

# CONTACT

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## PRE-CONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF DAILY WORD

This year's Pre-Conference and Conference programs were attended by the largest number of ministers, licensed teachers, and SMRS students in the history of the AUC. Reports on the many activities conducted during these productive and successful assemblages are included in this issue.

The AUC Council of Committees met at Unity Village prior to Pre-Conference and reports of the various Committees to the Conference Body are also summarized in this issue.

The increased number and expanded scope of the activities prior to, during, and immediately following Conference necessitated the publishing of this combined issue of CONTACT.

This year DAILY WORD is celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its publication. On page 21 of this issue is an article on this wonderful time of reflecting on the half of a century of service and upon the future of this inspiring magazine.

Also included this month are excellent news items from many of our ministries. Each member of the Association of Unity Churches is a very important part of our AUC family and individual ministry reports of the unfolding and expanding activities of our Association are welcomed and enjoyed by all. Please remember to keep your Regional Representatives informed of events and programs of your ministry which may be included in Regional News.

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### THE AUC PRESIDENT SERVING YOU

During the next twelve months it is my privilege and wonderful duty to be the President of our Association of Unity Churches. I want to do the best job I am capable of, and I want to serve both the organization we have created called the AUC and also serve every individual member of the organization.

My concept of the AUC is, of course, that of a service organization. I believe in as much freedom for every member ministry as we can possibly create. To me AUC is not some sort of super governing power, but a group of our chosen fellow workers serving to reflect and fulfill our needs and desires as each one of us serve in our individual ministries.

During the last few years I have been a member of both the Board of Trustees with its twenty other members and also a member of the Executive Committee with its six other members. I have found a great sensitivity on everyone's part to reflect the desires of our general membership.

The AUC belongs to all of us and as President this coming year I desire to truly act upon the desires and needs of my fellow workers in the Jesus Christ Ministry called Unity.

I have reserved time this coming year from my own ministry to act upon any request from our Board of Trustees, our Executive Director, or any individual member of the AUC. My time, my interest and my prayers are available for the asking. Let us know together that the best is yet to come as we serve Jesus Christ in the great Unity ministry.

In Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob", written in dark ink.

Robert L. Stevens

### AUC PRE-CONFERENCE 1974

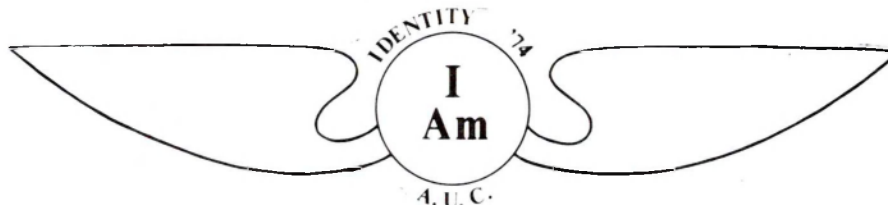
The activities of Pre-Conference week, June 10-14, at Unity Village commenced with the convening of the AUC Committees. The Committees met on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Their reports to the Conference Body are summarized in this issue.

The Pre-Conference Post-Graduate Program consisted of three different seminars. An entire day was allowed for each seminar. On Wednesday, **Kay Arndt** and **Jack Barker** presented the "Teaching Technique" course to one hundred twenty-two (122) ordained ministers, teachers, and student ministers. This course was a repeat of the one given on a regional level this past year.

Two hundred thirty (230) members of the AUC took advantage of the opportunity to share in the consciousness of **Ed Rabel** on Thursday by attending the course on "Audio-Visual Presentation in Bible Interpretation." In the morning session Ed presented his unique insight into significant portions of the Old Testament, offering keys, examples, and illustrations on how to interpret the Biblical writings in a deeper sense. Ed utilized a series of visual aids designed to assist ministers and teachers in making more graphic presentations to the lay students in their respective ministries. The afternoon session was devoted to an interpretative study of the Gospels. Once again, Ed effectively utilized audio-visual aids. A transcript of Ed's presentation and copies of the transparencies used are available as a salable item from the AUC office. See the report on the Post-Graduate Program on page 10 of this issue for additional information.

Wilfred Harricharan, Ph.D., conducted on Friday the seminar entitled "Organization and Operation of a Unity Ministry - A New Look." Dr. Harricharan, a member of the Laymen's Professional Counsel, is a university professor of business administration and is President of the Board of the Unity ministry in Brooklyn, New York. Two hundred sixteen (216) ministers, teachers, and ministerial students benefited from Wilf's orderly and thorough presentation of the course. Included were such relevant subjects as: profile of the ministerial organization, and the consequences of the ingredients of the profile; functions of the leader of a ministry (planning, organizing, and controlling); motivation of workers and congregation; morale; theories and styles of leadership; behavioral conduct of effective leaders; and communication, groups, and handling change. A limited number of cassette recordings of this course are available as a salable item from the AUC office. See the Post-Graduate report on page 10 of this issue for information on ordering the set of tapes.

### AUC CONFERENCE 1974



In attendance at this year's Ministers/Teachers Conference, conducted at Unity Village June 16 through 20, 1974, was the largest number of AUC members ever assembled

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for an annual Conference in the history of the Association of Unity Churches. A total of three hundred sixty-seven (367) ordained Unity ministers, Licensed Teachers, student ministers, and their spouses were present for the Conference. The record attendance was certainly visible evidence of the fine, cooperative spirit which has blessed the AUC membership body this past fiscal year.

SUPPORT has truly been the word for the membership of AUC during 1973–1974. Each of you in the field ministries has indeed been a very important member of the “working team” of the Association of Unity Churches. We recognize, bless, and give thanks for your individual consciousness of Truth and for the special part each of you is taking in the unfolding and expanding work of Spirit manifesting in and through the AUC.

The theme for Conference 1974 was “IDENTITY '74” and was subtitled “Issues and Answers -- A Time for Caring and for Sharing the Christ in You.” **Mary Rowe** and the other members of the Program Committee are to be congratulated for their untiring efforts in putting together an exceptional Conference program. We bless each one of these members of our AUC family who gave so generously of their time and inspiration to developing for us a well-balanced, instructive, and productive Conference. Commencing with a wonderful time of fellowship during the Open House and Registration on Sunday, June 16, the Conference program progressed easily and quickly throughout the next four days. Our special thanks to the spouses of the SMRS students who so efficiently and beautifully hosted the Open House at the Fellowship Lounge. The abundance of excellent food, beverage, and enthusiasm contributed greatly to the successful start of our Conference.

The morning sessions were devoted to business meetings and in the afternoons educational workshops were conducted on such subjects as: Meaningful Meditation, led by **W. E. Goodison-Orr**, **Hal and Flo Dibblee**, and **Charles Roth**; Applied Truth in Current Issues, led by **Mary Stovin** and **William Cameron**; Expanding Horizons, led by **Wallace Tooke**, **William Kozy**, and **William Hines**; Center Administration and Participation, led by **Les Saunders** and **Ruth Mosley**; Publicity Outreach in Ministry led by **Arthur Hammons**; Specialized Ministerial Needs led by **Phillip Pierson**; and Creative Writing led by **Mary Rowe**.

On Monday evening, June 17, **Doctors Carl and Millie Cleveland** of the Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, Missouri, gave a presentation entitled “Innate Intelligence Within.” **Carol Knox**, **Izear Wiggins**, and **Jeannette Hedge** also presented programs on healing.

“Identify With The Fillmores” was the subject on Tuesday evening. **Charles Neal** moderated panel discussions on identifying with the teachings and ideas of the Fillmores. Sharing their recollections and memories of the Fillmores were **Otto Arni**, **Clyde Corn**, **Charles R. Fillmore**, **Rosalind Grace**, **S. Rickert Grace**, **Connie Fillmore McCarty**, **Jane Paulson**, **Rosemary Rhea**, **Barney Ricketts**, and **May Rowland**.

Wednesday evening the site changed and some three hundred seventy-five (375) AUC members and friends joined in enjoying a “Roaring 20’s” Dinner Dance at the Alameda Plaza Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. Following a superb dinner, those in

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attendance were treated to fine dance music by **Tony DiPardo** (Mr. Music of Kansas City) and his band, and to a program of professional entertainment. Starring were **Charles King**, who led the Sing-Along; Soloists **Jack** and **Mary Beth Olson** and organist **Faye Roswell Peters** from Unity Church of Denver, Colorado; and **Connie Haines**. **Harry Newman** and **Miki Bowen** moderated Flicks and Flashbacks of Unity in the 20's. This slide and motion picture presentation was edited by **George Rieger**. Our appreciation and thanks to Miki and the other members of the Banquet Committee for the fine job they did in arranging one of the most enjoyable and entertaining socials ever offered to the Conference Body.

### RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN THE AUC BYLAWS

During the years since the creation of the Association of Unity Churches in 1966, some weaknesses in our Bylaw structure have been evidenced by difficulties that have arisen within the family of our movement. For the past 3 years the AUC Bylaws Committee, and the Executive Committee, and the Board of Trustees have endeavored to consider ways in which we might strengthen our Bylaws, thus adding stature to our movement and protection for our ministries, our ministers, and our AUC. In January 1974 during the meeting of the Board of Trustees at Unity Village, a unanimous recommendation of the Bylaws Committee that certain changes be proposed to the Conference Body for consideration was presented unanimously by the Executive Committee to the Board of Trustees. These changes, with a covering letter, were mailed to the entire membership of the Association of Unity Churches on March 25, 1974.

This year the largest minister/teacher registration ever at an AUC Conference indicated a keen interest on the part of our membership regarding the suggested changes. The Board of Trustees recognized during Pre-Conference week that there was not only keen interest, but some serious concern. It was determined by the Board of Trustees that, because of the interest and the concern, the matter of the recommended changes in the Bylaws be dealt with at the first membership business meeting during Conference rather than at a later meeting. A concise presentation of the reasons behind the recommended changes was made to the Conference Body and the Body was invited to meet in regional groups for in depth discussion of the changes.

Following the group meetings, the Regional Representatives reported to the Board of Trustees that two of our seven regions wished to proceed and vote for the recommended Bylaw changes. The other five regions either wished to alter or to table for another year the consideration of the changes. It was the recommendation of the Board of Trustees that such being the majority of opinion, the chair would entertain a motion to table the matter. The motion to table was made and passed by the Conference Body.

**Dorothy Pierson**, President of the AUC, urged the membership to give prayerful consideration to the matter of the Bylaw changes and to discuss further any desired changes or alterations between now and the end of December. She encouraged the membership to provide, either individually and/or collectively through regions, the Bylaw Committee with information necessary to enable the Committee to draft changes that would fulfill the evident needs and satisfy the majority of the membership.

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Our continued prayer consciousness for divine guidance in this regard is essential. We are moving forward collectively from strength to strength, and whatever is best for our service to God through those whom we serve in the Unity ministry, shall be made manifest.

### MEMBERSHIP

#### WITHDRAWALS

Immediately prior to and during Pre-Conference week this year, your Board of Trustees received letters from six of our ministries withdrawing their membership from the Association of Unity Churches. Much prayerful consideration was given by the Board of Trustees to the significance of these withdrawals. It was the decision of the Board that we would have no alternative but accept the withdrawals since they were confirmed by their ministers, their Board of Directors, and their congregations at special membership meetings. The ministries and ministers concerned are:

Christ Unity Temple, Chicago, Illinois, Johnnie Colemon  
Christ Unity Prayer Station, Chicago, Illinois, Carrie Bowens  
All Nations House of Unity Church, Chicago, Illinois, A.  
David Harrell  
Unity of Lawndale, Chicago, Illinois (affiliated with Christ  
Unity Temple)  
Unity of Gary, Gary, Indiana, Freddy Brown  
Unity of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, New York, Donat Nedd

We love and bless these co-workers in Christ knowing that as they move forward following their guidance, their blessings will be assured.

### ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The Conference Body elected Doris Caldwell and Bernard Dozier to serve on the Board of Trustees for three years. Doris is minister of South Side Unity Center of Christianity in Chicago, Illinois, and Bernard is co-minister with his wife, Polly, of Unity Church of Wichita, Kansas. Elected by the Board to serve for three years were Ida Bowles, minister of Unity Center of Hempstead, New York; Francisca Mendez, minister of Asociacion Cristianismo Practico de Puerto Rico, Santurce, Puerto Rico; and Glenn Mosley, minister of Detroit Unity Association, Detroit, Michigan. Marjorie Hartzell of Cincinnati, Ohio, having resigned from the Board, Eugene Sorensen, minister of Unity of West Suburbia, Livonia, Michigan, was elected to fill Marjorie's unexpired term. Marjorie, a member of the Board since the formation of the AUC in 1966, has contributed greatly to the effectiveness of the Association of Unity Churches.

Hal Rosencrans of West Palm Beach, Florida, choose not to be reelected to the Board and retired from the Executive Committee and the Board upon the expiration of his term of office. Hal is immediate past Chairman of the Executive Committee and has served as a Board and Executive Committee member since the formation of the AUC.

We give thanks for Marjorie and Hal and bless them for their years of dedicated service to the unfolding and expansion of the AUC.

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The Board elected the following ministers to the Executive Committee: **Paul Barrett** of Unity Christ Church, St. Petersburg, Florida; **Stan Hampson** of Unity Church of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii; and **Dorothy Pierson** of Christ Unity Church, Sacramento, California. **Robert L. Stevens**, minister of Christ Church Unity, San Diego, California, **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC; and **William L. Fischer**, Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC will serve on the Executive Committee as Ex-officio members.

The Board elected **Robert L. Stevens** President of the Association for the coming year and **James Lewis** as the Vice-President. Pursuant to policy established by Conference Body action, Jim, minister of Unity Church of Denver, Colorado, becomes President-Elect and will be our next President.

A complete roster of the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, and AUC officers is printed on page 12 of this issue.

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS IN PROGRESS

Prayerful consideration is being given by **Robert L. Stevens**, President of the AUC, in the performance of his responsibility as President to fill vacancies and appoint new members to the AUC Committees for 1974-1975. Appointments to the various committees are now in process and the reorganization of some committees are being made. For example, an additional five members are to be appointed to the Licensing and Ordination Committee bringing the total number of members to 22. Also, in keeping with our existing AUC Bylaws, the Board of Trustees has made the necessary appointments to the Finance and Budget Committee. A complete list of the Committees and their members will be published in CONTACT as soon as the appointments are completed and confirmations received.

### EXPANDED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The wonderful growth experienced by the AUC in the past few years has made necessary a corresponding growth in the responsibilities of those serving the Association. At the request of **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC, the seven regional representatives of the AUC have been called on to accept the responsibility for representing the Association at their respective regional conferences. Accordingly, Bob will not be traveling to each regional conference as in the past but will be totally supportive of the regional representatives and provide them with information usually shared with the region by the Executive Director.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE AUC

During Conference **Robert P. Sikking** shared an audio-visual presentation of the growth of the financial support of the AUC by our member ministries. One example sighted as evidence of the growth was the 81% increase in the average love offering per ministry from 1968 to 1974. The presentation also showed that 209 of our 248 member ministries contributed support through love offerings during Fiscal Year 1974. A chart presentation of such support reflected 50% of the love offerings came from

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30 ministries and that 9 of those ministries contributed 25% of the total love offerings received by the AUC. In response to the many requests of member ministries for statistical data regarding their individual financial support, the AUC office developed a financial data card for each member ministry. This card shows the total love offering for fiscal 1974 received from the ministry and indicates the ranking and percent of the offering both in relation to the total membership of the AUC and to the ministry's respective region. The cards were made available during the Conference on an individual, confidential basis to the ministers. The ministers who did not have an opportunity to pick up their card and wish to receive it may do so simply by writing the AUC office.

### FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance and Budget Committee, **Charles Neal**, Chairman, reported a \$46,649 increase in AUC income for the Fiscal Year ended March 31, 1974. Such increase represents a 14% increase in contributions from member ministries during the year. Total income for Fiscal Year 1974 surpassed budget expectations by \$7,792. However, this increase was unfortunately wiped out by inflationary conditions over which the Association has no control. The Committee congratulated the Executive office of the AUC on having held down expenses to the extent that the net operating loss was limited to \$9,312 or only 2.1% of the gross expenses. The Committee is confident that the approved budget of \$384,000 (the budget in detail is shown on page 26 of this issue) will be met through the loving and generous support of the members of the Association. Adequate support of this budget will enable the AUC to continue expanding the services offered to its members.

### LICENSING AND ORDINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Licensing and Ordination Committee, **Larry Swartz**, Chairman, has recommended, and the Board of Trustees has approved such recommendations, that 28 second year SMRS students receive ordination on August 9, 1974, subject to their successful completion of the requirements for graduation from the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. The Board also approved the Committee's recommendation that **James E. Parkinson III**, a 1973 SMRS graduate who has served as a Licensed Teacher during this past year, and **Peter Wenzel**, leader of the Unity work in Germany, receive ordination in a special Ordination Service in June (see page 13 of this issue). The L & O Committee met with and recommended three applicants for licensed teacher recognition. The Board of Trustees approved such recognitions for: **Sue Page**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; **Geneva Seivertson**, Sacramento, California; and **Theodore Speers**, Seattle, Washington.

### EXPANSION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Expansion Committee, **Jean Grover**, Chairman, took as their theme for the year "Unity in the Community." Believing that the key word in Unity is caring, it was the consensus of the committee that expansion efforts should be directed to supporting and giving impetus to existing ministries. A few of the many, excellent ideas for expansion are: increased outreach in foreign languages; establishment of individual "Unity in the Community Funds" to assist in getting Unity involved in the local

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community; conducting local public meetings on "What Is Unity?"; increased number of informal and formal study groups; and increased and more dynamic utilization on a local level of the Unity television program "The Word." The Committee recommends that progress reports on the implementation of such ideas be made at each regional conference thereby allowing the Expansion Committee to function as a clearinghouse in reporting results to the Board of Trustees and the Conference Body.

### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ministerial Education Advisory Committee, **Jack Barker**, Co-Chairman, met with the ministerial students and with the staff of

SMRS. Due to the increased number of students in SMRS and the corresponding time demands made on the faculty, the Committee recommends that the Admissions Committee be encouraged to continue to take great care in selecting only those students having the greatest potential to become Unity ministers. The Committee was pleased to report that the progressive testing program recently instituted in SMRS is being conducted very satisfactorily. The results of such tests in conjunction with the reports of the L & O Committee and progress counselors provides a very definite view as to the satisfactory or unsatisfactory performance of our students.

### ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Ethics Committee, **Larry Kendrick**, acting Chairman, has recommended that certain "Key Ideas" contained in the Code of Ethics should either be underlined or written in

bold print in the 1975 printing of the Association of Unity Churches' Yearbook. The purpose of the Committee in making this recommendation was to more readily reveal the essence of each statement in the Code of Ethics in a more meaningful way.

### YOUNG ADULTS RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Young Adults Research Committee, **Elvina Hausmann Lee**, Chairman, recommended that each region consider the value of having a Youth

Director appointed for each region and financially supported by the ministries in the region. The Committee also recommended the appointment of a head coordinator for the Young Adults at the AUC level, such person to be assisted by a volunteer coordinator from the SMRS student body. Responding to this recommendation, **Martha Giudici** of the AUC staff has been appointed to serve as head coordinator for the YAU. A Young Adults Retreat at Unity Village is scheduled for the summer of 1975 and will be hosted by the Young Adults of the Great Lakes Region.

### MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

The Music Committee, **Warren Meyer**, Chairman, has compiled our new songbook "UNITY IN SONG" and is now in the process of submitting the songbook pages to the printer.

The collections of songs include material determined by surveys answered by Unity ministers, current songs (where copyrights permit) and new songs submitted by writers from the Unity ministries. A number of our familiar melodies with new Truth words are also included. The songs have been carefully edited and transcribed into singable keys.

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In order to determine the initial quantity to be printed of each edition, the Committee has requested that a survey form be provided to our membership. Accordingly, each ministry will receive included in this issue of CONTACT a separate songbook survey sheet which when completed and returned to the AUC office will indicate the number of hardback editions and paperback editions desired by our AUC members. The survey sheet is **not** an order form. Each ministry is encouraged to cooperate in this endeavor by promptly filling in this survey sheet and returning it to the AUC office in order that the printing of the songbook may proceed.

**HEALING RALLY REPORT** Phillip Pierson, Chairman of Healing Rally '74 recently conducted in San Francisco, California, reported that the Rally was very successful financially and realized its attendance goal. The profits derived from the Rally are to be used as "Seed Money" for preparation for another Healing Rally tentatively scheduled to be held in San Diego, California, in early January 1975. Where as the San Francisco Rally was primarily directed toward Unity students nationwide, the next Rally will be solely directed toward the general public in the San Diego area. The effectiveness of the San Francisco Healing Rally was such that this type of program could be a very excellent means of introducing people in the area to Unity.

**POST-GRADUATE PROGRAM REPORT** A total of 222 ministers and licensed teachers attended the Post-Graduate Program on "Teaching Techniques" at our seven regional conferences this past year. In addition, a total of 122 ministers, licensed teachers, and student ministers, attended the "Teaching Techniques" seminar presented during Pre-Conference. The Pre-Conference presentations were obviously a great success—for 230 of our AUC members attended the program on "Audio-Visual Presentation in Bible Interpretation" and 216 attended the program on "Organization and Operation of a Unity Ministry—A New Look."

This year the Post-Graduate Program offered at the regional conferences will be on "Effective Presentation of Christian Healing." The Program which is open to ordained ministers, licensed teachers, student ministers, and spouses, will this year require a ten dollar (\$10.00) registration fee for each person receiving credit.

**UNITY MINISTERS' SPOUSES SEMINAR** The special one-day Unity Ministers' Spouses Seminar conducted during Conference on Wednesday, June 19, 1974, was a tremendous success and enjoyed by all those attending. Leading the Seminar was the **Reverend Donald J. Hillerich**, Assistant to the Vice-President and Treasurer of Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. A special segment of the Seminar was set aside for wives and husbands of professional people to share their thoughts on the life styles demanded by their spouses' professions.

Orders may now be placed with the AUC office for sets of the transparencies with a transcript of Ed Rabel's presentation on "Audio-Visual Presentation in Bible Interpretation." The sets are priced at \$25.00 each. A four cassette tape set of Dr. Wilfred Harricharan's presentation on "Organization and Operation of a Unity Ministry" is available from the AUC office for \$16.00.

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The Conference Body enjoyed on Tuesday morning, June 18, 1974, a wonderful time of fellowship and a delicious outdoor breakfast served by the staff of Unity Inn. Held at the Village picnic grounds, the weather was great and so were the songs led by **Charles King**.



Following the election of our new members to the AUC Board of Trustees, the Conference Body requested the Board, including outgoing and present members, to stand and receive special recognition and blessings.

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

Since the AUC Yearbook is published in January of each year, the following roster is presented for your use during the interim before you receive the 1975 Yearbook:

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

KAY ARNDT	Bellevue, Washington (Northwest)
PAUL BARRETT	St. Petersburg, Florida (Southeastern)
IDA BOWLES	Hempstead, New York
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ROBERT STEVENS	Ex-officio

**OFFICERS**

ROBERT STEVENS	President
JAMES LEWIS	Vice-President
ROBERT P. SIKKING	Executive Director



**James E. Parkinson III** and **Peter Wenzel** were ordained by the Association of Unity Churches at a special service conducted June 16, 1974, in Silent Unity's Prayer Room. Taking part in the ceremony were (shown above, left to right) **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC; **James E. Parkinson III**, Lexington, Kentucky; **Dorothy Pierson**, 1973–1974 AUC President; **Peter Wenzel**, West Berlin, Germany; **Robert Stevens**, 1974–1975 AUC President; and **James Dillet Freeman**, Director of Silent Unity. Jim Freeman stated that Jim and Peter are the first persons in the history of Unity to receive ordination in the Prayer Room.



Presenting our informative and successful Post-Graduate Programs during Pre-Conference this year were **Ed Rabel**, SMRS faculty member, who presented a Bible Interpretation seminar, and (shown above, left to right) **Jack Barker**, minister of New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; **Kay Arndt**, minister of Unity of Bellevue, Washington; and **Wilfred Harricharan**, Ph.D., member of our Laymen's Professional Counsel, and college professor in New Haven, Connecticut.

## REGIONAL NEWS

Angelo Giordani reporting for the EASTERN REGION:



OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT — **Stella Wrenn**, minister of the newly opened Unity Prayer Center in Old Lyme, was the subject of a feature article recently in *The Day*, a New London, Connecticut newspaper. The article reported that Stella is enthusiastic about her new undertaking which she is pioneering in Connecticut. Stella, who has founded Unity centers in Greenwich Village in New York City, and in Valley Stream, Long Island, introduced this new

work by hosting a picnic on the grounds of the Bee and Thistle Inn in Old Lyme. Well known in the Unity Movement for her "Hour Glass Series," a symbolic representation of the continuity of life and God's purpose, Stella is eagerly looking forward to the expanding growth of this new opportunity of service.

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Margaret Cain reporting for the GREAT LAKES REGION:

Please remember to continue to hold our regional prayer thought for the calendar quarter ending August 31, 1974: **"The Great Lakes Regional Conference and all of its ministries stand on a solid foundation of Truth, and all is well."** (This certainly would be a blessing for every region.)

CINCINNATI, OHIO — **Ginny Hinners**, minister of Unity-by-the-Side-of-the-Road, reports fine progress being made by the college campus Unity student group which this Cincinnati ministry sponsors on the campus of the University of Cincinnati. The student organization is called "A Community in Unity" and recently conducted a very successful presentation on campus of the Phenomenon of Man film strip series. The majority of college students attending this campus group are members of Unity-by-the-Side-of-the-Road. Ginny also conducts services in Methodist churches, Catholic seminaries, Presbyterian chapels, etc., through an affiliation with Southeastern Ecumenical Ministries, an organization made up of 27 churches of various religious groups.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS — Prior to conducting their regular Easter Sunday Service, this past April, Unity Church of Decatur joined with three other Decatur area ministries in celebrating a Sunrise Service. **Bill Cameron**, minister of Unity Church of Decatur, reported that the combined service with the First Lutheran Church, St. Peter's A.M.E. Church, and St. Paul's United Methodist Church was very successful and did much to create good will among the area churches. A combined church choir under the direction of **Hugh Butler**, member of Unity Church of Decatur, was featured during the service. A pancake breakfast was served by the youth of the churches, including the Youth of Unity in Decatur. Each of the four ministers conducted a portion of the Sunrise Service. The individual congregations expressed their desire that such a program be scheduled for Easter 1975.

## REGIONAL NEWS Continued

DETROIT, MICHIGAN — Detroit Unity Temple, where **Glenn Mosley** serves as senior minister, is effectively putting into action its commitment to help reform the lives of youths labeled by society as delinquents. This Detroit ministry has for the past two summers conducted a two week canoe trip program whereby youth members of the Temple join with other youths who have been referred by juvenile courts in a sharing experience in the wilderness of Northern Minnesota and Canada. The Detroit Unity Temple is one of the first church groups to initiate this "shared camping" concept in cooperation with the outdoor rehabilitation efforts of the Lutheran-related Wilderness Canoe Base (WCB). The concept was welcomed by WCB Director **Jim Cherry** as an example of how churches can begin to view camping with a sense of social responsibility. **Elmer Schmidt**, associate minister



Detroit area youth being introduced to the wonder and beauty of nature. Shown in the background is **Elmer Schmidt**, Associate minister of Detroit Unity Temple, who served as sponsor on the wilderness trip.

of Detroit Unity Temple, functioned as leader of the outings and shared the following report of this year's wilderness experience: "Our group was composed of 21 youth (15 boys — 6 girls) ages 14–16 and 3 adult sponsors. Two-thirds of the youth had been referred by juvenile courts. We traveled by air to Duluth, Minnesota, then 170 miles by bus to the camp. The wilderness camp is on two islands, Fishhook and Dominion, in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in the Lake Superior National Forest region on the Canadian border in northeast Minnesota. Our total group divided into three teams of seven youths, an adult sponsor, and two counselors from WCB. Each ten person team was outfitted with canoes, tents, dry food packets, clothing, etc. upon arrival at camp. This year, each of the other teams used four two-man canoes. My team had one 26-foot, 400-pound 'Voyageur' canoe patterned after the vehicle used to transport fur trade in the early days of our country. The rugged physical, mental, and emotional discipline required creates a unique atmosphere within the individual and causes the person to view himself in a totally new light. Worthwhile accomplishment is the keynote. Time and distance oriented goals are set thereby developing a sense of individual worth and self-respect. The teams set camp each evening — break camp the succeeding morning, and continually move. Layover days are permitted if the progressive schedule is met."

These trips have received extensive newspaper coverage in the Detroit Free Press. The following quotes about the project are from the newspaper: "... it allows the kids to be proud of what they have accomplished, rather than ashamed of where they have been. . . angry young boys who camped together recently in the Minnesota wilderness learned most of all how to share, and that's exactly what their sponsor — the Unity Temple of Detroit — had in mind." The newspaper also quoted one young camper who said: "The change with me has been like between night and day. I found people who cared and I have come to love people. And I don't need drugs. There is a natural high here."

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Elmer Schmidt advises that follow up functions with the youth throughout the winter are being designed and continuity of relationships is encouraged along with planning of future canoe trips.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA — This year, **Jean Bould**, minister of Unity Church of Fort Wayne, has been given special recognition by two Fort Wayne newspapers through separate feature articles about her and the Unity ministry in Fort Wayne. In January, the Fort Wayne Journal—Gazette printed an extensive and very comprehensive article about Jean and the Unity Movement as a whole. This May, the Fort Wayne News—Sentinel gave special recognition to Unity Church of Fort Wayne on its 35th anniversary. Jean states that although the ministry was not formally established until 1954, the first meetings were held in 1939. She feels that the very fine newspaper coverage received recently has contributed greatly to the growth of the ministry. The articles provided an excellent introduction to Unity, its history, scope, and local background.

JACKSON, MICHIGAN — Unity of Jackson has now added a Prison Ministry to its long list of community services. **Roy Fox**, minister of this expanding Michigan ministry, requested and received permission to conduct a class for the residents of the Southern Michigan Prison. Following Roy's very successful initial class, the **Reverend William Saunders**, senior chaplain at the prison, extended an invitation to Roy to lead a similar class every Wednesday at the prison. Roy enthusiastically accepted the invitation and reports that the attendance has been very good and that the men are exceptionally attentive and receptive to the messages.

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**Jim Lewis** reporting for the SOUTH CENTRAL REGION:

DALLAS, TEXAS — **Donald Curtis**, senior minister of Unity Church of Dallas, Texas, and current Texas District President of the International New Thought Alliance, reports that on the evenings of May 30 and 31, 1974, Unity Church of Dallas hosted a New Thought Rally. The theme of the two evenings was "The New Age of New Thought." **Doctor Raymond N. Holliwell**, International President of INTA, was the keynote speaker each evening. Talks were also given by Unity, Religious Science, and independent New Thought ministers and leaders from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. **Marjorie Kass**, associate minister of Unity Church of Dallas, was chairperson for the program and conducted the opening meditation. Other Unity ministers who participated in the program were **Tom Vivens**, minister of Unity Center of Truth, Houston; **John Rankin**, minister of Unity Church of Christianity, Houston; **Marie Paben**, minister of Unity of Irving; and **Jack Hamilton**, minister of Unity Way Church, Dallas.

IRVING, TEXAS — The outreach programs of Unity of Irving are expanding and unfolding in a most beautiful manner. **Marie Paben**, minister of this Irving, Texas, ministry, is currently conducting classes in transactional analysis at El Centro College; for the staff of Parkland Hospital; at meetings of Parents without Partners; and in the schools of the Irving Public School District. Incorporating Truth teachings and particularly the message of Unity into her classes, Marie believes that these classes

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are an excellent introduction to the Unity way of life. She has also been invited to do many other speaking engagements for such groups as The Real Estate Association, and to lead meditations in the local banks. She reports that many of her students from such classes, and persons attending the speaking engagements, have asked for Unity literature and ultimately become members of Unity. Concerning the outreach program, Marie stated: *"These activities are an excellent way for people to know more about Unity who would not, perhaps, otherwise avail themselves of the opportunity."*

**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI** — **Izear Wiggins**, minister of Unity Southeast Church, Kansas City, Missouri, reports that their church building was formally dedicated on June 2, 1974. **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC, was the guest speaker and a special musical program entitled "Jubilee Songfest" was presented in the afternoon. The Songfest blended music and narration into a program whereby the history of Unity Southeast Church was presented in a most informative and entertaining way. Participating in the program were choirs and musical groups from the local area. **Conrad Stahl**, senior ministerial student in SMRS, was one of the soloists.

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA** — **Carol Marie Guental**, retired Unity minister now residing in Oklahoma City, was one of the persons recently seen on nationwide network television when Xerox Corporation aired on NBC May 30 their 60 minute special documentary titled "Pursuit of Youth." The documentary featured the Oscar Rose Junior College in Oklahoma City where Marie is currently serving as an instructor for senior adults. The college students appearing on a segment of the film were not "typical" for they ranged in age from 60 to 85 years and are enrolled in the senior adult educational services program of the college. Their participation in the film demonstrated opportunities for retired persons who wished to continue to be active. The college program, funded through a Title I Higher Education Act grant, is tuition free for the senior adults. The purpose of the program is to develop a continuing education program that serves the needs of the area's senior adults to get back into the mainstream of life following retirement, and to create social interaction with adults their own age. The main objective of the program is the constructive use of leisure time for the some 300 senior adults who attend classes at the college everyday. Rejoicing in the program, Marie states: *"This is the greatest thing that ever happened to retired senior adults. Because I think people often die soon after retirement if they do not become active in something — hopefully something to expand their minds and keep their bodies supple."*

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**Paul Barrett** reporting for the SOUTHEASTERN REGION:

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA** — **Jay Dishman**, minister of Unity Church of Christianity in Atlanta, shares the following on the ministry's recent biofeedback activities: *"At the present time we are still in the learning experimental states of Dr. Elmer Green's relaxation techniques that he developed at the Menninger Clinic."* **Hal Rosencrans**, who, with great success, is teaching relaxation through biofeedback in the West Palm Beach area, conducted a training program in Atlanta last October. This program

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engendered such enthusiasm that a sufficient number of enrollments were met to purchase the necessary training equipment in Atlanta. This group is now in the midst of the training session, and a new program is planned for the near future. Jay believes the biofeedback training to be most beneficial and reinforcing to Charles Fillmore's concept in terms of mind control over physical function.

**CLEARWATER, FLORIDA** — On March 30, 1974, the Suncoast Unity Churches Minister/Board meeting was conducted in Clearwater. **Howard Bradford**, minister, and the members of Unity of Clearwater hosted the meeting. **Paul Barrett**, Southeastern Regional Representative, shares the following report: *"It was tremendous! Great excitement, interest, and joy were generated among the people attending the meetings as they broke up into individual discussion groups and took up such questions as 'What is an ideal Unity Minister?' and 'What is an ideal Unity Board?'"* Representatives from 11 Unity centers and churches in Florida attended this meeting. A total of 109 ministers and board members were present. The wonderful workers of Unity of Clearwater prepared lunch for all those attending. It was planned that such meetings would be held bi-yearly and hosted by the various churches and centers of the Suncoast area. The Suncoast area in Florida extends from Lakeland to Naples and embraces all of the Tampa Bay area. The next meeting will be held in the early fall.

**FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA** — Another wonderful demonstration of prosperity has manifested in the affairs of Unity of Fort Pierce. **Crystal Leonard**, minister of this growing Florida ministry, recently reported that the mortgage on the ministry has now been paid off and that the members and friends of Unity of Fort Pierce are moving ahead as prayed for and expected.

**LAKELAND, FLORIDA** — **David Monument**, minister of Unity Christ Church in Lakeland, reports that a new Unity group has been started at Fedhaven, Florida, an adult retirement community about 12 miles east of Lake Wales. Some thirty persons are attending this group and are studying *"Lessons in Truth."* David also reports that plans are under way to expand the library facilities and improve the office arrangement of Unity Christ Church. As evidence of the fine growth in Lakeland's Youth Education Program, David shares the following: *"When I arrived here, there were three teachers, one of whom was the YOU Sponsor. Now we have two new YOU Sponsors, five ladies to work in the nursery on a rotational basis, and six other teachers, two of whom are part-time. But with this response, we certainly anticipate an increase in our Sunday School and YOU."*

**MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA** — Unity of Montego Bay, affiliated with Unity of Jamaica, where **Wildorf E. Goodison-Orr (Goodi)** is the minister, is in the process of purchasing a new church facility. The following glowing report was received from the membership in Montego Bay: *"HERE IS WONDERFUL NEWS! Unity of Montego Bay has found a new, wonderful, beautiful home. Green Briar, 8 Coke Avenue, Brandon Hill, is God's home for Unity of Montego Bay. This place, set on 3 acres of land with a breath-taking view, quiet nooks for meditation, plenty of space for parking, and a wide scope for expansion is, we feel, divine selection for this new home from which Truth will be disseminated to bless the friendly city of Montego Bay and all who visit here. The building is a spacious, reconditioned 19th century residence. There is a tennis court, and beautiful lawns and hedges*

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*enhance the tranquility of the surroundings. Indeed, it can be a miniature Unity Village and has the potential to be the Unity Retreat Centre of the Caribbean. We visualize the number of Unity students who will come from abroad to join us in fellowship and enjoy Green Briar."*

**PORT-OF-SPAIN, TRINIDAD** — **Mary Kupferle**, minister of Unity of Delray Beach, Florida, reports that 11 of the members and friends of Unity of Delray Beach, including the ministry's soloist, **Elaine Roberts**, and pianist, **Betty Funck**, joined with Mary in attending a Healing Seminar in Port-of-Spain January 26 through 30, 1974, at Unity of Trinidad and Tobago. **Violet Assam**, minister in Port-of-Spain, greeted the Florida group along with 100 of her people singing "U-N-I-T-Y" as Mary and her party disembarked from the airplane. The Healing Seminar was based on "God Never Fails" and the meetings were attended by some 2,000 joyous, loving people. Mary visited with the Governor-General of Trinidad and the Mayor of Port-of-Spain, both of whom expressed a deep interest in the Unity teachings. At the last meeting, hundreds of people came forward to request healing. Prayers were given and many good reports of healing have since been received. Every moment of the week long seminar was filled with music, food, fellowship, and love. *"None of us will ever forget this glorious experience,"* said Mary.

**SANTURCE, PUERTO RICO** — The 1974 Summer Session of the Instituto Unity de Cristianismo was held July 1-13 in Santurce, Puerto Rico. The Instituto offered courses, equivalent to those offered in UICE, to students from Latin-America, who because of the language barrier, cannot study in English at Unity School in Missouri. Courses were offered to first, second, and third year students. The ministers of Spanish speaking ministries did the teaching with the assistance of two other teachers who were in charge of subjects such as Speech and Christian Thought. **Francisca Mendez**, minister of Asociacion Cristianismo Practico de Puerto Rico, is the Academic Director. This year more than 100 students, the largest number ever enrolled, attended the Instituto. Francisca reports that the Instituto has organized a publication department. Last year *"Teach Us to Pray"* was translated in Spanish. Already over 1800 copies of this book have been sold. *"Effectual Prayer"* is at the printers now and *"Christian Healing"* is being translated. The Instituto expects to publish at least one book a year.

**WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA** — A week of intensive Bible Study on the Old Testament prophets and their prophecies was conducted during the week of February 24-March 1, 1974, at Unity of the Palm Beaches. **Rocco Errico**, who studied with George Lamsa, conducted the classes. **Hal Rosencrans**, minister of Unity of the Palm Beaches, reports that the classes were well received and arrangements have been made for Rocco to return to conduct another week of intensive study in November. Another special activity conducted recently in this Florida ministry was a mini-seminar on "The Miracle of Creative Meditation." **J. Sig** and **Jane Paulson**, co-ministers of Unity Village Chapel, led this innovative one day program on April 1, 1974. The seminar was structured to allow periods of practice in the art of meditation to follow the discussion of the philosophical and spiritual nature of meditation. Times of fellowship were shared during the coffee hour and the luncheon which was served as part of the program.

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**Berton Coffey** reporting for the SOUTHWEST REGION:

COMPTON, CALIFORNIA — **Margaret Butterworth**, minister of Compton Unity Church has accepted the responsibilities of YOU Coordinator for the Southwest Region. Margaret replaces **Berton Coffey** who resigned in order to direct more time to his recently expanded responsibilities as the AUC Regional Representative for the Southwest. Margaret will serve until the end of the year and has agreed to form a committee of YOU Sponsors to assist in coordinating the Youth of Unity activities in the region.

LA CRESCENTA, CALIFORNIA — Unity Church of the Valley, where **Barry Montgomery** is minister, hosted on July 8, 1974, the quarterly meeting of the Southwest Ministers and Teachers Conference. This meeting was devoted to sharing of views on the AUC, its purpose, and the proposed AUC bylaws. Though serious in content, the conversation sparkled with as much light and joy as is reflected in the newly decorated sanctuary of the La Crescenta ministry. The results of the discussions will be summarized and presented to the AUC Bylaws Committee in an orderly, loving, and positive way.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA — Many of the Southwest Region's ministers and teachers were in attendance at the International New Thought Alliance (INTA) Congress held in the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel on July 7-12, 1974. Participating in the Congress were **Berton Coffey**, minister of Unity Truth Church, Vista; **Jeannette Hedge**, minister of Unity Christ Church, Pasadena; and **Edna LeSage**, minister of Unity Church of Christianity, Whittier.

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**IN MEMORIAM** We have been advised that three members of the Association of Unity Churches **Helen L. Clark**, **Adelaide H. Cotter** and **Carter F. Titus**, have made the transition from this life experience and are now moving forward into the eternal light of Spirit.

**Helen L. Clark**, retired minister in Daytona Beach, Florida, made her transition this spring. She received licensed teacher recognition in 1961 and was ordained in 1964. Helen also served in Memphis, Tennessee. We bless Helen and extend our loving prayers to her husband, **Evan**, and to her friends.

**Adelaide H. Cotter**, retired minister in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, founded the Unity ministry in Philadelphia. She received licensed teacher recognition in 1950 and was ordained in 1954. We give thanks for Adelaide who was a light of Truth for all those with whom she came into contact, and bless her in her eternal ongoing.

**F. Carter Titus**, retired minister in Cambridge, Massachusetts, received licensed teacher recognition in 1936 and served in Cambridge. He was ordained in 1967. We bless Carter as an expresser of Truth throughout the years and release him into the keeping of God.

**DAILY WORD'S 50th ANNIVERSARY** Daily Word, Unity's pocket-size devotional magazine is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this month. Since its first printing of 15,000 issues in July 1924, DAILY WORD has been meeting its goal--for each new day the right word for your inspiration--with a growing circulation of nearly one million subscribers today.

Martha Smock, editor of DAILY WORD, describes DAILY WORD as a magazine of the present. *"It is a magazine of today. It is a magazine for people of every age. The age-span of our subscribers is from teen-age to octogenarian and beyond,"* she said. *"Its readers, from the first few in 1924 to the multitudes now, have made DAILY WORD more than an ordinary magazine. They have taken the ideas in it, day by day, and lived with them, used them, made them come alive."*

Many readers comment on how remarkable it is that each daily message in DAILY WORD seems to be speaking directly to them and their special needs. DAILY WORD crosses all denominational lines, and Martha receives letters from men and women of all faiths. A Catholic sister wrote, *"I'm a Catholic but I can't do without DAILY WORD"* --and a Lutheran, *"I attend the Lutheran Church but it is your message in DAILY WORD that starts out every day for me"* --and from an agnostic, *"Through the help of DAILY WORD my entire life has changed."*

Martha also tells about a man who found DAILY WORD in the street as he was walking in a Canadian city. Lost in thought because of his troubled affairs, he looked down to see what was in his way. He picked up DAILY WORD and from reading the magazine found the courage to face his problems. Accounts such as these make Martha feel that DAILY WORD is what it set out to be in the beginning--a day by day reminder that nothing is hopeless or impossible, that the power to overcome is within each individual.

Like all work carried on at Unity Village, DAILY WORD is devoted to achieving the goal set by Unity's founders: helping people apply Christian principles to daily living. DAILY WORD has worldwide readership. In addition to English,



Martha Smock has over forty years of service with Unity School and has been Editor of DAILY WORD since 1944. She is also listed in Who's Who of American Women.

## DAILY WORD'S 50th ANNIVERSARY Continued

DAILY WORD is translated into seven foreign languages and published in Braille. Through special programs initiated at Unity Village the magazine is distributed free to armed forces, hospitals, and charitable institutions. The Braille edition is sent free of charge to sightless persons the world over.

Much of the success of DAILY WORD is attributed to Silent Unity. From its very beginning, the Unity Movement has emphasized the beneficial results of positive, constructive thoughts and prayers. DAILY WORD magazine grew out of this belief. In the early 1920's Frank B. Whitney, then dean of Unity's correspondence school, suggested publishing an inspirational booklet people could carry with them. He became DAILY WORD'S first editor and under his direction the magazine attained worldwide circulation. Charles Fillmore, co-founder of the Unity Movement, characterized Whitney as *"a meteor flashing against the dark blue of the night; a ship of silver floating in the sunlight for a moment; a brilliant soul shedding his rays in our midst."*

DAILY WORD is edited under the inspiration of Silent Unity. From Whitney's time to the present DAILY WORD has been prepared, printed, and inspired by prayer. The daily lessons are written by Silent Unity workers and other persons with a strong Unity orientation. More than four hundred of the men and women from the greater Kansas City area who work at Unity School are involved in some phase of DAILY WORD'S production. Charles R. Fillmore, President of Unity School, in expressing his appreciation for the fine work performed by these many persons stated: *"It is through the dedicated efforts of our many employees who work with DAILY WORD—from the beautifully written inspirational lessons to the binding, stitching, and mailing of this devotional magazine—that DAILY WORD continues to grow and meet the needs of more and more people throughout the world."*

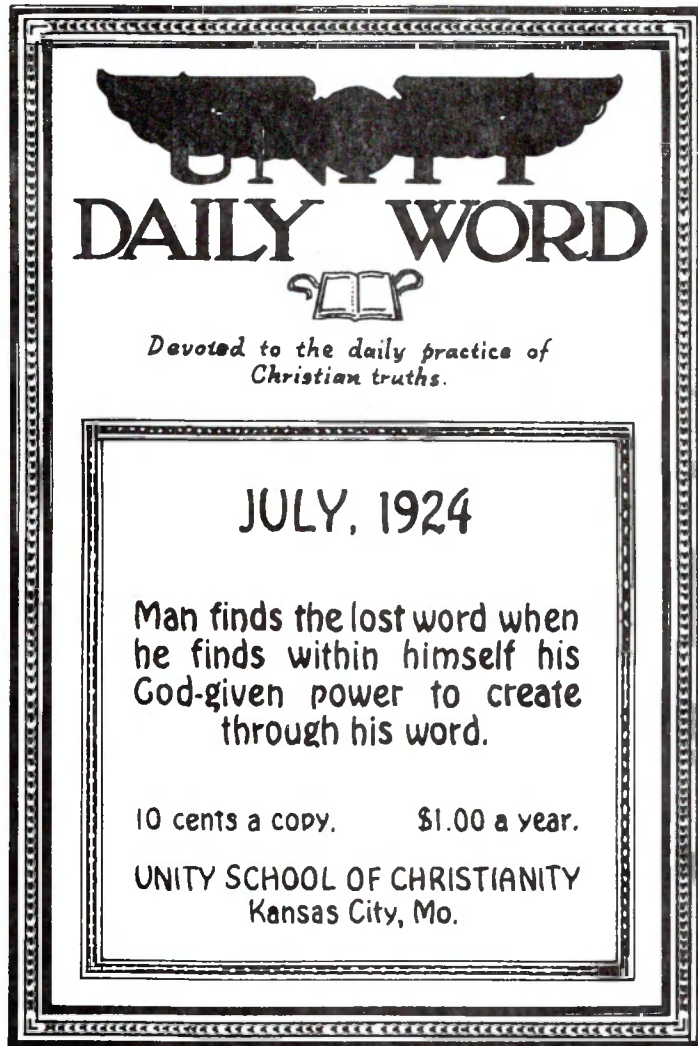
Many Unity employees express a strong commitment to DAILY WORD because of the magazine's spiritual impact in their personal lives. As one young woman explained, *"Daily Word has had an immeasurable impact on my life and I feel a strong sense of fulfillment, knowing that the work I do here helps make DAILY WORD available to others."*

What has been essentially the message of DAILY WORD through its fifty years of publication? Martha Smock summed up by saying: *"A fiftieth birthday is a sort of milestone. It is a time of looking back with gratefulness. It is a time of looking ahead with faith. Any birthday, a first or a fiftieth, is a good time to realize that every day is a new beginning."* This certainly is DAILY WORD'S essential message.

We in the AUC appreciate, bless, and give thanks for the dedication of each person engaged in the preparation of this inspiring and helpful magazine. We are proud to be part of the family of Unity and share in the wonderful consciousness of Spirit radiated so beautifully by the hundreds of persons responsible for the publication of the DAILY WORD.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAILY WORD!

Fifty years of prayer, faith, and creativity—fifty years of time, thought, and imagination—fifty years of inflow, outgo, and blessings—fifty years of smiles, laughter, and fun—fifty years of warmth, sincerity, and friendliness—fifty years of living, loving and giving.



## REPRINT OF FIRST DAILY WORD AVAILABLE

As a memento for our "Roaring 20's" Dinner Dance, the AUC office reprinted the original July 1924 issue of **DAILY WORD** and placed copies on the banquet tables as souvenirs of the evening. Unity School graciously permitted the AUC to prepare printing plates of the first issue from an original in the Heritage Room. Bound in a brown cover to match the original, the reprint is approximately the same size and contains the full 36 pages of Volume 1, Number 1.

The AUC office has subsequently received such a large number of requests for additional copies that the AUC is printing, assembling, and stocking the reproduction as a salable item. Many of our ministries have already placed orders for substantial numbers to distribute to their congregations.

The reprint is priced at ten cents each (\$.10) to cover out-of-pocket costs of paper and supplies and

may be ordered from the AUC at this nominal price plus postage.

### CHARLES FILLMORE'S OFFERING SERVICE

**Charles Fillmore's suggested Offering Service.** A portion of Ernest's note read: *"Recently, I found in my files a 'suggestion' in Charles Fillmore's famous handwriting, evidently passed on to me instead of Lowell at the time Lowell asked me to replace him as Chairman Sunday mornings. I would estimate this as being in 1928 or '29."*

Believing the "suggestion" to be of interest to each of you, and in cooperation with Ernest's desire to share this material, the text of the handwritten Offering Service was printed and distributed by the AUC during Conference. In response to the requests of many of our ministers and teachers that the AUC stock this item, we have printed a supply of these 5½" by 8½" booklets and bound them in a green cover on which a portion of the Service is shown in Charles Fillmore's handwriting. The Offering Service is now available on a love offering basis from your AUC office.

# JULY AND AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

We know that each member of the Association of Unity Churches joins us in extending thoughts of love, appreciation, and this special blessing to our fellow members who have birthdays in July and August.

## YOU

*You are a wonderful person  
Your eyes express love for your neighbor.  
Your lips speak words of God's wisdom  
and understanding.  
Your face radiates heavenly joy.  
Your hands are ever busy in willing service  
of our Father;  
You are swift to respond to His call.  
Each day you find new ways to let your  
Christ light shine.  
Yes, you are a wonderful person in Truth!*  
*Faith DeHoney*

## July

- 1 Margaret Baker\*  
Jacklyn Buboltz
- 2 W. O. Detweiler  
Philip Stovin  
Betty White\*
- 3 Thomas Boswell  
Charles Korfhage
- 4 John Ballinger  
Eve Powers\*
- 5 Elizabeth Sand Turner
- 6 Montee Falls  
Jeannie Horton\*  
June Jones  
Tom Sikking
- 7 Don Bould  
Alice Cronley
- 9 Louise Odom  
Irene Wetzal
- 10 Maryellen Bowe  
Diane MacDonald\*  
Gladys Morris\*  
Dorothy Thomas  
Lois Webb
- 11 Juanita Buckley  
Gladys P. Clarke  
Harvey Jacobs  
George Rieger\*
- 13 Bernice Ketchum  
Myrtle Dark
- 14 Jackie Neal\*  
Phil Pierson  
Vera Rasmussen  
Louise Thies  
Gertrude Tuntland
- 15 Elsie Page
- 16 Elvina Hausmann Lee  
Christiana Ndukwe  
Etta Randolph
- 17 William Nevil  
Grover Thornsberry  
Stella Wrenn
- 18 Mayola SaltPaw\*
- 19 Miki Bowen  
Diane McGonegal
- 20 Genevieve Kalbfleisch  
Shirley Stephen  
Bruce Zech\*

## July

- 21 Ethel Higgins †  
Eleanor P. Marshall  
Louis Meyer  
Marilyn Rothschild\*
- 22 Viola Siemen
- 23 Mary Dunning  
Virginia Hinners
- 25 Carol Nash
- 26 Ken Brabeau  
Helen Crombie  
Don O'Connor  
Ann Winstead
- 28 Fern Hunt  
Rose Elaine Lightburne  
Gene Sorensen
- 29 William B. George  
Beulah Ornbaun
- 30 Eugene Conner\*  
Gary Zech\*
- 31 William Helmbold  
Paula McClellan

## August

- 1 Ross Breakwell  
Mary Ellen Fryer  
Nancy Reynolds  
Marnie Stewart
- 2 Margaret Hass  
Leona Threadgill  
Flash Washington
- 3 Annie Atkinson
- 4 Christina Cronemeyer  
Jess McGuire  
Viretta Sutherland

## August

- 5 Etta Best  
Blanche Bobo  
Elayne Decker\*
- 6 Gladys Bass  
Frank Hax  
Irene Malloy †
- 7 Roy Fox  
Larry Miller\*  
Opal Zoellner
- 9 Hal Dibblee
- 11 Duane Fowler  
George Hausmann  
Ethel Meyer
- 12 Helene Mueller  
Victor Zarley
- 16 Ella LeMieux
- 19 Jessica Gowan  
Paul Stewart
- 20 Richard Billings
- 21 Frank Giudici
- 22 Bette DeTurk  
Viola Lukawiecki †  
Gary Redfern\*
- 23 Alvin Nelson
- 24 William Aull  
Carrie Bowens  
Frances Flickinger  
Don Jennings\*
- 25 Louise Johnson  
Dorothy McLaren  
Phil Nicola
- 27 Bonnie Armstrong
- 28 Janet Beaudry  
Lloyd Gibbs  
Ethel Wallace
- 29 Anne Duncan  
Marion Tootle
- 30 Richard Beavans  
Virginia Quinones
- 31 Charles Neal  
Lucille Rice

† Minister Emeritus  
\* SMRS Student Minister

# PLACEMENT

Placement occurs by virtue of the activity of Spirit in keeping with the consciousness of those concerned. Our Placement Committee consists of **Margaret Conn, William L. Fischer, James Dillet Freeman, Frank Giudici, Martha Giudici, J. Sig Paulson, Edward Rabel, Robert P. Sikking, Philip White, and Ernest Wilson.**

**MESA, ARIZONA** — **Edward Rabel** has accepted the invitation of Unity Church of Mesa to serve as minister. Currently a faculty member of SMRS, Ed will commute from Unity Village to Mesa each weekend in order to conduct the Sunday services until the end of this SMRS trimester. He will assume full-time leadership in Mesa August 18, 1974.

**SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA** — **Rue Nickels** is meeting a physical challenge and your Placement Committee is working with the Board of Unity Church of the Oaks for succession of leadership.

Your Placement Committee is working with the Boards of Unity Church of Culver City, California; Unity Church of North Hollywood and Burbank, North Hollywood, California; and Unity in the Olympics, Port Angeles, Washington, to assure succession of leadership in these ministries.

The Minister and the Board of each of the following ministries are working with your Placement Committee to provide associate or assistant ministers in these locations: Unity Center, Portland, Oregon; Christ Church, Unity, San Diego, California; Unity Church of Truth, Spokane, Washington; Unity Christ Church, St. Petersburg, Florida; and Unity Center of Walnut Creek, Walnut Creek, California.

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## ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

### Statement of Operation

Fiscal Year 1975

Two Months Ended 5/31/74

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Love Offerings General	\$28,259.30	\$22,207.72	\$50,467.02
Love Offerings Education Dept.	1,191.79	751.35	1,943.14
Gain-Curriculum and Material	1,124.25	1,237.81	2,362.06
Other Income	2,839.29	1,419.83	4,259.12
Total Income	<u>33,414.63</u>	<u>25,616.71</u>	<u>59,031.34</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
General Office	21,031.27	19,517.88	40,549.15
Education Department	8,336.05	7,453.94	15,789.99
Total Expenses	<u>29,367.32</u>	<u>26,971.82</u>	<u>56,339.14</u>
<b>NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 4,047.31</u>	<u>(\$ 1,355.11)</u>	<u>\$ 2,692.20</u>

**1975 BUDGET APPROVED**

The following budget for the operation of the AUC office during the 12 months ending March 31, 1975, was unanimously approved by the membership body:

**GENERAL OFFICE**

Salaries	\$106,700.00
Public Relations (Salaries & expense)	24,000.00
Tithe	34,900.00
Emeritus program	23,800.00
Equipment rental	10,900.00
Travel	15,000.00
Professional fees	10,000.00
Rent	6,250.00
Office Supplies	4,000.00
Telephone	4,800.00
Pension Plan contributions	5,400.00
Payroll taxes	4,400.00
Hospitalization	1,200.00
Conference expense	1,000.00
Interest expense	1,600.00
Liaison expense	9,600.00
Postage	7,000.00
Depreciation	2,500.00
Repairs and maintenance	500.00
Free literature	2,000.00
Ordination expense	1,600.00
Insurance expense	550.00
Production supplies	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00
Research and development	500.00
Printing (Yearbook)	2,500.00
Capital Outlay—Office equipment	1,200.00
Note Payments—Justus Credit Union	3,300.00
	<u>\$287,900.00</u>

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Salaries	\$ 69,050.00
Travel	7,500.00
Rent	2,100.00
Conferences and seminars	500.00
Pension Plan contributions	4,250.00
Payroll Taxes	1,800.00
Hospitalization	600.00
Visiting teachers	5,000.00
Office supplies	400.00
Telephone	1,600.00
Depreciation	700.00
Postage	1,200.00
Insurance expense	200.00
Student books and supplies	500.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Latin American School	500.00
	<u>96,100.00</u>
Total	<u>\$384,000.00</u>

**WHO'S WHO IN AUC** One of the young ladies on your AUC office staff who so ably and graciously assisted you at Pre-Conference and Conference this year was **Cheryl Vestal**. Those members of our AUC family who were fortunate enough to have met Cheryl at that time remember that she was introduced as Cheryl Oberweather. On July 14, 1974, Cheryl and **Robert Vestal** were united in marriage during a beautiful ceremony conducted by **Robert P. Sikking** in the Silent Unity Visitors' Chapel.



We are especially pleased and proud that Cheryl is an AUC staff member. She has contributed greatly to the establishment of the public relations function of the office, and has helped to make this aspect of our service organization a viable one. Although she does devote the majority of her working hours to the PR function, Cheryl also performs regular secretarial duties for the other staff members, and is becoming proficient in the operation of our Mag Card equipment.

A 1973 graduate of Lee's Summit High School, Cheryl joined the AUC staff last September. She and her husband, Bob, also a native of the Lee's Summit area, now reside in nearby Greenwood, Missouri, and are in the process of refurbishing and furnishing their home.

We know each AUC member joins us in blessing Cheryl and Bob, and in expressing appreciation to Cheryl for the fine work she is accomplishing for the AUC.

#### PAMPHLETS AVAILABLE FROM AUC

The AUC office has received from Unity School a specific quantity of each of the pamphlets listed below. These are available now on a love offering basis from the AUC, and a sample set of pamphlets has been forwarded to each ministry. Address your orders for these items to the AUC office.

Thankful, Luminous, Triumphant  
The Prayer of Praise  
All Is in Readiness  
I Give Thanks to Thee  
Count Your Blessings  
Whose Side Are You On?  
You Are Strong

Radiate with Thanksgiving  
Christmas Reaffirms God's Love  
According to Your Faith  
Release  
The Power of a Minute  
Meet Life with Courage

## A REPORT FROM JACQUELINE NEAL, YOU COORDINATOR

**YOU Conference August 17-23** As our program planning for the 1974 YOU Conference enters into its completeness, we ask your prayers and loving thoughts for a progressive and spiritually enriching Conference. Our goal is a Conference that is dynamically alive and totally creative, drawing forth from the participants their unique growing experience. In order to achieve this, our program is designed to involve the YOUer as a whole person on the physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual levels.

We will have four simultaneous workshops this year and the leaders will have experiential activities as well as group discussion as a part of their teaching program. Our workshops and their leaders are:

Healing — **J. Sig** and **Jane Paulson**, Co-ministers of Unity Village Chapel.  
Peace — **Jay Dishman**, minister of Unity Church of Christianity, Atlanta, Georgia.

Service — **Jacqueline Neal**, YOU Coordinator.

Human Relations — **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the Association of Unity Churches, and **Frank Giudici**, SMRS faculty member.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to plan and participate in a YOU Church Service the second day of YOU Conference. **Sig** and **Jane Paulson** have graciously consented to give the YOU Conference Body their scheduled 9:30 a.m. church service. Our International Officers and other delegates will be participating in this service.

We are also very happy to welcome to our program two very fine speakers: **James Dillet Freeman**, Director of Silent Unity, and **William L. Fischer**, AUC Director of Ministerial Education. Both Jim and Bill will be sharing with the delegates their special talents in meaningful ways.

We welcome the following persons into our program and give thanks for their unique contributions:

**Carl and Brenda Jenkins** — Program of Music  
**Mary Rexroth** — Joy Song Leader  
**Billie Freeman** — Love Offering Service  
**Ernest Wilson, Margaret Conn, and Martha Smock** will lead prayer sessions.

It has been a joy for us, the Conference Planning Committee, to be involved in this unfolding process of service. We have felt much love and light surrounding us and we continue to move forward under the direction and guidance of the indwelling Christ.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL YOU RALLY

On May 18, 19, 20 Unity of Grand Junction, Colorado, **Mary Rowe**, Minister, hosted the Rocky Mountain Regional Y.O.U. Rally. It was held at the Trail's End Ranch in Plateau Valley, Callbran, Colorado. There were 27 YOUers and adults present. The rally theme was "Pass It On." A family atmosphere

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL YOU RALLY Continued

prevailed during the rally and the YOUers were in a very high spirit. All of the rally participants who cared to were given a tour of the ranch via horseback.

The tour was intriguing and revealed a panorama of scenery that was very beautiful. The tour took about 75 minutes and covered 150 of the 468 acres. There were many times of sharing and a feeling of oneness prevailed. One of the workshops dealt with sharing insights on the "neatest person in your life." Some of the more brave and energetic YOUers arose each morning at 5:30 a.m. to hike a mile to the mountain ridge to view the sunrise and to meditate.

Elected to regional office were **Renee' Rice**, Representative, and **Hank Haynes**, Alternate, both from Unity of Denver, Denver, Colorado, **James Lewis**, Minister. At this time, the rally host has not been determined for 1975. Special thanks are extended to Unity of Grand Junction and **Cindy Buzan**, Regional Representative, for their contributions of time and love to this Rally.

### EASTERN REGIONAL YOU RALLY

On May 31 through June 2 Unity of Brooklyn, New York, **Donat Nedd**, Minister, hosted the Eastern Regional Y.O.U. Rally. It was held in Warwick, New York, at the Warwick Conference Center which is owned by the Dutch Reformed Church. The rally theme was "Let's Get It On," and approximately 75 YOUers and adults were present. A very interesting workshop was conducted by **Dr. Wilfred Harricharan** on Mind Dynamics which was very well received by the young people. He shared information with the group on the different cycles or levels of brain activity, and related meditation techniques. A meditation exercise followed each of the four cycles he mentioned.

Elected to regional office were **Kathy Herold**, Representative, and **William Everts**, Alternate, both from Unity Church of Truth in Syracuse, New York, **Larry Kendrick**, Minister. The rally next year will be hosted by Unity Center of Christianity, Washington, D. C., **George Stone**, Minister.

### SOUTHWEST REGIONAL YOU RALLY

On June 22 and 23 Unity of Santa Barbara, California, **William Helmbold** and **Gregory Penn**, Ministers, hosted the Southwest Regional Y.O.U. Rally. It was held at the Santa Barbara ministry. The rally theme was "Day by Day" and approximately 140 YOUers and adults were present. William Helmbold did a workshop on prayer after which the young people formed small discussion groups to share their thoughts and feelings on prayer. The YOUers felt that this was a very meaningful experience. Other workshops included a meditation exercise and an exercise class. The sponsors met to share ideas about the YOU and many constructive thoughts were exchanged.

Elected to regional office were **Ken Harrison**, Representative, from Vista, California, **Burton Coffey**, Minister, and **David Vetter**, Alternate, from Santa Ana, California, **Phillip Nicola**, Minister. The rally host for 1975 has not yet been decided. Special thanks and appreciation are in order for **Jack** and **Gail Campbell**, Sponsors, and **Gregory Penn** for their many contributions and plans for this rally.

### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL YOU RALLY

On June 27, 28, 29, and 30 Unity of Ft. Worth, Texas, **Ruth Johnston**, Minister, hosted the South

## **SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL YOU RALLY Continued**

Central Regional Y.O.U. Rally. It was held at Texas Christian University and at Unity Church of Ft. Worth. The rally theme was "A Song to Sing" and 74 YOUers and adults were present. Ruth Johnston opened the Rally in a beautiful and inspirational way through her talk "God's Melody." One of the highlights of the rally was a home movie prepared by the Ft. Worth YOUers on the rally theme. The last few frames of the movie were scenes taken from a plane, and as we watched a meditation mood was set. The film was followed by discussion and everyone was invited to share thoughts on the film and its message. Another treat was free tickets to the Casa Manana Theater to see the play "Sugar." Many very good workshops were held and the response to the rally was great.

Elected to regional office were **Mindy Dacus**, Representative, from Ft. Worth, Texas, and **Ricky Payne**, Alternate, from Houston, Texas. Next years rally host will be Unity Church of Christianity, Houston, Texas, **John Rankin**, Minister. The sponsors **Carolyn** and **George Denniston** and the Ft. Worth YOU are to be complimented for their outstanding program and work that went into the planning and bringing forth of the ideas presented.

### **GREAT LAKES REGIONAL YOU RALLY**

On June 28, 29, and 30 the Great Lakes Regional YOU Rally was hosted by Detroit Unity Association, **Glenn Mosley**, Minister. The Rally theme was "We Can Make It Happen" and approximately 205 YOUers and adults were present. **Oscar Murray**, a YOUer from the host chapter, presented a two part workshop on individual awareness and realization. **Don Knight**, Co-Sponsor, of the Detroit YOU gave a meditation workshop. He told of the value of meditation and placed emphasis on the need for stillness. Actual meditation was a key part of this workshop. Elected to regional office were **Roger Gnant**, Representative, and **Shelley Chase**, Alternate from Unity West, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, **Gary Jones**, Minister, and First Church Unity, Toledo, Ohio, **Wallace Tooke**, Minister, respectively. Unity Church of Oak Park, **Richard Billings**, Minister, will be the 1975 rally host.

### **REQUEST FROM CASSETTE DEPARTMENT**

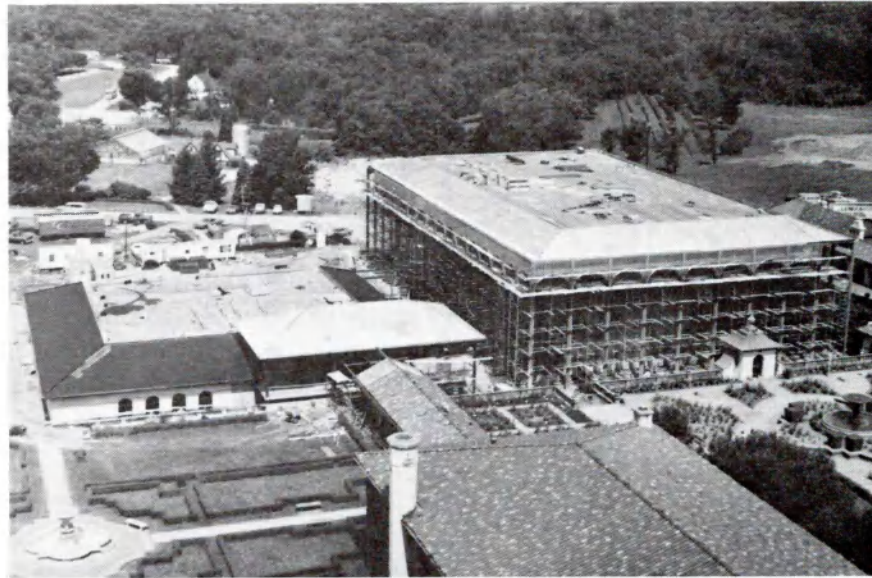
**Pete Rhea**, Director of the Cassette Department of Unity School, is eager to hear from ministers and teachers who have used Unity School's cassettes in class work or group discussion.

If you have used Unity cassettes in this way, please write to Pete and tell him the methods you used for presentation and the response of the group. These ideas will be shared with other ministries in the near future.

If you have any questions regarding Unity cassettes, or ideas which you would like to share with the Cassette Department, please write directly to **Pete Rhea**, Unity School, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.

## UNITY WORLD HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES CENTER

Viewing the construction area from the Tower, the progress of the work can be measured by comparing the similar view printed in previous issues of CONTACT. The auditorium will have comfortable theater-type seating, excellent acoustics, a sound system with separate controls for auditorium and conference areas, back-stage dressing rooms, elaborate lighting and projection capabilities, and other features designed to provide ideal surroundings for worship, study, and entertainment.



Work is progressing on schedule for the new Unity Inn. This view from the east shows the arches and the completed roof decking. The new Inn will seat approximately four hundred and seventy five (475) diners in air-conditioned comfort and will feature the "scatter serving system," an innovative style of service. This modern system has been designed to greatly

facilitate serving, and will significantly reduce the time necessary for diners to obtain their choice of food and beverage. Divider walls will provide space for three private banquet rooms. Outside, the Inn will harmonize architecturally with other Village buildings. The present Unity Inn facilities in the Administration Building eventually will be converted for use as Sunday-school and youth activity rooms, offices, and administrative facilities. A snack bar will be constructed to serve the existing patio areas. The unfinished east end of the Administration Building will be refaced to present a harmonious whole.

## SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**SPOUSES GROUP ORGANIZED** Learning to cope with the opportunities that come with being wives or husbands of ministers-in-training has brought about the formation of a unique group called **Spouses of Students (SOS)**. Just as the SMRS students learn to function within certain criteria, their families also must learn their individual roles and how the ministry affects them. The SOS group is supportative of all in the ministerial program; however, special emphasis is placed on the needs, responsibilities, and opportunities related to the spouse in his/her own unique situation.

To date SOS activities have included two covered dish dinners, followed by discussions with special guests, a Saturday luncheon/organizational meeting, two coffees, and a style show. A program is being planned for spouses of incoming and returning students to be held during student orientation week in August. Friendly faces, facilities nearby, activities at Unity Village, emergency phone numbers, a list of baby-sitters, and lots of love and understanding will be discussed and/or provided at this time.

A congratulatory letter offering assistance in relocating in the Lee's Summit area is mailed by the SOS group to each person as he or she is accepted into the SMRS program. A follow-up packet with maps, public school information, names of people to contact upon arrival, and both general and specific helpful information was prepared and mailed in July to those persons accepted for September 1974 matriculation.

SOS offers a place and an opportunity for spouses of students to become acquainted, to serve, to grow. Together they can solve little problems so they have no chance to become big problems while the ministers-in-training are perfecting the techniques of being ministers.

**INTEGRATIVE SEMINARS** A part of the curriculum in SMRS is set aside for integrative seminars. These are held for a two-hour period each week and are for the express purpose of affording exposure to places and persons of interest which are related to the Unity ministry and its mission in the world.

In planning these seminars a special effort is always made to keep students informed about current developments in areas pertaining to the ministerial profession. This is accomplished by taking field trips and by bringing stimulating, and often challenging, speakers to present and discuss their views.

In attempting to fulfill the purpose for which these seminars are conducted, the following programs, among others, were held during this school year. Seminars were conducted on narcotics; alcoholic counseling; working with people on probation; and death, dying, and the funeral ceremony. Field trips were taken to a chiropractic college and to a funeral home. Instruction in leading group singing was given and the Phenomenon of Man filmstrip was shown and discussed. One integrative seminar period each month was held open for a student body business meeting. Periodically, meetings were designated for informal rap sessions between students and faculty. Also, meetings with **Robert P. Sikking** were scheduled at regular intervals in order to keep the students informed of AUC activities and to help them feel more a part of the organization with which they are affiliated.

## SMRS Continued

**PRISON MINISTRY** A Prison Ministry program in Lansing, Kansas, has been conducted by Unity for more than fifty years. During the past ten years, the program has been staffed by SMRS students. Current activities include a Worship Service the first Sunday of each month and a study class in Truth each Wednesday evening at the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing. Another study class is held each Wednesday morning in Lansing at the Kansas State Correctional Institution for Women. Personal, individual spiritual counseling offered by the SMRS students is also available to the residents of both institutions at these times.



Second-year SMRS students **Andres Lucas** of Denver, Colorado; **Dana Voght** of Boca Raton, Florida; **Pierre Gallardo** of Seattle, Washington; and **Donald Jennings** also of Seattle have conducted the Prison Ministry activities this year at the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, and the Kansas State Correctional Institution for Women, Lansing, Kansas.

Responsibility for the Prison Ministry during this coming school year has been accepted by SMRS students **Mary Alice Brown** of Des Moines, Iowa; **Susan Colombero** of Syracuse, New York; **Daniel Kellerstrass** of Kansas City, Missouri; **Robert Preston** of Braintree, Massachusetts; and **Clem Thrift** of Atlanta, Georgia.

One very important aspect of the Prison Ministry is supplying the residents with a good selection and quantity of greeting cards for the residents to use in communicating with their families and friends. Numerous letters and cards expressing appreciation for this function have been received by the SMRS students from residents of the two prisons. However, the need for cards has exceeded the supply. Many of our AUC members have indicated their desire to assist in meeting and fulfilling this need. Accordingly, a Prison Fund has now been established by the student body of SMRS to further this very worthwhile activity of service. You are invited and encouraged to advise your congregations of this Prison Fund. Donations to the Fund are tax deductible and may be mailed to:

**Prison Fund  
P. O. Box 19223  
Kansas City, Missouri 64141**

Thank you and bless you for helping others through this Fund to communicate their love and caring to their families and friends.

# Clearinghouse

- Request** — Marlene Beavans, wife of Richard Beavans, our minister in Bakersfield, California, would like to obtain information about, or sources of, contemporary, inspirational music for small singing groups and musicians (primarily organists). She is particularly interested in "New Thought" type music. Contact Marlene in care of Unity Center, Bakersfield, 1619 E Street, Bakersfield, California 93301 (Telephone area 805, 327-8614).
- Request** — Jack Hamilton would like to obtain a copy of *I Can Heal Myself and I Will* by Cushing Smith. Jack's address is Unity Way Church, 3425 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75206 (Telephone area 214, 233-7106).
- Offer** — A member of our ministry in Nashville, Tennessee, has available a large number of back issues of *Weekly Unity*, dating from 1966 through 1972. Please contact William R. Clark, Minister, First Church Unity, 1612 Woodmont Blvd., Nashville, Tennessee 37215 (Telephone area 615, 383-4094).

## Idea Exchange

**L.I.F.T. BUTTON** Carol Nash, minister of Unity Church of Practical Christianity, St. Joseph, Missouri, has designed, and is currently manufacturing a very unique "Living In Freedom Today" (L.I.F.T.) button. The metal button (see artist's sketch at right) is 3½" in diameter and is produced in a beautiful blue color with the exception of the hand. Please contact Carol if you would like to explore the possibility of obtaining these buttons which the St. Joseph ministry is making available on a love offering basis. The suggested love offering is one dollar (\$1.00) each.



**AFFIRMATION GENERATOR** David Large, senior ministerial student in SMRS, and his wife, Nora, have developed, and wish to share through CONTACT the following chart from which 20,736 different 4-word affirmations may be obtained by simply selecting any single word from each of the 4 verticle columns, e.g. Continuous Prayer Assures Fulfillment.

Sacred	Tasks	Insure	Results
Transcendent	Thinking	Transmit	Truth
Ones	Obedience	Ordaines	Order
Full	Faith	Finds	Fulfillment
Latent	Love	Lifts	Life
Inward	Inspiration	Influences	Intelligence
Personal	Prayer	Produces	Perfection
Spiritual	Satisfaction	Sows	Stability
Eternal	Expectation	Establishes	Enthusiasm
Affirmative	Asking	Assures	Abundance
Real	Release	Restores	Righteousness
Continuous	Communion	Conditions	Consciousness
Heartfelt	Happiness	Helps	Healing

**VERA DAWSON TAIT** On May 31,  
**RETIRES** 1974, **Vera**

**Dawson Tait** retired from her regular duties in the Education Department of Unity School. A "This Is Your Life" party honoring Vera was held in the Unity Inn. She was presented with a Certificate of Merit from Unity School for her 32 years of service to the Unity Movement. Among the many other gifts received by Vera was a specially prepared commemorative scrapbook of her tenure as a student, teacher, and minister.



Vera was born in Blackpool, England, but lived for many years in Canada where she became acquainted with Unity's Truth message. She came to work at Unity in 1942 and from 1958 to 1961 she was Course Advisor for the Training School. In 1964 she became Director of the Correspondence School and in 1966 was ordained a Unity minister.

While Vera will no longer be at her desk from eight to five each day, she will be teaching classes in U.I.C.E. this summer.

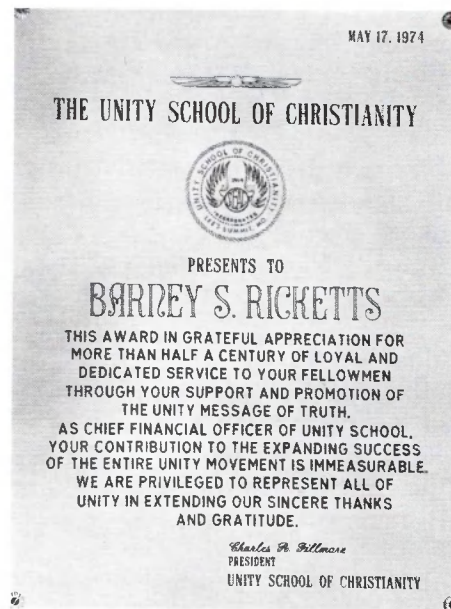
The Association of Unity Churches joins with Unity School in blessing Vera for her years of service and her continuing dedication and enthusiasm in helping others on the path of Truth.



**GWEN NORMENT**  
**JOINS STAFF OF**  
**UNITY SCHOOL**

Unity School recently announced that **Gwen Norment** has joined the staff of the Education Department. Gwen is an ordained Unity minister and comes from Portland Oregon, where she has been serving in Unity Center of Portland. In addition to her other duties, Gwen will be teaching in the Unity Institute for Continuing Education this summer and is now in training to become the U.I.C.E. Program Director in the fall. Also, Gwen will be teaching in SMRS starting with the fall trimester.

While in Portland, Gwen developed the now full-time, self-supporting ministry in Salem, Oregon.



**Barney Ricketts** received the above plaque upon his retirement May 17.

## Book Rack

**A NEW UNITY BOOK  
MIND: THE MASTER POWER**

"Mind: the Master Power" is a new book by Charles Roth, minister of Unity Truth Center, Indianapolis, Indiana. Here is a fresh and powerful approach to contacting and communing with the I AM within, and letting it direct your life into all good.

The author writes: "How do you see yourself? Young? Old? Underweight? Overweight? Male? Female? The looking glass reflects the outer appearance; but we need not take the appearance to be the ultimate Truth. The Truth is that you are a spiritual being—ageless, deathless, all-conquering!

"A 'looking-glass mind' reflects outer conditions, and its thoughts and feelings are shaped to fit them. Thus, through the law of mind action, more painful or limiting conditions are formed. Starting now, see yourself in a new way. You are greater than the mirror image! See outer conditions as effects, spent arrows. Let your mind be not a mirror, but a lens through which shines the light of Truth."

The following are excerpts from the review of Charles' book by **Hugh R. Horne** which appears in the August issue of UNITY Magazine:

"One of this reviewer's former teachers, a prolific writer and well-known author, once declared that many so-called religious and philosophical books should never have been written, since they apparently do nothing to instruct or inspire their readers. Charles Roth's new book certainly is not one of these, since the material he offers is vitally needful. This type of treatise is long overdue, and Unity is to be commended for its foresight in publishing this magnificent work.

The author deals with such subjects as "Your Untapped Potential," "The Spiritual Power of INdependence," "In Tune with the Divine Vibration," "The Power of Mental Image," "Nothing Is Impossible," "A Technique of Self-Mastery," "How to Change Your Life," "Putting Truth into Practice," and "If You Know It, Do It!" to mention only a few.

Each chapter concludes with a meditation, along with affirmations and benediction thoughts; and these exercises alone are well worth the price of the book. Each of us is given many talents, Charles Roth says, and when we invest our talents wisely, we will find that the principle, as set forth in the law of increase, will always work for us.

Most of us will agree that there is a spiritual power within us that is capable of subduing and overcoming the problems and challenges that come into our life; this of course, is the very power of God. How can we contact and release that power? Jesus told us how, and the author spells this out in the superb lessons offered in this book. Secure a copy and read it, study it, and digest its magnificent truths. It may be the best thing you will ever do!"

The book is handsomely clothbound and is priced to retail at \$3.95, and may be ordered from the Sales Department of Unity School at your dealer's price of \$2.37.

## GOD SPEAKING THROUGH MAN AWARD

At our AUC Conference this year Charles R. Fillmore announced Unity School's plans for periodically presenting the "God Speaking Through Man" award to individuals who are making or have made outstanding contributions in helping people understand themselves, their fellowman, and their relationship to God. Special attention will be given to those who promote unity among people by working to create an atmosphere of understanding and cooperation. Nominees to receive the award will be considered if they are active in the fields of religion, education, communications, science, government, medicine, entertainment, community relations, business and industry, and any other areas that may be designated by Unity School.

Nominations may be submitted by either ordained ministers and licensed teachers who are members of the AUC or by employees of Unity School. However, persons actively engaged in Unity ministries and those employed by Unity School shall not be eligible to receive the award.

You will soon receive additional information and a detailed questionnaire from Unity School. In the meantime, you are requested to be thinking about possible nominees as the deadline for the 1975 awards is November 1, 1974. Tentative plans call for the presentation of the 1975 awards to be part of the dedication services for the new World Headquarters' Activities Center. In order to qualify for the award the recipient must be present to personally take part in the award ceremony. Unity School will pay all of the expenses for the recipient's trip to the ceremony.



## RECETA PARA LA FELICIDAD



- 2 Tazas llenas de PACIENCIA
- 1 Corazón lleno de AMOR
- 2 Manos llenas de GENEROSIDAD
- 1 Mano llena de COMPRENSIÓN
- Una salpicada de RISA
- Una generosa rociada de BONDAD
- Abundante FE

Combine PACIENCIA, AMOR, y GENEROSIDAD con COMPRENSIÓN. Agregue la salpicada de RISA y rocíe generosamente con BONDAD.

Agregue la abundante FE y mezclelo todo bien.

Desparrame la mezcla sobre el período de toda una vida.

Sirvale esta receta a todo aquél con quién usted se encuentre.

## RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS CARD NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

The January 1974 issue of CONTACT announced to our members the availability on a love offering basis of the **RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS** card. Many of the ministries have ordered the card and report receiving excellent response from its distribution.

In order to make this daily reminder of Truth Principles available to an even greater number of Truth students, the Recipe has been translated into Spanish (shown at left). We are grateful to **Nora Large**, wife of SMRS student **David Large**, for translating the Recipe.

Both versions of the card are printed in black ink on various pastel colored 3" X 5" card stock. To order, address your request to the AUC office, stating the number of cards desired.

## REPRODUCTION OF FILLMORES' DEDICATION AND COVENANT

In 1973, upon a recommendation from the AUC Expansion Committee, the first Sunday in December was proclaimed as a special day of prayer and rededication in the spirit of the "Dedication and Covenant" written by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore on December 7, 1892.

The "Dedication and Covenant" 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.

Acting in the belief that many persons would enjoy having a reproduction of this meaningful and inspiring document, the AUC office printed such a reproduction in an 8½" X 11" size (see reduced facsimile at right). Desiring to offer as exact a copy as possible, the original "Dedication and Covenant" was photographed and printing plates made to produce a reproduction with the Fillmores' handwriting in purple ink (as was the original) and the letterhead in black. This item is now being stocked by the AUC office and available on a love offering basis.

## NEW INFORMATION ON AIRPORT LIMOUSINE

Some confusion regarding ground transportation between Kansas City International Airport and Unity Village existed during Pre-Conference and Conference due to a change in the corporate structure of the airport limousine service owned and operated by Carl C. Jenkins, Jr. The new information is Heart of America Limousine Service, 1811 Agnes, Kansas City, Missouri 64127 (telephone area 816, 231-4900).

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### Dedication and Covenant.

We, Charles Fillmore and  
Myrtle Fillmore, husband and wife,  
humbly 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 also  
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.

Witness In the presence of the  
Conscious Mind of Christ Jesus, this  
7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1892.  
Charles Fillmore  
Myrtle Fillmore

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1974

- July 50th Anniversary of Daily Word
- July-Aug. 16 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program, Unity Village, Missouri
- July 1-13 Instituto Unity de Cristianismo Practico, Santurce, Puerto Rico
- † July 20-21 Northern California YOU Regional Retreat, Santa Cruz, California, hosted by Unity Temple of Santa Cruz
- August 4-10 Alma, Michigan, Laymen's Retreat, sponsored by Detroit Unity Temple
- 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
- August 26-29 Northwest Unity Ministers Conference, Spokane, Washington, hosted by Unity Church of Truth
- August 28 Post-Graduate Program on "Effective Presentation of Christian Healing," Spokane, Washington
- Sept. 2-6 Southeastern Region Twelfth Annual Laymen's Retreat, Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida
- † Sept. 6-7 Northern California Regional Youth Education Conference, San Francisco, California, hosted by Unity Christ Church
- † Sept. 14 Northern California Minister/Board meeting, San Leandro, California, hosted by San Leandro Unity Church
- Sept. 22-26 Great Lakes Regional Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, hosted by Unity Christ Church
- Sept. 26 Post-Graduate Program on "Effective Presentation of Christian Healing," St. Louis, Missouri
- Sept. 30-Oct. 3 Eastern Regional Conference, Thornfield Conference Center, Cazenovia, New York
- † Oct. 11-13 Northern California Unity Students' Retreat, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California
- † Oct. 15-17 AUC Executive Committee meeting, Unity Village, Missouri
- Oct. 21-23 Southeastern Regional Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, hosted by Unity Church of Birmingham
- Oct. 22 Post-Graduate Program on "Effective Presentation of Christian Healing," Birmingham, Alabama
- † Oct. 25-26 Northern California Regional YOU Sponsors Conference, Reno, Nevada, hosted by Unity Ministry of Reno

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Continued

- † Nov. 9 Northwest Minister/Board meeting, Seattle, Washington, hosted by Unity Church of Truth
- † Nov. 10 Northern California YOU Regional Retreat, (site to be announced)
- † Nov. 23 Northern California Youth Education Seminar, Fresno, California, hosted by Unity Church of Fresno

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- † Jan. 20–22 AUC Mid-Year Council of Committee meetings, Unity Village, Missouri
- † Jan. 23–24 AUC Board of Trustees meeting, Unity Village, Missouri
- † April 21–23 South Central Regional Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, hosted by Unity Church of Little Rock
- † April 22 Post-Graduate Program on “Effective Presentation of Christian Healing,” Little Rock, Arkansas

† Additions

\* Revisions

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YEARBOOK  
SUPPLEMENT

The information below is presented in order that you may, if you so desire, annotate your copy of the 1974 Yearbook to reflect additions, changes, and deletions. The heading entitled **Page** indicates the page in the 1974 Yearbook which requires updating.

Page	Item
9	Change Cheryl Oberweather to Cheryl Vestal (Name change due to marriage)
11	Add Hot Springs, Arkansas, Unity Study Class, DeSoto Hotel, N. Central (affiliated with Unity Church, Little Rock, Arkansas)
22	Add Tel. Res: 714-797-0478 to Unity of Yucaipa, California
34	Change listing of the Unity work in Lexington, Kentucky to Unity of Lexington, P. O. Box 11271, 40511, Minister: James E. Parkinson III
38	Add Duluth, Minnesota, Study Class, YWCA, 202 2nd St., 55806 (affiliated with Unity Christ Church, Minneapolis)

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Page	Item
44	Delete Unity Prayer Center - Greenwich Village, New York, New York (see page 60 - Stella Wrenn)
51	Change address of Unity Church of San Antonio, Texas, to 102 W. Rector Dr., Suite 204, 78216
51	Add Chester, Virginia, Study Class, 11616 Hillside Rd., 23831 (affiliated with Unity Center, Richmond, Virginia)
53	Add Pasco, Washington, Study Class, Columbia Basin College, 2600 N. Chase Ave., 99301 (affiliated with Unity Church of the Valley, Yakima, Washington)
53	Add Richland, Washington, Study Class, Odd Fellows Hall, 706 Williams, 99352 (affiliated with Unity Church of the Valley, Yakima, Washington)
53	Change address of the study class in Shoreline, Washington, to 1220 N. E. 175th
54	Change address of Unity of Madison, Wisconsin to 130 South Yellowstone Dr., 53705, and change office telephone number to 608-836-9493
58	Change address of Alvin Nelson, Arizona, to 121E N. Horne, Mesa, 85203
58	Add *BUBOLTZ, Carlton, 15595 Paymogo, San Diego, California 92129
58	Add *BUBOLTZ, Jacklyn, 15595 Paymogo, San Diego, California 92129
59	Change the Zip Code for Rose Emery to 95060
59	Change address of Adah J. Jones to 101 W. Commonwealth, Apt. 1, Alhambra, California 91801
60	Add SEIVERTSON, Geneva, 2100 Bowling Green Dr., Sacramento, California 95825
60	Delete Juanita Buckley, 2435 Reed St., Denver, Colorado 80215 (see page 67)
60	Add GINGERICH, Frances M., 5116 Williams Fork Trail, Apt. 113, Boulder, Colorado 80301
60	Add *WRENN, Stella, Bee and Thistle Inn, Lyme St., Old Lyme, Connecticut, 06371
60	Change address of Louise C. Beaty to Heimes Hotel, P. O. Box 10160, St. Petersburg, Florida 33733
60	Change listing for Evan & Helen Clark in Daytona Beach, Florida to *CLARK, Evan (Helen made her transition this spring)
62	Add *HOFFMAN, Velma H., 1100 Crystal Lake Cr., 9B, Macon, Georgia, 31206
62	Change address of Eva H. Conover to Cleveland Home, 805 19th St., Rockford, Illinois, 61201

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Page	Item
63	Delete Carter F. Titus, 881 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 (deceased)
64	Delete Carlton Buboltz, 808C Ridgeview Dr., Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063 (see page 58)
64	Delete Jacklyn Buboltz, 808C Ridgeview Dr., Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063 (see page 58)
64	Change address of Grace H. Cook to 7200 Raytown Road, Raytown, Missouri 64133
67	Delete Frances M. Gingerich, 6116 Faircrest, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211 (see page 60)
67	Add BUCKLEY, Juanita, 1117 E. Main St., Medford, Oregon 97501
67	Delete Adelaide A. Cotter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (deceased)
67	Add PAGE, Sue, Singing Oaks, Wexford, Pennsylvania 15090
69	Add SPEERS, Ted, 3904 W. Sheridan St., Seattle, Washington 98199
70	Add *WENZEL, Peter, 1 Berlin 13, Heilmannring 58A, W. Berlin, Germany
102	Change address of Louise Beaty to St. Petersburg, Fla.
103	Change address of Carlton Buboltz to San Diego, Calif.
103	Change address of Jacklyn Buboltz to San Diego, Calif.
103	Change address of Juanita Buckley to Medford, Oreg.
104	Delete Adelaide Cotter (deceased)
104	Delete Helen L. Clark (deceased)
104	Change address of Grace H. Cook to Raytown, Mo.
104	Change address of Eva H. Conover to Rockford, Ill.
106	Change address of Frances M. Gingerich to Boulder, Colo.
107	Add *Hoffman, Velma, Macon, Ga.
111	Add Page, Sue, Wexford, Pa.
113	Add Speers, Ted, Seattle, Wash.
114	Delete Carter F. Titus (deceased)
115	Add *Wenzel, Peter, W. Berlin, Germany
115	Change address of Stella Wrenn to Old Lyme Conn. and change symbol from † to *