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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF AUC

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Thank you for your prayers and love as we begin the 1973-74 year as a working team! I have a very real feeling about the presidency of this organization: I believe it is a composite of all of us and the highest and best in all of us speaks and acts. We work as one body, one mind, one heart.

The Word this year is **SUPPORT**. We support each other. We are a very small group of people on this planet of ours. There are not many Unity ministers, and we must surely support each other. Let's begin in our own regions by being lovingly interested in the welfare and progress of the ministries of our area. We are carrying a big message out into our world and we are big enough people to rise above criticism and pettiness as we work together to "bear witness unto the Truth."

We have just completed one of the most successful ventures of our Association: the 1973 Convention. It was a totally good experience and generated a fire of enthusiasm for Unity in the lives of all who attended. I believe too that this charge of enthusiasm goes out into every Unity ministry in this land! I believe so much in our oneness in consciousness that whether you attended the Convention or not, you have felt the upsurge of faith that drew us all up in a mighty love for Unity and the message of Christ. Your ministry is now drawing on those benefits and will for months and even years to come.

The Expansion Committee report this past Conference included a suggestion that I have put into the form of a "proclamation":

I hereby proclaim the first Sunday in December, 1973 as a day of prayer and rededication in the spirit of the Dedication and Covenant signed by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, December 7, 1892.

Mark your calendars! Plan to keep this day in the spirit of our true unity which is love for the message we teach and love for each other.

God blesses us as we draw close and work together!

In His love,

Dorothy Pierson

Dorothy Pierson

SUPPORT is the word for the membership of AUC during the 1973-74 year. **Dorothy Pierson**, President of the AUC, sees each minister as a vital member of the "working team" of the Association of Unity Churches.

As this issue of CONTACT goes to press, the final major assemblage of the 1972-73 year, the YOU Conference, has just been concluded. In the YOU Conference as in the AUC Conference and in Convention '73 we witnessed the tremendous power and multiplied blessings manifested through support. Thanks to all you members of the "working team" who gave of your prayers and also so lovingly and generously of your time, talents and substance toward the successful completion of these events of the past two months -- WE LOVE YOU AND APPRECIATE YOU!!!! It was through your wonderful support that fulfillment of the goals and purposes of these assemblies was accomplished.

AUC CONFERENCE 1973

Although the formal theme, a take off on a well known book title, was well carried out during Conference 1973, it was the informal theme "welcome home" which prevailed. A feeling and awareness of oneness was present among the 269 registered members from the very start, beginning with the new experience of a wonderfully successful buffet and social in the Fellowship Lounge on Sunday, July 15, and continuing throughout the Conference. A sincere thank you is in order for **Victor Zarley** and the members of the Conference Program Committee for the idea and its fulfillment of this tremendous fellowship experience.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The Conference Body elected **Jay Dishman** of Atlanta, Georgia, and **Scott Sherman** of Spokane, Washington, to serve on the Board of Trustees for three years. Elected by the Board to serve for three years were **Joyce Kramer** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and **Dorothy Pierson** of Sacramento, California. **Robert Stevens** of San Diego, California, was elected to fill the unexpired term of **Johnnie Coleman**.

The Board of Trustees elected **Dorothy Pierson** President of the Association for the coming year and **Robert Stevens** of San Diego, California, as the Vice-President. Pursuant to policy established by Conference Body action, Bob becomes President-Elect and will be our next President. **Grover Thornsberry** of Seattle, Washington, and **James Lewis** of Denver, Colorado, were elected to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee.

JOHNNIE COLEMON RESIGNS FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board has accepted with deep regret but with grateful love and appreciation the resignation of **Johnnie Coleman** from the Executive Committee and from the Board of Trustees. Johnnie's expanding ministry, Christ Unity Temple of Chicago, Illinois, is undergoing an extensive building program and she feels at this time she must devote herself to this outreach. Johnnie was elected to the Board of the Unity Ministers Association in 1964 and was one of the senior members of your Board and of the Executive Committee, having served since the inception of the AUC in 1966. She also served as President of AUC in 1970. Her vision and leadership brought the concept of the 1970 Unity International Convention into being and established the International Convention as a valuable method of unifying the AUC.

Johnnie, words cannot convey our sincere and heartfelt appreciation for your many years of leadership during which you so unselfishly gave of yourself and of your substance. Perhaps our love was best expressed by the standing ovation you received at Conference. Our prayers and blessings are ever with you in the unfolding and tremendous growth of your work. We look forward to the completion of the building program and the time when you may resume a more involved participation in the activities of the Association.

**ROSTER OF BOARD MEMBERS,
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND
OFFICERS**

roster is presented for your use during the interim before you receive the 1974 Yearbook:

The AUC Yearbook will now be published in January of each year, rather than in July. Accordingly, you will soon be receiving the Annual Membership Report Card for return to the AUC Office. The following

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

KAY ARNDT	Bellevue, Washington (Northwest)
PAUL BARRETT	St. Petersburg, Florida (Southeastern)
IDA BOWLES	Hempstead, New York
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STAN HAMPSON	Honolulu, Hawaii
MARJORIE HARTZELL	Cincinnati, Ohio
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JOYCE KRAMER	Virginia Beach, Virginia
JAMES LEWIS	Denver, Colorado (South Central)
LILLIAN MATTHEWS	Buffalo, New York
ONITA MEYER	Royal Oak, Michigan
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GLENN MOSLEY	Chairman
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ROBERT P. SIKKING	Ex-officio

OFFICERS

DOROTHY PIERSON	President
ROBERT STEVENS	Vice-President
ROBERT P. SIKKING	Executive Director

ASSOCIATION'S NAME TO REMAIN AUC As previously reported in the January/February issue of CONTACT, the proposal to change the name of AUC from the Association of Unity Churches to the Association of Unity Ministries was deferred until such proposal could be brought before the Conference Body during Conference '73. This year a motion to make such change in name was duly brought before the membership. The vote which defeated the motion clearly indicated the desire of the majority of the membership to make no change in the name of the Association. Over 63% of those members present and voting cast their vote against the name change.

POST-GRADUATE PLAN Recently, the responsibility for the Extension Program whereby Unity students receive UICE credit for classes taken in the local ministry was transferred from the Educational Department of Unity School to the ministries of AUC. With this transfer came the realization of the need for upgrading of the teaching techniques and material to be offered to the students. To meet this need and upon recommendation by the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees established a Post-Graduate Plan. Although all of the details of the Plan have not been worked out, the Plan in general calls for teacher training seminars to be held in conjunction with regional conferences and pre-conference. Five units of post graduate credit will be allowed for each seminar. Each year a topic will be selected for the seminar to be offered in each of the regional conferences and a different topic selected for the seminar to be held during pre-conference. It would be possible, therefore, to earn ten units of post graduate credit per year if both seminars were successfully completed. This year the seminar for the regional conferences will be on teaching techniques and will be offered commencing with the Northwest Regional Conference to be held in September. A different topic will be selected for the seminar during pre-conference in 1974. After 1976, any minister or teacher presenting an Extension Course for credit will be required to have 10 units of post graduate credit and add at least 5 units each 3 years thereafter. Your Board has prayerfully considered the establishment of these teaching prerequisites and believes that the post graduate plan will provide the means whereby ministers and teachers can develop and maintain their teaching proficiencies. As discussed at Conference, the question of procedure in regard to the grading of Extension Program papers has been referred to the Executive Committee and will be dealt with at their Fall meeting. For the present time, however, each ministry should continue to grade their own papers. Inquiries regarding the Post-Graduate Plan should be directed to the AUC office.

**UNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR
MINISTERIAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Unity Partnership for Ministerial Development serves as a means of providing financial assistance to ministerial students and to help establish our newly created ministries. The Laymen's Professional Council realizing the need for such assistance presented the idea of the Partnership Plan during the 1972 Conference. The Laymen's Council envisioned the Partnership Plan as being a channel through which laymen could be of greater service to the Unity movement. During the past year a great deal of research and study has been invested in the development of the Plan. With the assistance of Barton Associates and the AUC office, the Laymen's Professional Council has developed a brochure which explains the Plan in detail. This year during Conference '73, the Partnership Plan was presented to the membership body and was accepted unanimously. Also passed unanimously was a motion extending our grateful appreciation to the personnel of Barton Associates for all the services they have rendered and to the other members of the Laymen's Professional Council. In due course, ideas for the promotion of the Plan by lay people will be shared with you by the AUC office. That portion of the Partnership Brochure explaining the program in detail is reproduced on the next page for your information.

Unity Partnership FOR Ministerial Development

is a philanthropic movement organized in July 1973 under the sponsorship of the Association of Unity Churches.

PURPOSE

To present Unity members and friends with these opportunities:

(A) To provide scholarships and/or other worthy or necessary assistance to ministerial students at the recommendation of the Financial Aid Committee for the School of Ministerial and Religious Studies and the Executive Committee of the Association of Unity Churches.

(B) To provide assistance in the establishment of new ministries and/or the rehabilitation and restructuring of existing ministries under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Association of Unity Churches.

(C) To provide assistance for any emergency within the academic framework of the School of Ministerial and Religious Studies that, in the opinion of the Executive Committee of the Association of Unity Churches, would be considered necessary and worthy to the continuance or development of the ministerial program of Unity, such assistance to be rendered under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Association of Unity Churches.

METHOD OF FUNDING

(A) Gifts to the project will be solicited for five classes of Partnership Shares in the Unity Partnership for Ministerial Development:

1. Apprentice Partner in the amount of \$300.
2. Craftsman Partner in the amount of \$600.
3. Keystone Partner in the amount of \$900.
4. Fellowship Partner in the amount of \$1200.
5. Lifetime Partner in the amount of \$5000. or more.

(NOTE: The School of Ministerial and Religious Studies plans to operate on a trimester year, with tuition for each of the three quarters being \$300. Thus, one Apprentice Partnership Share would pay one quarter's tuition for one student.)

(NOTE 2: The committee may decide to help two students with \$150. each, or the Association of Unity Churches may feel that the support of a new minister in an underdeveloped area of Unity teaching, or the restructuring of a troubled existing ministry, may be worthy of an Apprentice Partnership Share amount, or more.)

(B) Partnership Shares may be registered:

1. In the name of a person:
e.g.: Mr. John Smith
2. In the name of a couple:
e.g.: Mr. and Mrs. John Smith
Betty and John Smith

3. In the name of a family:

e.g.: Mr. and Mrs. John Smith
and Betty
Mr. and Mrs. John Smith
and children

4. In the name of a church or group:

e.g.: Unity of Akron
Unity of Akron Y.O.U.

or in whatever other manner the donor desires.

(C) Payments by donors for their Partnership Shares may be made in a lump sum, or may be budgeted. Life partnership may be extended over a 5-year period.

Partnership plaques will be delivered to the registered donor on receipt of the signed subscription form.

All payments are to be made to The Unity Partnership for Ministerial Development, Association of Unity Churches, Unity Village, Missouri 64063, in care of Robert Sikking.

The entire amount subscribed will be considered as a tax-deductible gift to the donor's church.

FUTURE REPORTING

A portion of each Unity Convention in the future will be set aside during which donors to the Unity Partnership for Ministerial Development will meet. During this period, a full disclosure of the activities of this program for the previous year will be presented, and a confidential published report will be issued.

IN GENERAL

Subscriptions to the Unity Partnership for Ministerial Development should lovingly be considered and should in no way interfere with the donor's tithe or offering to his own church, or a church's tithe to the Association of Unity Churches.

We know that all decisions will be guided by wisdom resulting from prayer and must leave the judgment regarding the ultimate best use of the funds within the framework that affirms:

We believe in Unity.

We believe in its teachings.

We have been blessed in our relations with Unity and want to share our blessings with others through this outreach in whatever way God, in His wisdom, directs.

The support is needed of everyone who can help and believes in Unity.

ORDINATION AT UNITY TEMPLE

On Monday evening, July 16, 1973, 18 students received ordination at the service conducted at Unity on the Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri. **Dorothy Pierson** delivered the address and **Grover Thornsberry** performed the ordination. The inspiring service was hosted by **Ernest Wilson** and was followed by a beautiful reception in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Since the 1974 AUC Conference will be held in June rather than July, next year's ordination services will not be held during Conference, but will follow graduation of the students from SMRS in August.



The July 1973 ordinands (names in bold type) and their placement locations are: seated, left to right, **Dorothy M. Sharpley**, Detroit, Michigan; **Marion E. Sylvester**, Akron, Ohio; **Marjorie C. Kass**, Dallas, Texas; **Mary Rowe**, Grand Junction, Colorado; **Sandra H. Cousens**, Yakima, Washington; **Dona L. Unfried**, Unity Village, Missouri; **Betty Owers**, Salem, Oregon; **Carol Nash**, St. Joseph, Missouri; **Maryellen Bowe**, Flushing, New York; Marion Brown, Interim Minister – AUC Staff; second row standing, left to right, Grover C. Thornsberry, 1973 AUC President; **Gregory E. Penn**, Santa Barbara, California; **Roy E. Fox**, Jackson, Michigan; **John R. Sherman**, Mesa, Arizona; **David Travis**, Delray Beach, Florida; **Patrick Berryhill**, Redondo Beach, California; **Luis Mora**, Dominican Republic (tentative); **James A. Sherman**, New Port Richey, Florida; **Robert L. Marshall**, Miami, Florida; **Brown H. Stewart**, New York, New York; James D. Freeman, Director of Silent Unity; and William L. Fischer, Director of Ministerial Education.

RECOGNITION OF LICENSED TEACHERS

Our Licensed Teachers ranks are growing! Just prior to Conference, the Licensing and Ordination Committee met with and approved 12 applicants for Licensed Teacher Recognitions. The Board of Trustees ratified such Recognitions and **Vesta Barth**, Bremerton, Washington; **Everett Blackman**, Chicago, Illinois; **Helen Brown**, Phoenix, Arizona; **Carlton Buboltz**, San Diego, California; **Jacklyn Buboltz**, San Diego, California; **Marc Buckley**, San Diego, California; **Eleanor Campbell**, Phoenix, Arizona; **Genevieve Robinson**, Oak Park, Illinois; **Dona Smith**, Royal Oak, Michigan; **Mildred Tyler**, Jacksonville, Florida; **William Warch**, Anaheim, California; **Mary Lou Watkins**, Anaheim, California were presented to the Conference Body and together with the newly ordained ministers received a special blessing from the membership.

Also, three of the 1973 graduating class of S.M.R.S. received Licensed Teacher Recognition and have been placed for the year as follows: **Michael Morrow**, Unity Church of Tidewater, Virginia Beach, Virginia; **James E. Parkinson**, New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; and **Walter Tooke**, Unity Church of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii.

AUC LOVE OFFERING TO UNITY SCHOOL

As an expression of appreciation and through the love, prayer consciousness, and support of the membership of AUC, \$10,000 from the Association's accumulated tithe account has been given by the membership to the Building Fund of Unity School. The love offering will assist in the realization of the new Unity World Headquarters Activities Center which is being constructed at the east end of the Rose Garden at the Village.

REGIONAL NEWS



Jack Barker, minister of New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, has advised that on October 3 through 7, 1973, special activities will celebrate the 75th ANNIVERSARY of the founding of the New Thought Unity Center. Sunday, October 7 will be a day of Reconsecration and Rededication with **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of AUC, as guest speaker. Other guests participating in the commemorative events are **Berton Coffey**, Unity Truth Church, Vista, California; **Frank Hanson**, Unity Temple of Louisville, Kentucky; **Marjorie Hartzell**, Unity Temple of Truth, Cincinnati, Ohio; **Virginia Hanners**, Unity-by-the-Side-of-the-Road, Cincinnati, Ohio; **E. V. Ingraham**, Progressive New Thought of

Cincinnati, Ohio; **Millie Leslie**, Unity Temple of Truth, Cincinnati, Ohio; **Charles Roth**, Unity Truth Center, Indianapolis, Indiana; and **Ruth Seaton**, Unity Temple of Hamilton, Ohio.

PLACEMENT

AKRON, OHIO - Akron Unity Center of Truth has extended an invitation to **Marion E. Sylvester**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, to join the staff as assistant minister.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - **Richard Beavans**, former minister of our Unity work in St. Joseph, Missouri, has accepted the invitation of the Board of Unity Center - Bakersfield to fill the vacancy in leadership occasioned by **Donald O'Connor's** move to St. Louis.

DALLAS, TEXAS - A request was made by **Donald Curtis**, our minister in Dallas, for an assistant minister due to the vacancy caused by **Bernard and Polly Dozier's** leaving. **Marjorie C. Kass**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, has now joined the staff at Unity Church of Dallas.

DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA - **David Travis**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, has accepted the invitation of Unity of Delray Beach to join their staff as Minister of Youth.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN - With the move of **Tom Vivens** to Houston, Texas, to develop a new ministry there, an invitation has been extended to and accepted by **Dorothy M. Sharpley**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, to join the staff of Detroit Unity Association as an assistant minister.

FLUSHING, NEW YORK - With the passing of **Chase Willet**, our minister in Flushing, a vacancy occurred and **Maryellen Rowe**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, has accepted the invitation of Unity Church of Flushing to assume leadership.

MESA, ARIZONA - **John R. Sherman**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, has received and accepted an invitation from the Board of Unity Church of Mesa to assume the leadership of our work in Mesa.

MIAMI, FLORIDA - Unity Center of Practical Christianity in Miami has extended an invitation to **Robert L. Marshall**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, to join the staff as assistant minister.

NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA - With the move of **Loren D. Flickinger**, minister of the Unity Church of Newport Beach to our work in Pompano Beach, Florida, a vacancy occurred in Newport Beach. Your Placement Committee is working with the Board of Newport Beach to assure succession of leadership.

NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA - An invitation has been extended to and accepted by **James A. Sherman**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, to be our new minister in the Unity Truth Center in New Port Richey, Florida.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., CANADA - **Mary Fourchalk** has accepted the leadership of Unity in Action, our work in New Westminster, B.C., Canada.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK - **Brown H. Stewart**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, is pioneering a new work in New York City.

POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA - **Frances Jarrell** has retired as minister of Unity Church of Pompano Beach. Frances pioneered our work in Pompano Beach, Florida, and developed a beautiful spiritual center which is also one of the finest physical plants in the Southeast. **Loren D. Flickinger** has accepted the leadership of Unity Church of Pompano Beach and will soon be moving from Newport Beach, California.

RENO, NEVADA - Our work in Reno has been under the leadership of the ministers and teachers of Christ Unity Church of Sacramento, California. This work has now expanded to the point where the ministry there has extended an invitation to **Wes Wallin**, a 1972 SMRS graduate and ordinand who has been serving in the AUC office as Convention '73 Coordinator, to become its full time minister.

SALEM, OREGON - **Gwen Norment's** return to Unity Center in Portland, Oregon, as associate minister to **Les Saunders** created a vacancy in leadership in our work in Salem. **Betty Owers**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, has accepted succession of leadership in Salem.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - **Catherine Ponder** has resigned the leadership of Unity Church of San Antonio in order to establish her seminar ministry in Southern California. **Norman Olsson**, previously on leave of absence, has accepted responsibility for succession of leadership.

Workshop Program on Prosperity

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA - An invitation has been extended to and accepted by **Gregory E. Penn**, a 1973 Graduate and ordinand, to join the staff of Unity Church of Santa Barbara as assistant minister.

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Our pioneering work in the Dominican Republic is being performed by **Luis Mora**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, who is considering the leadership of the ministry of Santo Domingo.

ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI - As a result of **Richard Beavans** move to Bakersfield, California, the Board has invited **Carol Nash**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, to serve as interim minister.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI - With the move of **Joel Boehr** to Butte/Great Falls, Montana, an opening occurred in Unity Christ Church of St. Louis. **Donald O'Connor**, who was minister in Bakersfield, California, has accepted an invitation by the Board at Unity Christ Church to be the new minister.

UNITY VILLAGE, MISSOURI - **Dona L. Unfried**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, has accepted the invitation of Unity Village Chapel to join their staff as associate minister.

WICHITA, KANSAS - Upon the retirement of **Lois Moran**, negotiations were conducted with the Board in Wichita and **Bernard** and **Polly Dozier** were invited to accept leadership of the ministry.

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON - **Sandra H. Cousens**, a 1973 SMRS graduate and ordinand, upon invitation from Unity Church of the Valley, has accepted leadership in Yakima.

IN MEMORIAM

A special time of prayer was given by the members of the Conference Body for those of our colleagues who have made the transition from this life experience and are now moving forward into the eternal light of Spirit. The names of those AUC members that have made their transition during the past year were read and **Sue Sikking** of Santa Monica, California, led a special blessing. Previous issues of **CONTACT** have reported the passing of the majority of those names. Those members blessed during this special prayer time whose passing has not previously been reported in **CONTACT** were **Joseph Paul Haggerty**, **Ralph Minton Knox**, and **Beatrice Pray**.

In May, **Joseph Paul Haggerty**, retired minister of North Hollywood, California, passed on. Joseph became a licensed teacher in 1944 and received ordination in September, 1947. After serving as minister in the North Hollywood Center for almost 20 years, he resigned in 1965 and lectured in Northern California as a representative of the Field Department of Unity School before retiring. We know your thoughts and blessings unite with ours as we extend our loving prayers to his wife, Mildred, and their family.

Ralph Minton Knox, retired minister of Unity Church of San Gabriel, California, made his transition July 4, 1973. Ordained in 1961, Ralph served as minister of Unity Church of San Gabriel until September, 1970, when he retired. We give thanks for Ralph as an expresser of Truth throughout the years and bless him in his eternal ongoing.

Beatrice Pray, who passed away in June, received licensed teacher recognition in 1968. For many years she conducted a study class in Williamsburg, Michigan, which was known as "Unity of the Northern Lights". We bless Beatrice as having been a light of Truth for all those with whom she came in contact, and extend the strength of our prayers to her dear ones as we release Beatrice into the keeping of God.

We have just received word of the passing of **Blanche Huntsinger Pinkerton** on August 25, 1973. Blanche was a licensed teacher and served many years on the staff of Unity on the Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri, as a very active and dedicated teacher of Truth. We know your blessings join ours as we extend our loving prayers to her husband, Neal, and to her friends.



REVISED CASSETTE ORDER FORM FOR TAPES OF CONVENTION '73

Enclosed with this issue of **CONTACT**, is a sample of the Revised Order Form for purchasing cassette tapes of the Unity International Convention '73 program.

Please note that it has been necessary to make certain changes in the content of some tapes listed on the order form. Kindly call attention to this fact when you reproduce the sample for distribution to your congregation. If you prefer, a supply of the revised form may be ordered from your AUC office. The Cassette Department advises us that they are very pleased with the quality of the tapes and suggests that the tapes are a tremendous means of recalling the beauty of the program and of sharing such beauty with friends who were not able to attend. The completed order form should be sent directly to **Unity Cassettes**, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1973

- Sept. 17-20 Northwest Regional Conference, Bellingham, Washington
Sept. 18 Post-Graduate Plan seminar on teaching techniques, Bellingham, Washington
Sept. 30-Oct. 3 Eastern Regional Conference, Cacapon State Park, Berkeley, West Virginia
Oct. 3-7 Celebration of 75th Anniversary of New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati, Ohio
Oct. 4-7 Panorama of Truth '73, McCormick Inn, Chicago, Illinois, conducted by Christ Unity Temple
Oct. 15-19 AUC Executive Committee meeting, Unity Truth Center, Denver, Colorado
Oct. 28-31 Southeastern Regional Conference, Stouffer's Inn, Atlanta, Georgia
Nov. 5-8 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Toledo, Ohio
Nov. 8 Post-Graduate Plan seminar on teaching techniques, Toledo, Ohio
Nov. 17 Northwest Minister/Board meeting, Seattle, Washington
Dec. 2 AUC Presidential Proclamation — Day of prayer and rededication in the spirit of the Dedication and Covenant signed by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, December 7, 1892

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- Jan. 21-25 Mid-Year Council of Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Missouri
May 2-3 Healing Rally, San Francisco, California
June 10-14 AUC Pre-Conference Week, Unity Village, Missouri
June 17-21 AUC Ministers/Teachers Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
July 15 Last day applications will be accepted for the 1974-75 school year by the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies, Unity Village, Missouri
July 18-23 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
August 9 Graduation and Ordination services, School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and AUC, Unity Village, Missouri

**WINTER RETREAT TO
VENEZUELA**

George Stone minister of Unity Center of Christianity, Washington, D.C., has asked us to advise you of the Winter Retreat to Caracas and the Caribbean coast of Venezuela planned by the Washington center. The eight day, seven night itinerary includes three morning and three evening sessions. The theme of the retreat is "The Second Genesis" and affords an opportunity of a spiritual experience with other Unity students, under warm and sunny skies, in a most interesting part of the Americas. Scheduled for January 9 through 16, 1974, at a cost of \$320 per person, the **deadline** for making reservations is October 31, 1973. For information and details of the Winter Retreat contact George Stone.

NEW ZIP CODE FOR UNITY VILLAGE

Due to the increasing volume of mail being received at Unity Village, the U.S. Postal Service has assigned a separate ZIP code to Unity Village. The new code is 64065. Please make note of this change and encourage your staff and membership to use the new code as it will expedite the receipt of mail at the Village. We give thanks for the growth and expansion of the Unity work.

**BUYING SERVICE NOT AFFILIATED
WITH UNITY SCHOOL**

We have received inquiries as to whether a commercial purchasing operation doing business under the name "Unity Buying Service" is a part of, or affiliated with, Unity School or AUC in any manner. This is to advise that such operation is **NOT** part of, or affiliated with, the Unity movement. While the use of the Unity logo is protected by laws governing registered trademarks, we do not have an exclusive right to the word unity.

MUSIC COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

If a member of your congregation writes good poetry and would be interested in setting Truth words to some of our Unity songs, the Music Committee would very much appreciate having him contact **Warren Meyer**, Christ Church, Unity, 1146 University Avenue, San Jose, California, 95126, indicating his desire to participate.

Writers will be given assignments by the Committee. The lyrics which are accepted will be purchased by the A.U.C.

Interested writers should contact Warren as soon as possible. It is the Committee's desire to finalize all phases of its work so that the new song collection can be published in the near future.

ADDITION TO AUC STAFF William B. Dale has recently joined the AUC office staff. Bill is responsible for the public relations functions of the AUC office and will assist in the development of additional services to the field ministries. No stranger to Unity, he came to Unity Village in 1971 from Unity Church of Christianity, Houston, Texas, to enter the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. Upon successful completion of his first year of studies, Bill requested and was granted a leave of absence for financial reasons. Desiring to remain close to Unity Village, he chose a management position with a major energy company in Kansas City.

Bill and his wife, **Marge**, are natives of Texas where he received degrees from San Antonio College and Southern Methodist University. Bill brings to AUC over fifteen years of managerial experience in the financial, legal, and public relations fields.



Asked to comment on his new position, Bill replied by saying he felt he was now in a job which could best be summed up by the following quote from John W. Gardner: "What could be more satisfying than to be engaged in work in which every capacity or talent one may have is needed, every lesson one may have learned is used, every value one cared about is furthered."

We know each of you in the field joins with us in saying to Bill – "Welcome to the Family of AUC."

OTTO ARNI RECEIVES PLAQUE FROM AUC

During the August 28 Workers Meeting for Unity School personnel, **Otto Arni**, Director of Grounds and Maintenance for Unity School, received special recognition from the Association of Unity Churches. Otto, also a member of the Executive Committee of Unity School of Christianity, was presented a plaque by **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC. In presenting the specially prepared "Greatest Extra-Miler" plaque, Bob expressed sincere appreciation on behalf of the AUC for the wonderful, constant way in which Otto has so efficiently and lovingly for years handled the complex logistics of facilities involved in AUC and YOU conferences. Otto in over forty years of service with Unity has always "gone the extra mile". Surprised and deeply moved, Otto stepped up to the platform to accept the plaque amidst the applause of a standing ovation. Following the presentation, a special cake baked by the Unity Inn was served.



1974 BUDGET APPROVED

The following budget for the operation of the AUC office during the 12 months ending March 31, 1974, was unanimously approved by the membership body:

GENERAL OFFICE	PROPOSED BUDGET
Emeritus Program	\$22,800.00
Printing (Free Literature)	1,500.00
Office Equipment (Capital Investment)	300.00
Office Repairs and Maintenance	500.00
Depreciation and Amortization	920.00
Postage	4,500.00
Telephone	4,200.00
Salaries	89,200.00
Payroll Tax	3,050.00
Public Relations and Promotion	500.00
Insurance and Fidelity Bond	500.00
Tithe	29,340.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00
Conference Expense	1,000.00
Ordination Expense	1,000.00
Travel & Expenses (Executive Office & Committees)	15,000.00
Office Rent	4,850.00
Office Equipment Rentals & Maintenance	17,200.00
Pension Plan	4,720.00
Misc. Expense	1,500.00
Legal and Audit	6,000.00
Executive Office Liaison Expense	12,000.00
Public Relations	15,000.00
Hospitalization	1,500.00
Production Supplies	<u>1,500.00</u>
Sub-Total	<u>\$240,580.00</u>
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT	
Salaries	\$56,550.00
Payroll Tax	1,600.00
Telephone	1,500.00
Postage	1,600.00
Travel and Expenses	8,500.00
Conferences and Seminars	500.00
Insurance and Fidelity Bond	200.00
Public Relations and Promotion	200.00
Office Rent	2,200.00
Office Supplies	400.00
Depreciation and Amortization	660.00
Hospitalization	300.00
Pension Plan	3,570.00
Research and Development	200.00
Visiting Teachers	3,000.00
Student Activities	400.00
Latin American Correspondence Translation	<u>1,000.00</u>
Sub-Total	<u>\$82,380.00</u>
Total	<u><u>\$322,960.00</u></u>

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

DR. CRYSTAL SEEDORF JOINS S.M.R.S. FACULTY FOR FALL TRIMESTER

Crystal Lynn Seedorf, Ph. D. has joined the faculty of the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies for the fall trimester. Dr. Seedorf comes to Unity Village from Seattle, Washington, where she has lived for the past several years. Prior to living in Seattle, she resided in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she was on the faculty of Hawaii Pacific College. Prior to that she served on the faculties of the University of Miami, University of Montana, Jackson College, Alaska Methodist University, and the University of Alaska. Dr. Seedorf holds degrees from Maryville College in Tennessee, and the University of Wisconsin. Her doctorate from the University of Wisconsin is in speech and drama. We look forward to Crystal's important contribution to the curriculum of SMRS.

STUDENT GIFT SHOP REMODELS

An extensive remodeling job is under way for the gift shop operated by the students of SMRS. This gift shop activity has been a real success in recent years. All of the profits derived from the shop are used to help with student scholarships and to provide emergency funds for students who need this kind of help. Many of the field ministries are utilizing the services of this shop by ordering some of the unique items offered for sale and reselling them through the ministries. For example, the shop offers the following 3 3/4" x 15" bumper stickers at a cost to centers of only 35 cents each: UNITY THE WAY UP; EXPECT A MIRACLE; PEACE, BE STILL; TODAY IS BEAUTIFUL; HIS PEACE BE YOURS; HAVE A GREAT DAY; PEACE BEGINS WITH ME; BE KIND TODAY; and THINK LOVE. If you would like to know the complete line of items available, please write: **Gene Connor**, AUC-MS Gift Shop, Unity Village, Missouri, 64065. Gene, who is the shop manager, will be pleased to cooperate with you in any way.

LARGE STUDENT BODY ENROLLS IN S.M.R.S.

The largest ministerial student body in the history of SMRS will be enrolled this year for ministerial training. Seventy-three students are scheduled to enroll and begin school the first week in September. A student body photograph will be taken during the first week of school, and next month's **CONTACT** will feature this photograph. Along with it will be the names of all the students and the cities from which they came. Be looking for it!

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 1974 SCHOOL YEAR

SMRS applications for 1974 will begin being received on October 1. If you have anyone in your congregation who is interested in attending the ministerial school with the view of becoming a Unity minister, please advise him to get his application in as early as possible. This year we had to turn people down because they applied after the July 1 cut-off date. We would appreciate the opportunity to process as many applications as possible early in the school year. Please be sure to let interested people know that they may obtain an application for admission simply by writing to: **William L. Fischer**, School for Ministerial and Religious Studies, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.

FALL TRIMESTER - Sept. 4 - Dec. 14, 1973

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
8:00 to 8:50	SUVC STUDENT CHAPEL SERVICE	1	C-4 ENGLISH USAGE (Grace Rose)	1	TR-1 SPEECH (William Fischer)	1	C-4 ENGLISH USAGE (Grace Rose)	1	C-4 ENGLISH USAGE (Grace Rose)
		2 & 8	C-2 NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE (Phil White)	2 & 8	C-2 READING ALOUD (Crystal Seedorf)	2 & 8	C-2 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel)	2 & 8	C-2 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel)
9:00 to 9:50	C-4 UNITY FUNDAMENTALS (Margaret Conn)	1	C-4 UNITY FUNDAMENTALS (Margaret Conn)	1	C-4 UNITY FUNDAMENTALS (Margaret Conn)	1	TR-1 ELEMENTARY PHYSIOLOGY (Louis Hasbrouck)	1	TR-1 SPEECH (William Fischer)
		2 & 8	C-2 12 POWERS OF MAN (Ed Rabel)	2 & 8	C-2 READING ALOUD (Crystal Seedorf)	2 & 8	C-2 CENTER ADMINISTRATION (William Fischer)	2 & 8	C-2 NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE (Phil White)
10:00 to 10:50	TR-1 SPEECH (William Fischer)	1	C-4 BIBLE HISTORY (Phil White)	S P E E C H I N T E R P R E T A T I O N S		1	C-4 BIBLE HISTORY (Phil White)	1	C-4 SPEECH LABORATORY (Crystal Seedorf)
		2 & 8	TR-1 SPEECH (William Fischer)			2 & 8	C-2 12 POWERS OF MAN (Ed Rabel)	2 & 8	C-2 CENTER ADMINISTRATION (William Fischer)
11:00 to 11:50	C-4 BIBLE HISTORY (Phil White)	1	SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING	S P E E C H I N T E R P R E T A T I O N S		SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING		1	C-4 SPEECH LABORATORY (Crystal Seedorf)
		2 & 8	TR-1 SPEECH (William Fischer)					2 & 8	TR-1 SPEECH (William Fischer)

INTERNATIONAL YOU CONFERENCE 1973 There were 33 sponsors and 292 YOU'ers from all over the United States and Canada attending Conference. Reemphasis of the basic purpose of International YOU was the basic theme of Conference this year. Prior to Conference there was the emphasis to the ministers and sponsors of the basic purpose of Conference. That purpose is to provide a spiritual experience and a fellowship experience to the most active and most deserving of our YOU'ers.

To reemphasize this two-fold basic purpose in the program, Ed Rabel was high-lighted in his presentation of Metaphysical Bible Interpretation and Robert Procter of our Character Research Project presented a workshop program of self discovery.

We want to express appreciation to the Executive Committee of International YOU for their compliance with the standards set and the preparation for the program for this Conference. The reemphasis in which International YOU is now involved is a direct outgrowth of the efforts and the consciousness of that Committee.

A new Committee will make recommendations to the Association of Unity Churches Executive Committee in October, January, and June to strengthen YOU in keeping with the reemphasis. A stronger more productive and more fulfilling YOU will be the result of these efforts.

YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY With the changes this year in our AUC Youth Education staff, the responsibility for continuing effort in the area of young adults was transferred to our ministers on a local level. Activities for Post-YOU Unity students have continued to develop in a number of local areas. Research will continue as efforts to collate successful YAU experiences are put forth in the fall and winter months.

If there has been any question in your mind about the continuing interest and involvement of this age group as there has been in some minds, the following letter from **Edwin Boner**, a YAU'er in Royal Oak, Michigan, will be a source of inspiration.

"Spring is a very beautiful time. A time filled with light and growth. A time when things that have been stagnant all winter come back to life and blossom twice as richly as before. Physical man drags himself out of that wad of cotton he's been hiding in since fall and becomes aware of what's happening around him. He kicks off his shoes and begins to enjoy the beautiful world that God has given him. As it is with physical man, so it is with spiritual man. To become aware of that miraculous feeling of rebirth that spring brings is to come closer to that Christ consciousness within each of us.

But how does man develop that awareness? Each man decides to find his own way. Some find their paths along the lines of Catholicism, others in the Baptist thought. I feel fortunate that I've grown up in Unity. So do many of my friends. Unfortunately it seems at the present time that Unity has no place for us.

Don't misunderstand. Unity has an excellent youth program. My friends and I have been involved in the YOU for many years. But now that we've all passed that magical age line of eighteen we've decided to find other activities to fill our needs.

Why not attend church? you may ask. We've nothing against church. But in our years with the YOU we've built up a moving, growing, doing consciousness. By developing our group consciousness we've found that we can move mountains, and I feel that to disperse this consciousness into a congregation is a waste of a beautiful source of energy. We found what we were looking for when we started our own Young Adult group. We also found that we had more freedom and even greater capabilities. To date we have held two Easter Sunrise Services for our congregation, established an organization known as Love Works Enterprises which does odd jobs for the congregation on a love offering basis, and possibly the one thing we're proudest of, holding a Young Adult retreat last fall.

Don't get me wrong, our interests don't lie solely in our group. Our members consist of Sunday School teachers and substitutes, ushers, semi-active YOU'ers, members of our church's Board of Trustees, along with members of the congregation.

And then the rug was pulled out from under us. AUC is no longer going to continue the Young Adult program. At least not in the foreseeable future. I really find it hard to believe that anyone who had seen any part of the potential of YAU could make such a decision. Personally I feel that the Unity movement has lost many people because of this move. You know as well as I do that when things that you believe in start shaking there is a natural tendency to reach for something else that seems stable. And for Unity to lose any part of its young people is to lose a part of Unity's future.

If you need some sort of proof that the YA movement was growing, consider that in the span of one year the attendance at YA conference went from (approx.) 50 to 70. While last fall at what was to be a regional retreat, we had an attendance of (approx.) 50, including people from New York, Kentucky, and Kansas City, Mo. Even without AUC support, in the past few months three new young adult groups have come to life in our area alone.

As I said before, spring is a time for rebirth. And we Young Adults of the Royal Oak area believe that this is the time for the new beginning of the YA movement. We will no longer accept phrases such as "not in the foreseeable future" for we **know** that Unity is a way of life for the now of our time, and we refuse to accept anything except that which is for our highest good. And so we await the reinstatement of Young Adult Headquarters at Unity Village. If you need any help, let us know."

The Young Adults of Unity are in no way a thing of the past. Certainly in no way does the Association of Unity Churches intend to withdraw its efforts and interests.



WEDDING BELLS Elizabeth S. Sprague, minister of Unity Church of Truth, Portland, Maine, and Richard Jacunski were married on June 29. Betty and Richard, our best wishes and blessings are ever present with you.

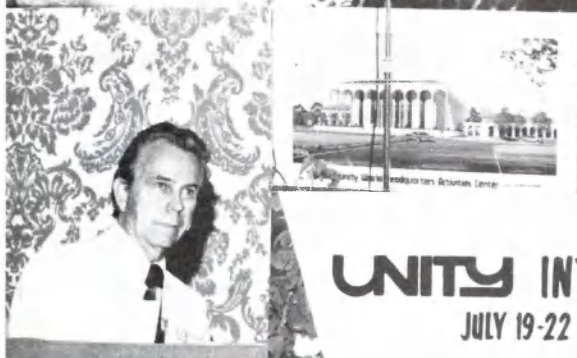
UNITY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION '73 Unity International Convention 1973 was truly a success in fulfilling its primary purpose of providing a meaningful spiritual experience to the thousands of Unity students and visitors in attendance during the four activity filled days and evenings. International in scope, indeed, the joyous atmosphere of the gathering was enriched by the beautiful consciousness of many attendees from all over the world. Commencing with a well planned and organized registration, Convention '73 proceeded with order and harmony being expressed in the many facets of the inspiring program. We give thanks for the hundreds of dedicated laymen, teachers, and ministers who through the generous giving of their time, talents, and especially their prayers, contributed to the success of the convention.

Believing a picture to be more expressive than words, the following pages of collages best depict the joy, enthusiasm, and abounding inspiration present at Convention '73.



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UNITY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION '73

JULY 19-22 KANSAS CITY CONVENTION CENTER





AFTERNOON AT UNITY VILLAGE – Taking part in and enjoying the crowd and the program of Thursday afternoon, July 19, at Unity Village were (left to right) **Lowell Fillmore**, President Emeritus of Unity School of Christianity; Lowell's wife, Alice; and **Charles R. Fillmore**, President of Unity School. Almost 3000 Convention delegates and visitors participated in the magnificent, gigantic balloon release which followed the dedication services for the new Unity World Headquarters Activities Center.



CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE – Present on the platform during the outdoor candlelighting service, which concluded the Saturday evening, July 21, inspirational program, were (left to right) **William L. Fischer**, Director of Ministerial Education; **Grover Thornsberry**, 1973 President of the AUC; **Charles King**, Co-host for Convention '73; **James D. Freeman**, Director of Silent Unity; **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC; Mrs. **Charles B. Wheeler, Jr.**; and the Honorable **Charles B. Wheeler, Jr.**, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

Statement of Operation
Fiscal Year 1974

Four Months Ended 7/31/73

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
INCOME:					
Love Offerings General	\$22,253.57	\$25,953.33	\$23,367.79	\$19,711.07	\$ 91,285.76
Love Offerings Education Department	1,436.59	908.54	233.03	1,507.31	4,085.47
GAIN FROM OPERATIONS:					
Curriculum and Material	248.39	1,246.68	202.49	378.81	2,076.37
Other Income	1,175.28	3,067.22	1,323.93	765.19	6,331.62
TOTAL INCOME	<u>25,113.83</u>	<u>31,175.77</u>	<u>25,127.24</u>	<u>22,362.38</u>	<u>103,779.22</u>
EXPENSES:					
General Office	14,660.15	21,040.67	15,639.18	22,357.29	73,697.29
Education Department	5,323.69	7,693.96	6,687.27	6,547.78	26,252.70
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>19,983.84</u>	<u>28,734.63</u>	<u>22,326.45</u>	<u>28,905.07</u>	<u>99,949.99</u>
Excess Income Over Expenses	<u>5,129.99</u>	<u>2,441.14</u>	<u>2,800.79</u>	<u>(6,542.69)</u>	<u>3,829.23</u>
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES INCOME	—	2,504.00	8,901.00	2,750.00	14,155.00
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES EXPENSES	—	133.23	78.17	2,433.28	2,644.68
Special Activities Excess Income Over Expenses	—	2,370.77	8,822.83	316.72	11,510.32
TOTAL INCOME OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 5,129.99</u>	<u>\$ 4,811.91</u>	<u>\$11,623.62</u>	<u>\$(6,225.97)</u>	<u>\$ 15,339.55*</u>

*NOTE: TOTAL INCOME OVER EXPENSES thru July (\$15,339.55) does NOT include additional expenses of approximately \$12,000.00 to be accounted for in September.

