

# CONTACT

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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM YOUR AUC STAFF

Every year, along about the first week in December, we begin to receive Christmas greetings in the AUC office. The first ones come in the form of monthly bulletins from ministries around the country. Then a little nearer to Christmas, your actual Christmas cards arrive. One by one they are placed on the wall in our outer office. It is difficult to convey how much each card means to us. We have a tremendous sense of belonging to you, feeling a part of your Christmas Spirit and of your Christmas activities in your ministry. Somehow, at this time of the year, your Christmas cards seem to link us together.

In the AUC office we do all kinds of jobs. We run a press, we administer a ministerial school, we operate word processing machinery, we teach classes, we prepare orders, we inventory and maintain a stockroom of materials to be of service to our ministries, we write letters, we answer telephone calls, we keep books, and some of us travel from time to time; but every day we all pray and we work to feel a sense of our oneness with you.

We rejoice and give thanks to the Father for Christmas time and for the privilege of feeling close to you, our family. Our heart reaches out to you to bless, to sustain, and to strengthen you in this busy season. May the peace of the new born Christ bless you and yours in this great unity we share.

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### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE PRAYER

*"IN THIS GREAT TIME OF COSMIC CHANGE, WE WILL TAKE OUR PLACE IN THE NEW WORLD. OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS SUPPORT UNITY IN ALL REGIONS, ALL WHO SERVE ON THE BOARD, ALL WHO SERVE AT HEADQUARTERS, OUR PRESIDENT, AND ALL MINISTERS EVERYWHERE!"*

Sue Sikking  
UMA President, 1958

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### REGIONAL NEWS



Paul Barrett reporting for the SOUTHEASTERN REGION:

**SOUTHEAST UNITY MINISTER'S CONFERENCE** The Southeast Unity Minister's Conference was held October 20-24, 1974, at the Don CeSar Resort Hotel, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida. Our 1974 theme, "Advancing All Together," is descriptive of the character of our Conference. Among our many accomplishments, we were able to fully discuss the proposed changes to the AUC

Bylaws and forward specific recommendations to the AUC Board of Trustees. Additionally, we elected a new Regional Representative and Alternate, selected a Y.O.U. Regional Coordinator, conducted a Post-Graduate Program on "The Effective Presentation of Christian Healing," and settled all our business affairs for the current year. We were especially pleased to have **Bob Stevens**, President of the Association of Unity Churches, with us for the first two days of our Conference. Bob was the featured speaker for our opening program which was attended by over 500 Unity people from the Tampa Bay area.

The Southeast Regional Conference has prayerfully considered the proposed changes to the AUC Bylaws and forwarded recommendations to the Bylaws Committee.

The Southeast Region is delighted to report that **Loren Flickenger**, minister of Unity Church of Pompano Beach, Florida, was elected as our new Regional Representative. His three-year term of office will begin after the AUC Conference next summer. **Jim Sherman**, minister of Unity Truth Center in New Port Richey, Florida, and the Host for our 1974 Southeast Conference, was elected as the Alternate Regional Representative.

The development of the Youth of Unity was another subject which was given lengthy consideration. We are pleased to report that the Southeast Region has adopted the Y.O.U. Regional Coordinator system proposed by the AUC Board of Trustees. We

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have committed ourselves to hiring an interested lay-person who will work for one year to help us determine the most constructive courses for future action. **Joan Goodman**, from Tampa, Florida, was unanimously elected to this position and will be prepared to give us a full report and recommendation at next year's Regional Conference in Venice, Florida.

Our "Christian Healing" Post-Graduate Program was challengingly presented by **Charles Neal** and **Mary Hinkle**, ministers of Unity Center of Practical Christianity in Miami, and Unity of the Gulf in Venice, respectively. Effective "workshop meetings" and short presentations by registrants kept the program stimulating and the pace lively.

In another program, we met for an "idea exchange." Those in attendance were encouraged to share any ideas relevant to our work. "Sermonettes," suggestions for classes, special services, radio work, advertising, and promotion were offered. There was something new for everyone.

Unfortunately, our intended cruise of Old Tampa Bay was thwarted by high winds and ten-foot seas—we embarrassingly admit that we never left the dock. This is not to imply that we had a rough time at our Conference—we did manage a pleasant picnic on the beach and an exquisite banquet on another day.

This Conference provided everyone in attendance with an opportunity to preview the site of our 1975 Southeast Unity Retreat. We are expecting 500-600 Unity people to share the facilities of the Don CeSar Hotel with us next August.

As we look back at our Conference, one thing is clear: our greatest feat had little to do with the schedule, the hotel facilities, or the business we conducted. Perhaps more than anything else, we came to an increased awareness of our own inter-relatedness as Unity ministers and teachers. We were a "family"—and that made our experience together very special.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA — One service project of Unity Church of Christianity in Atlanta is to provide Unity literature and publications to local hospitals each month. **Jay Dishman**, minister of this AUC member ministry, has shared a letter which he recently received from **Chaplain Dan E. Keels, Jr.**, of the Northside Hospital in Atlanta, a portion of which is reproduced below:

*Dear Jay:*

*Again, let me thank you for your willingness to provide our hospital with 50 copies of "Daily Word" each month. As I mentioned in our conversation, I have been hesitant about distributing much religious literature throughout the hospital. However, after reading from one of the copies of "Daily Word" I was most impressed and feel very good about making it available to persons who pass through Northside Hospital.*

We bless Jay and each member and friend of Unity Church of Christianity in Atlanta for their very effective service projects which are helping in a most loving way to fulfill the spiritual needs of the people in their community.



## REGIONAL NEWS Continued

**CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA** — Unity of Charlotte, North Carolina, where **Terri Barrett** serves as minister, continues to unfold and expand in a most wonderful manner and has now become a member of our AUC family. It is our joy to welcome this North Carolina ministry which has experienced magnificent growth into the Association of Unity Churches. The ministry's address is: **723 S. Sharon Amity Road, Suite 102, Charlotte, North Carolina 28211; telephone: Area 704. 365-1672.**



**SANTURCE, PUERTO RICO** — During the month of November the **Asociacion Unity de Cristianismo Practico de Puerto Rico** celebrated its 24th anniversary. The ministry's building mortgage of \$183,000, which was payable in 15 years, has been completely paid in six years. In celebration of this important event in the history of the ministry, different activities and programs were conducted during the month of November. These special celebrations were initiated with a worker's prayer meeting and fellowship on Friday morning, November 1, with **Ralph** and **Rosemary Rhea** of Unity School's Radio and Television Department participating. On November 2, a Seminar on Communication was held under the leadership of Ralph and Rosemary. On Sunday, November 3, **Robert P. Sikking** spoke on "The Reality of Divine Order" and an anniversary banquet was held at the Caribe Hilton Hotel after the Worship Service. The President of the ministry's Board of Directors, participating with **Conchita Melendez**, Minister Emeritus, conducted a service on Sunday the 10th which brought the past and future of the ministry into the present. On Sunday the 17th, members of the different organizations within the ministry were in charge of the Worship Service. A rededication service was held on the fourth Sunday of the month at which time new members were received. A Thanksgiving Day morning service was held, followed by a breakfast, and then groups from the ministry visited different welfare agencies in the area to share gifts and fellowship. All in all the month's activities were a wonderful manifestation of the love and dedication to Truth present in and through **Asociacion Unity de Cristianismo Practico de Puerto Rico**.

## REGIONAL NEWS Continued

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA — **Nicholas Griffin**, minister of First Unity Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, has shared the good news of the expansion of this Florida ministry. The members of First Unity Church voted at a special membership meeting on October 13, 1974, to authorize the ministry's Board of Directors to purchase a certain tract of land. The Board was also authorized to proceed with the sale of the existing church buildings and to move toward the eventual construction of a new church home. The ministry's prayer for this project is "*Divine Order is at work. Through Spirit we meet every challenge!*" We bless Nick and each member and friend of First Unity Church for their ever increasing ability to serve and join with them in affirming their prayer thought for their building program.

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Kay Arndt reporting for the NORTHWEST REGION:

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON — An experimental program of local U.I.C.E. training was launched in the Northwest Region the last part of October and results thus far have proven quite encouraging. Twenty students signed up for the first series of classes, which were offered in Unity Church of Truth in Seattle. The program, which is being conducted with the blessings of Unity School and the AUC, is designed to make U.I.C.E. training more attractive and easier to participate in by bringing the teachers and classes to the students. It is based on an intensive two-week period of instruction by regional ministers and licensed teachers. Teachers for the first session were: **Max Lafser**, associate minister of Unity Church of Truth, Seattle; and licensed teachers **Vesta Barth** of Bremerton and **Ruth Hetherington** of Spokane. Other series are planned for Spokane, Portland, and Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, B.C. — **Marnie Stewart**, ordained minister from Vancouver, B.C., has organized a group of enthusiastic Truth students under the name of Unity of North Vancouver. Marnie says they are still "nomads without a home" and asks our prayers for the right place in which to hold services. Even the handicap of meeting in different quarters each Sunday has not dampened the enthusiasm and determination of those wonderful people. We bless Marnie and each member of the group and know that Divine Order is now being established in the outworking and expansion of this viable Unity work.

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Berton Coffey reporting for the SOUTHWEST REGION:

HONOLULU, HAWAII — Unity Church of Hawaii reports the establishment by the ministry of **The Natural Learning Center of Hawaii**. This activity has been created to provide opportunities for explorers of inner space to work out their own transformations of self and consciousness. The Learning Center acknowledges that for most people real personal growth takes time, care, and attention, and that the Learning Center's programs can be no more than guideposts on the path, or warm safe spaces for the person to accelerate and illuminate his or her evolution. The Natural Learning Center of Hawaii aims to present quality programs led by competent professionals at the lowest fees consistent with Right Livelihood. These programs are designed for personal growth and are not offered as a substitute for ongoing therapy.



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**Stan Hampson**, minister in Hawaii, reports that as its first program, the Learning Center, with the kind cooperation of the ministry, offered a "Sampler in The Exploration of Human Potentialities," a short course in various approaches to realizing a person's potential as a fully-functioning human being. The course was conducted in six evenings, 2 to 3 hours per evening. The "Human Potential" movement has innovated within the major traditions of psychology, religion, medicine, and the arts, and has borrowed and adapted from Eastern traditions. The program contained some of the significant approaches to increased awareness and fuller humanness. Each approach addressed itself to normal persons who wish to explore other ways of feeling and thinking about themselves and others. The course was not an attempt to do therapy. Instead, its purpose was to allow interested people to find out from experts what each approach may have to offer them. Further exploration, if desired, is up to each individual. The evening sessions tended toward a format of a brief talk, then demonstration or audience experience, and an opportunity for questions and discussion. The series began October 16, and continued until November 20, 1975. The enthusiasm with which this series was accepted has encouraged the Learning Center to continue with the development and presentation of future programs.

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

**UNITY STUDENT'S RETREAT** — On October 11, 12, and 13, 1974, more than 700 Unity students from Northern California met at Asilomar, one of California's state parks and one of the most beautiful areas on the Pacific Coast according to many people. The meetings were held in the main hall, Merrill Hall, and the huge dining hall provided delightful, delicious meals each of the three days. This was the Nineteenth Annual such students retreat of the Northern California Region and one of the best. Our guest speaker was **Charles Neal**, minister of Unity Center of Practical Christianity in Miami. Charles spoke three times, twice on Saturday and once at the Sunday morning service. His talks based on the theme of the retreat, "Understanding Unlimited," were great and very well received.

On Friday night a hospitality time was held. An excellent caller for the square dance was brought in from San Francisco and the dance floor of Merrill Hall was filled to capacity with all those taking part as well as others watching from the side lines. It was a great evening! At the Friday afternoon meeting the keynote address was made by **Charles Korfhage**, minister from Sacramento. He gave an enthusiastic boost to the three-day retreat and at the close of his address distributed copies of a unique "Identification Card" (see Idea Exchange section of this issue). Saturday was a very eventful day. After an early morning prayer service on the beach, around a great roaring fire and with the waves of the Pacific pounding on the shore, breakfast was served in the dining hall. Joy songs preceeded a talk by Charles Neal. Later the group divided into five smaller groups and, with two ministers to a group, dispersed to five different locations for discussions of subjects having to do with the overall subject "Understanding Unlimited," such as "Understanding Yourself," "Your Family," "Your Neighbors," etc. The process continued after lunch. Later in the afternoon the ministers of the region met for a business meeting. Following dinner an evening of informative approach was presented by **David Williamson**, minister of Unity Church of Richmond, California. Dave gave an excellent visual lesson on the "Twelve Powers of Man."

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Sunday morning all gathered in the Great Hall for a Sunday morning Worship Service. Charles Neal gave the lesson. The choir, which was made up of about 25 of those in attendance who spontaneously offered to sing, did a beautiful job. The organist for the entire retreat, playing the organ at all meetings and services, was **Eugene Sorflaten**, minister of Unity Temple of Santa Cruz. Much love and blessings and praise must be given to all who helped to make this retreat the wonderful one it was. Our special thanks and blessing to **Beulah Ornbaum**, minister of Unity Church of Castro Valley, who handled the registrations beginning long before the actual date of the Asilomar Retreat. To process over 700 reservations, handling money and all that goes with such a job, was a great feat in itself. The Northern California ministers wish that all the Unity students everywhere could have been present at this great retreat. Perhaps you felt our blessings for we included each of you in our prayers and blessings.

RENO, NEVADA — Unity Ministry of Reno, where **Carlton** and **Jacklyn Buboltz** serve as ministers, hosted a Northern California Regional Y.O.U. Sponsors Conference entitled "Workshop for YOU" on October 26. Present at the meeting were representatives from: Unity Ministry of Reno, Nevada; Unity Church of the Oaks, Sacramento, California; Unity Christ Church, San Francisco, California; Christ Church, Unity, San Jose, California; and Unity Temple of Santa Cruz, California. Topics discussed included such subjects as "Teenager Profile," "The Teacher-Sponsor Profile," and "How to Profile." Ideas were shared on effective ways and methods of presenting lesson material in educational and interesting ways. Those participating felt that the meeting was very informative and well worth the time and effort.

The Buboltzs report that the ministry in Reno is growing and expanding by leaps and bounds. Indicative of the recent growth of this Unity ministry is the fact that the ministry's mailing list has increased 118% in three months. All of the names added to the mailing list were done so at the request of the individuals involved. We bless Carlton and Jackie for their fine efforts and dedication to serving the spiritual needs of their community.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA — Christ Church Unity in San Jose, had its first Spanish-speaking Unity meeting on Sunday afternoon, October 27. **Warren** and **Marguerite Meyer**, ministers, report that twenty enthusiastic people were present. The basis for the discussion was the Emmet Fox pamphlet "The Golden Key." After time for Truth consideration, light refreshments were served. It was the general consensus that after the first of the year these monthly meetings would be changed to two-a-month. For the past two years Christ Church Unity has presented its Spanish-speaking "Tele-Oracion" minute messages on the telephone which have become quite popular.

WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA — In the summer of 1972, a little more than two years ago, the Unity ministry in Walnut Creek, California, was contained in a three-room white house and the congregation numbered near 100. This group of enthusiastic Truth students together with their minister, **Carol Ruth Knox**, prayerfully laid the ground work and made the necessary plans for expansion of the Unity work in their community. On October 20, 1974, Unity Center of Walnut Creek dedicated their latest addition to their building program which has since September 1972 been manifesting additional church facilities for the now 300 member congregation.

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Participating in the dedication service with Carol and **Pierre Gallardo**, assistant minister, were **Phil Stone**, President of the Board of Directors of this growing California ministry; **Dr. Hilary Anderson**, Professor of Integral Counseling, California Institute of Asian Studies; **John Minkler** and **Carolyn Cogan**, Co-Directors of Synergy School; **Richard Beyer**, Department of Education, St. Mary's College; and **David Williamson**, minister of Unity Church of Richmond, California.

With the completion and dedication of the Youth Education Building, a third Sunday service has been added to provide for the growth in attendance. This 7:00 p.m. service led by Carol will be devoted only to music, meditation, and a message. The message will be different from the two morning messages; the music will be special and drawn from Carol's musical background. The Northern California Region congratulates and blesses Carol and Pierre and each member and friend of Unity Center of Walnut Creek for their ever unfolding and expanding consciousness of Truth and for their willingness to be of service to each other and to others.

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

HOUSTON, TEXAS — Earlier this fall, Unity Church of Christianity completed the construction of their new church facilities. The facilities utilize the architectural design of a pyramid. For a description of the design of the new facilities please refer to the regional news section (page 8) of the November 1973 issue of CONTACT. **John D. Rankin**, minister of this rapidly growing and unfolding Houston ministry, reported that over twelve hundred people were present on the opening day of the new sanctuary. Although the ministry now has two services on Sunday mornings, the second service is often filled to overflowing. John also reports that the Sunday School and mid-week classes are also growing, both in depth and numbers. A Dedication Convocation service for the new facilities was conducted on Sunday, October 27, 1974. **J. Sig Paulson**, co-minister of Unity Village Chapel, was guest speaker. Sig was assisted by **John Rankin** and **Donald Curtis**, minister of Unity Church of Dallas; and **Jack Hamilton**, minister of Unity Way Church, Dallas, Texas. *"We do give thanks to God for the inspiration of Christ Mind and the loyal enthusiasm of Unity students in the Greater Houston area,"* states John. We know that each member of our Association joins in the rejoicing and giving thanks for this fine expression of growth within the Unity Movement.

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**Margaret Cain** reporting for the GREAT LAKES REGION:

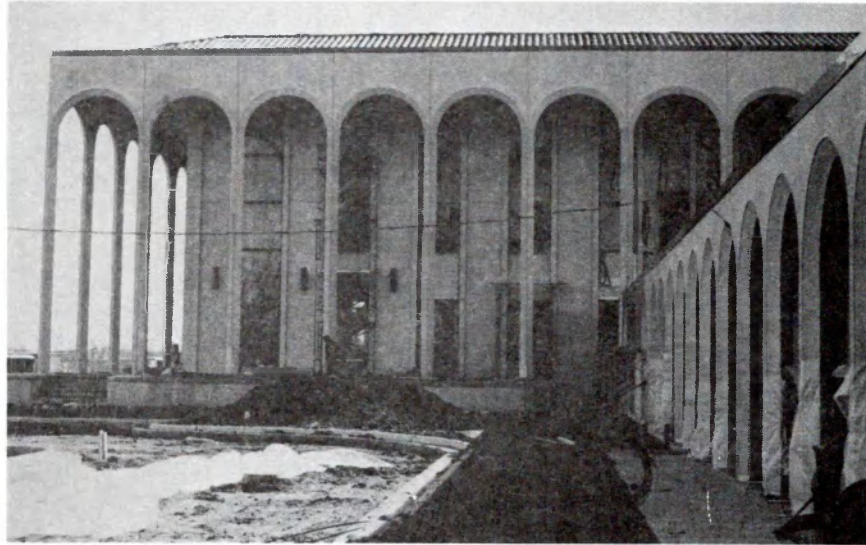
GREAT LAKES REGIONAL PRAYER THOUGHT — "THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH NOW REVEALS ITS INFINITE WISDOM TO OUR CONSCIOUSNESS FOR THE CONTINUAL EXPANSION OF THE GREAT LAKES REGIONAL MINISTRIES."

Our newly-elected Regional Vice-President, **Lester McClelland**, minister of Overland Unity Center, Overland, Missouri, has requested that each member ministry in the Region hold the above prayer thought for the months of December, January, and February.

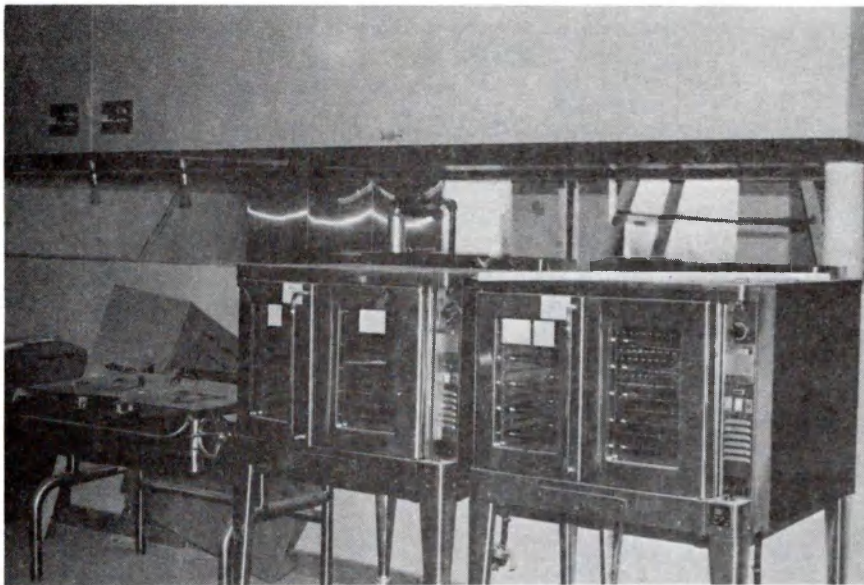


## UNITY WORLD HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES CENTER

Each construction work day brings the time of completion a bit closer. The first worship service of the Unity Village Chapel in their new facilities is eagerly anticipated by each member and friend of the Chapel. We know our AUC family joins the staff of Unity School in blessing this wonderful expression of Unity Village's ability to be of greater service to the local community and to the worldwide Unity Movement.



This view of the area from the north shows the arched portals of the Inn which connect to the Activities Center. These arches also shelter one of the main entrances to the Inn. Along side the Activities Center can be seen one of the concrete planter boxes which border the building.



The kitchen furnishings are in process of being installed in the new Unity Inn. The modern equipment will contribute greatly to the ability of the Inn to provide diners with fast, efficient food service. Pictured here are two convection ovens which will be utilized for cooking, baking, and heating. The smaller piece of equipment to the left of the ovens is a fryer unit.

Designed to seat approximately four hundred and seventy-five (475) diners, the Inn will offer its patrons a fine selection of tasty and nutritious foods.

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FROM UNITY SCHOOL

Christmas 1974

Dear Friends,

With this issue of CONTACT, we of Unity School send you our warm Christmas blessings, and in return we feel the reflected glow of your friendship. As the birthday of the Savior approaches, our goodwill for you can perhaps be best expressed in the following prayer:

“May the love of Christ fill your heart.  
May the life of Christ fill your mind and body.  
May the peace of Christ fill your soul.  
May the substance of Christ prosper your affairs.  
May the presence of Christ abide with you now  
and forevermore.”

It is a happy privilege to be a part of the great work that is being done in the Unity Movement, and we give thanks for the Christ expressing through each of you.

May the spirit of Christmas fill your life to overflowing now and throughout the coming year.

In spiritual unity,

*Charles R. Fillmore*

Charles R. Fillmore  
President  
Unity School of Christianity





## WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL

Each work day thousands of pieces of mail are delivered to Unity School of Christianity. Included in this tremendous volume are prayer requests, book, literature, and magazine orders. Making sure that these many requests are handled efficiently and in an orderly manner might overwhelm many of us. Unity School, however, is fortunate in having a man who is able to direct such a large operation smoothly and effectively. This special person is **Roy Howard**, Director of Operations.



A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Roy came to work at Unity in April of 1937. Through the years he has been involved in many areas of the Unity Movement and today, besides holding the position of Director of Operations, he is also a member of the Executive Committee of Unity School.

**Roy Howard**, Director of Operations for Unity School, and his secretary, **Nancy Kempf**, discussing the proper processing of one of the many requests received daily for Unity literature.

As the volume of correspondence has mushroomed with the growth of the Unity Movement, Roy has expressed his gratitude for the computer system now being used to maintain records necessary in subscription fulfillment and to furnish information for management. This computer ticks away throughout the day and night, freeing Unity employees from tedious routine recordkeeping so that they can handle the mail in a more personal manner.

Roy and his wife, **Madge**, live near Unity Village, in Lee's Summit. They have one son and one daughter. Roy's attitude toward his work is one of enthusiasm and just plain love for what he does. He feels it is a pleasure and a joy to be at Unity School and to be involved in a service so meaningful and helpful to an ever-increasing number of people.

Each member of the Association of Unity Churches recognizes and appreciates the outstanding service rendered by the many dedicated employees of Unity School in this particular facet of Unity. We especially bless and give thanks to Roy, who so willingly and capably directs the operations of each area.



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS** We know that each member of the Association of Unity Churches joins with us in extending thoughts of love, appreciation, and this special blessing to our fellow members who have birthdays in December:

*My Christmas Prayer*

*God bless you at this Christmastide,  
And make His holy light  
To shine upon you, be your guide  
To all things good and right.*

*God grant you happiness of heart,  
Your faith and hopes renew;  
And may the Christmastide impart  
Its peace and joy to you.*

*God keep you through the coming year  
Infolded in His care;  
Content, assured that He is near.  
This is my Christmas prayer.*

—Hazel Thomas Wright

Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
1 Louise Newman	14 Mary Stovin	24 Florence Kellogg Mamie Spencer
3 Edna LeSage	15 Edna Drebert † Duane Hardy * Geneva Seivertson	25 Jean Beggs Rebecca Clark *
4 Jean Grover	Mark Smith *	26 Luis Molinary Harold Irving
6 Elsie M. Eckert † Mary Zuliana	16 Carol Knox Amalie F. Havens	27 Dorothy Dietz Blanche Joki †
7 Mildred Tyler	17 Dorothy Armstrong Richard Dawson	28 Crichton Aspinall
8 Mae Davis Francisca Mendez	18 Ross Goodman Izear Wiggins	29 Ruth Holden Marilyn Rieger * Carol Whipple
9 Pearl Davis * Maria Molinary	19 Mary Donnelly Huck † Marlene Wolford	30 Mary Louise Harding Gary Jones Charlene Linnell
10 R. James Heinecamp Mary Ellen Swartz	20 Jean Stewart	31 Beatrice Copeland Olga R. DeSanchez Ida Holden Helen Jantsch Marguerite Meyer Mollie Nirk Wallace Tooke
11 Jack Barker Jack Kern Viola Ransford	21 Robert Wasner	
12 Jack Clemenson	22 Robert H. Marshall	
13 Alma Redfern Berry Nicholas Griffin Mildred Perdue	23 Thelma Bean Conchita Melendez Harriet TenBrook	

† Minister Emeritus

\* SMRS Student Minister

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO MINISTERS

The following letter to Ann Landers, syndicated columnist for Field Enterprises, Inc., recently appeared in the local newspaper of one of our AUC members. A copy was graciously forwarded to us with the suggestion that other members of the Association might also find it interesting.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I'm a busy physician and I have put off writing this letter since last Christmas. Now I am on vacation and have resolved to get it done.

In my practice I have a number of ministers, their wives and children. A number of years ago I took notice that most of them were overweight. In my conversations regarding their eating habits, I learned something that might be of value to your readers.

Last Christmas our own pastor received 34 pounds of chocolates, eight fruit cakes, 31 tins of home-made fudge, peanut brittle and cookies, dozens of jars of honey, jellies, jams pies, layer cakes. A grand total of at least 30,000 calories for each member of the family! When I asked my own wife what we gave our minister she said proudly, "I sent away for that wonderful, expensive candy we get from New York and I presented him with a five-pound box!"

I discussed the matter with a few men in our church and we decided to contact other members, pool our money and send our good minister and his family on a summer vacation. Doesn't this make more sense than stuffing them full of rich food? I recommend this plan for all church members everywhere. I have yet to meet a minister who wasn't enthusiastic about the idea. Our own pastor and his family were thrilled.

—Texas M.D.

**Dear M.D.:** I can't imagine a clergyman in the world who wouldn't rather have an expense-paid summer vacation than 30,000 calories for every member of his family. I'm printing this letter well ahead of the Christmas rush. Here's a project for every church auxiliary in the United States and Canada. If you gals will write to me and tell me where you sent your minister and his family I'll be happy to print your letters.



## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FROM JUSTUS CREDIT UNION

At this time of the year, the officers and office staff of the Justus Credit Union especially reflect on thoughts of gratitude for each of you whom we have had an opportunity to serve. Since our service function is primarily of a monetary nature, it is our special Christmas prayer for you that each of you be abundantly blessed with God's substance. We see you demonstrating the spiritual law of prosperity in every phase of your lives.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,  
Justus Credit Union

**YOUTH OF UNITY** In the Service Workshop conducted during the Y.O.U. Conference this year, a beautiful message was written on the blackboard. It brought tears (happy ones) to the eyes of our YOU Coordinator, **Jacqueline Neal**, because she feels it reflects the truth about each person and his or her ability to serve. Jackie wants to share the words with each member of the AUC. The message from the unknown author, whom we bless with joy, is as follows:

*"We need to feel more  
To understand others  
  
We need to love more  
To be loved back  
  
We need to cry more  
To cleanse ourselves  
  
We need to laugh more  
To enjoy ourselves  
  
We need to see more  
Other than our own little fantasies  
  
We need to hear more  
and listen to the needs of others  
  
We need to give more, and take less--  
We need to share more, and own less,  
  
We need to look more, and realize that--  
we are not so different from one another,  
  
We need to create a world where  
everyone can peacefully live the life they choose."*

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**



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PEACE ON EARTH  
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN  


**YOUNG ADULTS  
RETREAT**

Dona Gilsdorf, Youth Advisor for the Great Lakes Region, requests that you please remember that an **International Young Adults of Unity Retreat** will be conducted at Unity Village, Missouri, August 25–30, 1975. Any young adult between the ages of 18 (or high school graduate) and 29 is eligible to attend the retreat. The Royal Oak Unity Young Adults (Michigan) group will serve as host. The retreat programs and workshops will be based upon the theme "We've only got time to GROW." Anyone interested in being on the mailing list of Royal Oak Young Adults of Unity in order to receive additional information on the retreat is invited to send his or her name and address to: **Royal Oak Young Adults, Royal Oak Unity Temple, 2500 Crooks Road, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073, or telephone Area 313, 585–1165.**





**SMRS STUDENT BODY OFFICERS** for the 1974–75 school year are, left to right: **Lila Proby**, Treasurer; **Mayola SaltPaw**, President; **Daniel Kellerstrass**, Chaplain and Advisor; **Marilyn Rieger**, Vice-President; and **Lucille Knebel**, Secretary.

**Lila Proby**, Treasurer — A native of the Puget Sound area, Lila attended Unity ministries in Bellevue and Seattle, Washington, before entering SMRS. She attended the University of Washington and was employed as a fashion coordinator before resigning in 1960 in order to raise her two children.

**Mayola SaltPaw**, President — Mayola has been an active member of Detroit Unity Association, Michigan, for over twenty years. She and her husband, **Charles**, are well-schooled Truth students. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University where she received her B.A. degree and also earned a M.E. and a M.S.W. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Prior to entering the ministry, Mayola was employed as a teacher and social worker.

**Dan Kellerstrass**, Chaplain and Advisor — A native Missourian and a long time student of the Unity teachings, Dan attended both Unity on the Plaza and Unity Village Chapel while living in the Kansas City area. A licensed practical nurse prior to entering the ministry, Dan and his wife, **Pam**, who is a registered nurse, lived in Arizona and attended Unity Church of Mesa before moving to Unity Village.

**Marilyn Rieger**, Vice-President — Marilyn is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she served on the Board of Directors and was an organist for Unity Church of Christ. She pursued a teaching career in New Jersey prior to entering the ministry and holds A.A., B.S., and M.A. degrees from Centenary College for Women, Seton Hall University, and Paterson State College, respectively. Her husband, **George**, is minister of Unity of Independence Center, Missouri.

**Lucille Knebel**, Secretary — Lucille is from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and also attended Unity Church of Christ. Active in the Philadelphia ministry, she served as a sponsor for the ministry's Youth of Unity chapter and as Secretary of the Board. A business school graduate, Lucille worked as a private secretary before entering SMRS.

## PLACEMENT

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

**HONOLULU, HAWAII — V. Stanford Hampson** has tendered his resignation as minister of Unity Church of Hawaii, effective January 15, 1975, with the intention of returning to the mainland. Your Placement Committee is working with the Board of our ministry in Hawaii to assure succession of leadership.

**INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA — John Morrow** has accepted the invitation of Unity of Inglewood to be the new minister in this California ministry effective January 1, 1975. John has been serving as Unity minister in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

**MESA, ARIZONA — Joel Baehr**, former minister of Butte Unity Truth Center in Montana, has accepted the invitation of Unity of Mesa to be the new minister in this Arizona ministry effective January 1, 1975.

**PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS — John Morrow**, minister of Unity Church of Practical Christianity in Pine Bluff, has tendered his resignation, effective January 1, 1975, in order to accept the leadership of Unity of Inglewood, California. Your Placement Committee is working with the Board of this Arkansas ministry to assure succession of leadership.

**SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA — Emily Sanford** has tendered her resignation as minister of Unity of San Bernardino and requested a year's leave of absence. Emily plans to devote more of her time and talent to working with mentally retarded children and in the application of Truth principles to these children of God. **Dale Cross** is returning from a leave of absence and will assume the leadership of Unity of San Bernardino effective January 1, 1975.

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA —** The Northwest Region has made application to the AUC office for a Regional Y.O.U. Coordinator. The application requests an ordained Unity minister who would function on a part-time basis as an assistant minister of Unity Centre of Practical Christianity in Vancouver while coordinating Y.O.U. activities in the Northwest Region. Your Placement Committee is working with representatives of the Northwest Region to fill this position.

Your Placement Committee is working with the Boards of Butte Unity Truth Center, Montana; and Harmony Hill Unity Church, Everett, Washington, to assure succession of leadership in these ministries.

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### S.M.R.S. APPLICATIONS FOR 1975-76

Please remember that the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies is eager to receive applications for September 1975 admission to SMRS. However, please do not encourage anyone to go through the admission procedure whom you personally, as the minister, would not recommend to become a Unity minister. Anyone who is a *serious* candidate may receive an Application for Admission by writing to: **William L. Fischer, S.M.R.S., Unity Village, Missouri 64065.**



**NEW RETREATS ADDED IN 1975** The 1975 Retreat Season at Unity Village begins with the Easter Retreat and ends with Christmas at Unity. Twelve Retreat Programs are offered. For the complete schedule please refer to Calendar of Events in this newsletter.

Next summer after a pause of two years, Unity is again offering the popular Family Vacation Retreat . . . a Retreat Program for the entire family. During the **Family Vacation Retreat** there is a separate program for the children in addition to the regular adult program. Parents are freed from the responsibility of looking after their children during meetings since the children will be in classes of their own with carefully selected teachers. In the evening it is always a real joy to see the entire groups get together for the family programs.

In September a new Retreat is planned . . . the **Septemberfest Retreat**. The idea for this Retreat came to us from Germany's Octoberfest . . . a time when the people in German towns and villages celebrate the beginning of the harvest season.

Because September is such a delightful month in Missouri everyone agreed that it would be a good time to hold a similar celebration . . . therefore the Septemberfest Retreat. You are invited to come and help celebrate Septemberfest!

In November there is going to be a very special Retreat at Unity Village, the **Liebe Freunde Retreat** held especially for our Unity friends who will be coming to Unity Village from Berlin and other areas of Europe. All the talks, meditations, workshops, and meetings will be conducted in the German language. All our German-speaking friends in the United States (or wherever) are invited to join us for this Liebe Freunde Retreat.



**BLUE CROSS** The AUC office recently received a letter from the Blue Cross  
**BLUE SHIELD** and Blue Shield company advising that there will be **NO DUES INCREASE** during the next insurance contract year for the AUC's Blue Cross and Blue Shield program. This good news is a result of a decision made by the insurance company based upon a Merit Rating review of our group to determine rates for the next contract year. This means that your insurance program through the AUC will be continued at the present dues level for another year, to our groups anniversary date of December 1, 1975, assuming that our group continues meeting the enrollment requirements.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield company expressed their appreciation to each member of our group program for selecting the Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage. The insurance company also wishes to remind each policy holder that if you have any questions regarding benefits, billings, or anything else concerning your group's coverage, please contact the Kansas City Blue Cross and Blue Shield Customer Service Center, P.O. Box 169, Kansas City, Missouri 64141; telephone 816, 756-2400, or contact the AUC office.



# Idea Exchange

## EFFECTIVE PUBLICITY

**PROGRAM — Jim Sherman,** minister of Unity Truth Center, New Port Richey, Florida, has shared the following report on his ministry's publicity program which has proven to be very effective. Jim states, "Twenty weeks ago we initiated an advertising program that has proven to be of great value. Besides serving to increase our attendance, it has also begun to help people outside our Center understand our ministry. These ads (see sample at right) are published weekly in a locally-distributed TV magazine which is available at no charge through area supermarkets, businesses, and newsstands. Circulation exceeds 15,000 a week.

"Scripts from 'THE WORD' radio and television programs are perfectly suited to the need for an appealing text. An attempt is made to select one that expresses the main theme of the Sunday lesson. **Ralph and Rosemary Rhea** have graciously given permission for

this use of their superb material. The photographs are also important. In every case, the need is for an eye-catching, people-picture that will attract attention. If you are searching for some way to get your ads out of the 'doldrums' of 'church advertising,' you might consider giving this a try. It has worked for us. If you would like a Xerox copy of all the ads we've run—please write and let me know." The address of Unity Truth Center is: 239 West Gulf Drive, New Port Richey, Florida 33552; telephone Area 813, 422-8555.

## Meaning



"What's it all about? What am I doing here? What meaning does my life have?" When a person asks these questions, he has probably been through circumstances, difficulties, or frustrations that have caused him to get out of touch with himself. Our life often seems to be like a rather complicated jigsaw puzzle. We are required to study each piece carefully as to its size, shape, and color. We may at times be tempted to give up, but that doesn't help. Our life has meaning as long as we continue to fit the pieces together, even though we cannot see the complete picture.

### "The 'Ah-ha' Experience"

Matt 16:5-12 (Phillips)

The above message concerning "understanding" will be presented July 14. If you are interested, we invite you to attend. Casual dress is welcome.

# UNITY TRUTH CENTER

Sunday Services 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

James Sherman: Minister 239 W. Gulf Drive, New Port Richey

## KINGDOM OF ALL GOOD

*This is to certify that:*

*is a child of God, evolving his/her Divine Sonship, recognized and approved by the one Creator and Sustainer of the universe. Be it further known that this blessed one is duly authorized, through his/her inherited identity with the Spirit of all Good, to bring forth and express more divine wisdom and understanding in every area of his/her life.*

*Certification renewed this eleventh day of October, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.*

(IDENTIFICATION CARD)

**IDENTIFICATION CARD — Charles Korfhage,** associate minister of Christ Unity Church in Sacramento, California, wishes to share the idea of a special "Identification Card" (shown at left) which he distributed during the Unity Student's Retreat at Asilomar, California. Charles reports that the cards were very well received and enjoyed by all.

## Book Rack

### CASSETTES FEATURING MAY ROWLAND

In her cassette entitled, "These Things I Have Spoken To You," May Rowland answers questions such as: What do you mean by "the light touch?" Does Unity believe in reincarnation? Can you help someone who has a negative attitude? What part does forgiveness play in healing? This illuminating cassette is priced to retail at \$4.00 and may be ordered from Unity School at your dealer's price of \$2.40.

In her cassette, "Come Ye Apart Awhile," she emphasizes the need of maintaining quiet times. She tells how to attain the power of meditation through relaxation, letting go, and exercising believing faith. This cassette is priced to retail at \$2.50 and may be ordered from Unity School at your dealer's price of \$1.50.

### CASSETTE ALBUMS BY DONALD CURTIS

*"One of the great purposes of life is to grow, to unfold, and to become one with the Father. . . In order to do this it takes daily attention, daily meditation."* This statement by Donald Curtis, minister of Unity Church of Dallas, Texas, introduces his "The Golden Bridge to Meditation" cassette albums No. I and II, available through Unity School. These two albums contain meditation techniques and soothing organ music to help the listener along his or her path of spiritual unfoldment. Each cassette album is priced to retail at \$25.00, and each contains six cassettes (six lessons), accompanying worksheets, and a storage album. You may order the albums from Unity School at your dealer's price of \$15.00 each.

### DISCONTINUED ITEMS

The following books, booklet, and sheet music have been discontinued and are out of stock. Your orders for these items cannot be filled by Unity School: **BEGINNING AGAIN** (Whitney); **SERMON ON THE MOUNT** in Spanish (Fox). You will be notified if there is a reprint of this book; **GOD BLESS YOU EVERYONE** (Sheet Music); and **CHILD UNFOLDMENT** (Unity School booklet).

### BETTER DISCOUNTS ON BOOKS

Unity School is glad to continue to fill your orders for titles by Unity authors from other publishers (Harper & Row, Doubleday & Co., etc.) at 25% discount from retail prices. However, Unity School has asked us to remind you that you can obtain a better discount in every case by ordering direct from the publisher's office.



Peace On Earth

Good Will To One And All



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



1974

Dec. 7 Northwest Sub-Regional Board/Minister meeting, Eugene, Oregon,  
hosted by Unity Truth Chapel

† Dec. 25 Christmas

1975

\* Jan. 7-9 Northern California Ministers Retreat, Pujaro Dunes, Watsonville,  
California

\* Jan. 8 Post-Graduate Program on "Effective Presentation of Christian  
Healing," Pujaro Dunes, Watsonville, California

Jan. 20-21 AUC Mid-Year Council of Committee meetings, Unity Village,  
Missouri

Jan. 22-24 AUC Board of Trustees meeting, Unity Village, Missouri

Jan. 25-26 Y.O.U. Inter-Regional meeting of Northern California Conference  
and Southwest Region, Sacramento, California, hosted by Unity  
Church of the Oaks

Jan. 26-27 Southwest Regional Unity Ministers and Teachers Conference  
(U.M.T.C.), San Diego, California, hosted by Christ Church Unity,  
San Diego

† Feb. 1 Southeastern Sub-Regional Board/Minister meeting, Chattanooga,  
Tennessee, hosted by Unity Center of Practical Christianity

Feb. 8 Eastern Sub-Regional Board/Minister meeting, Hempstead, New  
York, hosted by Unity Center of Hempstead

Feb. 8 Northern California Sunday School Seminar for Oroville, Reno,  
Sacramento, and Stockton ministries, Stockton, California, hosted  
by Unity Church of Stockton

\* March 8-9 "Human Potential for Healing" Program, Seattle Center Arena,  
Seattle, Washington

March 8-21 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session I, Unity Village,  
Missouri

March 15 Northern California Sunday School Seminar for Berkeley, Castro  
Valley, Richmond, San Francisco, San Leandro, San Mateo, San  
Rafael, and Walnut Creek ministries, Castro Valley, California,  
hosted by Unity Church of Castro Valley

† March 29-April 4 Easter Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri

April 4-18 Tahiti tour sponsored by the Unity Ministers of the Pacific Northwest

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Continued

1975

- April 5 Northern California Sunday School Seminar for Menlo Park, Monterey, Palo Alto, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Cruz ministries, San Luis Obispo, California, hosted by Unity Church of San Luis Obispo
- April 12–13 Northern California Board/Minister meeting, Sacramento, California, hosted by Christ Unity Church
- 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 10 Great Lakes Sub-Regional Board/Minister meeting, Bay City, Michigan, hosted by Tri-City Unity Truth Center
- † May 17–23 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- May 22–24 Retreat on "The Heart and Meaning of Charles Fillmore," Charlottesville, Virginia, sponsored by Unity Center of Christianity, Washington, D.C.
- May 24–25 AUC Healing Rally, Denver, Colorado
- † May 31–June 6 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- 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 21–27 Family Vacation Retreat, 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. 4–8 13th Annual Southeast Unity Retreat, Don CeSar Hotel, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida
- † Aug. 9–15 Summer Holiday Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Continued

1975

- Aug. 15 Graduation and ordination services, School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and AUC, Unity Village, Missouri
- Aug. 17–22 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- Aug. 25–30 YAU Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- † Sept. 6–12 Septemberfest Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- † Sept. 20–26 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- Sept. 21–24 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Oak Park, Illinois, hosted by Unity Church of Oak Park
- Sept. 24 Post-Graduate Program, Oak Park, Illinois
- † Oct. 4–10 Harvest Festival Retreat, 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. 11–12 AUC Healing Rally, Detroit, Michigan
- Oct. 11–24 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 5, Unity Village, Missouri
- † Oct. 25–31 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- † Nov. 8–14 Liebe Freunde Retreat (German language), Unity Village, Missouri
- † Nov. 22–28 Thanksgiving Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- † Dec. 21–27 Christmas Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri

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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

- 10 Add **Joel Baehr** as minister of Unity of Mesa, Arizona
- 11 Delete **John Morrow** as minister of Unity Church of Practical Christianity, Pine Bluff, Arkansas (see page 14)
- 14 Delete **Helen Chapman** as minister of Unity of Inglewood, (see page 58) and add **John Morrow** as minister

## YEARBOOK SUPPLEMENT Continued

Page	Item
16	Change telephone office number of Unity Church of North Hollywood and Burbank to 213-761-5149
18	Delete Emily Sanford from Unity of San Bernardino (see page 60) and add Dale Cross as minister
21	Add Tahoe City, California, Study Class, Timberland School 95730 (affiliated with Unity Ministry of Reno, Nevada)
28	Delete V. Stanford Hampson as minister of Unity Church of Hawaii (returning to the mainland)
37	Delete Mount Clemens, Michigan, Study Class, Grace Episcopal Church, 115 S. Gratiot, P.O. Box 712, 48043 (affiliated with Detroit Unity Association)
40	Delete Joel Baehr as minister of Butte Unity Truth Center, Montana (see page 10)
45	Delete (affiliated with Unity Center of Christianity of Asheville) from Unity of Charlotte and add Tel. Off: 704-365-1672, Tel. Res: 704-523-3515
58	Add *CHAPMAN, Helen, 7240 W. 85th Street, Los Angeles, California 90045
60	Add *SANFORD, Emily, 22212 Paseo Del Sur, South Laguna, California 92677
103	Change address of Joel Baehr to Mesa, Arizona
104	Change address of Helen Chapman to Los Angeles, California, and change symbol from † to *
104	Add † Cross, Dale, San Bernardino, California
110	Change address of John Morrow to Inglewood, California
112	Change address of Emily Sanford to South Laguna, California, and change symbol from † to *

## REGIONAL NEWS Continued from page 8

JACKSON, MICHIGAN — Congratulations to the members and friends of Unity of Jackson, Michigan, on the joyous occasion of the ministry's **SILVER ANNIVERSARY**. For twenty-five years this Michigan ministry has been serving the spiritual needs of their community. Roy Fox, minister of this dynamic and unfolding ministry, reports that a series of special programs was conducted during the month of October in recognition of the anniversary. The keynote address for the series was given on October 6 by Ruth Mosley, minister of West Side Unity Church in Detroit, Michigan. Other Unity ministers speaking during Sunday services in October were Glenn Mosley, minister of Detroit Unity Association in Detroit, Michigan; Wallace Tooke, minister of First Church Unity in Toledo, Ohio; Victor Zarley, minister of Akron Unity Center of Truth in Akron, Ohio; Onita Meyer, minister of Royal Oak Unity Temple in Royal Oak, Michigan; and Richard Billings, minister of Unity Church of Oak Park, Illinois.



## REGIONAL NEWS Continued

Special Wednesday evening programs featured **Eugene Sorenson**, minister of Unity of Livonia, Michigan; **William Kozy**, minister of Unity of Kalamazoo, Michigan; **Terry Havens**, minister of Unity Center-Birmingham, Michigan, and **Amalie Havens**, Terry's wife. We know that each member of the AUC joins in recognizing and giving thanks for the fine work being done by Unity of Jackson and blesses the ministry as it continues in dedicated service to Truth.

**ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN** — On October 19, 1974, a Great Lakes Sub-Regional Board/Minister meeting was conducted by **Bob Sikking** at Royal Oak Unity Temple in Michigan. **Onita Meyer**, minister of the host ministry, reports that approximately 100 people from Bay City, Lansing, and Jackson, Michigan, as well as people from all sectors of the Metropolitan Detroit area were present for the meeting. Onita advises that everyone present agreed that the time together was extremely helpful in communicating to lay persons just what the AUC is and how the AUC office serves the entire membership. Also, the lay persons shared ideas that will be helpful to our Association in continuing to serve our members even more fully and efficiently.

Just before lunch time, a huge scroll was unrolled upon which was written "Happy Birthday, Bob!" The ministry had prepared this special surprise for Bob Sikking in honor of his birthday which is the 20th of October. An excellent lunch on beautifully decorated tables was served by the Women of Unity of Royal Oak Unity Temple. Following lunch a fine musical program was presented. Onita said "Everyone joined in both the morning and afternoon sessions of the workshop-seminar with enthusiasm—in fact the designated closing time came and went and we finally got it wound up about an hour after scheduled time—no one wanted to leave!" That evening Onita and Bob met with the Young Adults of the Royal Oak ministry to discuss plans for the International Young Adults of Unity Retreat which will be held next August in Unity Village, Missouri.

**SPRINGFIELD, OHIO** — A dedication service was conducted by Unity of Springfield, Ohio, on October 13, 1974, for the ministry's Phase I Youth of Unity building. **Richard Billings**, minister of Unity Church of Oak Park, Illinois, was guest speaker. **Grace Hunt**, who served as minister in Springfield at the time of the dedication service, reports that the congregation attached written prayers to large balloons filled with helium and that an outdoor balloon release was conducted while all present sang the "Peace Song." We give thanks for the wonderful work being done by Unity Center of Truth and send our blessings to all involved in the ever continuing unfoldment of expression of Spirit through this Ohio ministry.

**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI** — First Unity Church of St. Louis is celebrating its **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY** this year. The Fiftieth Anniversary of the ministry is being recognized with a year long series of programs and activities having a different theme each month. Planned and directed by **Jack K. Dolen**, minister, the anniversary celebration commenced this fall with **Charles Roth**, minister of Unity Truth Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, making a guest speaker appearance in this dynamic St. Louis ministry. On October 20, the ministry held a Memorial Banquet honoring **Dr. Hilda Louise Westermeyer**. Hilda Louise, founder and former minister of First Unity Church of St. Louis for 45 years, served as teacher to all of the New Thought people in the St. Louis area. Special guests at the banquet included speakers **James Dillet Freeman**, Director of Silent Unity, and his wife,

## REGIONAL NEWS Continued

Billie; and Robert P. Sikking of the AUC office. Other leaders of Unity School of Christianity and the Association of Unity Churches were also invited. Jack Dolen reports that many of the original congregation were among the over 250 people who attended the banquet. The number attending the banquet was limited only by the size of the facilities. Jack also commented, *"Many who attended the banquet were students of Hilda Louise and you could feel Dr. Westermeyer's presence at the banquet as we most certainly feel her presence in our church. We are grateful to all who made this occasion an outstanding tribute to an outstanding person."* Jim and Billie Freeman also spoke at both the ministry's 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

In November, the ministry's special programs included a Thanksgiving Day service featuring William L. Fischer, Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC, as guest speaker. On Saturday, December 7, a special program was presented by Ralph and Rosemary Rhea, Co-Directors of the Radio/Television Department of Unity School of Christianity. Ralph and Rosemary discussed "THE WORD" television and radio programs produced by Unity School and aired as a community service broadcast over more than 600 radio stations and 300 television stations. The Rhea's shared how "THE WORD" came into being and shared many of their interesting experiences in producing these one-minute inspirational vignettes of Unity teachings. The following Sunday, the Rhea's conducted the Sunday Worship Service.

The Great Lakes Regional Conference blesses Jack and each member and friend of First Unity Church of St. Louis and congratulates them on the occasion of their Golden Anniversary. We know that each of the members of our Association joins with our region in giving thanks for this fine ministry which continues to grow both in outreach and effectiveness.



MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS FILL YOUR LIFE TO OVERFLOWING

**IN MEMORIAM** The AUC office just received word that **Marcella Garland** made her transition in October 1974. An ordained Unity minister, Marcella retired from active leadership of Unity of Mesa, Arizona, in October 1971. She pioneered the Mesa ministry while serving as an associate minister of Unity Church of Practical Christianity in Phoenix, Arizona. We know that each member of our AUC family joins in blessing Marcella in her spiritual ongoing.

**FILLMORE LECTURES** Last May the Association of Unity Churches conducted a Healing Rally in San Francisco, California. The AUC Board of Trustees requested **Phillip Pierson** to serve as Special Programs Director for our Association and assume the responsibilities for planning, coordinating, and presenting assemblages of this type. In keeping with the directives of the Board of Trustees, Phil has now planned a series of two-day programs of a similar nature to be conducted in various cities during 1975. To be known as "**The Fillmore Lectures**," this series is presently scheduled for Seattle, Washington, on March 8-9; Denver, Colorado, May 24-25; and Detroit, Michigan, on October 11-12. The program in Seattle is entitled "The Human Potential for Healing" and, in addition to a number of our Unity ministers serving in the field, will feature **James Dillet Freeman**; **Dr. Carl Simonton** and his wife **Stephanie**; **Dr. Elmer Green** and his wife, **Alyce**; **Jack Schwarz**; **Dr. Evarts G. Loomis**; **Dr. Harry Olson**; **Connie Haines**; and **Charles King**. These two-day programs are designed to quicken and deepen each person's understanding of their inner potential for healing.

## ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

### Statement of Operation

Fiscal Year 1975

Six Months Ended 9/30/74

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Love Offerings General	\$21,626.80	\$141,919.21
Love Offerings Education Dept.	985.02	5,501.54
Gain-Curriculum and Material	1,489.72	7,593.66
Other Income	<u>6,904.80</u>	<u>15,926.95</u>
Total Income	<u>31,006.34</u>	<u>170,941.36</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
General Office	21,521.84	123,693.49
Education Department	<u>6,949.54</u>	<u>46,533.47</u>
Total Expenses	<u>28,471.38</u>	<u>170,226.96</u>
<b>NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 2,534.96</u>	<u>\$ 714.40</u>