEECH (William Fischer)	1,2&8 TR	1 U-4 CHRISTIAN HEALING (Margaret Conn)	1,2&8 TR GREAT	1 U-4 CHRISTIAN HEALING (Margaret Conn)
	2&8 U-4 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel)	TT L CHEP C	2&8 U-2 THE TEACHINGS OF CHARLES FILLMORE (Vera Tait)	TEACHERS 2&8 (Nicholas Griffin) SPECIAL	2&8 U-2 SPECIAL SERVICES (Various Ministers)
10:00 to 10:50	1 U-4 BIBLE HISTORY (Phil White)	1 U-4 LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST (William Fischer)		1 U-4 BIBLE HISTORY (Phil White)	1 U-4 CHRISTIAN HEALING (Margaret Conn)
	2&8 U-2 THE TEACHINGS OF CHARLES FILLMORE (Vera Tait)	2&8 TR CONTEMPORARY ISSUES (Harold Whaley)	ATIVE SEMINAR ——	2&8 TR SPEECH (William Fischer)	2&8 U-2 COUNSELING (William Fischer)
11:00 to 11:50	1 INTRO. TO U-4 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel)	1,2&8 SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING	INTEGRATIVE	1,2&8 SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING	1 INTRO. TO TR BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel)
	2&8 U-2 COUNSELING (William Fischer)	STUD <mark>ENT</mark> PRAYER TIME		STUDENT PRAYER TIME	2&8 U-4 SPEECH (William Fischer)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

YOUTH EDUCATION SEMINARS

Now that the fall and winter season is approaching, it is time to begin to think about this year's youth education seminars and teacher training programs. Realizing the value of an intensive program of teacher-training in the field, the AUC is pleased to announce that two fine seminar leaders will be working with us to conduct field training programs.

These two seminar leaders will be at our disposal, within reason, for leadership training programs for youth education teachers of all grade levels starting in September through fall and winter. Since Dan Perin will be taking a less active part in this area of leadership training, we are making available the services of Helen Nairn and Milly Collins to you in order to meet the youth education seminar need in the best possible way.

Helen Nairn has been associated with the Unity work for many years in Fort Worth, Texas, working with Ruth Johnston. She has recently returned to Fort Worth and will begin again to assist in whatever way she is able with the local ministry there. She has done in the past an outstanding job of developing the youth education work in Fort Worth and in working with AUC office in seminar programs. Milly Collins you perhaps all know better, since she has been more actively involved in the curriculum development programs and on our Youth Education Research Committee. We highly recommend both of these teacher-trainers and welcome them to the field seminar team.

Our efforts will be to use both of these women wherever the need exists. As our office receives requests for seminars from you in the field, we will use whichever person has an open schedule or who is closest to the area needing service. The sooner we know dates from you as to when you would like a seminar the sooner we can set up a schedule for you. Communicate your need to the Director of Youth Education, Association of Unity Churches, Unity Village, Missouri, 64063. If you have any questions regarding a seminar, we will be most happy to answer them.

NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE AUC

The AUC Youth Education Department has recently purchased from Kindle Filmstrips (Scholastics Magazines, Inc.) two excellent filmstrip series dealing with the concept of self. Each series contains five, full-color sound filmstrips approximately five minutes in length. The filmstrips come complete with study guides and are designed to be used with the primary age group. Subjects covered are: Unit 1, Who Am I?--"The Joy of Being You;" "Do You Believe in Wishes?;" "People Packages;" "All Kinds of Feelings" and "Nothing is Something To Do." Unit 2--How Do I Learn?-- "Making Mistakes;" "Who's Afraid?;" "What Next?;" "Figuring Things Out" and "Do You Forget?".

All of these filmstrips were reviewed by participants at the Youth Education Seminar last June and according to their questionnaire responses were considered to be versatile and effective enough to warrant the AUC purchasing the filmstrips and making them available to local ministries on a love offering loan basis.

If you would like to use any of the above filmstrips for a special youth education program, simply let us know by writing to the AUC Youth Education Office. Please indicate which of the two sets you would like to use and your viewing dates.

INTRODUCING

Wynotte Harewood Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, West Indies



We are taking this opportunity to introduce our first Unity Student Exchange Program participant, Wynette Ann-Colleen Harewood. Wynette comes to us from Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, where she is the president of their local Youth of Unity activity. She has been a Unity student for ten years, participating in the total activities of the Unity ministry in Port-of-Spain. The ministry there is under the very capable leadership of Violet Assam.

Wynette recently had an opportunity to speak at the AUC Conference business meeting here in Kansas City. Her beautiful presentation of her experiences thus far in this country and her hopes for making use of the knowledge she is gaining here in the development of youth programs in her own country were enthusiastically

received by the Conference body. As Wynette says, one of the primary reasons she wanted to participate in the Exchange Program was to have an opportunity to get new ideas and ways of developing the local youth program in the West Indies. The youth activities in the West Indies are still in their early stages, and Wynette can be an effective force for good in helping to develop them more wisely. She also feels that being in this country will give her an opportunity to hear the successes of other YOU chapters, how they have worked on their problems to find solutions that helped them grow. She feels also that it will give her insights as to what is happening with young people in other parts of the world. Additionally, she feels that she can give of her knowledge to help others not only in her own country when she returns, but to those whom she contacts while here in this country.

Looking forward to work in the field of human relations and communication, Wynette says, "the experience gained at Conference will prove most useful when the time arises for me to participate more actively in the affairs of our multiracial society in the West Indies and in those of different peoples of the world." Wynette is looking forward to obtaining as much experience and varied opportunities as possible while in this country. In order to make this experience totally meaningful for her, we are interested in arranging a speaking and appearance tour for her following the YOU Conference in August. This would give her an opportunity to visit more chapters and congregations on her way back to Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. If you are interested in having Wynette participate in your ministry by speaking to your congregation, to your YOUers or to other interested groups, please let us know by return mail. We are in the process of developing an itinerary for Wynette's return trip home.

The AUC is covering expenses for this trip in this initial year of participation. We are assisted in the covering of expenses by a contribution made by the local ministry in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. However, any ministry desiring to have Wynette appear and speak to their youth or congregation should feel free to contribute a love offering to the AUC Headquarters if they so desire.

Questions in regard to utilizing Wynette while she is here may be directed to Dan Perin at the AUC office.