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AS A DAY OF PRAYER AND REDEDICATION IN THE SPIRIT OF
THE DEDICATION AND COVENANT SIGNED BY CHARLES AND MYRTLE FILLMORE

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In December of 1892, Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, husband and wife, put in writing their deepest feelings about their missions and goals in life. They wrote their "Dedication and Covenant" (shown in the reproduction to the right) as a graphic dedication of their total commitment to the work of the Spirit of Truth as expressed through the Society of Silent Unity.

Dedication and Covenant.
We, Charles Fillmore and Myrtle Fillmore, husband and wife, hereby dedicate ourselves, our time, our money, all we have and all we expect to have, to the Spirit of Truth, and through it, to the Society of Silent Unity.
It being understood and agreed that the Spirit of Truth shall render unto us an equivalent for this dedication, in peace of mind, health of body, wisdom, understanding, love, and an abundant supply of all things necessary to meet every want without our making any of these things the object of our existence.
In the presence of the Conscious Mind of Christ Jesus, this 7th day of December, 1892.
Charles Fillmore
Myrtle Fillmore

This document remained unknown to anyone for fifty years until it was discovered among some papers by a worker in the Unity Library in 1942. It certainly is a stirring statement of dedication made by two of God's wonderful and beloved children. May each one of us feel, in our own life, the inspiration expressed by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore in their "Dedication and Covenant".

The President of the AUC, acting upon a recommendation from the Expansion Committee, has proclaimed the first Sunday in December 1973 as a special day of prayer and rededication in the spirit of the above Dedication and Covenant. Unity ministries throughout the world will be uniting in prayer to observe this day. We know that each Unity ministry will keep this day in the spirit of our true unity which is love for the message we teach and love for each other.

COMMITTEES Appointments to the various AUC Committees for fiscal year 1973-74 **FOR 1973-74** having been completed by our President, **Dorothy Pierson**, the following roster is presented for your use during the interim before you receive the 1974 Yearbook (Date shown after member's name is last year of tenure):

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND BUDGET

(Meets in January and June)

PURPOSE: This Committee is responsible for overseeing the fiscal affairs of the Association. They are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the annual budget to the Conference body.

Charles Neal, Chairman, 1977

Andrew Carlson, 1976	Co-Chairman, 1974
Mabel Donaldson, 1976	Eleanor Marshall, 1974
Arthur Hammons, 1978	Onita Meyer, 1977
A. David Harrell, 1975	Michael Murphy, 1978
Rudy Leidig, 1976	Scott Sherman, 1975

LICENSING AND ORDINATION

(Meets in January and June)

PURPOSE: This Committee accepts the important responsibility of evaluating the progress and development of applicants for Licensing and Ordination. This Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Trustees, enabling this body to authorize acceptable candidates for Licensing and Ordination.

Larry Swartz, Chairman, 1975

Tom Sikking, Co-Chairman, 1975

Kay Arndt, 1977	Jane Paulson, 1977
Richard Billings, 1976	Dell Powers, 1974
Doris Caldwell, 1978	Leslie Saunders, 1978
Donald Curtis, 1974	Verda Scales, 1977
Jay Dishman, 1974	Sue Sikking, 1975
Lillian Matthews, 1976	Mary Stovin, 1976
David McClure, 1974	Philip White, 1976
Donald O'Connor, 1978	

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY

(Meets in January and June)

PURPOSE: This Committee is to serve in an advisory counseling capacity to the Director of the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. They are to evaluate, prescribe and implement through the Director a curriculum that assures qualified training of Ministerial Students.

Charles Roth, Chairman, 1974

Jack Barker, Co-Chairman, 1977

Stanford Hampson, 1977	Ruth Mosley, 1976
Wilfred Harricharan, 1978	Phillip Nicola, 1975
Dr. James Harris, 1978	Ruth Seaton, 1975
Carol Knox, 1974	G. Thomas Vivens, 1976

ETHICS

(Meets during Conference only)

PURPOSE: This Committee is to serve as an educational instrument in regard to our Code of Ethics as listed in the Yearbook.

Suné Richards, Chairman, 1974

Montee Falls, Co-Chairman, 1974

Violet Assam, 1977	Ross Goodman, 1975
Alma Coleman, 1975	Ruth Holden, 1976
John Cuddeback, 1978	Larry Kendrick, 1977
Fayeth Fox, 1976	John Tant, 1976

EXPANSION

(Meets during Conference only)

PURPOSE: This Committee is to evaluate and present ideas of expansion to the Board of Trustees for their consideration and implementation.

Franco Giudici, Chairman, 1978

Jean Grover, Co-Chairman, 1978

Florence Allen, 1977	Jack Hamilton, 1976
Katharine Bosworth, 1975	Ruth Johnson, 1974
Myrtle Dark, 1975	Wallace Tooke, 1977
William Fox, 1974	Izear Wiggins, 1976

BYLAWS

(Meets — as needed)

PURPOSE: It is the responsibility of this committee to meet together when called to consider and to construct recommended changes to the Bylaws to be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Martha Giudici, Chairman, 1977

Terry Havens, Co-Chairman, 1974

Paul Barrett, 1974	Edd Dawson, 1978
Carrie Bowens, 1975	Gary Jones, 1978
Catherine Brooks, 1976	Marlowe Kline, 1977

MUSIC

(Meets — as needed)

Warren Meyer, Chairman

Marguerite Meyer, Co-Chairman

Loren Flickinger	Gilberta Sommer
Jeanette Hedge	John Tant
Edward Hoge	Victor Zarley
John Rankin	

PERMANENT COMMITTEES Continued

YOUNG ADULTS RESEARCH

(Meets — as needed)

PURPOSE: This Committee is to research material, methods, and ideas relevant to college-age young people.

Elvina Hausmann, Chairman, 1978
Robert Wasner, Co-Chairman, 1978
Adelaide Dibblee, 1975 Barry Montgomery, 1976
Mauritz Erhard, 1974 David Monument, 1977
Grace Free, 1974 Minnie Newsum, 1975
Virginia Hinners, 1976 Marlyn White, 1977

POST-GRADUATE COURSE DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE: This committee meets to work out the necessary Post-Graduate Unit Courses to be presented in each region to all ministers and teachers qualifying to teach in the Extension Program.

Kay Arndt	Dorothy Pierson
Jack Barker	Edward Rabel
William Fischer	Charles Roth
Christina Knox	Robert Sikking
Joyce Kramer	Sue Sikking
Charles Neal	Philip White

DEVOTIONAL

PURPOSE: This committee is formed to sustain the prayer power of our Association uniting us all and especially drawing on the prayer consciousness of the Emeritus Prayer Group.

Grover Thornsberry, Chairman
Robert Stevens, Co-Chairman

(Members of the Emeritus Prayer Group)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

PROGRAM

(Meets in January and June)

George Stone, Chairman
Mary Rowe, Co-Chairman
Freddie Brown Max Lafser
Jeanette Hedge Paul Stewart
William Hines Eugene Sorenson
Catherine Knight

BANQUET

(Meets in January and June)

Miki Bowen, Chairman
Kenneth Brabeau Harry Newman
Shirley Bring Alan Rowbotham
Ross Goodman Kathryn Rowbotham
George Hausmann

HOSPITALITY

(Meets at Conference only)

PURPOSE: This committee is formed to promote feelings of oneness and ease at our Conference. The committee is composed of members of the Ministers' Spouses Group.

Barby McClure, Chairman
Betty Sikking, Co-Chairman
Ed Bowen Vincent LeSage
Joan Goodman Norma Jean Milleur

REGIONAL NEWS



David L. Schumacher, minister of Christ Church Unity, Springfield, Missouri, has reported the very successful completion of A **FESTIVAL OF PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY**. A series of seven evenings of guest speakers and meaningful entertainment, the special programs had as a theme, **How to Get More Out of Life the Unity Way**, and represented the largest undertaking of its kind by our Springfield ministry. Featured were Unity speakers **William L. Fischer**, Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC; **Donald O'Connor**, Unity Christ Church, St. Louis, Missouri; **May Rowland**, former Director of Silent Unity; **Ernest Wilson**, Unity on the Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri; **Charles Roth**, Unity Truth Center, Indianapolis, Indiana; **Sig and Jane Paulson**, Unity Village Chapel, Unity Village, Missouri; and, **Donald Curtis**, Unity Church of Dallas, Dallas, Texas. **Chuck Kisner** and his accompanist, **Rose Parenti**, musical artists from Los Angeles, California, presented a message of Truth through music. David also reported the observance in August of the **FOURTIETH ANNIVERSARY** of the Unity work in Springfield.

Kay Arndt reporting for the NORTHWEST REGION:

BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON — **Howard Armstrong**, minister, and his wife, **Dora**, represented Unity Church of Truth of Bellingham in hosting the **NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**, September 17-20. **Dorothy Pierson**, President of AUC; **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of AUC, and **Grover Thornsberry**, member of the AUC Executive Committee, were special guest speakers. During the conference, the Regional Conference Body welcomed **Vesta Barth**, a newly Licensed Teacher, who is the wife of **Bob Barth**, minister of Bremerton Unity Center and Treasurer of the Northwest Region; **Joel Boehr**, now minister of our works in Butte and Great Falls, Montana, and his wife **DeEtta**; **Sandra Cousens**, newly assigned minister of Unity Church of the Valley, Yakima, Washington; **Mary Fourchalk**, who has assumed leadership of Unity in Action, New Westminster, B.C.; **Max Lafser**, new associate minister of Unity Church of Truth, Seattle, Washington; and **Betty Owers**, new minister of Unity of Salem, Salem, Oregon.

The first Post-Graduate Plan seminar was presented during the Northwest Regional Conference. The Plan, established by the AUC Board of Trustees during the 1973 Ministers/Teachers Conference, provides a means through seminar type courses to present teaching techniques and material to our ministers and teachers serving in the field.

Such seminars will enable the instructors of an Extension Course to fulfill the teaching prerequisites of the Extension Program. The Extension Program, conducted jointly by the Unity Institute for Continuing Education and the AUC, allows Unity students to receive U.I.C.E. credit for classes taken in the local ministry.

Edd Dawson, minister of Unity Center of Medford and newly elected Secretary of the Northwest Region, shared the following report on the seminar in Bellingham: *"We were treated to the ideas and personalities of Jack Barker from Cincinnati, Ohio, and our own Kay Arndt from Bellevue, Washington."*

"Jack teamed with Kay to present the first day-long intensive workshop on The Dynamics of Teaching. A consciousness of love and sharing keynoted the day's success. An unbelievable amount of information was made available, much as a banquet feast, and everyone agreed it was fit for a king or queen. Without reservation, the Regional Conference Body endorsed the establishment of the Post-Graduate Plan and the presentation."

"Thanks, Kay and Jack."

REGIONAL NEWS Continued

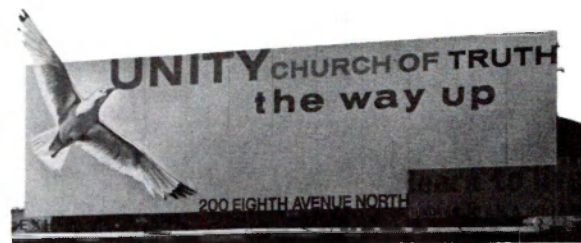
EVERETT, WASHINGTON — Joseph and Helen Stiegler, ministers of Harmony Hill Unity Church in Everett, celebrated their **50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** on July 8. A “rededication of marriage vows” ceremony was performed in Everett by **Howard Armstrong** of Bellingham. Many other friends of the Stieglers in the Puget Sound area joined with the local congregation in blessing Joe and Helen during the church “Open House” which followed the ceremony.

SPOKANE — **Scott Sherman** minister of Unity Church of Truth in Spokane, writes that “Our **SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY** celebration, **Panorama of Unity** is continuing. This Panorama features guest speakers and ministers every month throughout the year. Speakers featured so far have been **Robert P. Sikking, Grover Thornsberry, Marcus Bach, Ervin Seale, Sig and Jane Paulson,** and **Vrle Minto.** Those scheduled this fall and winter are **James Dillet Freeman, Eric Butterworth,** and **Charles King.**” Scott says that the Panorama has resulted in outstanding growth in center participation and enthusiasm.

VANCOUVER, B.C. — **Tom Sikking,** minister of Unity Centre of Practical Christianity in Vancouver, reports that **The Word Is Love** sparked a terrific summer for the Vancouver ministry. This was the theme of a seminar held June 1, 2, and 3, featuring ideas from a Catholic priest, Chinese psychiatrist **Ben Wong,** medical doctor **Donald Stewart,** and Unity minister **Kay Arndt.** **Charles King** tied the program together with his personality and music. Also featured was a Catholic Rock Mass Group.



Tacoma, Washington



Seattle, Washington

ATTENTION ATTRACTING OUTDOOR SIGNBOARDS

The above outdoor signboards are being effectively utilized in Tacoma and Seattle to inform the public of the Unity ministries in these two Washington state cities. Both **Mary Stovin,** minister of Unity Center of Tacoma, and **Grover Thornsberry,** minister of Unity Center of Truth in Seattle, report that the serenity and quiet confidence portrayed in the appealing blue signboards have been very instrumental in attracting the public's attention and interest.

“THE AUC PRESIDENT SERVING YOU”

— With Ideas to Share —

During my tenure as President, I plan to attend each of the regional conferences. This will afford me the wonderful opportunity to meet and visit with many of you, and to be in a position to receive many interesting ideas. Ideas which may be shared with you. For example, during Convention '73 I asked **Elizabeth Sand Turner** for her opinion on the subject of “speaking in tongues”. Elizabeth replied by letter, *“I am glad to write you and give you references to Paul's statements in regard to 'speaking in tongues'—see 1 Cor. 14. Practically the whole of this chapter is devoted to a contrast between the desirability of 'prophesying' (by which Paul means preaching and teaching) and the undesirability of speaking in tongues, especially in public. Do you have a copy of the Abingdon Bible Commentary (1 Vol.)? It is an excellent reference book and the comments on 1 Cor. 14 are very good (pages 1188-1190). There are only 3 short incidences mentioned in the Bible; Acts 2:4, 10:46, and 19:6.”* I have a great respect for Elizabeth Sand Turner and since the subject of glossolalia is current, perhaps these references will be enlightening to you. They were to me.

In September I was privileged to be guest speaker in Indianapolis, Indiana. **Charles and Betty Roth** have done, and are continuing to do, such a great work in that city! Charles is full of good ideas in regard to conducting a Unity ministry. His lesson sheets for many of our basic Unity books are simply great! Later in the month, I received an equally warm welcome as guest speaker in Portland, Oregon, where **Les and Natalie Saunders** and **Gwen Norment** function as a light-filled team. Continuing on up the coast, I attended the NORTHWEST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE in Bellingham, Washington. What a group of harmonious, working-together ministers in the Northwest region! The presentation of our Post-Graduate Credit Course was, for me, the highlight of the Conference. **Jack Barker** and **Kay Arndt** did a tremendously skillful job of presenting teaching ideas and methods to all those attending this initial presentation. The Post-Graduate Plan, I predict, is going to be one of the best things we as an organization have done.

THANK YOU for your many letters of blessings! **May Rowland** told us in Silent Unity to receive nice things said to us by responding, *“Thank you, my soul needs it!”* The following are some of the blessings that relate to all of us as an Association: **Fayeth Fox**, El Paso, Texas, *“My prayer support is indeed with our AUC body that it be a success of love and fellowship . . . We praise the Spirit of God within each one of us which shows us the way.”* **Rudy Leidig**, Rockford, Illinois, *“It is an honor to serve . . . It is wonderful to know that we are all about His work, and therefore we cannot fail. He is blessing it and us, as His means of expression.”* **Ray Eversole**, Lake Worth, Florida, *“I add my prayers to those of Silent Unity and always for the success of His teaching through Unity.”* **Marlowe Kline**, Montclair, N.J., *“Bless you and thank you for the letter to the Board of our church. I think it is important to remind the board locally that they are part of a national and international work.”* **Early Willis, Jr.**, Chairman of the Board in St. Petersburg where **Catherine Brooks** is the minister, *“Please accept our deep appreciation for this honor (their minister's appointment to a committee) and we are grateful that her talent is used for God and His glory, here and everywhere she is appointed or called. She will be present at the January meeting.”* **Frank E. Warner**, President of the Board, St. Petersburg, Florida, **Paul Barrett**, minister, *“Our intentions have been, and will be, to see that Paul will always be in a position to give of his time and energies and talents for the greatest good in the development of AUC and the Unity movement as is his ardent desire.”* **Martha Giudici**, Pittsburgh, Pa., *“Our Board of Directors fully supports my attendance at the January meetings so you can count on me.”* **Mary Rowe**, Grand Junction, Colo., *“I presented your letter to our board at last night's board meeting. They are pleased to add their help by making it possible for me to attend meetings in January.”* **Eugene Sorensen**, Livonia, Mich., *“I am grateful to be invited to participate in the AUC this year . . . The word is SUPPORT and I feel supported and supportive as never before. Thanks for stirring this idea up in all of us.”*

A letter from **Minn Newsum** arrived, telling of her happiness working with the Unity ministry in Houston, Texas, where **John Rankin** is the minister. She will be serving this year on one of our AUC committees, and we give thanks for her strong consciousness of love. Another letter with love in every line came from our minister **Stan Hampson** in Honolulu, Hawaii, praising **Walter Tooke**, his assistant there. Stan writes, *“When there is work to be done in the office, he (Walter) jumps right in and does a good job. It means so much to have someone who can do the obscure work as well as the glamorous things!”*

More next month. Every day we give thanks for the privilege of being Unity ministers, teachers, board members, and students all!

In loving support of you,

Sorathy

AUC HEALING RALLY

The Association of Unity Churches is sponsoring a Healing Rally in San Francisco, California, on May 2-4, 1974. To be held at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, the meetings will feature excellent Unity speakers, prominent persons in the field of healing, and include meditations and song sessions.

James Dillet Freeman, Director of Silent Unity, will be a featured speaker and will present the outstanding program of Unity's unfoldment as a movement that he did at the 1973 International Convention in Kansas City. This program includes many photographs of the Fillmores and was one of the highlights of our Convention '73. The members of your Executive Committee will also be on the program.

We are fortunate to have **Dr. Carl Simonton** scheduled to be with us to share his research of the effects of counseling and meditation on the healing of cancer. He has slides that will visibly show the tremendous healing work he and his staff have effected. Dr. Simonton will be presenting his work to the International Radiotherapy Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, just prior to our meeting.

There will be a presentation by Apollo 14 astronaut **Edgar Mitchell**. During his talk he will show a film on healing that brings out many exciting aspects of our healing potential.

We have invited **Dr. Evarts Loomis**, a leader in the field of treating the Whole Man. We hope to be able to present a showing of a film recently made in Europe by Dr. Loomis. This film, developed jointly with the Charles and Myrtle Fillmore Foundation, features other doctors, such as **Dr. Paul Tournier**, who share Dr. Loomis' ideas on treating the Whole Man.

We have invited **Mr. Larry Lewis** to be with us also, but as yet have not received confirmation of his acceptance. Mr. Lewis is 106 years of age and has a health consciousness which allows him to run 6½ miles a day and to carry on a full and active life.

All in all, the Healing Rally will be full of insight, inspiration, joy, music, and prayer. A perfect combination to produce a healing consciousness in which we all may be renewed. You will want to be a part of this experience and enjoy the beauty and excitement of San Francisco as well!

Registration forms for the Healing Rally will be available in early November at all Unity ministries. Due to limited space available, we must of necessity place a restriction on the number of registrations. Therefore, you are urged to make your reservations early if you want to attend this very special Unity gathering.

SYNERGY SCHOOL During Convention '73, **Carol Knox**, minister of Unity Center of Walnut Creek in California, made a presentation on the new school system operative in her ministry. The aim of **The Synergy School**, a legal alternative to public elementary and intermediate school education in California, is to help students integrate their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual parts into a healthy, creative whole individual and to bring these individuals together into a collective consciousness directed toward learning activities. Carol has advised that brochures on Synergy School are available for a charge of \$1.00 to cover postage and handling. To order a brochure contact: **Unity Center of Walnut Creek, 1871 Geary Road, Walnut Creek, California 94596, telephone (415) 937-2191.**

PLACEMENT

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO — **Ruby Rawlins** has returned from her sabbatical leave to accept the invitation of **Viola Siemen** to become assistant minister of Unity Center.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA — **Terri Barrett** is pioneering a new ministry in Charlotte, the nucleus of which is the wonderful and successful study class started by **Florence Allen** as an outreach of Unity Center of Christianity in Asheville.

HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA — **Elvina Hausmann** has tendered her resignation as minister of Unity of the Hollywoods. Your Placement Committee is working with the Board in Hollywood to assure succession of leadership.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI — **Bonnie Armstrong** has resigned the leadership of Unity Independence Center in order to join the staff of Christ Church Unity in San Jose, California. Your Placement Committee is working with the Board in Independence in selecting a new minister.

LAKELAND, FLORIDA — As a result of **Suné Richards'** forthcoming move to our work in Newport Beach, California, your Placement Committee is working with the Board of Unity Christ Church to assure succession of leadership.

NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA — **Suné Richards**, former minister of our work in Lakeland, Florida, has accepted the invitation of the Board of Unity Church of Newport Beach to be our new minister, effective December 1, in this fine ministry.

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS — The Board of Unity Church has made application to your AUC office for a full time minister. During the interim before a minister is selected and assumes leadership, this unfolding and expanding work will continue under the leadership of **Paul Stewart**, our minister in Little Rock.

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA — Upon his retirement, **Harvey Jacobs** has resigned the leadership of Unity Church of Richmond. **Marion Brown** is presently serving as interim minister in Richmond while negotiations for succession of leadership are being conducted. We know all of you in the field join with us in a special blessing for Harvey.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA — **Bonnie Armstrong**, former minister of our Unity work in Independence, Missouri, has accepted the invitation of the Board of Christ Church Unity to join the staff and work with **Warren** and **Marguerite Meyer**.

ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI — **Carol Nash**, who has been serving in St. Joseph as interim minister, has accepted the invitation of the Board of Unity Church of Practical Christianity to remain as minister.

A WORD FROM JACKIE NEAL, YOU COORDINATOR

I would like to thank you on behalf of the International Youth of Unity for your loving and prayerful support of the 1973 International YOU Conference, "In The Beginning . . ." It was a pleasure to witness this experience and to touch the concerns, ideas, and feelings of others through meaningful programs and times of sharing.

The 1973 YOU Conference ushered in a New Beginning for the Youth of Unity.

This year will involve the research of and planning for a Youth of Unity that is less complicated in its structure to enable our YOU to fulfill its primary purpose. That purpose is to provide our teenagers with the opportunity to learn the Truth of Unity through spiritual, educational, and fellowship experiences. A Research Committee has been selected and a special introduction will be given in the next issue of CONTACT. The work of the Research Committee will be based on your ideas, suggestions, and prayer support. The Committee began its work in September, and throughout the year its plans and progress will be reported to you in CONTACT. The committee consists of four YOUers, **Elizabeth Bayless**, Unity Village, Missouri; **Russell Haak**, Washington, D.C.; **Lisa Jackson**, Memphis, Tennessee; **David Vetter**, Santa Ana, California; two ministers, **Gwen Norment**, Portland, Oregon; and **George Stone**, Washington, D.C.; and me, **Jacqueline Neal**, your YOU Coordinator.

As you can see, this year is a very dynamic one for the YOU. Special guidelines have been in effect concerning International and Regional Officers' responsibilities and Regional Rallies. We hold to the idea that a Regional Rally be planned to provide the opportunity for YOUers to have a spiritual and fellowship experience.

Those ministries that are hosting Regional Rallies this year are encouraged to provide this experience through means, methods, and approaches that are meaningful and productive for them. The experience of the Rally then has its focal point in the ministry that is hosting the Rally. Brief Regional Rally guidelines will be sent to these ministries soon. If we may be of assistance in any way, please let us know.

BLUE CROSS and BLUE SHIELD Our Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan became effective August 1, 1973. If you are not a member and desire to avail yourself and, if applicable, your family of this excellent group coverage, you may do so at any time. We request that you fill out a Blue Cross and Blue Shield Membership Application card and return the card and your check for the first month's coverage to the AUC office prior to the first of the month. After you are enrolled in the Plan, your payments must be received in the AUC office before the 21st of each month. For example, if you wish to enroll in the Plan effective November 1, you must fill out an application card and send it and your check for November's coverage to the AUC office in time to reach us before the 21st of October.

There are three different coverages available: Individual (\$16.81 per month), Family (\$45.30 per month), and the Medi-Care Tie-In Plan (\$8.51 per month).

If you already have Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage, your present membership can be transferred. The AUC's Plan provides excellent coverage and, if your's is an Individual or Tie-In Plan, or you have more than one dependent, our Plan probably provides better benefits than your present coverage. For additional information, please contact your AUC office.

RETIREMENT **Claire G. Waters** has retired as minister of Unity Center of White Plains in New York state. Through an oversight, this was not reported in CONTACT and we are grateful for having this called to our attention. Claire, who resides in Brooklyn, served as spiritual leader of our work in White Plains for eight years. Prior to her ordination in 1965, she served for fifteen years as a Licensed Teacher on the staff of Unity Center of Practical Christianity in New York City. We bless Claire and give thanks for her dedication to Truth.

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

Statement of Operation
Fiscal Year 1974
Five Months Ended 8/31/73

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
INCOME:		
Love Offerings General	\$18,766.87	\$110,052.63
Love Offerings Education Department	307.15	4,392.62
GAIN FROM OPERATIONS:		
Curriculum and Material	1,068.89	3,145.26
Other Income	<u>708.64</u>	<u>7,040.26</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>20,851.55</u>	<u>124,630.77</u>
EXPENSES:		
General Office	15,257.78	88,955.07
Education Department	<u>5,233.85</u>	<u>31,486.55</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>20,491.63</u>	<u>120,441.62</u>
Excess Income Over Expenses	<u>359.92</u>	<u>4,189.15</u>
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES INCOME	5,530.10	19,685.10
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES EXPENSES	<u>1,878.23</u>	<u>4,522.91</u>
Special Activities Excess Income Over Expenses	<u>3,651.87</u>	<u>15,162.19</u>
TOTAL INCOME OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 4,011.79</u>	<u>\$ 19,351.34*</u>

*NOTE: TOTAL INCOME OVER EXPENSES thru August (\$19,351.34) does NOT include \$15,410.00 of additional expenses paid during the month of September.



IS THE WORD IN YOUR AREA ?

The one-minute radio and television spots produced by **Ralph and Rosemary Rhea** of Unity School, and entitled "The Word", have proven to be an inspiring and meaningful introduction to Unity for multitudes of people from all age groups and walks of life. More than 70 well-known people have volunteered their time and talent in agreeing to present these inspirational vignettes of Unity teachings. Currently more than 260 television stations and 600 radio stations donate time for "The Word".

Positive response from the local population has been reported by our various ministries located in areas where "The Word" is being presented.

Many people have been attracted to their local ministry as a result of hearing or seeing these programs.

If your area is not presently receiving the benefits of "The Word", call or write to Ralph and Rosemary. Address your correspondence to them in care of the **Radio-Television Department, Unity School of Christianity, Unity Village, Missouri 64065**. They will be pleased to send you a promotional "How to" packet which suggests what steps you could take in obtaining free radio and television time for the program. Audition tapes for radio and prints for television are also available.

If your area is being blessed by "The Word", please write a letter of appreciation to the station carrying the program. We know the more we give praise and expressions of gratitude, the more abundantly we are blessed.

WHO'S WHO IN YOUR AUC OFFICE

As the number of AUC member ministries grows and the scope of activities expands and unfolds, so does the joyous work of your AUC office. One of the reasons the AUC staff is able to maintain the flow of correspondence, materials, and assistance to the ministries is **Chris Morley**.

Invested with the functional title of Accounting Clerk, Chris' area of responsibility encompasses many more aspects of the AUC office than the title alone can indicate. A sincere and dedicated person, Chris processes incoming items of a financial nature and assures that proper recording to the correct account is performed. Recently, she has devoted much of her time to working with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield records in setting up and maintaining the various accounts for the ministries.

Essential to the establishment and preservation of order in the office is an effective filing system. Chris' attention to detail and her timely and accurate filing of the volume of letters and records required by our service operation has greatly contributed to the overall efficiency of the office. She also ably assists in answering the telephone.



A native of Lee's Summit, Chris attended Southwest Missouri State in Springfield, Missouri, before joining the staff in 1972. Those of you who attended the 1972 and 1973 conferences, as well as Convention '73, were probably assisted by her during registration or in having details looked after. If you met this lovely young lady at these times, she was introduced as Chris Goble. However, in August of this year she became Mrs. Miles Morley. **Robert P. Sikking** performed the marriage ceremony in the Silent Unity Visitors' Chapel. Chris' husband, **Miles**, is a history teacher in the Shawnee Mission School District, across the state line in Kansas, having earned his Masters Degree from Kansas State in Pittsburg, Kansas.

We give thanks for Chris and are pleased to acquaint you this month with her and her responsibilities.

🌀 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 🌀

1973

- Oct. 15-19 AUC Executive Committee meeting, Unity Church of Denver, Denver, Colorado
- Oct. 28-31 Southeastern Regional Conference, Stouffer's Inn, Atlanta, Georgia
- † Oct. 29 Post-Graduate Plan seminar on teaching techniques, Atlanta, Georgia
- † Oct. 31 🌀
- Nov. 5-8 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Toledo, Ohio
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- Nov. 17 Northwest Minister/Board meeting, Seattle, Washington
- † Dec. 1 Minister/Board meeting, Medford, Oregon
- Dec. 2 AUC Presidential Proclamation — Day of prayer and rededication in the spirit of the Dedication and Covenant signed by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore in December 1892

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- Jan. 21-25 Mid-Year Council of Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Missouri
- † Jan. 28-30 Southern California Regional Conference (UMTC), Palm Springs, California
- † Jan. 29 Post-Graduate Plan seminar on teaching techniques, Palm Springs, California
- † April 22-24 South Central Regional Conference, Dallas Texas
- † April 23 Post-Graduate Plan seminar on teaching techniques, Dallas, Texas
- * May 2-4 AUC Healing Rally, Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California
- June 10-14 AUC Pre-Conference Week, Unity Village, Missouri
- June 17-21 AUC Ministers/Teachers Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- † June 22-Aug. 16 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program, 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
- August 9 Graduation and Ordination services, School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and AUC, Unity Village, Missouri
- * August 17-23 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Missouri

- † Additon
- * Revision



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FIRST ROW, seated, left to right — Sam Sewell, Kansas City, Mo.; Mark Smith, Palm Desert, Calif.; Susan Colombero, Syracuse, N.Y.; Elayne Decker, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Lila Proby, Mercer Island, Wash.; Marilyn Rothschild, Shawnee Mission, Ks.; Connie Haines, Honolulu, Hawaii; Mary Alice Brown, Des Moines, Iowa; Marnie Stewart, Vancouver, B.C.; Philip White, Faculty Member; Margaret Conn, Faculty Member; Harold Whaley, Faculty Member; William L. Fischer, Director of Ministerial Education; Crystal Seedorf, Faculty Member; Ed Rabel, Faculty Member; Gladys Morris, Melbourne, Florida; Mary Elizabeth White, Cougar, Wash.; Eve Powers, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Hypatia Hileman, San Jose, Calif.; Eugene Conner, Asheville, N.C.; Larry Miller, Visalia, Calif.; Dana Voght, Boca Raton, Florida; Rowland Jenkins, Detroit, Mich.

SECOND ROW, left to right — Randy Schmelig, St. Louis, Mo.; Stirling McIntyre, Seattle, Wash.; Jane Weber, Indianapolis, Ind.; Jeannie Horton, Butte, Mont.; Diana MacDonald, Garland, Texas; Ardath Dixon, Honolulu, Hawaii; Louise Peak, Detroit, Mich.; Florence Kellogg, Osceola, Iowa; Gary Redfern, Raytown, Mo.; Kathleen Yates, Woodinville, Wash.; Dick Ammons, Oak Grove, Mo.; Mayola SaltPaw, Detroit, Mich.; Dale Merrell, Clarkston, Wash.; Linda Turner, Dearborn, Mich.; Joe Stover, Fullerton, Calif.; Margaret Baker, Woking, Surrey, England; Andy Lucas, Denver, Colo.; Richard Dawson, Raymond, N.H.; Jacklyn Buboltz, San Diego, Calif.; Carlton Buboltz, San Diego, Calif.; Lucille Knebel, Philadelphia, Penn.; Marilyn Rieger, Huntingdon Valley, Penn.; George Rieger, Huntingdon Valley, Penn.; Robert Wilson, Concord, Calif.; Marc Buckley, San Diego, Calif.; Jim Lee Sims, Deer Park, Texas; Jacqueline Neal, Alexandria, Virginia; Ed Myler, Richmond Hill, N.Y.; Bill Dale, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Dan Douglas, Willsboro, N.Y.

THIRD ROW, left to right — Diane Rees, Palo Alto, Calif.; Dennis Zech, Tulsa, Okla.; Bruce Zech, Liberty, Mo.; Gary Zech, Mansfield, Texas; Lora McAfee, Sacramento, Calif.; John Richards, Ypsilanti, Mich.; John MacDonald, Garland, Texas; John Morrow, W. Palm Beach, Florida; John Kelley, Silver Spring, Md.; Randy Wilkinson, Washington, D.C.; Pierre Gallardo, Seattle, Wash.; Don Jennings, Seattle, Wash.; Phyllis Jamison, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chris Morgan, Niagara Falls, Canada; Paul Carrithers, Newport News, Virginia; Scott Thornton, Kansas City, Mo.; David Large, Renton, Wash.; Gerald Taylor, Denver, Colo.; Jim Dawson, Independence, Mo.; Carl Reams, San Jose, Calif.; Robert Preston, Braintree, Mass.; Conrad Stahl, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Carl Hair, Jeffersonville, Ind.; Duane Hardy, Harper Woods, Mich.; Dan Kellerstrass, Kansas City, Mo.; Clem Thrift, Atlanta, Ga.; Bill Esslinger, Tucson, Arizona.

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Since this year's Student Body is the largest ever enrolled in the history of Unity, we thought it appropriate to briefly review the history of the ministerial training in Unity.

Unity in 1946 felt the need for a more defined method of training its ministers than had previously been utilized. A ministerial training program was established at that time under the direction of **James Dillet Freeman**. Designed and structured as an "on the job" type of training program, the ministerial students were employed in Silent Unity and were allowed time from their jobs in order to attend the training classes. This type of program was conducted for approximately 20 years and provided the Unity movement with many fine and talented ministers.

The concept of training Unity Ministers, being viable, evolved in 1966 from the "on the job" training program to an actual ministerial school. **David Williamson** served as the first Director of Education for the newly established School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. Since the ministerial students were no longer employed in Silent Unity, a loan grant program was devised to provide financial assistance, and was operative for several years before being phased out. From 1966 through 1968 the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies was conducted and administered by employees of Unity School. In August 1968, **William L. Fischer** was hired as Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC. During Bill's first year in SMRS he served as a faculty member representing the AUC. In July 1969, however, the administrative responsibilities for SMRS were transferred from Unity School to the Association of Unity Churches.

The first year that SMRS was under direction of the AUC, the student body consisted of a total of 14 students. This year, in the 1973-74 student body, a total of 74 students are attending classes. The growth in the number of students enrolled is a direct result not only of the untiring efforts and dedication by all of the ministers, teachers, and staff of SMRS but also of a similar effort and commitment by you in the field. Throughout the years since AUC has assumed the responsibility for the training of ministers, those associated with SMRS have attempted to stay abreast of the most progressive, educational techniques available, and to apply such techniques wherever feasible in the ministerial education program. In order to assist the staff of the ministerial school in an advisory capacity, a Ministerial Education Advisory Committee was appointed by the AUC. This committee, comprised of experienced ministers in the field and of laymen with the qualifications of professional educators, has for the past five years worked with the Director of Ministerial Education. The committee has been invaluable in obtaining and submitting input and thereby assisting Bill in his continuing efforts to employ progressive and creative ideas.

The utilization of teacher aid equipment has become an important part of the growth oriented outlook which has kept SMRS moving forward. A video tape system is used in those classes where applicable and the effective utilization of both overhead and opaque projectors has greatly enhanced student interest in the material being presented. SMRS also has an electronic telephone amplification system whereby contact can be made by telephone with a minister in the field. This system enables a minister in the field to teach a class in SMRS direct from the minister's own study. The amplification system also has microphones which can be used in the classroom to allow students the opportunity to ask direct questions of the minister in the field. This is a live, dialogue type technique and offers an innovative approach to presenting "outside speakers" without having the speakers travel to Unity Village.

Ministerial education in the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies is an integration of deep personal experience and of learning the skills necessary to function as a progressive twentieth-century minister. Instilling the student with a deep sense of commitment to the Truth ministry is one of the most important parts of the experience aspect of being a student minister. The fact that such sense of commitment has been accepted by students is reflected in the field service record of the graduates. As of the summer of 1973, 92% of the graduates were functioning successfully as Unity ministers in the field.

We do not mean to imply in any way that we feel that SMRS is a finished product. As a school, SMRS is in its infancy. We are constantly on the alert for even better and more effective teaching techniques and school policies that will enable us to have not only the finest ministerial school in the New Thought Movement, but one that has the respect of the religious academic community in general.

The increase in interest among people to attend the School of Ministerial and Religious Studies indicates that Unity is at an exciting threshold of growth. The procedures utilized in the selection of students has made it possible for the most talented potential students available to have an opportunity of availing themselves of our ministerial education program and, accordingly, to serve God and mankind through the Unity ministry.

Applications are now being accepted by SMRS for the 1974-75 school year. Application for Admission forms can be obtained by writing: **William L. Fischer, Director of Ministerial Education, School for Ministerial and Religious Studies, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.**