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All of your love and service to the YOU is deeply appreciated, and on behalf of the International YOU, "Thank you!" We know that you will respond to this need in the way God guides you. As we continue in our unity of purpose, we know that the YOU will emerge on even higher levels of dedication, service and spiritual unfoldment.

**TOM HOPPER NAMED
PRESIDENT OF PORTER
COLLEGE**

We are most pleased to share a news release sent to us by Porter College in Indianapolis, Indiana, announcing its newly appointed President—Dr. Thomas N. Hopper.

As you will recall, Tom, was the former editor of WEE WISDOM magazine, our ordained minister in Hawaii from 1961-62, faculty member in the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies, and Administrator of the Wee Wisdom School here at Unity Village.

At this time, Tom is also an educational consultant for The Curtis Publishing Company youth publications—Child Life, Children's Playmate, Jack and Jill, Young World, and Brownie Reader.

Our heartiest congratulations and blessings are with Tom in his new appointment!

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT
IN TORONTO AUG. 26-31**

The December 1972 issue of Contact reported that the Executive Committee of the AUC felt that, at this point, the young adult activities should be relegated to the ministries. In the light of this decision, we are happy to respond to the request from our ministry in Toronto, Canada, to announce that they will host a Young Adult Retreat this summer. The dates for the retreat will be August 26 through the 31st. As plans progress for the retreat, we will share the news with you in future issues of CONTACT.

**MONEY PURCHASE
PENSION PLAN**

The Association of Unity Churches has printed a pamphlet which supplies information to Unity ministers and ministries regarding our Money Purchase Pension Plan. The pamphlet includes concise answers to questions most often asked about the Plan, as well as an outline of the entire Plan. If you are not already participating in the Plan or do not know about it, we would be happy to send you the booklet upon request. The greater number of Unity ministers, teachers and workers who can qualify for the participation enables the Plan to be that much more effective and beneficial for all.

**MORE ITEMS AVAILABLE
FROM THE AUC**

As a service to our ministries we have printed a new pamphlet entitled *Something Special That You Can Do*. This two-page pamphlet explains a number of ways which individuals may give of their prayers, their talents and their substance.

We have also reprinted the *Membership in Unity* folders which were formerly printed by Unity School. Envelopes are included with the folders.

Unity School has graciously given the AUC a limited supply of the pamphlet, *Unity Leaves No One Out*, to distribute to the ministries. This pamphlet is a reprint of the article which appeared in the February 1973 issue of "Daily Word."

Copies of the above mentioned pamphlets have been sent to each ministry for consideration.

IN MEMORIAM

On February 25, 1973, Lula B. Nute passed away in Chicago, Illinois. Lula served with John Johnson and Marie Harrison in the Chicago area before her ordination in 1968. She has been the minister at Unity of Lawndale in Chicago for the past few years. When we think of Lula, we think of her as a person who exuded life! We know her beautiful consciousness continues to bless her ongoing as it continues to influence those who knew and loved her.

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HAVE YOUR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE SEND YOUR NEWS TO "CONTACT"

Our thanks to Dorothy Pierson, Regional Representative for Northern California, and to Paul Barrett, Regional Representative for the Southeast for sharing news of regional activities with the readers of CONTACT. Remember, your news is good news. We would like to make your items of interest a part of each issue of CONTACT.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GET-TOGETHER

Dorothy Pierson reports: "The ministers of Northern California got together for a time of sharing spiritually and socially in San Francisco, February 18th and 19th. Dinner was enjoyed on Sunday evening at the Cannery. Monday brunch was atop the Fairmount Hotel overlooking the Bay and Golden Gate! A meeting of business and prayer followed. We are especially grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Olin Berry (our own Alma Redfern and her new husband) for inviting us, first to their lovely apartment in San Francisco, and then on to their vacation boathouse in Tiburon. There the magnificent view of the bay and the city, plus the sunset and coming on of the lights of the city, seemed to bring us together in even a greater sense of Unity. We are a happy family of ministers in Northern California!"

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

Paul Barrett reporting: The *Unity of the Palm Beaches* is busy with three new activities. First, there has been a growing interest in the film strip series of Chardin's "The Phenomenon of Man." The film has been shown at various times for members of the church and to the public. The public was invited by inserting an ad in the local newspaper and it drew fifty-five persons to the sessions. A group of Catholic Sisters and Priests also requested a showing. This enthusiasm in Chardin's work is prompting the church to offer to show the series to any interested group as a valuable vehicle of outreach to the whole community.

"Psycho-cybernetics" continues to attract large classes. The class is presently being taught by Mrs. Billie Blaine. Mrs. Blaine received her teacher training in Sacramento from Phil and Dorothy Pierson.

The newest innovation of Hal Rosencrans is the establishing of a Bio-Feedback Laboratory. Thirty interested individuals have signed up for a twelve-week course in experimenting with three electronic instruments for measuring depth meditation and relaxation. The students come to the laboratory two or three times a week for practice sessions and meet once a week as a group to share their experiences. The students are reporting favorable, interesting, and profitable experiences.

Unity Christ Church of St. Petersburg is the newest of our Unity ministries. It has sprung up out of the need for expansion and growth of the Unity work in St. Petersburg. The new church is moving forward under the leadership of Paul C. Barrett, assisted by his wife Terri. They are presently meeting in a 750 seat Seventh Day Adventist Church facility. A building program is under way to provide their own facilities as soon as monetary provision is adequate.

Paul and Terri report that the "response to this new ministry has been tremendous. It has proved the need for such a move in the St. Petersburg area, and is indicative that Unity, now with three ministries in St. Petersburg, will continue to flourish and grow." The dedication service for the new ministry, which was incorporated January 1, 1973, was participated in by four prominent Unity lay people, and four Unity ministers. The ministers were Paul and Terri Barrett, Elsie Eckert, and Robert P. Sikking. Bob Sikking spoke on behalf of the Association of Unity Churches and delivered a tremendously inspiring message on the subject, "A Great New You!"

PLACEMENT

MEDFORD, OREGON Ed Dawson who was the assistant minister in Vancouver, B.C., has accepted the invitation to be minister in charge of our Unity work in Medford, Oregon. He accepted his new responsibilities on March 1.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO Negotiations are continuing in regard to succession of leadership in Grand Junction. We are grateful for the loving services of Marion Brown, who is functioning as interim minister there.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE William Clark, who has been our minister in charge of the expanding ministries in Montana of Butte, Great Falls, and Missoula, has accepted an invitation from the Board of our Unity work in Nashville to be their new minister. He will accept his responsibilities in April.

CANTON, OHIO We continue in our negotiations with our friends in Canton, Ohio, regarding succession of leadership there. We are deeply grateful to our Unity ministers in the region for their assistance in keeping the activities going, along with the good services of the membership of Canton itself.

JACKSON, MICHIGAN We are grateful to Eleonore Krafft for her willingness to maintain the activities in Jackson, Michigan until succession of leadership can be finalized. We are in negotiation with the Board there and look forward to its solution in the not too distant future.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS Negotiations are under way regarding succession of leadership in Decatur. We hope that this will be finalized by the end of March.

HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK Helen Dade, our minister of Huntington, New York, has tendered her resignation as minister there. She is planning to be married in the Spring and will be leaving full-time leadership at that time. We join in extending special blessings to Helen, knowing that the rich joys of Spirit pour forth in her life and the life of her loved one.

Carolyn Noonan has been invited to accept leadership in Huntington, New York, and is now finalizing arrangement for her move there.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA William LaReau, our minister in Stockton, has tendered his resignation as minister in charge of our work there. At the present time Bill is in the Los Angeles area. Negotiations are under way for succession of leadership in our good work in Stockton. We are grateful to the staff of Christ Unity Church, Sacramento, for the continuing activities in Stockton.

RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY We are without leadership in our Unity ministry in Ridgewood and are grateful for the good services of Unity of New York and Eric Butterworth's staff for the continuity of activities there. We are negotiating for succession of leadership in that activity.

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SUMMER TRIMESTER - APR. 30 - AUG. 10, 1973

HOLIDAYS: Mon. May 28th
Wed. July 4th

		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
8:00 to 8:50		SUV C STUDENT CHAPEL SERVICE		1 BIBLE HISTORY (Phil White)	C-4	1 BIBLE HISTORY (Phil White)	C-2	1 BIBLE HISTORY (Phil White)	C-4	1 BIBLE HISTORY (Phil White)	C-4
		2 SYNOPTIC STUDY (William Fischer)		C-2	2 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel)	C-4	2 SYNOPTIC STUDY (William Fischer)	C-2	2 SYNOPTIC STUDY (William Fischer)	C-2	2 SYNOPTIC STUDY (William Fischer)
9:00 to 9:50		1 UNIT APPROACH TO COUNSELING (Various Instructors)	C-3	1 SPEECH (William Fischer)	TR	1 UNIT APPROACH TO COUNSELING (Various Instructors)	C-3	1 & 2 WORLD RELIGIONS (Harold Whaley)	TR	1 & 2 CREATIVE PROGRAMMING (William Fischer)	TR
		2 CREDO (Phil White)	C-2	2 CREDO (Phil White)	C-2	2 CREDO (Phil White)	C-2				(William Fischer)
10:00 to 10:50		1 & 2 WORLD RELIGIONS (Harold Whaley)	TR	1 STORY OF UNITY (James D. Freeman)	C-2	1 STORY OF UNITY (James D. Freeman)		1 STORY OF UNITY (James D. Freeman)	C-2	1 STORY OF UNITY (James D. Freeman)	C-2
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11:00 to 11:50		1 SPEECH (William Fischer)	TR	1 & 2 SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING		1 & 2 SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING		1 & 2 SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING		1 SPEECH (William Fischer)	TR
		2 PSYCHO-CYBERNETICS (Mauritz Erhard)	C-3	2 STUDENT PRAYER TIME		2 STUDENT PRAYER TIME		2 STUDENT PRAYER TIME		2 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel)	C-4

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

STUDENT MINISTRY AT CONVALESCENT HOME

For the past two years the ministerial students have been conducting services at the Holmesdale Convalescent Home in Kansas City. These services are held on the second Sunday of each month. Mrs. Rodgers, the occupational therapist in charge of the patients, tells us that the patients look forward with great anticipation to the Sundays that UNITY holds the service. She added that the "patients are so greatly helped."

A second-year student is given the responsibility for assignments for these meetings. During this year Roy Fox, of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ministry, has been in charge. George Reiger, of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ministry, will take over for Roy.

Anywhere from twenty to forty ambulatory patients attend each service, participating as best they can. They love to sing. Additional ministerial students attend to lead in the singing, and to provide special musical programs.

STUDENTS CONDUCT MINISTRY AT JACKSON COUNTY JAIL

The Jackson County Jail in Kansas City, Missouri, has been going through some big changes lately. S.M.R.S. students have been involved in these constructive changes. Chris Morgan, a first-year student from Toronto, Ontario, Canada, who does volunteer pastoral work under the direction of the jail chaplain, has informed us that Unity was invited to conduct its first Sunday service in March of this year. John Sherman, from the Seattle, Washington ministry, presented the message. Chris Morgan did the meditation and Conrad Stahl, originally from the ministry in Wichita, Kansas, provided the music. The Jackson County Jail houses 384 men at the present time, and some of them are now requesting Unity literature. Silent Unity also recently received a request from an inmate there for a visit from a Unity minister.

There is another activity in the continuing effort to involve the ministerial students in an experiential type of program relating to their future ministries.

FACULTY MEMBERS JOIN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

At the invitation of Phil White, Bible instructor in S.M.R.S., Bill Fischer and Nick Griffin recently joined the Kansas City Society for Theological Studies. Phil has been a member for several years. The Society is made up of faculty members of the various seminaries and religious colleges and universities in the greater Kansas City area. Bill and Nick were the only two new members inducted in the semi-annual dinner meeting held in March. Following dinner and a business meeting, those attending had a choice of attending three different seminars. Bill and Phil chose to attend a Bible seminar, while Nick went to one on religious philosophy. We know that not only will Bill and Nick be blessed by this association but they will bring the blessing of Unity to their new found friends.

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**TOM HOPPER NAMED
PRESIDENT OF PORTER
COLLEGE**

We are most pleased to share a news release sent to us by Porter College in Indianapolis, Indiana, announcing its newly appointed President—Dr. Thomas N. Hopper.

As you will recall, Tom, was the former editor of **WEE WISDOM** magazine, our ordained minister in Hawaii from 1961-62, faculty member in the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies, and Administrator of the Wee Wisdom School here at Unity Village.

At this time, Tom is also an educational consultant for The Curtis Publishing Company youth publications—Child Life, Children's Playmate, Jack and Jill, Young World, and Brownie Reader.

Our heartiest congratulations and blessings are with Tom in his new appointment!

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT
IN TORONTO AUG. 26-31**

The December 1972 issue of *Contact* reported that the Executive Committee of the AUC felt that, at this point, the young adult activities should be relegated to the ministries. In the light of this

decision, we are happy to respond to the request from our ministry in Toronto, Canada, to announce that they will host a Young Adult Retreat this summer. The dates for the retreat will be August 26 through the 31st. As plans progress for the retreat, we will share the news with you in future issues of *CONTACT*.

**MONEY PURCHASE
PENSION PLAN**

The Association of Unity Churches has printed a pamphlet which supplies information to Unity ministers and ministries regarding our Money Purchase Pension Plan. The pamphlet includes concise

answers to questions most often asked about the Plan, as well as an outline of the entire Plan. If you are not already participating in the Plan or do not know about it, we would be happy to send you the booklet upon request. The greater number of Unity ministers, teachers and workers who can qualify for the participation enables the Plan to be that much more effective and beneficial for all.

**MORE ITEMS AVAILABLE
FROM THE AUC**

As a service to our ministries we have printed a new pamphlet entitled *Something Special That You Can Do*. This two-page pamphlet explains a number of ways which individuals may give of

their prayers, their talents and their substance.

We have also reprinted the *Membership in Unity* folders which were formerly printed by Unity School. Envelopes are included with the folders.

Unity School has graciously given the AUC a limited supply of the pamphlet, *Unity Leaves No One Out*, to distribute to the ministries. This pamphlet is a reprint of the article which appeared in the February 1973 issue of "Daily Word."

Copies of the above mentioned pamphlets have been sent to each ministry for consideration.

IN MEMORIAM

On February 25, 1973, Lula B. Nute passed away in Chicago, Illinois. Lula served with John Johnson and Marie Harrison in the

Chicago area before her ordination in 1968. She has been the minister at Unity of Lawndale in Chicago for the past few years. When we think of Lula, we think of her as a person who exuded life! We know her beautiful consciousness continues to bless her ongoing as it continues to influence those who knew and loved her.

PLACEMENT

CANTON, OHIO June Dorrell, a 1972 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted the invitation of the Board of our Unity ministry in Canton, Ohio to serve on a permanent basis there. June accepted her responsibilities in May.

JACKSON, MICHIGAN With the expressed desire on the part of Eleonore Krafft to retire from full time leadership, we have been in negotiation with the Board of Jackson. Roy Fox, a graduating candidate for ordination in 1973 has been accepted to be the new minister in Jackson after Conference and Convention.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA The Board of Directors of our work in Stockton, California has extended a special invitation to Mabel Carlin, interim minister there, to remain on an indefinite basis as minister of that work. We will certainly miss the availability of Mabel Carlin as an interim minister, but bless her in the fine work that she will do in her continuing activity of Stockton, California.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA First Unity Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, has been without leadership since August, 1972. An invitation has been extended to Nicholas Griffin to accept leadership of that ministry. Nick and his wife Carole and their daughter are now resident in St. Petersburg and Nick has accepted leadership as of June 1st.

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON We continue in our negotiations regarding succession of leadership in Yakima, Washington. We are assured that succession of leadership will be provided from among the graduating candidates for ordination from the current class in SMRS.

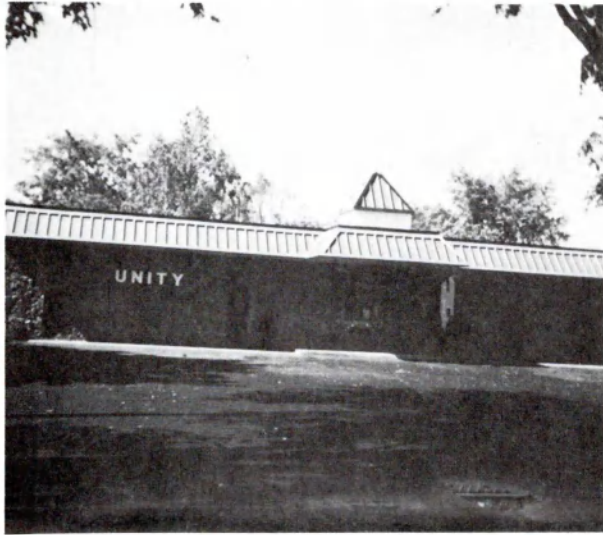
BUTTE/GREAT FALLS, MONTANA Joel Boehr who has been our Unity minister at Unity Christ Church, St. Louis, Missouri since February 1968 has felt guided to accept the special and exciting challenge of the development of our Unity works in Butte and Great Falls, Montana. We are grateful to Joel for his pioneering spirit and will want to give all of our prayer support to his effort. He will be accepting responsibility for these ministries late in June.

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA With the resignation of Hertha Tuntland from leadership of Unity Church of Truth in Santa Ana, consideration has been given to succession of leadership. Philip Nicola has accepted the invitation from the Board of Directors to accept responsibilities for the continuing and expanding activities there.

ORLANDO, FLORIDA L. E. Meyer, who for the past 8 years has been Chaplain here at Unity School, has accepted an invitation from Carolyn Essex to join her in the ministry in Orlando, Florida. L. E. will accept his responsibilities July the 1st.

SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA Mary Jo Cooper has accepted the invitation to work with Margaret Stevens, at the independent ministry in Arcadia, California. We extend our special love and blessings to Mary Jo as she moves into this new experience and know that she continues to have the love and blessings of all of her Unity friends. Dale Cross, who has been serving as an associate minister with Bob Stevens has accepted the invitation to become the minister in San Gabriel.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA Hal and Flo Dibblee, who have been associated during the last year with Mary Kupferle in Delray Beach, Florida, have accepted succession of leadership in our fine work in Minneapolis. They will accept their new responsibilities on July 1, 1973.



DEDICATION OF NEW BUILDING IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

The congregation of Unity Church of Practical Christianity dedicated its new facilities located at 417 Cordelia, Springfield, Illinois, on May 20, 1973. Margaret Cain, the minister, reports that "our day was a huge success." Robert P. Sikking presented the message at the dedication and special music was provided by Evelyn Vaughan and Theodore Chase. We rejoice with Margaret and her congregation and see them provided with every blessing in abundance.

GROUND-BREAKING DAY AT UNITY CHURCH OF TRUTH IN SPOKANE

In case you don't recognize them, this is R. Scott Sherman and Robert P. Sikking at the Ground-Breaking Ceremony held on March 4, 1973 in Spokane, Washington. The Unity minister, Scott Sherman, and the congregation are excited about the building project for their new facilities. The building is now well under way and the inside work is being done.

We join with them in knowing that their plans continue to unfold in divine order.



Margaret Cain reporting for the GREAT LAKES REGION: Unity West of Milwaukee, under the leadership of Jack Hamilton, is having some growing pains at this time. The congregation has doubled and tripled in three years. A piece of ground has been purchased for the location of the new church. A building fund has been established and plans are being considered. At the right time and in the right way the right church will come forth.

Unity Church of Christianity in Milwaukee, under the leadership of William F. Fletcher, held its first service in its new building on Palm Sunday. The old church located at 1820 East North Avenue was sold last May. During the interim the Ambassador Hotel was used as a meeting place. The congregation purchased the Y.M.C.A. in Wauwatosa, a suburb of Milwaukee. The address is 1717 North 73rd. Many volunteer workers helped to put the building in shape. All is in Divine Order for new growth and development.

Winifred Hausmann, Unity Center of Cleveland, enthusiastically reports that their seminar on "The Phenomenon of Man" was most successful. In addition to using the slides and soundtrack from the Phenomenon of Man Project in California, they developed scientific background to correlate the story of evolution, as given by Teilhard de Chardin, with the days of creation from Genesis 1. Then, to tie in with the second half of the book and the filmstrip, they compared quotations from Charles Fillmore with some from Teilhard de Chardin. Winifred and George Hausmann said, "We did the commentary in our Huntley-Brinkley manner."

Shirley Bring, minister of Unity Church of Flint, has written us that over the last two years she has taken two 30-hour courses in Alcohol and Drug Education and Addiction Counseling and Therapy. She also has had about 30 additional hours in special training in Transactional Analysis and Special Counseling. This had unfolded from a committee she was elected to by the Flint Ministerial Association—the Religious Resources Committee of the Genesee Drug Abuse Commission. She serves on the Voluntary Counseling Service which counsels mostly with parents, and occasionally with young abusers referred by the court. She is also on the Women Drug (Soft Drug) Abusers Committee at the Commission and serves on the Ministerial Emergency Service at the McLaren Hospital in Flint. Shirley says, "I have really felt good about getting Unity into the community." (Blessings to you, Shirley, you have certainly gone the extra mile besides your ministerial duties to help many people.)

Paul Barrett reporting for the SOUTHEAST REGION: Sune Richards, minister of Unity Christ Church, Lakeland, Florida, recently gave a lecture on the "Children of the Bible" to the Tiny Tots Day Nursery of Lakeland. It was held in the First Methodist Church of Lakeland. The attendance at the meeting was over 900 people. There are close to 1000 children in this day nursery. Sune is on the Executive Board of the Nursery.

Sune also gave a lecture entitled "Crossroads" for the Governmental Secretary's State Convention held at Winter Park, Florida. The lecture opened the Convention. There were 300 secretaries present.

Charles Neal of the Unity Center of Practical Christianity, Miami, Florida, and Paul C. Barrett of Unity Christ Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, are listed as speakers from the Southeast Region of Unity at the 58th Annual INTA Congress being held at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, July 1 — 6. Charles' subject is "Spiritual Law," and Paul's is "The Law of Non-resistance."

YOUTH EDUCATION

We are not planning to have a Youth Education Seminar this summer at Unity Village. The AUC has had Milly Collins of Livonia, Michigan and Helen Nairn of Fort Worth, Texas conduct seminars throughout the regions during the past year. The response has been outstanding and the regional seminars have enabled greater numbers of teachers to receive training. If you would like to have someone come to your area to conduct a Youth Education Seminar, please contact the AUC office and we will make the arrangements for you.

REGIONAL NEWS



Kay Arndt reporting for the NORTHWEST REGION: Ministers of the Puget Sound area (Bellevue, Bellingham, Bremerton, Burien, Everett, Olympia, Seattle, Tacoma, and Vancouver, B.C.) met at the Top of the Ocean Restaurant in Tacoma on April 14 to enjoy an evening of good food and good talk. Highlight of the evening was a presentation of a picture of Jonathan Livingston Seagull, etched in bronze, to Grover Thornsberry in appreciation of his work as AUC President, and for his helpfulness to all the Unity ministries in this area. Present at the dinner also were Julianna Coppock who was visiting relatives in Tacoma, and William Fischer who had just spent two days in Seattle interviewing prospective ministerial students.

Kay Arndt, minister of Unity of Bellevue, has been asked to take part in a once-a-year seminar given by the Sisters of St. Joseph, a Catholic Convent supplying nurses to five hospitals in Seattle. The Mother Superior said that talks would be given by the head of St. Thomas Seminary, a Canadian priest, and priests from Seattle. She indicated that the sisters wanted to also hear from someone outside the Catholic faith and were especially interested in knowing how Unity's approach to healing could help them in their daily work with hospital patients.

Jim Lewis reporting for SOUTH CENTRAL: The South Central Regional Conference was held May 1, 2, 3 in Santa Monica, California. This was the first time we went out of our region to hold our Conference. We thank Sue Sikking for inviting us to beautiful Santa Monica and Southern California.

There are several building projects in progress in our Region. Donald Curtis is now in the process of building the first phase of a dynamic building project in Dallas, Texas. Expected completion is sometime in 1974.

John Rankin will begin construction of a new sanctuary around July 1. This building project is being financed through the sale of bonds and John informs me that all the bonds have now been sold and financing is assured. Completion of the building will be in 1974.

Construction began on April 27 for a new sanctuary at the Denver Unity Church. Completion is scheduled for September, 1973.

Louvilla Fielder, Topeka, Kansas, had a celebration on May 27th for burning the mortgage on their building. Bob Sikking and Jim Freeman were the speakers for the occasion.

New members coming to our Region are Mary Rowe who has recently taken charge of the Grand Junction, Colorado, church. Tom Vivens has begun a new ministry in the Houston, Texas area. Jim and Audre Morgan will be coming to Colorado to begin a satellite ministry in northern Colorado and Cheyenne, Wyoming. Minn Newsum has moved to Houston, Texas, and will take charge of the Sunday School ministry for John Rankin.

Bill Carpenter, of Colorado Springs, is planning a seminar Retreat in Pueblo. Guest speaker will be William Parker from Redlands University in California.

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The word is TRIUMPHANT. As our activities have culminated in Easter observances this month let us reaffirm the magnitude of the triumphant spirit that pervades each one of us. May the experience of past and present triumphs help us to know that our progress is assured. Thank You, God.

YOU CAN HELP INITIATE INSURANCE PLAN

On behalf of all of those who desire to join the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Health Care program, we need your help! Recently the AUC sent a communication to the ministries which explained that we need a response from *each one of you* as to whether or not you wish to enroll.

We have had a great response and we are grateful for your help. If you have not returned your card we would appreciate your doing so.

Remember, if we all respond we will be helping ourselves and also those who would not be able to obtain coverage without a large group affiliation. Thank you for your immediate response.

EXTENSION PROGRAM COURSES

We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to work with Unity's Institute for Continuing Education in the development of Extension Program Courses for the Unity Ministries. The increased cooperation between Unity School and the AUC in the Extension Program will afford each ministry the privilege of working more closely with those who are taking classes for credit. This means greater teaching/learning opportunities for the teacher *and* the student.

The UICE is coming out with an EXTENSION PROGRAM KIT that will be made available to everyone who wishes to teach a course in—*Lessons in Truth, How I Used Truth, Christian Healing, Discover the Power Within You, Leadership Training, New Testament Course Part I, New Testament Course Part II, Teach Us to Pray.*

The EXTENSION PROGRAM KIT will
be sent upon request from UICE.

In addition the AUC will make available on a love offering basis the annotations for those teaching *Lessons in Truth* and *Christian Healing* for UICE credit.

With the transfer of the responsibility to the ministries for grading we urge your patience and cooperation as we work together to make this one of the greatest strides forward in the sharing of the Unity message.

INTERNATIONAL RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Since the responsibility for the Young Adult activities now rests with the ministries, we are grateful to David Monument and Unity Church of Truth in Toronto for hosting an International Retreat for Young

Adults. Please share this information with the young adults in your ministry.

WHEN: The INTERNATIONAL RETREAT for YOUNG ADULTS will be held August 26 - 31. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. on the 26th and the retreat will end at 1:00 p.m. on the 31st.

WHERE: At Cedar Glen near Toronto. The enclosed accommodations brochure describes the facilities and beautiful surroundings. The cost for room, meals and activities will be \$55.00.

HOW: Young adults 18 through 35 years of age may send their name, address and church affiliation to Unity Church of Truth, 173 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Include \$10.00 Registration Fee. The pre-registration date is July 1. You will receive communication from Toronto after that date.

REGIONAL NEWS



Dorothy Pierson reporting for Northern California: A great meeting was held for the Ministers and Boards of the Northern California Unity ministries on March 10 (Saturday) from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Unity Center of Walnut Creek. It was not only a good opportunity for the ministers and board members to pray, discuss, and enjoy each other's company, but it was also a chance for us to view one of our newest Unity church buildings in our area. Carol Knox, our energetic minister in Walnut Creek was the "hostess with the mostest!" Bob Sikking presided over the morning session where all participated in a question and answer discussion. The questions pertained to center organization, AUC national business, and points of view regarding our Unity teachings. The afternoon sessions

were group sessions: board presidents and vice-presidents together, secretaries together, treasurers, etc. The ministers met in a special group, taking this opportunity to get caught up on news of the region and appreciating Bob's insights into the AUC progress throughout the country. It was a happy, constructive day! In Northern California we are sold on the board members and ministers getting together twice a year. We feel the region is strengthened and certainly each center participating is blessed.

The Unity work in Santa Rosa, Reno, and Oroville received a boost with Bob Sikking's visit as special meetings were held in each of these cities where Bob was the featured speaker. The Unity people in Northern California are appreciative of the Association of Unity Churches!

CONFERENCE 1973

We have checked with the Reservations Office here at Unity Village and they inform us that there is still some space left in the cottages during Conference, July 15-18. Remember, UICE will also be

holding classes during that time so it is important that you make your reservations right away if you plan to stay on the grounds.

For those of you who have made your reservations in Kansas City during Conference, we feel sure that we can pool our transportation efforts to get you to Unity Village for the activities. We know of several who plan to stay in Kansas City and drive out each day. Please notify the AUC Office if you are coming in order that we can make the necessary preparations for you.

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES



On Friday, April 13, the graduation service for eight-month students took place. Six students (pictured above) were graduated at this time. They are (from left to right in the front row): Brown Stewart, who will be returning to New York City to establish a new work in the Harlem area; Carol Nash, who is presently awaiting word from the U. S. Navy regarding a chaplaincy. Carol holds a divinity degree from an accredited university, which has qualified her to apply for this commission; Mary Rowe, former Editor of WEEKLY UNITY. Mary has already been placed as minister in Grand Junction, Colorado; Lois Webb, who is a practicing chiropractor in the Kansas City area. Lois is also on the staff of Unity on the Plaza in Kansas City. Since she will not be accepting a full-time ministry at this time, she is not currently a candidate for ordination; Betty Owers, who is awaiting assignment at this time; and Luis Mora, who is working in the Correspondence School Department of Unity School until ordination in July. Luis is from Puerto Rico, and will be going into one of Unity's Spanish speaking ministries following ordination.

Ordination for these graduates and those who will be graduating in July, and who are candidates for ordination, will be held on Monday, July 16, during the 1973 Annual Conference of the Association of Unity Churches.

Nicholas J. Griffin was the graduation speaker. Nick's inspiring message was not only a challenge to the graduating class, but also to all others who attended the service. Louis E. Meyer gave the invocation. William L. Fischer presented the diplomas and Robert P. Sikking gave a special blessing on behalf of the Association of Unity Churches. It was a special time for these graduates, and we look forward to their years of service in the Unity ministry.

MILLIE COLLINS CONDUCTS YOUTH SEMINAR

The effervescent Millie Collins of the Detroit area conducted a special intensive seminar for the ministerial students for three days, June 6, 7, & 8. In her own zesty fashion, Millie presented teaching techniques, familiarization of the AUC Youth Education materials, and other valuable approaches both for working with young people and children, and in training center workers for service in a youth education activity. Millie has conducted Youth Education Seminars in various parts of the country, under the auspices of the Association of Unity Churches, and always receives an enthusiastic reception. We are grateful to her for giving her time and talents to work with the ministerial students in this intensive.

STUDENT BODY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Election of new officers for the Association of Unity Churches-- Ministerial Students was held in April. The following officers were elected: Randolph Wilkinson, president. Randy is from the ministry in Washington, D. C., where George Stone is leader. George Rieger, vice-president. George comes from Angelo Giordani's ministry in Philadelphia. Florence Kellogg, secretary. Florence has been associated with Charles Roth in Indianapolis, and with the ministry in Des Moines, where William Hines is currently the leader. The treasurer is Lora McAfee, who comes from Sacramento. Phil and Dorothy Pierson were her ministers. The class chaplain is Gerald Taylor. Gerry was previously associated with James Lewis' ministry in Denver. The new officers are progressive-minded, and most dedicated to making the experience for all ministerial students most meaningful during their time at Unity Village.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS ASSIST AT UNITY TEMPLE

Through the splendid cooperation of Dr. Ernest Wilson, ministerial students are now being given the opportunity to be Sunday morning platform assistants at Unity Temple in Kansas City. The student who assists on Sunday is also assigned to be the chairman at the Wednesday evening healing service. A new program has also been initiated whereby ministerial students are the speakers two Sundays each month for the Unity Temple YOU. We are grateful to Ernest and Unity Temple for providing these opportunities for the students to get valuable and practical experience.

APPLICATIONS STILL BEING RECEIVED FOR 1973

Applications for admission for the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies are still being received for admission in September, of this year. These applications will be processed through the middle of July. If you know of anyone who wants to apply for SMRS for this year, please have him get his application in NOW. We want to process all applications as early as possible.

BRAILLE LIBRARY

An effort is being made to create a Braille Library of Unity books and other related works which would be made available to sightless persons on a lending basis. Gladys Morris, first-year ministerial student, has a small library of books printed in braille and would be happy to lend them to anyone who would want to borrow them. If you know of anyone who may have books printed in braille and who would be willing to have these books become a part of a Braille Lending Library, please have them contact Gladys Morris at Unity Village.

Information about this Braille Lending Library and other related information about braille will be available to you at Convention '73. Please inquire at the Student Ministers Gift Shop Display at the Auditorium during the Convention. Thank you for your prayerful support for this very important and needed endeavor.

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

NICK GRIFFIN JOINS SMRS FACULTY

Nicholas J. Griffin has joined the faculty for the Winter trimester. Nick was born in London, England, and came to the United States in 1964. He graduated from the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and was ordained a Unity minister in January, 1968. He was assigned as Assistant Minister of First Church Unity, St. Petersburg, Florida, before taking a leave of absence to pursue further his academic education. He took up his graduate studies at the University of Oklahoma, and now holds a Ph.D. degree in modern social and intellectual history, as well as being a member of the American Association of University Professors. Immediately prior to coming to Unity Village, Nick was engaged in a nine-month academic research fellowship in Britain. He and his wife, Carole, have a four-year-old daughter, Michelle. They are residing at Unity Villa, adjacent to Unity Village.



STUDENT GIFT SHOP

The Ministerial Student Gift Shop has recently stocked a useful, new item which should be of personal interest to many of you in the field. It is called a "MINISTER'S PERSONAL RECORD." This is a hard-bound book which allows ample space for keeping records of: personal data, churches served, baptisms, dedications, members received, marriages, funerals, sermons, addresses and publications. There is also a year-by-year record where totals may be kept. Attractively bound in blue cloth, it is a publication of approximately 150 pages. The Student Gift Shop will accept mail orders for the "MINISTER'S PERSONAL RECORD." The cost is only \$2.95 per copy. (Of course, the students would appreciate anyone's sending a little extra to cover postage.) The Student Gift Shop invites all ministers in the field to take advantage of purchasing this useful item.

APPLICATIONS FOR SMRS NOW BEING RECEIVED

We are eager to receive and process applications from persons who are *seriously* interested and qualified for the Unity ministry. If you have any such persons in your congregation who fit into this category, please have these persons contact William L. Fischer, School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. It is important that these applications be received as early in the year as possible, and we are now prepared to give them our prompt and thorough attention. PLEASE MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN YOUR CONGREGATIONS.

FIELD INTERVIEWS FOR PROSPECTIVE SMRS STUDENTS

William L. Fischer, Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC, is currently making a series of trips into the field for the purpose of interviewing and testing persons who are *seriously* interested in applying for admission to the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. During the week of January 22, Bill was in California, where extensive interviewing was conducted in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The week of February 12 will be spent doing the same thing on the East Coast, with visits to Virginia Beach, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. A similar trip is now being planned for the Seattle area. In the past these trips have proved beneficial in two ways: First, such trips have produced some excellent ministerial students, some of which are now serving quite successfully in the Unity field ministry. Secondly, they are of benefit to the applying students, since it saves them the expense of a trip to Unity Village for tests and interviews. If your area has a sufficient number of interested students to justify the expense of a trip there, please contact the Administration Office of SMRS.

REQUIRED READING COURSE FOR APPLYING STUDENTS

In our continuing effort to upgrade the standards of the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies, it has been felt that every student applying for admission to SMRS should be well-read in what Unity teaches. Therefore, a Required Reading Course has been compiled, and each applying student is asked to read the books in the course prior to admission. The list includes the following books: "LESSONS IN TRUTH," "CHRISTIAN HEALING," "THE STORY OF UNITY," "KNOW THYSELF," "WHAT ARE YOU?," "TALKS ON TRUTH," "DISCOVER THE POWER WITHIN YOU," "PROSPERITY," "THE UNITY WAY OF LIFE," "BE YE TRANSFORMED," and "YOUR HOPE OF GLORY." It is felt that, if any student has read these books along with his classwork in a Unity ministry, he should have the basic knowledge of Unity he needs to begin his course of ministerial study.

INTENSIVE SEMINAR PLANNED FOR STUDIES IN BLACK CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

A special intensive seminar entitled "PROFILES IN BLACK" is being planned to be conducted from April 30 through May 2. Gordon T. Vivens, associate minister of the Detroit Unity Association, is in charge of this seminar. He will be assisted by Phylliss Warren, a professional musician, who is a vital part of the congregation of Detroit Unity. She is active as a part of the musical staff of the temple, as well as being involved in other aspects of the ministry there. This seminar will deal specifically with how our ministerial students will deal with unique aspects of the black community. Current SMRS plans call for regularly-scheduled seminars of this type in order to better prepare our new ministers for working with all segments of our society. Further details of this seminar will be forthcoming in a future issue of CONTACT.

VITAL INTENSIVE SEMINAR CONDUCTED FOR SMRS STUDENTS

During the week of February 12, a tremendously important intensive seminar was conducted in the ministerial school. The title of this seminar was: "CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN CONDUCTING A MODERN UNITY MINISTRY." It was conducted by Grover Thornsberry and Dorothy Pierson, President and Vice-President of the Association of Unity Churches. Both of these progressive, successful ministers were able to draw on long years of experience in the ministry in presenting important ideas. The subjects covered were: "The AUC Charter, Bylaws and Code of Ethics," "Center Operation — Minister and Board," "What it means to be a Minister," "Counseling," and an opportunity for questions and answers. We are grateful to both Grover and Dorothy for giving of their valuable time to spend this week with the ministerial students.

HERE'S AN IDEA:

Charles Neal, Unity Center of Practical Christianity in Miami, Florida, has developed a "Service of Spiritual Communion" which we are happy to share with you. It is printed on the blue enclosure with this issue of CONTACT. If you respond to this service and would like to use it, please let us know.

Thank you, Charles, for sharing this beautiful service with us.

IN MEMORIAM

Ella K. Beierle, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed away on February 28, 1973. Ella began studying Unity in 1933 and became a Licensed Teacher in 1947. She has served faithfully in the various Unity ministries in Wisconsin and her loving consciousness has been a blessing to many people. Ella has our very special love as she moves on in our Father's house of many mansions.

FROM THE EDITOR OF UNITY VILLAGE NEWS

Since *Weekly Unity* was combined with *Unity* magazine, the *Unity Village News* has been carrying the "Unity in Action" column. The editor is interested in printing more news about our Unity churches. What is happening in your church could be helpful and inspiring to others.

It's easy to get your copy printed in the *News*. If you haven't time to write a brief note telling about some special event, just mail a copy of your church bulletin to Mary Rexroth, Editor, *Unity Village News*, Unity Village, Missouri 64063.

"GOD AND COUNTRY" Information for Boy Scouting

If you have any information regarding church involvement in Boy Scouting which is entitled "God and Country", please send this information to Sig Paulson at the Unity Village Chapel. A "God and Country" program is being developed for the Unity Village Boy Scout Troup and any information or materials you might know about would be most appreciated. The program which is developed at Unity Village Chapel will be made available to any ministry in the field which is also interested in having a "God and Country" program of its own for the local Boy Scout Troups.



JUSTUS CREDIT UNION

UNITY VILLAGE LEE'S SUMMIT, MO. 64063

The Justus Credit Union now has lifetime membership available for members of the boards of directors of Unity Centers affiliated with AUC.

If the board member becomes a member of the credit union during his tenure on the board of directors of his center he may retain his membership as long as he chooses.

Quick and efficient loan service by either calling or writing the Justus Credit Union is available for credit union members. On all loans from the credit union, provided the member is under 70 years of age, Loan Protection Insurance is available to borrowers meeting simple eligibility requirements at no extra charge.

For further information write Justus Credit Union, Unity Village, Missouri 64063, or telephone AC 816-524-3750.

PLACEMENT

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO Mary Rowe, an April 1973 SMRS Graduate, has accepted leadership in Grand Junction as of April 29, 1973.

CANTON, OHIO Negotiations are continuing regarding succession of leadership in Canton. The activities are continuing there with the assistance of the ministries in the region. We are grateful to the congregation and all of those who are extending their help during this time.

JACKSON, MICHIGAN We are still working toward finalizing negotiations for new leadership in Jackson. In the meantime we bless Eleanore Krafft for continuing to serve there.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS Hazel Erisman has retired as minister in Decatur as of March 1, 1973. Thank you, Hazel, for your love and service in Decatur throughout the years. The new minister in Decatur is William Cameron, who accepted leadership as of April 1, 1973.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA Negotiations are proceeding with the Board of Directors of our Unity work in Stockton for the succession of leadership. The activities are continuing in Stockton through the able assistance of Mabel Carlin as interim minister.

RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY While negotiations continue for leadership in Ridgewood, we are considering a merger between Ridgewood and Teaneck, New Jersey. We know everything is in Divine Order.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA The First Unity Church of St. Petersburg is receiving continued consideration for the succession of leadership. Our blessings are with the congregation and the board knowing that the vacancy will be filled soon.

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON Since the resignation of Nancy Compton in Yakima, we have been working with the Board of Directors regarding succession of leadership.

SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA Juliana Coppock has tendered her resignation at San Leandro and plans to take a leave of absence from the Unity Ministry. Our thanks to Donald C. Gates for accepting leadership there starting on May 1, 1973.

BUTTE and GREAT FALLS, MONTANA We are continuing to negotiate with the Boards of Directors in our ministries in Montana for succession of leadership. The vacancy there is due to the move of William Clark to Nashville, Tennessee.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS With the passing of Lula Nute, Verda Scales as the representative of the AUC met with the Board of Unity of Lawndale. After consultation with the Board, Johnnie Coleman and the Executive Office, a decision was made to ask Clara Epps, a Licensed Unity Teacher from Christ Unity Temple, to accept responsibility for leadership of Unity of Lawndale. This leadership will be maintained under dispensation of the Executive Office pending approval of the Executive Committee.

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA Hertha Tunland has tendered her resignation as leader in Santa Ana as of April 22. Negotiations are proceeding with the Board for succession of leadership.

ANTELOPE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA William Aull has accepted leadership of the new work in Antelope Valley as of February 1, 1973. The work in Antelope Valley was started by the combined efforts of the Southern California Ministers and Teachers.



HAVE YOUR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE SEND YOUR NEWS TO "CONTACT"

Our thanks to Dorothy Pierson, Regional Representative for Northern California, and to Paul Barrett, Regional Representative for the Southeast for sharing news of regional activities with the readers of CONTACT. Remember, your news is good news. We would like to make your items of interest a part of each issue of CONTACT.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GET-TOGETHER

Dorothy Pierson reports: "The ministers of Northern California got together for a time of sharing spiritually and socially in San Francisco, February 18th and 19th. Dinner was enjoyed on Sunday evening at the Cannery. Monday brunch was atop the Fairmount Hotel overlooking the Bay and Golden Gate! A meeting of business and prayer followed. We are especially grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Olin Berry (our own Alma Redfern and her new husband) for inviting us, first to their lovely apartment in San Francisco, and then on to their vacation boathouse in Tiburon. There the magnificent view of the bay and the city, plus the sunset and coming on of the lights of the city, seemed to bring us together in even a greater sense of Unity. We are a happy family of ministers in Northern California!"

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

Paul Barrett reporting: The *Unity of the Palm Beaches* is busy with three new activities. First, there has been a growing interest in the film strip series of Chardin's "The Phenomenon of Man." The film has been shown at various times for members of the church and to the public. The public was invited by inserting an ad in the local newspaper and it drew fifty-five persons to the sessions. A group of Catholic Sisters and Priests also requested a showing. This enthusiasm in Chardin's work is prompting the church to offer to show the series to any interested group as a valuable vehicle of outreach to the whole community.

"Psycho-cybernetics" continues to attract large classes. The class is presently being taught by Mrs. Billie Blaine. Mrs. Blaine received her teacher training in Sacramento from Phil and Dorothy Pierson.

The newest innovation of Hal Rosencrans is the establishing of a Bio-Feedback Laboratory. Thirty interested individuals have signed up for a twelve-week course in experimenting with three electronic instruments for measuring depth meditation and relaxation. The students come to the laboratory two or three times a week for practice sessions and meet once a week as a group to share their experiences. The students are reporting favorable, interesting, and profitable experiences.

Unity Christ Church of St. Petersburg is the newest of our Unity ministries. It has sprung up out of the need for expansion and growth of the Unity work in St. Petersburg. The new church is moving forward under the leadership of Paul C. Barrett, assisted by his wife Terri. They are presently meeting in a 750 seat Seventh Day Adventist Church facility. A building program is under way to provide their own facilities as soon as monetary provision is adequate.

Paul and Terri report that the "response to this new ministry has been tremendous. It has proved the need for such a move in the St. Petersburg area, and is indicative that Unity, now with three ministries in St. Petersburg, will continue to flourish and grow." The dedication service for the new ministry, which was incorporated January 1, 1973, was participated in by four prominent Unity lay people, and four Unity ministers. The ministers were Paul and Terri Barrett, Elsie Eckert, and Robert P. Sikking. Bob Sikking spoke on behalf of the Association of Unity Churches and delivered a tremendously inspiring message on the subject, "A Great New You!"

PLACEMENT

MEDFORD, OREGON Ed Dawson who was the assistant minister in Vancouver, B.C., has accepted the invitation to be minister in charge of our Unity work in Medford, Oregon. He accepted his new responsibilities on March 1.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO Negotiations are continuing in regard to succession of leadership in Grand Junction. We are grateful for the loving services of Marion Brown, who is functioning as interim minister there.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE William Clark, who has been our minister in charge of the expanding ministries in Montana of Butte, Great Falls, and Missoula, has accepted an invitation from the Board of our Unity work in Nashville to be their new minister. He will accept his responsibilities in April.

CANTON, OHIO We continue in our negotiations with our friends in Canton, Ohio, regarding succession of leadership there. We are deeply grateful to our Unity ministers in the region for their assistance in keeping the activities going, along with the good services of the membership of Canton itself.

JACKSON, MICHIGAN We are grateful to Eleonore Krafft for her willingness to maintain the activities in Jackson, Michigan until succession of leadership can be finalized. We are in negotiation with the Board there and look forward to its solution in the not too distant future.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS Negotiations are under way regarding succession of leadership in Decatur. We hope that this will be finalized by the end of March.

HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK Helen Dade, our minister of Huntington, New York, has tendered her resignation as minister there. She is planning to be married in the Spring and will be leaving full-time leadership at that time. We join in extending special blessings to Helen, knowing that the rich joys of Spirit pour forth in her life and the life of her loved one.

Carolyn Noonan has been invited to accept leadership in Huntington, New York, and is now finalizing arrangement for her move there.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA William LaReau, our minister in Stockton, has tendered his resignation as minister in charge of our work there. At the present time Bill is in the Los Angeles area. Negotiations are under way for succession of leadership in our good work in Stockton. We are grateful to the staff of Christ Unity Church, Sacramento, for the continuing activities in Stockton.

RIDGEWOOD, NEW JERSEY We are without leadership in our Unity ministry in Ridgewood and are grateful for the good services of Unity of New York and Eric Butterworth's staff for the continuity of activities there. We are negotiating for succession of leadership in that activity.



UNITY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION '73

Convention '73 continues to grow and unfold as a great event in the history of the Unity movement. Registrations are continuing to come in each week, and the excitement is building here in the AUC as July gets closer and closer.

Ralph and Rosemary Rhea have indicated to us that there is a near definite probability that Steve Allen and his wife Jane Meadows will be with us at the Convention. Steve and Jane said that unless some unforeseen requirement comes up, which would prevent them from being with us in Kansas City, they will be here. Therefore, feel free to announce this information to your congregation that they may expect to see Steve Allen and Jane Meadows along with several other well known entertainers at Convention '73.

We have just completed our mailing of the "Easter Flyer" in which we have indicated who some of the main speakers will be. We have ample amounts of these flyers remaining, and if you would like more of them to distribute to your congregation or to distribute through your mailing list, please write to Wes Wallin, Convention Coordinator. This flyer would be an excellent item to include in your mailing list materials.

It is suggested that if you have accumulated a quantity of registration forms from your people, please send them to the AUC rather than holding them until a later time. It will make our job easier here. As you accumulate a small group of the registration forms and the monies involved, it would be better to send them to us in several small groups, rather than one great big group at the very last minute. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in doing this.

*** * * THIS PARAGRAPH NEEDS YOUR ATTENTION!!**

Wes Wallin would appreciate a letter from each minister who is arranging for or participating in any transportation arrangements to Convention '73. It is important for Wes to have a complete and accurate schedule of all charter flights or group flights which will be arriving at Kansas City International Airport for the Convention. Please send this information to Wes whether you are making your arrangements through Trans-Mark Travel of Kansas City or through your own travel agencies. Also, Wes would like a complete and accurate list of all buses scheduled to bring folks to Convention '73 and the departing times from Kansas City on the returning trips. Thank you for responding promptly on this matter. This information is pertinent in helping us to make ground transportation arrangements here in Kansas City during the Convention.

*** * * THIS PARAGRAPH NEEDS YOUR ACTION!!**

Paddock Films, Inc. is the agency which has been contracted by the AUC to handle all of the photographic needs at Convention '73. You should be receiving a letter from the Paddock people soon. If you would like to have a picture taken of your group at the Convention, please contact Paddock Films, Inc., 3101 Mercier, Kansas City, Missouri 64111. They are making a schedule for taking pictures of the various church groups.

Keep up the good work and we will see you in Kansas City in July.



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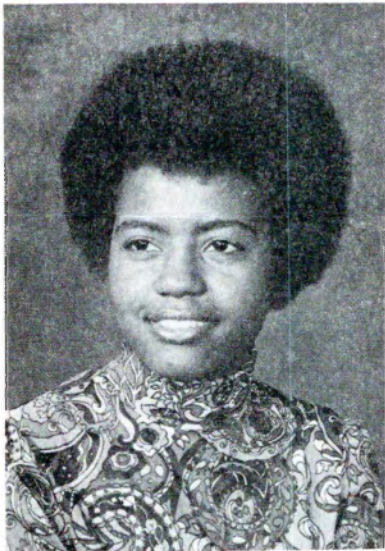
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NEWS-NOTES -- February, 1973

Dear YOUers, Sponsors and Ministers:



Greetings on this the Lord's day! My name is Jacqueline Neal and I am your new YOU Coordinator. I am a first year minister in training in the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. Before entering the program here I was a registered nurse, and in Unity in Washington, D.C., I was the YOU teacher-sponsor.

I am thrilled to have this wonderful opportunity to serve you and I am joyously looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at regional rallies and Conference.

Speaking of Conference, this year's theme is "In the Beginning," and Conference dates are Sunday, August 12th, until Friday morning, August 17th. Everything is going beautifully and as the year's theme suggests, the program is geared toward spiritual growth and self-unfoldment. Michael

Murphy is working with me, and we feel the spirit of joy, enthusiasm and cooperation each of you is extending to us making this year and this Conference a special time of sharing and experiencing the love of Christ Jesus.

Future NEWS-NOTES will contain pertinent information in regard to Conference and other YOU activities. Beginning with the March issue, NEWS-NOTES will be coming to you on a regular schedule each month.

In a spirit of service and love, I am ready to do my best to help YOU. I am always happy to hear from you, so keep those cards and letters coming!

Blessings,

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie".

Jacqueline M. Neal
YOU Coordinator

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