

# CONTACT

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

The AUC has a great prayer activity generated through the Devotional Committee. This Committee is comprised of the past presidents of the UMA and the AUC, and constitutes a tremendous blessing to our Association. In August, a letter was sent to the Committee members inviting each member to share his or her consciousness through a written prayer. Many fine responses have been received. Commencing with this issue, CONTACT will bring to each member of our Association a word of inspiration from one of our past presidents. This month we are privileged to share the following ideas and affirmations from **Grover Thornsberry**, minister of Unity Church of Truth in Seattle, Washington, who served as president during 1972-1973:

"The effectiveness and success of the Association of Unity Churches are entirely dependent upon the individual and collective consciousness of the members of this association. Therefore, it is a personal and collective responsibility for each one of us to realize:

"OUR PERSONAL AND COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS BECOMES THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES, OF ITS ACTIVITIES, AND ITS PERSONNEL.

"OUR CONSCIOUSNESS IS NOW THE ACTIVITY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES, OF ITS WORKERS, AND THOSE WHO HELP IN THIS WORK.

"OUR CONSCIOUSNESS DETERMINES THE INCOME, THE EXPANSION, THE GROWTH, AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES.

"AND OUR CONSCIOUSNESS INFLUENCES AND ACTIVATES ALL THOSE WHO ARE DRAWN TO AND ATTEND A UNITY CHURCH OR CENTER, OR RECEIVE BENEFIT FROM A UNITY MINISTRY."

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## THE AUC PRESIDENT SERVING YOU

Dear Fellow Teachers & Ministers:

I am sure you realize that one of the high points of being the President of our Association is that time when you have the privilege of being the Ordaining Minister of the people going out into the field to serve and share the work that we all love so very much.

In August I had this privilege, and ordained twenty eight new ministers into the ministry of Jesus Christ. It was held in the evening and the service overflowed with people in the Unity Village Chapel. I told the Ordinands that though I shook their hand at the time of ordination that every Unity Minister and Teacher of our Association was represented by my hand holding theirs at their moment of ordination. It was truly a wonderful experience for me personally and I know you are deeply grateful for our fine training program and these new ministers that have been produced for the Unity Movement.

On October 15th, 16th, and 17th, the Executive Committee of our Association will meet, and in January the full Board of the Association of Unity Churches will be meeting along with the Committees that will be planning next summer's Conference. If there are any recommendations or suggestions you would like to have presented at any of these meetings all you have to do is write me a letter and make your suggestions.

There is a new and wonderful spirit in our Association and it is moving us on to a higher view of ourselves and our future as a Movement. At our last Conference it was amazing to see the interest and the speaking out whereas before the great body of our Association had been silent and passively accepted whatever had been decided from higher up. I want every single member of our Association to feel important and qualified to bring forth any ideas and suggestions you have that will allow the Christ Spirit to work mightily in our Association.

May the Spirit of Truth bless each one of us as we go forth to carry out the will and the work of our loving Father God.

In Christ's Service,

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

Robert L. Stevens

## REGIONAL NEWS

Berton Coffey reporting for the SOUTHWEST REGION:



COMPTON, CALIFORNIA — Compton Unity Church, led by ministers **Margaret Butterworth** and **John Ballinger**, recently celebrated the ministry's 37th year of service to the Compton community with a special anniversary program. Special recognition was given to Margaret for her 27 years of leadership and service to Compton Unity Church and to John for his 17 years of dedicated service. Many members of our Unity family around the country extended their blessings

to Margaret, John, and the many members and friends of Compton Unity Church for the continued growth and unfoldment of this viable California ministry. Unable to be present for the anniversary program, **Eric Butterworth**, minister of Unity Center of Practical Christianity in New York City, sent his special blessings via cassette tape, wherein Eric recalled the formation and the early years of the Unity Center in the Butterworth's Compton home.

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Angelo Giordani reporting for the EASTERN REGION:

ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY — On August 25, 1974, the members and friends of Christ Church Unity in Asbury Park, New Jersey, celebrated the ministry's TENTH ANNIVERSARY in their present church facilities. **John Cuddeback**, minister of Christ Church Unity, conducted the morning Worship and Rededication Service. A buffet lunch was catered, followed by a musical program. Certificates of accomplishment were presented to the persons who achieved credits in the classes offered in the ministry. **Angelo Giordani**, minister of Unity Center of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was guest lecturer for the afternoon program.

HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK — Congratulations are in order for Unity in Huntington. **Carolyn Michael**, minister of this unfolding and expanding New York state ministry, reports that on August 25, 1974, Unity in Huntington conducted its first "Graduation Ceremony" for persons completing classes offered in the ministry. A total of 18 persons received certificates of achievement. We give thanks for the wonderful growth Unity in Huntington has experienced and bless Carolyn for her dedicated efforts in establishing and developing this fine ministry.

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Paul Barret reporting for the SOUTHEASTERN REGION:

VENICE, FLORIDA — On September 1, 1968, Unity on the Gulf opened the doors of the Venice Masonic Temple for the ministry's first Sunday service in the Venice area. On September 1, 1974, this unfolding and expanding Florida ministry led by **Mary H. Hinkle** celebrated their SIXTH ANNIVERSARY by opening the doors of their new church home. **Eric Butterworth**, minister of Unity Center of Practical Christianity in New York City, and his wife, **Olga**, served as guest speakers for two afternoon Dedication Services for the new building on September 6, 1974.



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ORLANDO, FLORIDA — The members of the Southeastern Region join with all the other friends of **Carolyn Essex** in extending to Carolyn special blessings on the occasion of her marriage to **Alphonse Reithinger** earlier this year. Since their marriage, Carolyn, senior minister of Christ Church Unity in Orlando, and Alphonse have been traveling extensively. In her absence, **L.E.** and **Ethel Meyer** have lovingly and efficiently carried on the full activities of the Orlando ministry.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA — Unity of the Palm Beaches has established a Biofeedback Training Center. **Hal Rosencrans**, minister of this West Palm Beach, Florida, ministry, reports that over 200 people attended on August 15 a public meeting which was designed to acquaint people with biofeedback training — what biofeedback is — how it works — how it helps people. As a result of the positive response to this initial meeting, the ministry is conducting a three month course in biofeedback. During the weekend of September 13-15, a successful intensive biofeedback workshop directed toward persons involved in the helping professions, i.e., physicians, nurses, counselors, ministers, teachers, physical therapists, etc., was conducted by the ministry.

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**Kay Arndt** reporting for the NORTHWEST REGION:

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON — **Scott Sherman**, minister of Unity Church of Truth, Spokane, Washington, invited the Northwest Ministers to "Expo City" for their 1974 Regional Conference, August 26-29. It was an exciting four days which included on Monday night a presentation of "A World of Unity" in the Boeing International Amphitheatre at Expo. More than 1200 people attended, the largest number of people ever to attend a function in this particular outdoor theatre during the World's Fair. "A World of Unity" was an inspiring and enthusiastic musical program featuring **Charles King** and **Connie Haines**.

The Conference continued the next day with regional business and on Wednesday, **Kay Arndt** and **Jack Barker** presented the first Post-Graduate Program on "Effective Presentation of Christian Healing" to ministers and licensed teachers in the Northwest. Two new regional programs were approved by the Conference Body: (1) To offer a tour to Tahiti for Northwest Truth students in the spring of 1975, and (2) to begin in October 1974 a U.I.C.E. Extension Pilot Program in the Northwest. The purpose of the Pilot Program is to co-ordinate classes being taught in all Northwest ministries, and to create more opportunity for students to experience different teachers within the region. It will also relieve the duplication of U.I.C.E. classes taught in each ministry. Three classes for credit are to be taught afternoons and evenings October 21-November 1 in Seattle; November 11-22 in Spokane; February 3-14 in Portland, Oregon; and February 17-28 in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

During the Conference, five new members were officially welcomed to the Northwest Region: **Lora McAfee**, associate minister of Unity Church of Truth, Spokane, Washington; **Carl Reams**, associate minister of Unity Center, Portland, Oregon; **Don Jennings**, minister of Unity in the Olympics, Port Angeles, Washington; **Sandra Cousens**, minister of Unity Church of the Valley, Yakima, Washington; and **Marnie Stewart**, associate minister of Unity Centre of Practical Christianity, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Newly

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elected officers for the region are Sandra Cousens, Secretary, and **Les Saunders**, minister of Unity Center, Portland, Oregon, who was elected to serve as Alternate Regional Representative.

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**Charles Korfhage** reporting for NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION:

**N.C.M.C. WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS** — The Northern California Ministers Conference joyously welcomes into its family **Dan and Shirley Douglas; William and Arleen Aull;** and **Carlton and Jacklyn Buboltz**. Dan is the new minister of Unity of Palo Alto, California. William and Arleen are the ministers of Unity Church of the Oaks in Sacramento, California. Carlton and Jacklyn are ministers of Unity Ministry of Reno, Nevada. We know that these fine people will add a great deal to the growth and love of all in this Northern California Conference Body. We bless them and their ministries.

**SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA** — Christ Unity Church in Sacramento is now in the process of completing the remodeling of the ministry's Chapel, the addition of a new prayer chapel, and four new Sunday School rooms. A dedication service was conducted on September 29. **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC, was the guest speaker. In attendance and sharing in this wonderful occasion with the members and friends of Christ Unity Church were fellow Truth student groups from Vallejo and Auburn, California. **Phillip and Dorothy Pierson** and **Charles Korfhage**, ministers of Christ Unity Church, state that the new chapel and expanded facilities are to be considered among the most beautiful in the city and will most certainly be an influence of growth for the community.

**SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA** — As part of a three day Youth Education Conference, **Millie Collins** of Livonia, Michigan, conducted a workshop for teachers, coordinators, and other interested Youth Education personnel on Saturday, September 7. Unity Christ Church in San Francisco, where **David McClure** serves as minister, hosted the Conference. Representatives were present from Unity ministries in Berkeley, Castro Valley, Richmond, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, San Leandro, and San Rafael. Every minute of the Conference's seven-hour day was constructively scheduled. The morning was invested in demonstrating methods of creating interest and in teaching younger Truth students. Millie devotes herself, heart and soul, to everything she does and it is impossible not to become enthusiastic and motivated by her.

A delicious lunch, prepared by the members of the San Francisco ministry, provided another opportunity to get acquainted with people from other ministries. Immediately after lunch, Millie presented suggestions for working with older age groups. The afternoon session was also very well planned and organized. Everyone enjoyed the programs thoroughly. Everything went so smoothly that it was not until you went home and evaluated what had happened that you realized how much work and prayer had actually gone into the development of the Conference.

**SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA** — On Saturday, September 14, some seventy ministers and board members of the Northern Conference (N.C.M.C.) and their spouses met in session at San Leandro Unity Church. **Charles Korfhage**, associate minister of Christ

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Unity Church in Sacramento, who also serves as Regional Representative, gave the welcome on behalf of the N.C.M.C. **Don Gates**, minister of San Leandro Unity Church, who hosted the meetings, and **Ken Brabeau**, minister of Unity Church of Merced, California, also participated in the opening activities. **Robert Sikking** presented an audio-visual program sharing the many ways in which the Association has grown since its inception and increased its services to our Movement. A beautifully prepared and most tasteful noon meal was prepared and served by the ladies of the San Leandro ministry. The workers really out did themselves!

The meeting closed with a blessing and a prayer for the Unity work worldwide and with a prayer of protection as each person prepared to return home. These Minister/Board meetings are becoming increasingly well-programed and accepted. **Bob Sikking** along with **Don Gates** and the people in the San Leandro ministry are to be congratulated for presenting a fine session. The next Minister/Board meeting for the N.C.M.C. will be held in Sacramento, California, at Christ Unity Church in early spring. Since many will have to necessarily drive quite a distance, the program will commence on a Friday night with dinner and entertainment. Sessions will begin early Saturday. This will afford time to discuss many more interesting ideas and important points of interest.

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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 November 30, 1974: **"Jesus Christ is the Head of Great Lakes Regional Conference and we move forward in the Light."**

CANTON, OHIO — On September 8, 1974, Unity Church of Truth conducted their Sunday service in a new location. **June Dorrell**, minister of this growing Ohio ministry, reports Sunday meetings are now being held at the beautiful Stark County Historical Center in Canton. The building provides ample space for the Worship Service and a house next door owned by the Historical Center is ideal for the Sunday School. A kitchen adjacent to the main meeting room allows the continuation of a fellowship time following the service. In addition, there is plenty of parking space. We join with the members and friends of Unity Church of Truth in giving thanks for the expanding activity of Sprit in Canton.

One program utilized by our Canton ministry to explain how science and religion are becoming even more effective partners in helping people is a meditation course based upon biofeedback. **June** recently made a guest appearance on a Canton television program and discussed the marriage of science and religion. She feels that, while the half-hour program only allowed a surface treatment of the subject, the discussion was a positive and constructive response to the increased public interest in this type of biofeedback research. **June** also believes the television program gave her an excellent opportunity to introduce Unity viewpoints and teachings.

COLUMBUS, OHIO — Last January Unity Church of Christianity purchased, and moved to, a twelve room house located on five acres of ground and began developing plans for construction of a new sanctuary. Those plans are now being implemented and on



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August 24, 1974, a Ground Breaking Ceremony was held for the planned structure. **Robert P. Sikking** from the AUC office joined **Curtis** and **Gladys Wilson**, ministers in Columbus, in conducting this important ceremony. We give thanks for the expansion of the Unity teachings which this viable Ohio ministry is manifesting.

**DECATUR, ILLINOIS** — This past August an International Day of Repentance and Intercession was observed in each major city of the United States. With the principle services conducted in Washington, D.C., and Honolulu, Hawaii, these ecumenical calls to prayer had as their statement of purpose a belief in the power of prayer. Especially the belief in the strength of prayer demonstrated through the unity of Christians throughout the world. In Decatur, the observance was sponsored by the Decatur Christian Foundation.

In order to allow as many of the churches in Decatur as possible to participate in the call to prayer, four services were held. The Foundation chose **William Cameron** from the some 140 area churches to give the main address at the 11:00 a.m. service conducted in the First Lutheran Church. Bill is the minister of Unity Church of Decatur and shared the platform with representatives from AME, Lutheran, and Church of the Brethren ministries. Other services were held at different times in Catholic, Four Square, and Christian Churches. Bill's message which stressed love and forgiveness beginning with self and thus spreading to the community and to the world was very well received. We bless Bill for being the fine example of practical Christianity which he is, and congratulate him on this occasion of his receiving special recognition and honor from other members of the clergy in Decatur.

**LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY** — Unity Temple of Louisville, where **Frank Hanson** serves as minister, hosted on August 9-11, 1974, an International New Thought Alliance (I.N.T.A.) Mini-Convention. The convention's theme was "Love Isn't Love Until You Give It Away." An activity of the Central Eastern District of the I.N.T.A., the convention was attended by over 100 persons with almost 200 present for the Sunday morning session. Other Unity ministers who participated in the programs were **Jack Barker** of New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; **Ginny Hinnens**, of Unity-by-the-Side-of-the-Road, Cincinnati, Ohio; and **Ruth Cox** of Unity Temple of Louisville. Also participating were ministers of other New Thought movement churches, and **Surinder M. Bhatia**, Executive Director of the I.N.T.A., from Hollywood, California. As program chairman for this year's Convention, Frank Hanson feels that the Convention was an experience in expanding consciousness and stated, "It involved an unbelievable amount of work, but it was worth it. When we consider that people came from as far as Columbus, Ohio, and Hammond, Indiana, to be with us, I would say we had generated some enthusiasm." The gathering was so well received by all persons involved that the group voted unanimously to conduct a similar convention next year. **Ray Eisenmenger**, a member of the Board of Directors of Unity Temple of Louisville, was appointed Committee Chairman for the 1975 program which will be conducted next September in a state park in either Ohio or Kentucky.

**SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN** — Congratulations and special blessings are in order for Unity Christian Fellowship in Sheboygan, where **Donald Bould** serves as minister. The ministry's building mortgage has been completely paid off. In celebration of this important event in the ministry's history, a special Rededication Service was conducted on September 8, 1974, and a mortgage burning ceremony was performed.

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Jim Lewis reporting for the SOUTH CENTRAL REGION:



AMARILLO, TEXAS — Every person of our worldwide family of the AUC will want to unite in consciousness and be supportive of our fellow members in Amarillo, Texas, who are meeting a special challenge. As shown in the photo reproduced above, the roof of the sanctuary of Unity on the High Plains caved-in on August 22, 1974, as a result of heavy rain. Genavee Campbell, minister, advises that the Board of Unity on the High Plains has met every Sunday since this occurrence to expedite the reestablishment of proper worship facilities. She said, "Everyone has pronounced it all good and there is a great spirit of 'we can't wait to see the good that's going to come out of it.'"

Genavee shared the following report of what happened: "On Thursday, August 22, I felt strongly moved to go into the sanctuary. It had been raining quite heavily for several days, and I wanted to inspect some places in the ceiling of some small rooms adjacent to the sanctuary that had leaked in the past. While in the main part of the sanctuary I looked up at the brand new ceiling, which we had been enjoying for several months, and noticed it had waves in it. I also discovered some small pieces of the ceiling had fallen in an aisle. While there I heard a loud noise that sounded as if something heavy had dropped upon the top of the roof. Returning



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to my office I attempted to contact the man who installed the ceiling, but couldn't reach him. Sitting at my desk, I felt a great uneasiness. Thirty minutes later I heard a crash outside that sounded like two cars had collided. The children from the summer session of our Wee Wisdom Montessori School were outside with their teachers waiting to be picked up by their parents. Together with **Barbara Moffitt**, Directress of the School, who came running into my office, I got outside in time to see the roof of the sanctuary and the wall come tumbling down like a slow-motion movie.

"We are grateful no one was hurt. Most of the rest of the building complex was not damaged from the cave-in, but without the roof on the sanctuary, the rest of the structure could not be protected from the weather. We have been fortunate to be able to use the YWCA to conduct our Sunday service. Many people consider our August bulletin, which had been printed for a month, a collector's item because the title for the Sunday immediately following the roof collapse was 'AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN.'

"Thank each of you in the AUC ministries for your wonderful prayers, we can feel them enfolding us. It's certainly great to have friends like you—especially at a time like this."

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### RESULTS OF SONGBOOK SURVEY

Included in the July/August issue of CONTACT sent to each ministry, was a songbook survey sheet. The form was designed to indicate, when completed and returned to the AUC office, the interest of our Association's member ministries in the new Unity songbook being prepared by the AUC. The survey form was not an order blank but would only be used as a guide in determining the number of songbooks to print. On the survey form each ministry was requested to indicate the number of songbooks desired and whether they preferred a hardback or a paperback edition.

To date the AUC office has received 93 responses which indicate a possible need of approximately 16,000 copies. The distribution of preferences as to binding style was 13,500 for the hardback edition and only 2,500 for the paperback.

Based upon the responses received it would not prove beneficial to print the songbook in paperback since the cost of printing such a relatively small quantity would be prohibitive. Therefore, unless additional responses are soon received which indicate a significantly greater desire for the paperback edition there will be some question as to whether paperback copies will be made available. This decision would be made by the AUC Executive Committee.

If you have not returned your completed copy of the survey sheet to the AUC office, please do so immediately in order that the decision reached may be based upon a more representative number of ministries.

**ORDINATION AT UNITY VILLAGE** On Friday evening, August 9, 1974, 28 students were graduated by our School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and received ordination from the Association of Unity Churches. Presentation of SMRS diplomas was made by **William L. Fischer**, Director of Ministerial Education for AUC. **Robert L. Stevens**, President of the AUC, officiated during the ordination portion of the evening program and was the main speaker. **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC, gave the invocation. Special blessing for the newly ordained ministers and benediction was led by **James Dillet Freeman**, Director of Silent Unity. Speaking as a representative of the graduating class was **Randolph A. Wilkinson** of Washington, D.C., who served as President of the SMRS student body. The soloist for the graduation and ordination service was **Mary Beth Olson** of Unity of Denver, Colorado.



The August 1974 ordinands (names in bold type) and their placement locations are: seated, left to right, **Pierre Andre Gallardo**, Walnut Creek, California; **Richard Thomas Dawson**, Raymond, New Hampshire; **A. Eugene Connor**, Little Rock, Arkansas; **J. Christian Morgan**, Kansas City, Missouri; **Donald R. Jennings**, Port Angeles, Washington; **Andres Delorian Lucas**, Colorado Springs, Colorado; **Conrad Maurice Stahl**, North Hollywood, California; **Gerald L. Taylor**, deferred placement.

Second row standing, left to right, **William L. Fischer**, Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC; **Dana Jean Voght**, Chattanooga, Tennessee; **Jacqueline Maureen Neal**, AUC, Unity Village, Missouri; **Linda Lee (Turner) Babbish**, Unity Village, Missouri; **Margaret E. Baker**, Bourne End, England; **Lora Lee McAfee**, Spokane, Washington;



## ORDINATION AT UNITY VILLAGE Continued

Louise Peak, Detroit, Michigan; Betty White, awaiting placement; Phyllis Jamison, awaiting placement; Hypatia Hileman, awaiting placement; Gladys A. Morris, Great Falls, Montana; Robert L. Stevens, minister of Christ Church, Unity, San Diego, California.

Third row standing, left to right, Kathleen Rose Yates, awaiting placement; Jim R. Dawson, Lexington, Kentucky; Carl D. Reams, Portland, Oregon; Randolph O. Schmelig, Davenport, Iowa; George R. Rieger, Independence, Missouri; Florence L. Kellogg, awaiting placement; Randolph Alwin Wilkinson, awaiting placement; John Rodger MacDonald, deferred placement; David T. Large, awaiting placement; Eve Powers, Lancaster, California.

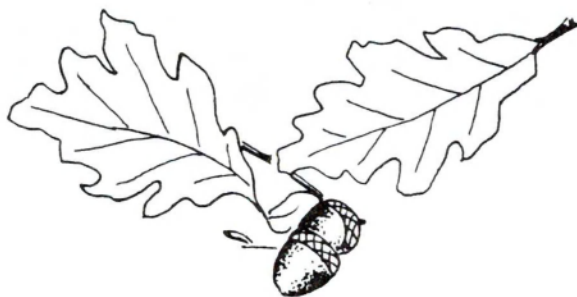
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### LICENSED TEACHER RECOGNITIONS

During July and August 1974, the Ad Hoc Licensing and Ordination Committee met with and approved 15 applicants for Licensed Teacher Recognition. The Board of Trustees ratified such Recognitions and we are pleased to welcome into the family of the AUC: Carlton Bonham, San Jose, California; Shirley Bonham, San Jose, California; Miriam Bowser, Canton, Ohio; Joseph Brabetz, Southfield, Michigan; Janette Burt, Oak Park, Illinois; Peggy Elia, Shreveport, Louisiana; Elva Elsner, Honolulu, Hawaii; Corinne Hamilton, Dallas, Texas; Dotti Hannah, Las Vegas, Nevada; Helen Nairn, Fort Worth, Texas; Frances Oja, Bellevue, Washington; Mary Beth Olson, Denver, Colorado; Luis Perez, Brooklyn, New York; Carrie Sewell, Detroit, Michigan; and Judson E. Veazey, Mt. Vernon, Texas.

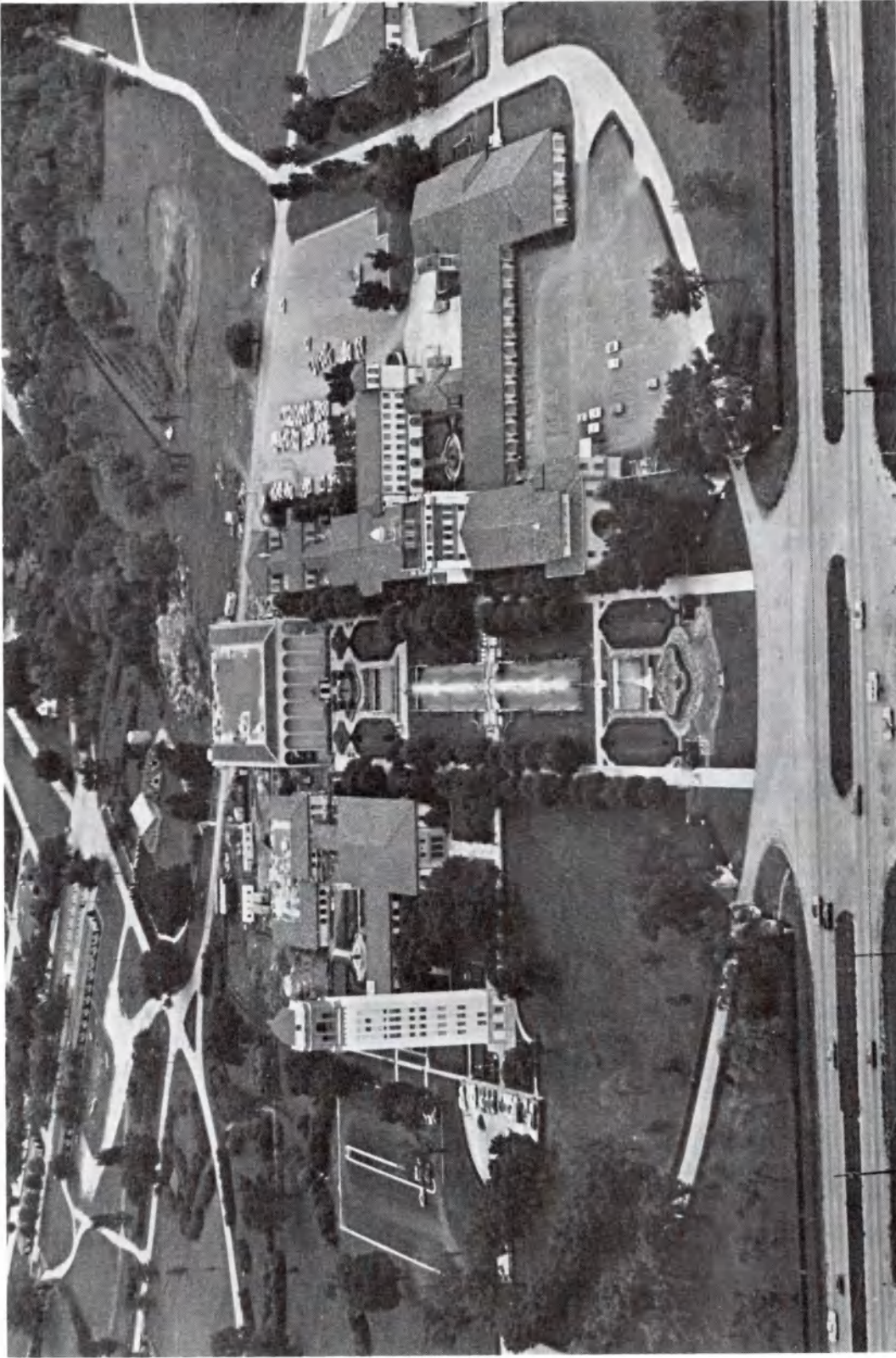
# Clearinghouse

- Request** — James C. Morgan advises that a Unity student in his area would like a copy of *Happiness Can Be A Habit* by James Dillet Freeman. Jim's address is 801 E. Drake Road, Apt. 63, Ft. Collins, Colorado 80521.
- Request** — Lora McAfee, associate minister of our Unity ministry in Spokane, Washington, advises that a member of Unity of Clearwater Valley has expressed a desire to purchase a copy of the out-of-print book, *Best Loved Unity Poems*. Please respond to this request by contacting: Erma Jeanne Boe, Box 274, Juliaetta, Idaho 83535.
- Offer** — Jim Morgan also wrote that he has available two (2) new and unused copies of *Selected Studies* by Imelda O. Shanklin. Anyone interested in obtaining this out-of-print book may contact Jim at his Ft. Collins address shown above.





## UNITY WORLD HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES CENTER



This aerial photo shows the Unity Village building complex as viewed from the west. The new Activities Center forms a majestic and very natural background for the row of fountains and the beautiful rose garden in the esplanade between the Silent Unity and Administration buildings. A new parking lot which can accommodate up to 100 automobiles has been constructed north of the Silent Unity building and is now in use. We are grateful to Mr. N. J. Freeman, a freelance photographer, of Lee's Summit, Missouri, for his gift of this photograph.

## A REPORT FROM JACQUELINE NEAL, YOU COORDINATOR

Our 1974 YOU Conference was held at Unity Village, August 17–23. There were 325 persons in attendance, 40 of whom were sponsors and ministers. Everyone came with the high expectancy of a fun-filled, enthusiastic, and spiritually invigorating experience. And so it was!

This year we were exceptionally pleased to have a record number of male sponsors. Each of our Conference sponsors adds his or her talents and cooperation to the Conference. Because of our sponsors willingness to work and share their ideas in promoting our program, the YOUers have a happier, more productive experience. Our Conference sponsors were under the direction of two loving, efficient, and capable people, **Wanda Powell** and **James Sherman**. Wanda is from Unity Church of Truth, Spokane, Washington, and served as the head women's sponsor. James Sherman, minister of Unity Truth Center, New Port Richey, Florida, was our head men's sponsor.

Our program leaders were turned on to the idea of creativity and awareness and their programs, workshops, and so forth were well received by and helpful to the delegates. The simultaneous workshops were a dynamic experience! They were responsive to the young people who added a unique dimension and quality through their participation. Once again we give thanks for our program and workshop leaders and their beautiful work in our Conference program. The workshops and leaders were:

Healing — **J. Sig Paulson**, minister, Unity Village Chapel, and **Ric Dickerson**, Ph.D. — MD candidate in Neuro-Anatomy

Peace — **Jay Dishman**, minister, 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

Our other leaders and their programs were:

**James Dillet Freeman** — Poetic readings and officer installation service

**William L. Fischer** — Talk on prayer

**Carl and Brenda Jenkins** — Program of music

**Mary Rexroth** — Joy song leader

**Billie Freeman** — Love offering service

**Ernest Wilson, Margaret Conn, and Martha Smock** — Prayer services

**Marguerite Corn** — Conference organist



## A REPORT FROM JACQUELINE NEAL, YOU COORDINATOR Continued

We are so pleased that the planning and outworking of this Conference happened the way it did. We know that through the activity of Spirit all things work together for good, yet it was so thrilling to see the process unfold. It was along these lines that the YOU Research Committee worked with the suggestions and ideas for the improvement of the 1974 Proposed Revised International Youth of Unity Bylaws. Jim Sherman served as spokesman for the committee and explained to the delegates the details and reasons behind the changes which were made. During one of the Conference Business Meetings these proposed bylaws were presented and through a unanimous vote of acceptance were approved by the Conference body. The YOU Research Committee members who were present during Conference were **Elizabeth Bayless**, Unity Village, Missouri; **Russell Haak**, Washington, D.C.; and **David Vetter**, Santa Ana, California. The work of the YOU Research Committee is now complete and we know you join us in our appreciation of the fine work this committee did on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Unity Churches.

As part of the business meeting the election of officers is held. Elected to International office for 1974-75 were President — **Shannon Gibbons** of Unity Temple, Santa Cruz, California; First Vice-President — **Lynda Brown** of Unity Society of Tampa, Tampa, Florida; and Second Vice-President — **Mark Englert** of Christ Church Unity, Orlando, Florida. Through the leadership of **Neill Payne**, International President, and **Brooks Myers**, Parliamentarian, the business meetings were orderly, brief, and significant.

All in all our YOU Conference, "We Make It Happen!" was a dynamically alive and totally creative experience. The delegates took an active part in many aspects and worked together with a sense of commitment and purpose. We thank everyone who helped to make Conference possible. Your prayers and thoughts of love were felt and provided the needed impetus to see this job through in a spirit of commitment and service. We extend special appreciation to our outgoing International Officers, President **Neill Payne** from Houston, Texas; First Vice-President **Michael Tryk** from Santa Ana, California; and Second Vice-President **Sue Nellis** from La Cresenta, California. The singular and combined efforts and faith of these young people were prevalent throughout their planning of the Conference program and during the Conference itself. We have been blessed by their dedication to and love of Unity. **Neill**, **Michael**, and **Sue** also did beautifully as they led the Unity Village Chapel congregation and the YOU Conference Body in thoughts of spiritual awareness by relating the trinity of man to the unfoldment of a flower during our Conference Church Service. This was further enhanced by the "Peace Flower" meditation given by **Ellen Farman** from the Unity Church of the Valley, La Cresenta, California, and solos by **Lynne Wooton** from Compton Unity, Compton, California.

This year's YOU Conference received excellent and extensive coverage in the various newspapers throughout the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. A great deal of positive public interest was generated through the comprehensive news coverage.





## WEDDING BELLS FOR UNITY MINISTERS

We join with all of the members of the Association in extending best wishes and blessings to the following Unity ministers:

On August 10, 1974, **Linda Turner** and **George Babbish** were married on the Bridge of Faith at Unity Village. Linda, who is an August 1974 SMRS graduate, received ordination as a Unity minister the evening before her marriage. She is now serving as an associate minister of Unity Village Chapel. The wedding ceremony was performed by **Jane Paulson**, co-minister of Unity Village Chapel. Both George and Linda are from Detroit, Michigan, where George was employed as a tool designer for a major automotive manufacturing corporation. Linda was a public school teacher and counselor before she entered the ministerial program.



Mr. and Mrs. George Babbish



Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. McClelland

**Lester E. McClelland** and **Patricia G. Wilson** were united in marriage on August 18, 1974, in a ceremony conducted in the Unity Village Clubhouse. **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC, performed the ceremony. Formerly minister of Unity of Joplin, Missouri, Les has now accepted the invitation of Unity of Overland, Missouri, to serve as their minister. Pat is a professional educator and was a member of the faculty of the University of Missouri at Kansas City last year. This summer Pat worked in the Education Department of Unity School, and she and Les met during our AUC Conference in June. As a member of Unity Village Chapel, Pat assisted in the formation of the Chapel's first Young Adults of Unity organization.

# PLACEMENT

JOPLIN, MISSOURI — **John R. Sherman** has accepted the invitation of Unity of Joplin to assume leadership of this Missouri ministry.

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY — **Jim Dawson**, a 1974 SMRS graduate and ordinand, has accepted the invitation of Unity of Lexington to serve as their minister.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS — **A. Eugene Connor**, a 1974 SMRS graduate and ordinand, has accepted the invitation of Unity Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, to join the staff as associate minister. Gene will be cooperating with the Little Rock ministry in developing a new ministry in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

OVERLAND, MISSOURI — **Lester E. McClelland** has accepted the invitation of Overland Unity Center to serve as minister.

Your Placement Committee is working with the Boards of Butte Unity Truth Center, Butte, Montana; Pontiac Unity Center, Pontiac, Michigan; and Windsor Unity Centre, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to assure succession of leadership in these ministries.

Your Placement Committee is also working with the Minister and the Board of Christ Church, Unity, San Diego, California, to provide an assistant minister in this location.

## ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

### Statement of Operation

Fiscal Year 1975

Four Months Ended 7/31/74

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Love Offerings General	\$25,016.34	\$98,515.45
Love Offerings Education Dept.	1,031.68	3,909.86
Gain-Curriculum and Material	1,186.52	4,291.89
Other Income	<u>1,070.06</u>	<u>7,456.00</u>
Total Income	<u>28,304.60</u>	<u>114,173.20</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
General Office	24,877.86	83,090.61
Education Department	<u>6,794.24</u>	<u>31,088.37</u>
Total Expenses	<u>31,672.10</u>	<u>114,178.98</u>
<b>NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u><u>\$(3,367.50)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (5.78)</u></u>

## WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL

The Unity Movement is growing rapidly. In order for the desired and necessary services to be efficiently provided, the combined efforts of many people working together in various expressions of service are necessary. One vital and important area of our Movement, the Accounting Department of Unity School of Christianity, is headed by **Robert Lewis Drescher** a versatile and inspiring person. The Accounting Department includes the Sales Department, which is the division designed to process the Unity literature orders received from AUC member ministries.

A native of Hannibal, Missouri, Bob Drescher attended the International Accounting Society. He has served in various management positions in the field of accounting prior to joining the staff of Unity School on June 1, 1967. Bob and his wife, **Martha**, live in Kansas City and have two sons and one daughter. An avid golfer, Bob enjoys the Unity golf course when he has free time. And being a sportsman, he also enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and boating. Bob played basketball during his tour of duty in the Air Force, and also played semi-pro softball.

In addition to serving as Director of Accounting, Bob is a member of the Executive Committee of Unity School. Also, as a member of the visiting faculty of SMRS, Bob presents to second-year ministerial students a basic orientation in financial record keeping for Unity ministries. This is a part of the Center Administration course.

Bob and his co-workers in the Accounting Department have a big job to do in processing orders and handling accounts, plus accomplishing the multitudes of other duties relevant to their department. Approximately 1,600 sales letters are answered each month.

Bob's goal is always to provide you with the best service possible, and in order to handle more efficiently your requests and needs pertaining to the Accounting Department, he offers several suggestions that will enable his department to give you faster and more efficient service.

Please use the proper order forms. The yellow Dealer's Order Form is to be used for ordering books, and the blue Dealer's Pamphlet Order Form is to be used for ordering pamphlets.



**Bob Drescher**, Director of Accounting for Unity School, and department staff member **Sharon Kirby**, processing an order for DAILY WORD subscriptions received from an AUC member ministry.



## WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL Continued

Indicate new books which are not listed on the forms in the SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS section of the yellow form.

Send in book orders and payments on your account separately. This will help provide you with faster service.

Cassettes are shipped and billed through the Sales Department, and orders for cassettes should be noted under the CASSETTE TAPES section of the yellow order form.

Please continue to place your orders for free literature (S-70) with the Association of Unity Churches.

Less bookkeeping is necessary if you will pay your account monthly from your monthly statement, rather than paying from each invoice.

Be sure to read thoroughly your monthly communication from Unity School, KEEPING UP, for new releases and special instructions on promotional materials. Also, the Book Rack section of CONTACT provides you with information on availability, prices, and notifies you of discontinued items.

Bob and all the employees of his department wish to say thank you for your cooperation, and they eagerly look forward to assisting you however they may.

On behalf of the entire AUC, we take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to Bob and his staff for their tremendous contribution of service to the Unity Movement.

## Book Rack

**A KEEPSAKE** The inspirational and attractive booklet, "A Golden Treasury Fifty Years with DAILY WORD," is now being made available for sale. Published in celebration of DAILY WORD's fiftieth year of publication, this booklet contains a key article or poem or lesson for each one of the fifty years since 1924. It is priced to retail at \$1 a copy and may be ordered from the Sales Department of Unity School at your dealer's price of \$.60.

**A NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK** A new Unity book for children is always an exciting event. *Inside Me, Outside Me* by Elizabeth Searle Lamb is a fun-filled book containing songs to sing, games to play, rhymes, puzzles, and think-poems to educate and entertain. *Inside Me, Outside Me* will be a welcome gift for children ages 3 to 10. It is priced to retail at \$3.50 and may be ordered from Unity School at your dealer's price of \$2.10.

**DISCONTINUED BOOKS** The following books have been discontinued and are out of stock. Your order for these books cannot be filled by Unity School: **YOUNG ADVENTURES** (a collection); **JET'S CHOICE** (Hahn); and **THE SECRET OF UNLIMITED SUPPLY** (Booklet).

**OCTOBER 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 October.

*My Prayer For Your Tomorrow  
May God bless you with,  
a clear dawning,  
a cool morning,  
a warm noonday,  
a golden sunset,  
a gentle twilight,  
a starlit night—  
and if clouds should cross your sky,  
may God give you the vision  
to see the silver lining.*

*Author unknown*

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1 Fannie Baldwin † Shirley Bring Robert Kehoe Marie Paben George Stone	12 Daniel Noble Pete Rhea	26 Everett Blackman
2 Margaret Butterworth William Clark Nancy Kendrick Marie Spindle	14 Lucille Knebel * Edna Powers	27 Dale Batesole David Williamson
3 Dan Kellerstrass * Eleonore Krafft Charles Lelly	15 Esther Lewis	28 Susan Downs * Leone MacMillan
4 Arthur Hammons Gwendolyn Hopkins Louise Phipps	17 Lillian Jacobs Douglas Morton	30 Dorothea Fowler Gwen Norment
5 Edna Sessions	18 Ethel Crouch Larry Kendrick Geraldine T. Peterson David Zeliff	31 Mabel Swanson Rod Tally *
6 Mary J. Fales	19 Arleen Aull	
7 Rosetta Weaver	20 Elsbeth Bedford Gertrude Erickson Robert P. Sikking	
8 Bob Barth Lyla George	21 Evan Clark Lloyd Felter	
9 Maya B. Grace	22 Berton Coffey William Grenson Norma Harrer Ferne Mack	
10 Phillip Smedstad *	23 Stan Hampson Ruth Hetherington	
11 Luis Mora Merton Thorpe Dona Unfried	25 Marilou Smith *	

†Minister Emeritus  
\*SMRS Student Minister

## 🍷 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 🍷

1974

- Sept. 30—Oct. 3 Eastern Regional Conference, Thornfield Conference Center, Cazenovia, New York
- Oct. 1 Post-Graduate Program on "Effective Presentation of Christian Healing," Thornfield Conference Center, Cazenovia, New York
- † Oct. 5 South Central Sub-Regional Minister/Board Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, hosted by Unity Ministerial Alliance of the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area
- Oct. 11—13 Northern California Unity Students' Retreat, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California
- Oct. 12 Great Lakes Sub-Regional Minister/Board meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, hosted by New Thought Unity Center
- \* Oct. 15—17 AUC Executive Committee meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas, hosted by Unity Church of Little Rock
- † Oct. 19 Great Lakes Sub-Regional Minister/Board meeting, Royal Oak, Michigan, hosted by Royal Oak Unity Temple
- \* Oct. 21—23 Southeastern Regional Conference, Don SeSar Hotel, St. Petersburg, Florida
- \* Oct. 22 Post-Graduate Program on "Effective Presentation of Christian Healing," St. Petersburg, Florida
- Oct. 24—26 Retreat on "The Living Philosophy of Jesus," Shenandoah National Park, Virginia, sponsored by Unity Center of Christianity, Washington, D. C.
- Oct. 25—26 Northern California Regional YOU Sponsors Conference, Reno, Nevada, hosted by Unity Ministry of Reno
- † Oct. 31 🍷
- Nov. 9 Northwest Minister/Board meeting, Seattle, Washington, hosted by Unity Church of Truth
- \* Nov. 10 Northern California YOU Regional Retreat, Modesto, California, hosted by Unity Church of Modesto
- Nov. 23 Northern California Youth Education Seminar, Fresno, California, hosted by Unity Church of Fresno

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Continued

1975

- † Jan. 6–8 Northern California Ministers Retreat, Dominican College, San Rafael, California
- † Jan. 7 Post-Graduate Program on “Effective Presentation of Christian Healing,” Dominican College, San Rafael, California
- Jan. 20–22 AUC Mid-Year Council of Committee meetings, Unity Village, Missouri
- Jan. 23–24 AUC Board of Trustees meeting, Unity Village, Missouri
- March 9–21 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 1, 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
- May 22–24 Retreat on “The Heart and Meaning of Charles Fillmore,” Charlottesville, Virginia, sponsored by Unity Center of Christianity, Washington, D. C.
- June 9–11 Meetings of Committees, AUC Pre-Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- June 12–13 Post-Graduate Program, AUC Pre-Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- June 14 Board of Trustees meeting, AUC Pre-Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- June 15–19 AUC Ministers/Teachers Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- June 28–July 11 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 2, Unity Village, Missouri
- July 12–25 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 3, Unity Village, Missouri
- July 26–Aug. 8 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 4, Unity Village, Missouri
- † Aug. 15 Graduation and ordination services, School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and AUC, Unity Village, Missouri

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Continued

1975

- Aug. 17-22      YOU Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- Aug. 25-30      YAU Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- Oct. 9-11      Retreat on "Self-Discovery: Life Mastery," Capon Springs, West Virginia, sponsored by Unity Center of Christianity Washington, D. C.
- Oct. 11-24      U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 5, Unity Village, Missouri

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† Addition

\* Revision

## Idea Exchange

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

Unity Truth Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, has developed a new format for their offering envelopes. A portion of Charles Fillmore's handwritten Offering Blessing from the offering service brochure available from the AUC office is reproduced on the new envelopes. Charles Roth, minister of Unity Truth

Center, states "Having Charles Fillmore's handwriting printed on the offering envelopes makes a good Unity touch and a good prosperity blessing."

*"Divine Love the one  
blesses and multiplies this  
offering, and I rejoice in  
consciousness of  
Thy perpetually increasing  
supply and support"*



**LABELS** As a non-profit service project, the Y.O.U. chapter of Unity Church of Truth in Syracuse, New York, is making available "thank you Father" and "Happy Face" pressure sensitive labels (shown in actual size) printed in black ink on yellow stock. Larry Kendrick, minister advises that either label may be ordered in lots of even thousands for \$6.00 per thousand.



**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
11	Add <b>A. Eugene Connor</b> as associate minister of Unity Church, Little Rock, Arkansas
12	Change address of Unity of Auburn, California, to <b>226 Sacramento Street, 95603</b>
18	Delete <b>Juliana Coppock</b> from Unity Church of Richmond, California (see page 58)
20	Change address of Unity Church of Truth of San Mateo, California, to <b>181 Second Avenue, Room 228, San Mateo, 94401</b>
22	Add <b>Vallejo, California, Unity Study Class, 601 Sacramento Street, 95603</b> (affiliated with Christ Unity Church, Sacramento)
34	Add <b>Jim Dawson</b> as minister of Unity of Lexington, Kentucky
38	Add <b>John R. Sherman</b> as minister of Unity of Joplin, Missouri
39	Change office telephone number for Unity Northeast Church to <b>816-241-4681</b>
39	Add <b>Lester E. McClelland</b> as minister of Overland Unity Center, Missouri
40	Change Linda Turner to <b>Linda Babbish</b> (name change due to marriage), Unity Village Chapel, Missouri
41	Add <b>Grand Island, Nebraska, Unity Study Group, First National Bank, 68801</b> (affiliated with Unity Church, Omaha)
41	Change residence telephone number for Carlton and Jacklyn Buboltz, Reno, Nevada, to <b>702-747-4894</b>
45	Change mailing address of Unity of Charlotte, North Carolina, to <b>723 S. Sharon Amity, Suite 102, 28211</b>
50	Change residence telephone number for Marie Paben, Irving, Texas, to <b>214-254-9637</b>
52	Add <b>Bothell, Washington, Unity Study Class, Bothell Library, 9654 NE 182nd, 98011</b> (affiliated with Unity Church of Truth, Seattle)
58	Change address of Austin L. Love, Arizona, to <b>P.O. Box 3357, Tucson, 85722</b>
58	Delete <b>Opal Zoellner, 13415 111th Avenue, Sun City, Arizona</b> (see page 60)
58	Add <b>*BALDWIN, Fannie A., c/o Byron Smith, 1189 Locke Avenue, Simi, California 93065</b>
58	Add <b>*COPPOCK, Juliana, P.O. Box 14, Corte Modera, California 94925</b>
60	Add <b>*ZOELLNER, Opal, 9837 Tabor St., Apt. 4, Los Angeles, California 90034</b>
62	Delete <b>Helen Cooper, 8023 S. St. Lawrence, Chicago, Illinois 60619</b> (resigned from membership)



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Page	Item
64	Delete Fannie A. Baldwin, 19601 E. 71st Terr., Raytown, Missouri 64133 (see page 58)
66	Change address of Vera Dawson Tait in Missouri to P.O. Box 8141, Kansas City, Missouri
67	Add *COMPTON, Nancy, 2326 Northeast Everett, Portland, Oregon 97232
70	Change address of Peter Wenzel in Germany to 1 Berlin 12, Clausewitzstrasse 5, W. Berlin
102	Add +Babbish, Linda, Unity Village, Missouri
102	Change address of Fannie A. Baldwin to Simi, California
104	Add *Compton, Nancy, Portland, Oregon
104	Add +Connor, A. Eugene, Little Rock, Arkansas
104	Delete Helen Cooper (resigned from membership)
104	Change address of Juliana Coppock to Corte Modera, California, and change symbol from + to *
104	Add +Dawson, Jim, Lexington, Kentucky
110	Change address of Lester McClelland to Overland, Missouri
113	Change address of John Sherman to Joplin, Missouri
114	Change address of Vera Dawson Tait to Kansas City, Missouri
114	Delete Linda Turner (see page 102, name change due to marriage)
115	Change address of Opal Zoellner to Los Angeles, California
116	Change address of Fannie Baldwin to, c/o Byron Smith, 1189 Locke Avenue, Simi, California 93065

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**BIT OF HUMOR** One of our AUC members in the field has shared the following tongue in cheek humorous item which we thought you would find amusing:

*Dear Church Member;*

*This is a chain letter that is meant to bring relief and happiness to all of you. Unlike other chain letters, it does not involve any money. You simply send a copy of this letter to six (6) other churches who are tired of their ministers. Then bundle up your Pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list, adding your church name to the bottom. Within one week you should receive 16,436 ministers, one of which should be a DANDY!*

*Have faith in this letter, one man broke the chain and got his old minister back!*