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1975 YOUTH OF UNITY CONFERENCE

The Youth of Unity Conference, **A UNIVERSE OF AWARENESS**—"an inner galactic journey", was held at Unity Village, Missouri, August 17 through the 22nd. There were approximately 348 participants in the program including guests, staff, workshop leaders, chaperoning adults, and registered delegates.

Jacqueline Neal, YOU Coordinator, reports: "Conference '75 was evolved around the idea of communication and throughout the week of Conference each program was designed to be a form of communication. In the process of planning Conference, it was decided by the planning committee that it would be unrealistic to try to get 350 persons to really know each other well in the span of one short week. The question was how to effectively solve the problem.

"What came out of that meeting was a new workshop concept; hence, a new approach to YOU Conference. It can now be said that what transpired during the week of Conference was nine mini-conferences within the one large Conference. Person-wise, the delegates related well to each other because of the proximity

within each Kaleidoscope workshop and the program emphasis.

"Kaleidoscope was a time of awareness which was spurred by the atmosphere of creativity, love, and acceptance initiated by the individual workshop leaders. We are happy to say that these times of learning were mutually enjoyed by the delegates and their leaders. A sense of uniqueness developed within each workshop as a sense of 'community' grew. Our Kaleidoscope leaders were as follows: **Linda Babbish**, associate minister, Unity Village Chapel; **Howard Caesar**, Second year S.M.R.S. Student; **Susan Downs**, Second year S.M.R.S. Student; **Joan Goodman**, South-eastern Regional YOU Coordinator; **Don Knight**, YOU Sponsor, Detroit, Mich.; **Molly Long**, YOU Sponsor, Spokane, Wash.; **Robert Marshall**, associate minister, Miami, Fla.; **Gwen Normont**, Program Director, U.I.C.E.; and **John Strickland**, YOU Coordinator.

"The other Conference programs were just as involved and as much fun as Kaleidoscope. Our guests were well received and (continued on page 15)



LETTER FROM OUR AUC PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Ministers and Teachers,

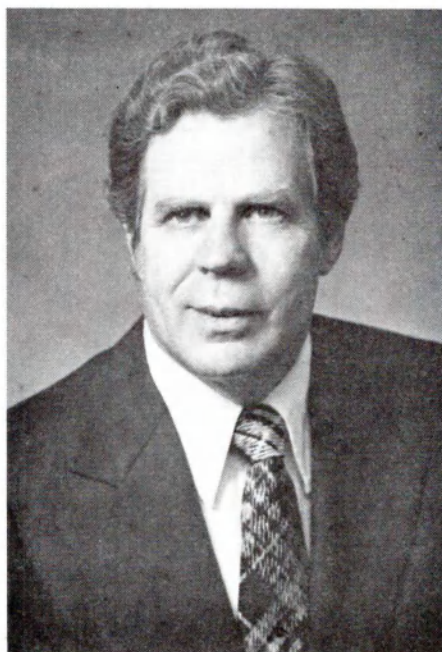
One of the duties of the new President is the appointing of individuals to serve on our various Committees. At Conference time many of you volunteered your services to serve on Committees. In fact, there were so many offers of help that we could not utilize all the talent and ability for Committee work. It is wonderful to see this great desire to serve our AUC. Your expressions of love are truly appreciated.

It has been the practice in the past for the incoming President to have a theme or project for the year. I would like to suggest that we give a great deal of our time, prayer, and effort to the idea of **EXPANSION**. I believe we have the greatest teaching in the world and that the world needs what Unity has to offer. We are training people in the ministry at an ever-increasing rate. The fact is, we are preparing more ministers than we are ministries. This year we are taking an important step toward changing this pattern.

As many of you already know, **Scott Sherman** has moved to the Chicago area to begin an AUC project of developing new ministries in this area. There are others who are working on their own or with the help of other Unity ministries in seeking to establish new ministries-- **Loren Flickinger** in Tallahassee, Florida; **Marjorie Kass** in Texas; **Jim Morjan** in Northern Colorado and Wyoming. I am sure there are others that I am not aware of. All these individuals need our prayer support.

I remember a number of years ago when at Conference we set a \$25,000 figure as a treasure map idea for expansion. This year the AUC will spend twice that amount in expansion. This is a step in the outer to fulfill that earlier step in faith, and we know that God's love will provide for this growth.

It would seem to me that at the rate we are training new ministers we will need a minimum of fifty percent growth over the next five years. This means the establishment of at least 125 new full-time ministries throughout the country. There are many cities that do not have a Unity ministry and there are some cities that could use two or three more ministries.



James C. Lewis

As we give some thought and prayer to **EXPANSION** then we can have an orderly and loving unfoldment and growth. We can then more wonderfully fulfill our true purpose which is to spread the truth to as many people as we possibly can. There will be many challenges connected with this growth but as we join together in a consciousness of loving service we shall meet these challenges successfully.

I would be very much interested in hearing from those who have ideas to share on **EXPANSION** on the local, national, and even international level.

God bless you richly,

For the AUC the word is...**EXPANSION**

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COPIES OF CONTACT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

A large number of our AUC ministries have requested that each member of their respective Boards receive an individual copy of our newsletter in order that the entire Board may be kept apprised of the activities and news regarding the AUC and the Unity Movement.

The AUC office is very pleased to respond to these requests. **If the Board of your ministry wishes to receive individual copies of CONTACT please so advise the AUC office, stating the total number of copies needed for your Board.** That number of copies will be bulk shipped directly to your ministry for distribution to your Board.

It is not necessary to submit the names and addresses of your Board members since the copies are addressed to the ministry.



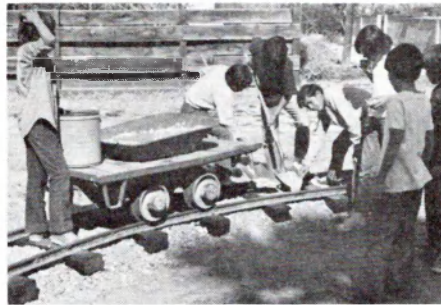
REGIONAL NEWS

C. Berton Coffey reporting for the SOUTHWEST REGION:

TUCSON, ARIZONA — Eastside Unity Church is conducting an exciting program for its Youth Group. **Jack Clemenson**, minister of this innovative outreach activity of Unity of Tucson, reports: "The members of Eastside Unity in Tucson, Arizona, have an outreach program which supports a mixed-denominational Youth Group program of activities with youngsters mostly from broken homes and mostly from the Mexican-American community.

"This is the basic background behind the fact that Eastside Unity may be unique in the Unity Movement in owning a railroad. The name of our railroad is the 'Crystal River and San Juan Southern' after the historical railroad of that name (we added 'Southern' for our extension), in western Colorado where we headquarter each summer. We have researched this and other historic railroads in Colorado. This is how it came about: One of the main activities of the Youth Group is outings and camping. The vehicles and equipment are situated in various parts of my home's large backyard. One of our good friends has a mining supply company. It occurred to the group that to connect the vehicles and resources with a curve of mining gage track (18 inches between the rails), and a car to run it on, would make an interesting and helpful operation since it would involve less carrying of equipment. This proved to be so successful (and interesting to ride, too—all railroads need large amounts of track inspection trips!), that the group continued to go to the mountains and recover rails from an old mining area on shares with our friend the owner. Finally, almost three years later, the entire backyard was circled

with track which included a switch leading off to the siding spur. The 'Golden Spike' will soon be driven when the final spiking and ballasting are completed, and the survey crew brings the track up to final grade.



Hard work ballasting at end-of-track.

"Two boy-powered flatcars have served the construction era. Now all is ready to go ahead fitting out the locomotive and regular cars. These are all on hand but must be reconstructed from standard gage (4 feet 8½ inches) to 18 inches, no small undertaking! When completed there will be a gasoline powered locomotive, passenger car (with single seats on each side of a center aisle), a caboose, box car, and of course the two flatcars (one of which with chocks converts into a tank car).



Standard gauge motor car to be converted as the locomotive for the "Crystal River and San Juan Southern Line."

"The cars and equipment have come from several commercial sources but the Southern Pacific Railroad also became interested and contributed some of the equipment. Most parts have come from Arizona, but some have come from as far away as Missouri, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico.

"The boys are very happy with their railroad but note that as yet there has been no application for service received from Amtrack."

Catherine Knight reporting for the GREAT LAKES REGION:

DES MOINES, IOWA — The Unity Center of Des Moines, under the leadership of **Bill Hines**, has been using E.E.G. (brain wave machine) biofeedback training for the past year and a half with rewarding and surprising results.

Bill reports, "We started out using the equipment to demonstrate the effect of Alpha training on the students of a meditation class (offered for six weeks at the center by Bill). The class featured various major techniques used throughout the world by Eastern and Western Religions and by meditation groups. The concluding three sessions correlated these major techniques with the seven steps in attaining 'the silence' as described by E.V. Ingraham in his booklet 'The Silence'."

Bev Hines trained 72 out of the class of a hundred or more once a week for 45 minutes each during the six weeks period, keeping careful records of the progress and comments of each student.

Bill and Bev found that though inner awareness through meditation is a very subjective and individual experience, most of the 72 persons expressed "increased awareness," unexpected spiritual or extraordinary revelation and obvious recognition of the relaxed state of Alpha. The unexpected development came in the form of "referrals" of patients by some of the local physicians. In most cases the patients were suffering psychosomatic symptoms of "anxiety or tension." The ministry offered them biofeedback training, meditation, and counseling with good results attained by most.

"It is interesting to note," says Bill, "that the only skeptics of biofeedback that I have met inside or outside of the Unity Movement are the uninformed." He goes on to say, "They believe that the machine does something to the individual. This is not true! It merely trains the person to control the machine, and in so doing, one learns to 'get the feel' of controlling or 'being aware' of his own body functions. Once the 'feel' is obtained, the machine is no longer needed or used except for occasional reminder sessions. We have taken training sessions at Menninger Institute where we learned how to avoid teaching the student dependency." *(continued on page 4)*

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Bill is now using the E.E.G. machine as part of his planned counseling program and is adding the temperature biofeedback machine to demonstrate the power of the (subconscious) mind on autonomic body processes.

Bev and Bill explain, "Unity and Metaphysicians have for years taught their students that 'you are what you think,' and that 'consciousness is demonstrated in the body and affairs,' and that the 'Power within man (God) is realized and expressed through meditation, prayer, and/or 'the silence'." We find that biofeedback is but another of God's infinite ways of bringing us realization or increased Spiritual awareness."

DETROIT, MICHIGAN — On May 8 **Jack Boland**, minister of Unity of the Infinite Presence in Detroit, was the featured speaker at a General Membership Meeting of the Chrysler Corporation Management Club. Held at the Raleigh House in Detroit, the banquet meeting was attended by some six hundred Chrysler executives.

Jack spoke on the topic "You're The Greatest" and the audience responded with a spontaneous standing ovation. Commenting on the opportunity to share Truth through presenting a confidence-building talk, Jack reports "It was an overwhelming experience. Most of the members present, many of whom are in engineering and auto styling, had never heard a talk of this nature and were unbelievably enthusiastic. I've had many calls at the church from people in the Management Club who are now listening to our Dial-A-Thought as a direct result of my appearance before them at the Raleigh House. What a marvelous feeling to be able to give to so many--just when they need it the most!"

Jack's appearance before the large group was widely publicized throughout the Chrysler organization. The corporation's newsletter, "Leader", carried an extensive feature article in its May issue on Jack and his ministry. The newsletter also highlighted the ministry's Dial-A-Thought, printing the telephone number. The June issue also carried a very fine report of Jack's talk and printed a summary of the ten main points stressed in the talk.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN — **Catherine Knight**, associate minister of Detroit Unity Association, has shared a report on "Human Potentials - 1975", which will be presented October 11, 1975, in Cobo Hall in Detroit. Catherine states that **Phillip Pierson**, co-minister of Christ Unity Church in Sacramento, California, who also serves as the Producer and Moderator of "Human Potentials - 1975" spoke at Detroit Unity Association on July 13 and had lunch with area Unity ministers on the 14th.

Phil discussed the one-day program which is designed to quicken and reinforce an awareness of man's limitless inner potentials. The area ministers responded to Phil's enthusiasm and feel that the opportunity to present "Human Potentials - 1975" to their collective communities will be an exciting experience for all.

Ministry leaders attending the luncheon were **Aelola James**, Bay City; **Shirley Bring**, Flint; **Amalie Frank**, Battle Creek; **Gene Sorenson** and **Millie Collins**, Livonia; **Onita Meyer**, Royal Oak; **Ed Hoge**, Lansing; **Roy Fox**, Jackson; **Wally Tooke**, Toledo; **Terry Havens**, Birmingham; **Glenn Mosley**, **Jack Boland**, **Ruth Mosley**, and **Louise Peak**, Detroit.

Sponsored by the Unity Ministries of the Metropolitan Detroit Area and surrounding cities, "Human Potentials - 1975" will feature **Phil** and **Dorothy Pierson**; **Elmer** and **Alyce Green**; **Evarts G. Loomis**; **Carl** and **Stephanie Simonton**; **Jack Schwartz**; **Charles King**; and pianist and organist **Joan Engel**.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN — Recently in Detroit, licensed teacher **Bonnie Leimeter** received special recognition and awards from Wayne County Community College in Detroit upon her graduation from Wayne this past June.

The Special Recognition Award which Bonnie received is given to those students who have rendered services to the College and to their fellow students outside of their daily citizenship and academic expectations. Recipients of this Award were nominated by the students and faculty and officials of the College.

The Award was presented to Bonnie during Commencement Ceremonies on June 25 by **Dr. Vriend** of Wayne College who stated: "Bonnie is an inspiration and a reminder that the pursuit of knowledge

is a joy that knows no age. In September she will be sixty-nine years young, and Wayne County Community College's oldest graduate. Bonnie has been active with the College paper as writer and feature editor. She also has been active with the Citizens Advisory Council, and has been accepted by Wayne State University's School of Business Administration."

Bonnie also received special recognition in a feature article on her which appeared in the College's newspaper. She was one of the organizers of the newspaper and its first feature writer.

JACKSON, MICHIGAN — One of the outreach activities of Unity of Jackson, Michigan, is the very effective Prison Ministry Program conducted by minister **Roy Fox**. Roy's classes on Successful Living at Southern Michigan Prison have been received by the residents with great acceptance.

Recently, Roy was featured in an extensive article in the prison newspaper. One resident who attends Roy's class was quoted in the article as saying: "I realize now that there is a great chance of my succeeding, whereas before I felt that I was doomed to failure for the rest of my life . . . I will be eternally grateful for not only having heard but experiencing the teachings in Rev. Fox's class."

Roy offered the book Psycho-Cybernetics to the class members at cost. He states: "They all bought them, and were thrilled to get them. The class attendance averages 25, and they all come voluntarily. They pay very strict attention, and drink in the Truth like you never saw before! Two of the men, each separately, and each unknown to the other told me: 'I'll always be glad I was arrested and brought here where I could come under this teaching, for I know I'd never have heard this "out there".'"

Each week Roy has a "drawing" in which the class members put their names on slips of paper and one of them draws a name. The man whose name is drawn receives a book on Truth as a gift from Roy.

Kay Arndt reporting for the NORTHWEST REGION:

PORTLAND, OREGON — 1975 marks *(continued on page 5)*

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the **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY** of Unity Center of Portland. Since its establishment in the fall of 1925 by the late **Marion Lance**, this Unity ministry has for fifty years continued to meet the spiritual needs of the people in its community. Under the initial leadership of Marion, then **Ross Goodman** from 1956 until 1965, and **Leslie Saunders** from 1965 until May 1975, Unity Center Church in Portland has unfolded and expanded its abilities to effectively teach the principles of Truth.

In recognition of this significant anniversary, the ministry earlier this year produced a beautiful book setting forth in photographs and text the history and activities of Unity Center Church. The book itself, professionally done in a most artistic manner, serves as a fine example of the quality of service to others which this ministry has maintained.

We know each AUC member joins in rejoicing and giving thanks for Unity Center Church.



Shown above are the front and rear views of the new home of Unity of Salem.

SALEM, OREGON — **Betty Owers**, minister of Unity of Salem, has shared photographs of the Salem ministry and the following report: "Unity of Salem moved to its new home on April 15, 1975, and held its first service there Sunday, April 20, with 100 people attending. **Les Saunders**, then minister of the Portland Unity Center, joined me in a dialogue based on the title, 'On a Clear Day'.

"Our new home is located on the top of a hill overlooking Mt. Jefferson and

Mt. Hood and on a clear day, we can see 'almost forever'. The house is situated on five acres of beautiful hill-top land and is ideally arranged for our present needs. The 5,500 square feet includes a large living room with fireplace and picture windows, perfect for our sanctuary; church office; minister's office, library; and fully equipped kitchen. To top that off--the main floor is duplicated downstairs so we have Sunday School space and a large fellowship hall with kitchen and fireplace. Everyone says 'It's perfect!' and it is. And when we outgrow this building, we can build a lovely sanctuary on our acreage and use the house as our education building.

"The property became available to us last August and between September and March we were able to raise the down-payment of \$13,500 through gifts of \$8,200 and a generous loan from a friend. For a 'two-year-old Center' with a small membership, we think this was a great demonstration."

Loren Flickinger reporting for the **SOUTHEASTERN REGION**:

SARASOTA, FLORIDA — **Rudy Nan**, minister of First Unity Center of Sarasota, Florida, was recently elected to serve as President of the Sarasota Ministerial Association.



First Unity Center of Sarasota, Florida, has been completely refurbished and parking space added.

Rudy also reported on certain improvements to the ministry's facilities. He stated: "We have doubled our parking space due to our growing attendance. We also have completely refurbished the Center inside and out. We are very

pleased with what we have accomplished so far. Of course, God willing, this is only the beginning. We have doubled the attendance, also our income, and this makes everyone feel good."

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA — The 13th Annual Southeast Unity Retreat was held August 4-8 at the Don CeSar Resort Hotel at St. Petersburg Beach, Florida. **Paul Barrett**, who serves as Chairman of the planning committee for the Retreat reports: "The Retreat has been described as one of the most successful in our history. There were more than 600 Registrants. Unity people occupied the full 300 room facilities of this historic and beautiful hotel on the Gulf of Mexico. The theme of the Retreat was 'Mind: the Master Power,' taken from **Charles Roth's** book by the same name. Charles was the principle speaker, though the program involved approximately twenty-five other Unity ministers during its four day period.

"It was commonly stated that the spiritual consciousness of the Retreat ran high. Aside from those who were involved from our Region, this was in large measure due to Charles Roth's outstanding evening presentations, and the fabulous musical talents of our organist, **Lou Bass**, and our piano-vocalist, **Clarice Crawford** of Montego Bay, Jamaica. The two musicians have been invited to be with us once again in 1976. A choir formed by Lou Bass performed for the Retreat and added greatly to the stature of its programs.

"Next year, the 14th Annual Southeast Unity Retreat will once again be held at the Don CeSar Hotel. The dates are August 9 through 13, 1976. Our goal--an even better Retreat '76 in the Southeast."

Serving with Paul on the Retreat Planning Committee for 1975 were **Catherine Brooks**, **Ross** and **Joan Goodman**, **David Monument**, **James Parkinson**, and **James Sherman**. The Committee will be the same for the 1976 Retreat with the addition of **Leslie Saunders**, replacing James Sherman, who is now in our Toronto ministry. An exceptionally well planned and executed publicity campaign for the Retreat was conducted under the direction and guidance of the Planning Committee. The professional manner in which the printed materials and logistics (continued on page 6)

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of the program were done contributed greatly to the overall success of the Retreat.

The excellent newspaper coverage of the entire activities was also an indication of fine publicity work. The St. Petersburg Times devoted the cover and two pages of its Saturday, August 9, edition of "Crossroads Magazine of Religion" to the Retreat. The feature length article which included a number of photographs and quotes from people attending the activities was written by **Lee Kelly**, a St. Petersburg Times staff writer who covered the four day program.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA — Paul Barrett also reported that: "We have adopted a new name for our new center building, a rented facility in a local shopping center. The name is **THE UNITY CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT**. The center building consists of offices of Unity Christ Church and classroom facilities for midweek activities. Our Worship Service activities are being conducted in a thousand seat hall located in the Senior Citizen's Building on the Bayfront Region in St. Petersburg. Though we are not yet filling the thousand seats in our 2½ year old ministry, we are moving steadily in that direction and rejoice in our continued growth and expansion.

"It might be of interest to note that our shopping center location has attracted a considerable number of new persons to our ministry, many of them through visiting our lending library and metaphysical book sales room.

"In addition to the regular devotional service conducted on Sunday by me, **James Parkinson** now conducts a Contemporary Service in the Shopping Center Building at a time which preceeds that of the principle service. This Contemporary Service has grown to such a degree we are now being pressed for space in which to hold it. That, of course, is the kind of expansion we like to have.

"For the first time in its history Unity Christ Church now has a choir. In its first appearance on Sunday, August 17, it consisted of approximately 30 voices. More are expected as time unfolds. **Lou Bass**, whose credits in the musical field

include appearances with Lawrence Welk, Billy Graham in his Youth For Christ Crusade, and more recently as Concert Organist for Thomas Organ Company, is the new Music Director of Unity Christ Church."

Paul also shared the news that his ministry and Unity Temple of Truth, under the leadership of **Catherine Brooks**, are going to combine their congregations for one Sunday in October, the 26th. They will have as principle speaker at that time **Wildorf E. Goodison-Orr** of Kingston, Jamaica. Paul stated: "This will be the first time these two congregations have come together to participate in a Sunday service. How wonderful it is to have unity in Unity."

John Cuddeback reporting for the **EASTERN REGION:**

HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK — Carolyn J. Michael, minister of Unity in Huntington, New York, shares the following report on the weekend Spiritual Healing Retreat recently conducted by the ministry at the Daughters of Wisdom Renewal House in Litchfield, Connecticut: "Forty-five persons attended the retreat which consisted of the Charles Fillmore Teachings on Spiritual Healing--a work-shop format on Saturday with time for meditation and silence, joy singing, sharing delicious food--and prayers for the healing prayer requests that were sent to us. It was a success in every way and there is a strong desire for additional retreats of this nature.

"I have a four page printed program outlining the format and the program that I prepared for this retreat. I will be happy to make this available to any center leader who might be interested in this type of activity."

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

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI —Members of Unity of Independence, Missouri, held a one day Mini-Retreat, Saturday, June 28, at Unity Village. The activities were centered in the Unity Village Clubhouse. The retreat theme was "Inward Ho! — Trails to Spiritual Unfoldment." Parti-

cipating in the program were **J. Sig Paulson**, co-minister of Unity Village Chapel; **Elva Holcombe** and **Margaret (Midge) Berkman**, our Unity leaders in Australia; **Randolph Wilkinson**, Unity minister conducting classes in Blue Springs, Missouri; and **George and Marilyn Rieger**, co-ministers of Unity of Independence.

The retreatants enjoyed a varied program that included lectures, joy singing, discussions, and small group "serendipity" activities designed to build spiritual awareness and promote in-depth sharing and friendship. A tour of Unity buildings and grounds followed lunch at the new Unity Inn.

The retreat concluded with a special circle of prayer in which each retreatant was inspired to write a personal blessing for Unity of Independence--in much the same style as the ceremony that was held at the close of the AUC Annual Conference this June. George Rieger stated: "This is one of the best things that has happened at Unity of Independence. It has built a closeness and sense of common purpose among our people that has really helped our ministry."

ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI — Carol Nash and our Unity ministry in St. Joseph were featured in a booklet published recently by the St. Joseph News-Press. Entitled "Faiths We Live By," the booklet devoted three of its sixty pages to the Unity work in St. Joseph. In addition to a very fine report on Carol and the service rendered to the St. Joseph community by Unity Church of Practical Christianity, the section described Unity in a positive and accurate manner.

Author of the booklet is **Mrs. Phyllis Wright**, editor of the Daily Living section of The News-Press. The eighteen articles in the booklet originally appeared in the St. Joseph newspaper as a series on the historical development and the principal beliefs of various religious denominations.

Mrs. Wright stated that the purpose of the series - and the booklet - was not to make converts to any particular faith. Rather, it was intended to give the readers a better understanding of what different persons believe.

We bless Carol Nash, who has now entered the Clinical Pastoral Education *(continued on page 7)*

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training program in Bethany Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, for the fine leadership she gave to the St. Joseph ministry.

UNITY VILLAGE, MISSOURI — **J. Sig Paulson**, co-minister of Unity Village Chapel, is a member of the Executive Board of the International New Thought Alliance (INTA) and has shared a report on the 60th Anniversary INTA Congress conducted July 6-11, 1975, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago, Illinois.

Sig stated: "**Johnnie Coleman** was the Congress Chairperson and she did a magnificent job. It was the largest, most spectacular and successful INTA Congress in history, I'm sure, and Unity was well represented. As you know, **Blaine C. Mays**, our Unity minister from Phoenix, is the president of the INTA. We had many expressions of interest, love, and appreciation for Unity and its work. Daily Word was often mentioned. A number of people expressed their desire and plan to come to Unity Village for a retreat. Others requested information on the UICE and ministerial training program."

AUC members, other than Sig and Blaine, participating in the INTA Congress were: **Richard Billings**, **John Cuddeback**, **Donald Curtis**, **Hal and Flo Dibblee**, **Grace Free**, **Edward Jennens**, **Robert Means**, **Jane Paulson**, and **Sue Sikking**.

WHO'S WHO IN AUC



Norma Matthews joined the AUC staff in September 1974 as Mag-Card Operator. Effective August 15, she has accepted the full-time responsibility as

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By the time you read this, if you are a minister in charge of a member ministry, you have received and returned your copy of the questionnaire from Barton Associates. Of course, at this writing, we have no response from Barton Associates but that response will be forthcoming in due course and will be shared with you through these pages. In advance, I want to take this opportunity to thank you and bless you for your shared thought. I know how important our Movement and our ministry is to you in every way.

As we move into the fall season of busy activities in our ministries, I personally look forward eagerly to my visits with you at the regional conference level. I've already had the opportunity to meet with our colleagues in the Northwest Region. The Conference was held at Bend, Oregon, and it was tremendous. It was a good attendance and there was a great spirit of harmony and unity among the ministers and teachers there.

During a discussion session, I was asked by one of our ministers why there was any question in anyone's mind as to our combined readiness and ability to meet whatever expense is required to establish new ministries. This was asked in light of the financial report in the June issue of *CONTACT* that gave us the closing figures for our last fiscal year.

operator of the IBM Electronic Selectric Composer.

Her new responsibility will also include all graphic arts work and copy layout for *CONTACT*. She will also assist in the layout and artwork of all materials printed by the AUC.

A native of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Norma lived in Farmington, Missouri, and Littleton, Colorado, prior to joining the AUC staff. Her husband, **Larry**, is a

You will recall that it stated that we had an excess of income over expenses of more than \$99,000.00. Although this is a very accurate figure, it is a misleading one. Nearly eight years ago, the Board of Trustees of the AUC made the decision which was ratified by the Conference Body that all non-recurring income should be held and not expended. Non-recurring income is made up of monies received by the AUC as bequests from estates. Approximately \$91,300.00 of the above figure was non-recurring income.

If you look back over the accounts for each of the years that the Association of Unity Churches has been operating, we have done remarkably well. Each year has surpassed the previous year in support received from our ministries. Every ministry that supports our Association in whatever way it is guided to do so can feel a deep sense of pride in the strength that we are creating in our unity together. It is, of course, through this kind of sharing both spiritually and physically that we can accomplish collectively those things that individual ministries cannot accomplish on their own.

To me it is a source of great encouragement that our Conference Body has chosen to use the assets available in our Partnership account and in our Tithe account to make possible the development of new ministries. This will be an exciting year, one in which we will see great accomplishment, growth, and fulfillment.

I know that you join with us all in a continuing consciousness of faith in the perfect outworking of the Father's will in our AUC. Isn't it wonderful to work together in Truth?

company representative for a container manufacturing firm in Kansas City, Missouri.

Norma enjoys sewing, needlework, and gardening in her spare time. Norma and Larry have two sons and reside in nearby Lee's Summit.

We bless Norma for the creative talents she shares with the AUC office, and give thanks for her dedication to our ministry of service.

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,**

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| Atlanta, Ga. | Unity Church of Christianity |
| Bozeman, Mont. | New ministry being pioneered |
| Detroit, Mich. | Detroit Unity Association |
| Grand Junction, Colo. | Unity of Grand Junction |
| Hemet, Calif. | New member ministry |
| Hot Springs, Ark. | Unity Center of Hot Springs |
| Kansas City, Mo. | Unity Northeast Church |
| Kansas City, Mo. | Unity Southeast Church |
| Lansing, Mich. | Unity of Greater Lansing |
| Lexington, Ky. | Unity of Lexington |
| Modesto, Calif. | Unity Church of Modesto |
| North Hollywood, Calif. | Unity Church of North Hollywood and Burbank |
| Overland, Mo. | Overland Unity Center |
| Overland Park, Kans. | Unity Church of Living Truth |
| Pine Bluff, Ark. | Unity Church of Practical Christianity |
| Portland, Ore. | Unity Center Church |
| San Francisco, Calif. | Unity Christ Church |
| Seattle, Wash. | Unity Church of Truth |
| Spokane, Wash. | Unity Church of Truth |
| Tallahassee, Fla. | Unity of Tallahassee |
| Temple, Tex. | Unity Church of Temple |
| Vancouver, B.C., Can. | Unity Centre of Practical Christianity |
| Waco, Tex. | Unity Church of Waco |

Frank Giudici, Martha Giudici, Gwen Norment, J. Sig Paulson, Jane Paulson, Edward Rabel, Robert P. Sikking, Philip White, and Ernest Wilson. Any Unity minister who is guided to express an interest in serving in any particular ministry should make application to the Placement Committee.

PLACEMENT STATUS

Elayne Decker, 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as minister

Open

Jeannie Horton, 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand, establishing ministry

Open — **Mayola SaltPaw**, 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as associate minister

Dan Kellerstrass, 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as minister

Pierre Gallardo, former associate minister in Walnut Creek, Calif., accepted as minister

John Kelley, 1975 SMRS graduate and Licensed Minister, accepted as minister

Jane Hungerford, 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as minister

Rowland Jenkins, 1975 SMRS graduate and Licensed Minister, accepted as minister

Open — **Edward Hoge** resigned

Lucille Knebel, 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as minister

Open

Conrad Stahl made his transition on August 25, 1975. **Jim Sims**, 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as minister

Larry Miller, 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as minister

Open — **Dona Unfried** has taken a sabbatical leave

Open

Open — **Marion Brown** serving as interim minister

Gwen Norment accepted as minister

Opening for an associate minister

David McClure accepted as minister

Loren Flickinger establishing a new ministry

A new ministry led by **Polly Dozier**

Max Lafser accepted as minister

A new ministry developed from a study group which will be led by **Polly Dozier**

IN MEMORIAM

The AUC office has been advised of the transition on August 25, 1975, of **Conrad Stahl**, our Unity minister in North Hollywood. We know that each member of our Association joins in blessing Conrad as he continues in his spiritual ongoing.

Conrad was graduated by SMRS in 1974 and ordained in August of that year. Upon ordination he accepted the leadership of Unity Church of North Hollywood and Burbank, California.

We know your thoughts and blessings unite with ours as we extend our loving prayers to his wife, **Lela**, and their family.

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES



SMRS STUDENT BODY OFFICERS for the 1975-76 school year are: (left to right) **Glenn Robinson**, Chaplain and Advisor; **David King**, Treasurer; **Roger Tiffany**, Vice-President; **Rebecca Miller**, Secretary; and **Thomas Witherspoon**, President.

Glenn Robinson, Chaplain and Advisor — Glenn is a native of Kentucky. He received a Bachelor of Music degree from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior to entering SMRS, Glenn was first percussionist for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and attended New Thought Unity Center. Glenn and his wife, **Marinka**, have two children.

David King, Treasurer — David is from Arlington, Virginia. He attended Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio, receiving a degree in Business Administration. Prior to entering the ministry, David was a career employee with the United States Government in Washington, D.C., and attended and served in our Unity ministry there. David and his wife, **Marguerite**, have four grown sons.

Roger Tiffany, Vice-President — A native of California, Roger received a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Francisco State College and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Berkeley Baptist Divinity School in California. Before entering SMRS, Roger served as a social

worker in Stockton, California. He attended Unity Church of Stockton, where he served as co-leader of Y.A.U. and Y.O.U. Roger's wife, **Kay**, is a first year SMRS student.

Rebecca Miller, Secretary — Becky is from Roanoke, Virginia, where she served in various capacities at Unity of Roanoke Valley. She attended Famous Writer's School in Westport, Connecticut, receiving her degree. A free lance writer prior to entering SMRS, Becky now works part-time in the Promotion Department of Unity School. She and **Larry Miller**, our minister in Overland, Missouri, were married this August.

Thomas Witherspoon, President — Tom is a native of Indiana where he received an Associate of Arts degree from Vincennes University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Indiana University. Prior to entering the ministry, Tom was City Editor of the daily newspaper in Decatur, Illinois, and attended and served Unity Church of Decatur. Tom and his wife, **Marilyn**, who is a first year SMRS student, have four children.

UNITY'S SPECIAL BLESSING BOOKLETS AVAILABLE FROM AUC

Just a reminder that the following special blessing booklets are available through the Silent-70 Department of AUC:

A Golden Treasury - Fifty Years with DAILY WORD; Living With Confidence; God is Blessing You Now; Ideas to Live By; Begin Life Anew; The Word is Power.

Please advise the AUC office of the titles and quantities you wish to request.

UNITY SCHOOL RECEIVES GRAPHICS AWARD



Charles R. Fillmore, President of Unity School, and **Anna Finfrock**, Art Director, Promotion Department, shown with the award plaque.

We are privileged to announce that Unity School has been awarded a plaque in recognition of the excellence of the graphics done by **Anna Finfrock** in the summer premium booklet "Letters of Spiritual Counsel."

The plaque was presented to Unity by Kimberly-Clark Paper Corporation of St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

The plaque reads: "The mark of excellence awarded by Kimberly-Clark for superior craftsmanship and skill in pursuit of graphic communication to Unity School of Christianity for the Letters of Spiritual Counsel booklet."

We congratulate Anna on her outstanding work. "Letters of Spiritual Counsel" is indeed a beautiful booklet.

S.M.R.S. APPLICATIONS FOR 1976-77 — Please remember that the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies is eager to receive applications for September 1976 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.**

INTENSIVE:
October 6-10, 1975

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

FALL TRIMESTER
September 8 through December 19, 1975

HOLIDAY:

Thanksgiving - Nov. 27, 28, 1975

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|----------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| 8:00 to 8:50 | STUDENT CHAPEL SERVICE | 1 C4 ENGLISH USAGE (Grace Rose) 2 TR SPEECH II (William L. Fischer) | 1 C4 UNITY FUNDAMENTALS (Ed Rabel) 2 TR COUNSELING II (Frank Giudici) | 1 C4 ENGLISH USAGE (Grace Rose) 2 TR SPEECH II (William L. Fischer) | 1 C4 ENGLISH USAGE (Grace Rose) 2 TR SPEECH II (William L. Fischer) |
| 9:00 to 9:50 | 1 TR SPEECH I (William L. Fischer) 2 C4 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel) | 1 TR SPEECH I (William L. Fischer) 2 C4 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel) | 1 TR SPIRITUAL HEALING (Phil White) 2 C4 CENTER ADMINISTRATION (William L. Fischer) | 1 TR UNITY FUNDAMENTALS (Ed Rabel) 2 C4 CENTER ADMINISTRATION (William L. Fischer) | 1 TR SPEECH I (William L. Fischer) 2 C4 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel) |
| 10:00 to 10:50 | 1 C4 UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE (Frank Giudici) 2 TR TWELVE POWERS (Martha Giudici) | 1 C4 UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE (Frank Giudici) 2 TR CENTER ADMINISTRATION (William L. Fischer) | - - - - - INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR - - - - - | | |
| 11:00 to 11:50 | 1 TR UNITY FUNDAMENTALS (Ed Rabel) 2 C4 COUNSELING II (Frank Giudici) | 1 & 2 SU SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING 1 & 2 SU SILENT UNITY WORKSHOP (Robert Sikking) | 1 & 2 SU SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING (Martha Giudici) 1 & 2 SU SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING (Martha Giudici) 1 SUVC MEDITATION WORKSHOP (Martha Giudici) 2 C4 CREDO PREPARATION (Phil White) 1 & 2 SU SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING (Martha Giudici) 1 & 2 SU SILENT UNITY WORKSHOP (Robert Sikking) 2 C4 COUNSELING II (Frank Giudici) | | |

SMRS GRADUATION AND ORDINATION SERVICE AT UNITY VILLAGE

On Friday evening, August 15, 1975, thirty-one students were graduated by our School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and received either Ordination or Licensed Minister recognition from the Association of Unity Churches. The service was conducted in the Activities Center at Unity Village.

Presentation of SMRS diplomas was made by **William L. Fischer**, Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC. **James C. Lewis**, President of the AUC, officiated during the ordination

portion of the program and was the main speaker. **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC, gave the invocation.

Special blessing for the newly ordained and licensed ministers, and the benediction was led by **James Dillet Freeman**, Director of Silent Unity. Speaking as a representative of the graduating class was **Margaret Berkman** of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. The soloist for the graduation and ordination service was **Barry Knowles**, a SMRS student.



The August 1975 graduates (names in bold type) and their placement locations are: seated, left to right, **William L. Fischer**, Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC; **Connie Haines**, Sacramento, California; **Lila Proby**, awaiting placement; **Ed Myler**, awaiting placement; **Ardath Dixon**, awaiting placement; **Jane Hungerford**, Kansas City, Missouri; **James C. Lewis**, President of the AUC.

Second row standing, left to right, **Elayne Decker**, Ann Arbor, Michigan; **Mayola SaltPaw**, Detroit, Michigan; **Mark Smith** (Licensed Minister), Delray Beach, Florida; **Susan Colombero**, awaiting placement; **Duane Hardy**, Madison Wisconsin; **Diana MacDonald**, New Port Richey, Florida; **Rowland Jenkins** (Licensed Minister), Kansas City, Missouri; **Elva Holcombe**, Sydney, Australia; **Rod Tally**, Stockton, California; **Margaret Berkman**, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia; **Dan Kellerstrass**, Grand Junction, Colorado; **Mary Alice Brown**, awaiting placement; **Larry Miller**, Overland, Missouri.

Third row standing, left to right, **Clem Thrift**, Birmingham, Alabama; **John Kelley** (Licensed Minister), Hot Springs, Arkansas; **Marilyn Rieger**, Independence, Missouri; **William B. Dale**, Public Relations Department, Unity Village, Missouri; **Scott Thornton**, Daytona Beach, Florida; **Joseph Stover** (Licensed Minister),

Santa Ana, California; **Gary Redfern**, San Luis Obispo, California; **Robert Preston**, awaiting placement; **Jeannie Horton**, Bozeman, Montana; **Richard Ammons**, St. Joseph, Missouri; **Lucille Knebel**, Lexington, Kentucky; **William Esslinger**, Radio-Television Department, Unity Village, Missouri; and **Jim Sims**, North Hollywood, California.

SMRS INTENSIVE SEMINARS

The School for Ministerial and Religious Studies would like to invite any ordained Unity minister who would like to present an intensive seminar for the SMRS students to submit a written proposal outlining such seminar. The seminars should cover subjects in which the minister has demonstrated a high degree of expertise. Intensive seminars are normally scheduled to cover from one day (four classroom hours) to five days (17 classroom hours). The proposals must be in writing and will be considered by the SMRS faculty. The seminars may either be conducted by an individual minister or in conjunction with other ministers.

Please send all proposals to: **William L. Fischer**, School for Ministerial and Religious Studies, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

October

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|---|--|
| 1 | Shirley Bring Robert Kehoe Marie Paben George Stone |
| 2 | Margaret Butterworth William Clark Nancy Neal Marie Spindle |
| 3 | Dan Kellerstrass Eleonore Krafft Charles Lelly |
| 4 | Arthur Hammons Gwendolyn Hopkins Louise Phipps |
| 5 | Edna Sessions |
| 7 | Rosetta Weaver |
| 8 | Robert E. Barth Lyla George |

October

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| 9 | Maya B. Grace |
| 10 | Phillip Smedstad* |
| 11 | Luis Mora Merton Thorpe Dona Unfried |
| 12 | Daniel Noble Pete Rhea |
| 14 | Lucille Knebel Edna Powers Sampson |
| 15 | Esther Lewist† |
| 17 | Lillian Jacobs Douglas Morton |
| 18 | Ethel Crouch Larry Kendrick Geraldine T. Peterson David Zeliff |
| 19 | Arleen Aull |
| 20 | Elsbeth Bedford Gertrude Erickson Nicholas Sidovar Robert P. Sikking |

October

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| 21 | Evan Clark Lloyd Felter Bob Hungerford* |
| 22 | Berton Coffey William Grenson Norma Harrer Ferne Mack† Elise Rosenburg† |
| 23 | Stan Hampson Ruth Hetherington |
| 25 | Marilou Smith* |
| 26 | Everett Blackman |
| 27 | Dale Batesole David Williamson |
| 28 | Susan Downs* Leone MacMillan |
| 30 | Dorothea Fowler Gwen Norment |
| 31 | Mabel Swanson Rod Tally |

† Minister Emeritus

* SMRS Student Minister

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES
Statement of General Fund Operations
Four Months Ended 7/31/75

| | June | July | Year to Date |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| INCOME — OPERATIONS: | | | |
| General Love Offering | \$26,904.00 | \$25,220.79 | \$108,555.82 |
| Education Dept. Love Offering | 1,276.00 | 810.00 | 4,052.42 |
| Other Income | 515.40 | 1,803.01 | 8,881.93 |
| | 28,695.40 | 27,833.80 | 121,490.17 |
| Less: Tithe Transfer | 2,690.40 | 2,522.08 | 10,855.58 |
| Gross Profit Materials | 901.12 | 2,040.50 | 5,004.78 |
| Total Income | 26,906.12 | 27,352.22 | 115,639.37 |
| EXPENSES — OPERATIONS: | | | |
| General Office | 23,902.78 | 29,033.53 | 93,962.98 |
| Education Dept. | 7,699.67 | 10,811.90 | 35,184.25 |
| Total Expenses | 31,602.45 | 39,845.43 | 129,147.23 |
| INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES: | <u>\$(4,696.33)</u> | <u>\$(12,493.21)</u> | <u>\$(13,507.86)</u> |
| NON-OPERATING INCOME: | | | |
| Non-Recurring Income | -- | <u>\$ 23,500.00</u> | <u>\$ 24,500.00</u> |

LICENSED TEACHER RECOGNITIONS

The Ad Hoc Licensing and Ordination Committee meets following each UICE session. Recently, this Committee met with and approved seventeen applicants for Licensed Teacher recognition. The AUC Board of Trustees ratified such recognitions and we are pleased to welcome into the family of the AUC: **Sheila M. Banta**, Pomona, California; **Billie Blain**, Lake Worth, Florida; **Marion R. Brand**, Phoenix, Arizona; **Greg Brown**, Bayside, New York; **Martha Gray Cole**, Tacoma, Washington; **Myrtle Fitzpatrick**, Asheville, North Carolina; **Charles Gingerich**, Boulder, Colorado; **Lois Leibach**, Seattle, Washington; **Rebecca Lindemeyer**, Dallas, Texas; **Zelda Loader**, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; **Maryann C. Maier**, St. Joseph, Missouri; **Robert A. Saling, Sr.**, Hurst, Texas; **Aurea Sanchez**, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; **Carole Lee Scott**, Springfield, Illinois; **Dorthea Smith**, Lee's Summit, Missouri; **Nancy Whistler**, Newaygo, Michigan; and **Viola Williamson**, Langely, B.C., Canada.

DR. ROCCO A. ERRICO FEATURED IN ACTIVITIES CENTER PROGRAMS



Dr. Rocco A. Errico

On July 19-22, Unity School of Christianity presented a series of lectures by **Dr. Rocco A. Errico**, Founder and President of the Aramaic Bible Center, Inc., in San Antonio, Texas. Speaking in the new Activities Center at Unity Village, Dr. Errico's theme for the series was "The Life and Teachings of Jesus in the Light of His Language, People, and Times."

Dr. Errico presented four well attended public lectures beginning at 7:30 p.m. each evening. His topics were "Jesus Teaches a Universal State of Peace and Harmony," "Jesus Teaches the Principle of Light and Law--Hell and Nonresistance," "Jesus Teaches Love and Prayer--Money and Worry," and "How Jesus Taught the Love of God." A question and answer session was included at each lecture.

In addition to the evening series Dr. Errico was the guest speaker at both Sunday Worship services on July 20 at the Unity Village Chapel. At the 9:30 a.m. Worship service Dr. Errico joined **J. Sig Paulson**, minister of Unity Village Chapel, in a dialogue on "East and West Look at the Bible." The 11:00 a.m. Worship service featured Dr. Errico speaking on "What is God?--A Semitic Viewpoint."

Dr. Errico presented in his programs a Mid-Eastern viewpoint of the Bible, a subject on which he is well qualified to speak. He was personally taught by the outstanding Biblical authority, Dr. George

M. Lamsa, a native Assyrian who translated the Bible from ancient Aramaic (the language of Jesus). Dr. Errico speaks and writes Aramaic, and his keen insight into ancient Eastern culture has made him one of the most sought-after speakers in the nation. He has lectured throughout the United States, the British Isles, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and the Holy Land. He has also appeared on numerous radio and television talk shows throughout the country and has always been well received.

"Looking at the Bible from a Mid-Eastern standpoint is necessary in order to translate accurately," stated Errico. "One must have an understanding of the Aramaic language, the idioms, mysticism, culture, psychology, and symbols of the Middle East. The English Bibles contain about 1,000 idioms which have been translated literally," he continued, "and these are very misleading. In our own language we have many idioms--such as 'in a stew' or 'in a pickle'. Likewise," Errico said, "the Aramaic language has idioms which are expressive to persons who speak the language but meaningless when translated into another language."

In commenting on the differences in translations of the Bible, Dr. Errico stated, "There are about 12,000 differences between the translations of the Bible by Western scholars and the translation from the Aramaic."

Dr. Errico previously visited Unity Village in early May to conduct a seminar for Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. In addition he gave two public lectures, including a Sunday Worship service at Unity Village Chapel on Mother's Day, when he spoke on "What the Bible Really Teaches About Women." The creation story in Genesis was an example cited by Dr. Errico of an Eastern idiom taken literally. In his talk, Dr. Errico stated, "The whole story of the woman tempting the man comes from a Mid-Eastern custom, in which the woman must protect her man. As a result, if the man does something wrong she takes the blame."

Due to the many requests for additional information on the Eastern viewpoint following Dr. Errico's lectures in May, this July return engagement was scheduled.

UNITY SCHOOL PRESENTS "GODSPELL"



Cast members of the Great Day Acting Company are: (front row, left to right) Vicki Banks, Barb Book, Mark Brown, Martha Bayless, Beth Bayless, and Penni Lu Prewitt. Standing, left to right, Karen Zuber, Gary Techentien, and Mike Lott.

Unity School of Christianity presented the Great Day Acting Company in the popular musical "Godspell," on Friday evening, August 1, 1975. This was the first theatrical production to be presented in the new Activities Center at Unity Village and there was standing room only in the 1,118 seat auditorium. **Foster McClellan**, Chairman of the Program Planning Committee for the Activities Center, stated, "The Activities Center is fully equipped for theatrical productions and 'Godspell' was chosen for its subject matter and universal appeal."

A modern interpretation of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, "Godspell" uses drama, pathos, soft shoe, vaudeville, and nearly every other aspect of theatrical staging. As originally conceived by the author, John-Michael Tebelak, the play was designed to show that the passion of Jesus Christ was to teach love and joy in the hearts of people, and the play evokes an enthusiasm for life and common love for mankind among the cast and audience. Breaking the bounds of traditional stage productions, "Godspell" included the audience. Some of the action took place in and through the audience, making them an integral part of the show.

One of the nicest things about "Godspell" is the music and the audience's participation by clapping and joining in on familiar songs which included "Day by Day", "Turn Back O'Man", and many others. Musical accompaniment was provided by "The Wings of Pegasus" through (continued on page 14)

"GODSPELL"

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the cooperation of the Kansas City Federation of Musicians Local Number 221-6934 and Goldman Dell Booking Agency. The band graciously gave of their time and talents to supply the score for "Godspell."

The Great Day Acting Company is comprised of local talent and is under the direction of **Chris Jackson** of Kansas City, who is a member of the Public Relations staff at Unity School of Christianity. Chris attended Kansas State University and Kansas State Teachers College where he majored in theatre. **Laura O'Neill** of Overland Park, Kansas, did the choreography for "Godspell". Miss O'Neill studied with the Joffrey Dance Company in New York and has been actively involved in area community theatre. The pianist was **Cathy Dykman** of Overland Park, with costumes and properties by **Jennifer Botten**, also of Overland Park.

The musical was open to the public at no charge.



BOOK RACK

PATTERNS FOR SELF-UNFOLDMENT BY RANDOLPH & LEDDY SCHMELIG

Patterns for Self-Unfoldment, by **Randolph and Leddy Schmelig**, which has been appearing in serial form in UNITY Magazine, is now brought together under one cover as a new Unity Book. The book contains twenty "how to" lessons for spiritual development and was a Unity Book Club selection for June, 1975.

The following are excerpts from the review by **Hugh R. Horne** of Patterns for Self-Unfoldment which appeared in the April issue of UNITY Magazine: "This reviewer must confess that after reading the first two lessons of Patterns for Self-Unfoldment, appearing originally in UNITY Magazine, he was unimpressed and, as a result, made a spur-of-the-moment decision to bypass the subsequent

installments. However, a member of our family, who followed the series faithfully, became an enthusiastic booster after the fourth lesson and, needing no further inducement, we were convinced to resume our study of the series.

"The lessons are simply written, and it is perhaps for this reason that they have gained wide acclaim and wholehearted appeal. It now seems apparent that not since the presentation of Lessons in Truth in popular form has a series been more enthusiastically received. These lessons have become a great boon and real encouragement to many, particularly the beginning student in Unity philosophy and truth.

"Presented in five Patterns with four lessons in each, the exercises are challenging and inspiring 'through which you may learn to realize for yourself, to experience at firsthand, and to express more fully the infinite spiritual potential that is within each and all.'

"At the outset the authors set forth practical guidelines for practice which should prove helpful in any study. They include an attitude of expectancy, thankfulness, willingness and readiness, self-discipline, physical and mental preparation, and affirmation and denial.

"The five Patterns are 'Learning to Let Go,' 'Learning to Reach Out,' 'Learning to Look Inward,' 'Learning Wholeness,' and 'Learning Abundance.' The authors stress the importance of taking the proper time to make the necessary mental and physical preparation in order to know oneself, to know others, to know God.

"Copious quotations are used from many sources, including thoughts from the best books ever printed and advocated by Unity. These are adeptly correlated with the material in each lesson.

"Diagrams are used to illustrate the various lesson points and emphasize the practical affirmations and denials. For instance: 'Focus your thoughts on the diagram of a scale, then affirm, My body is the temple of God, and I am in perfect balance; my mind is centered in God, and I am in perfect balance. I deny negative conditions in my body . . . I deny negative conditions in my mind . . . I deny all that seems negative in my life and in the lives of others . . . I hold to the positive ideal of wholeness.'

"Read this book, follow the truths set

forth, enter into the practical exercises suggested, and it will doubtless change your entire life."

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

CASSETTES BY DR. IRMA GLEN

Three cassettes by **Dr. Irma Glen**, renowned organist, are now available from the Cassette Department of Unity School. Recognized as the originator of Music Prayer Therapy, Dr. Glen holds doctorates in both music and religion. The three cassettes are: "Music Prayer Therapy" and "Meditation and Music" on one tape; "Music, a Bridge to Higher Consciousness" on another; and "Christmas Miracles Now" on the third.

Dr. Glen, who has presented her music and meditations around the world, was staff organist for NBC for ten years, playing as many as twenty-three programs weekly.

She has recorded tone colors and arrangements seldom heard on an organ, together with brilliant and soul-stirring commentary keyed to today's world. Her music can also be used as background for meditations.

The cassettes are priced to retail at \$5.00 each, and may be ordered from the Sales Department of Unity School at your dealer's price of \$3.00.

THE WORD IS . . . BY RALPH RHEA

Here's a new book ideal for giving to anyone for any occasion. Written by **Ralph Rhea**, it is a treasury of inspiration gleaned from everyday words like achievement . . . caring . . . forgive . . . strength . . . happiness, and is compiled from the one-minute radio and television messages of "The Word" program produced by Unity School.

The selections were written with the desire to help people help themselves in using all their inner resources to meet the challenges of today's world. The Word Is . . . was published by Hawthorne Books, Inc., and is priced to retail at \$4.95. Your dealer's price from the Sales Department of Unity School is \$3.96.

YOU CONFERENCE

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their programs were excellent. They were: **James Dillet Freeman** — Poetic readings and stories, two Silent Unity Prayer Services, Multi-media presentation, Officer Installation Service; **Billie Freeman** — Love offering service; and **Carl Jenkins** — Sing-a-long.

"Many dedicated, loving, and hard working persons contributed to making Conference a happy time to remember. A great deal of energy, faith, and wisdom was required by all participants. Our guests and workshop leaders did a commendable job by giving of their best not only in areas of their involvement, but also in any area where they could give of their talents. We are deeply grateful to these wonderful persons who made Conference beautiful. Our thanks is extended to Unity School for hosting Conference and for the tremendous work accomplished in preparing for the delegates and special programs. Daily we were joined by **Marguerite Corn** who provided music for the program. Two unique, capable, loving, and efficient persons who helped to tie everything together and deal with people problems were our Head Sponsors, **Wanda Powell** of Spokane, Washington, and **James Sherman**, of Toronto, Canada. Because of their insight and background from previous Conferences, many suggestions were implemented which resulted in better human relationships and an all around atmosphere of ease.

"The business meeting was short and to the point. Some bylaw changes left over from last year were taken care of as the first order of business. An officer's Travel Fund was established for the three international officers to visit regional rallies. The monies for the fund are coming from Y.O.U. Chapters on a love offering basis. We had eight candidates for international office. Elected to serve for 1975-1976 were **Peter Schulze** -President, Miami, Florida; **Paul Wiedmaier** -First Vice-President, Bremerton, Washington; and **Candy Croft** -Second Vice-President, St. Louis, Missouri.

"This year a few new awards were added to the awards banquet, and it was an exciting time filled with many surprises. **Spiritual Love Award**: Three delegates were selected by their peers to

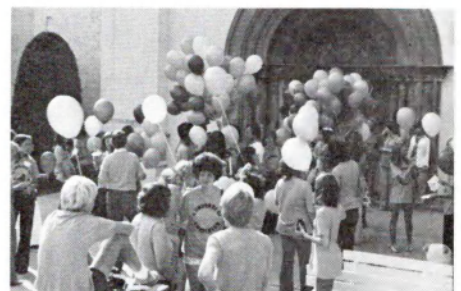


YOUTH OF UNITY OFFICERS — 1975-76: Front row-left to right: International Officers — Paul Wiedmaier, First Vice-President, Bremerton, Wash.; Peter Schulze, President, Miami, Fla.; Candy Croft, Second Vice-President, St. Louis, Mo. Second row-left to right: Representatives — Shelley Foster, Seattle, Wash.; Ramona Rosine, Unity Village, Mo.; Charles Behlow, Cincinnati, Ohio; Donna Blackshear, Houston, Tex.; Stephen Burch, Merced, Calif.; Ted Jones, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Laura Barrett, Oakton, Va.; Karen Elswick, Miami, Fla.; Lana Werdmuller, Whittier, Calif. Third row-left to right: Alternates — Jaime Collins, Spokane, Wash.; Craig Collin, St. Louis, Mo. (not shown); Linda Rodgers, Detroit, Mich.; Gina Pounders, Dallas, Tex.; Lisa Crawford, Modesto, Calif.; Rochelle Rhule, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Amy Hetz, Roanoke, Va.; Candie Schulze, Miami, Fla.; Rick Rogers, Santa Ana, Calif.

receive the award because of their demonstration of humanity and spiritual love throughout the Conference. Presented with engraved Jonathan Livingston Seagull pins were **Joan Anderson**, **Shannon Gibbons**, and **Peter Schulze**. **Outstanding Conference Sponsor**: Sponsors are the backbone of YOU Conference and serve in many capacities to complete the work of making this time and enjoyable one for everyone. The sponsors were to vote as to which sponsor should be given the plaque basing their choice on the same type of qualities as the Spiritual Love Award. Two persons were selected because of a tie and engraved plaques are being prepared for **Richard Everts**, an incoming S.M.R.S. student and past Eastern Regional Y.O.U. Coordinator; and **Phillip Davidson**, Conference Health Counselor and Southwest Regional Y.O.U. Coordinator. **Leo Beuerman Service Project Awards**: The outstanding service project from a chapter and region are determined by votes from the delegates

and regional representatives respectively. Any chapter or region which has completed a project is eligible to receive the award. Chosen to receive the plaques were **Jamaica**, **West Indies**, and the **Southwest Region**.

"A surprise presentation of gifts, flowers and appreciation were extended to me as outgoing YOU Coordinator. The magnitude of love which was demonstrated during these few minutes was beautiful to behold and to experience. I (continued on page 16)



A balloon release ceremony concluded the 1975 YOU Conference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1975

- Sept. 6 Sunday School Teachers Conference, Unity Church of the Oaks, Sacramento, Calif.
- Sept. 6–12 Septemberfest Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- Sept. 20–26 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- Sept. 21–24 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Oak Park, Ill., hosted by Unity Church of Oak Park
- Sept. 22–26 AUC Executive Committee meetings, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Sept. 24 Post Graduate Program On "Twelve Powers of Man," Oak Park, Ill.
- Sept. 29–Oct. 2 Eastern Regional Conference, Philadelphia, Pa., hosted by Unity Church of Christ
- Sept. 30 Post Graduate Program on "Twelve Powers of Man," Philadelphia, Pa.
- Oct. 4–10 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- Oct. 9–11 Retreat on "Self-Discovery; Life Mastery," Capon Springs, W. Va., sponsored by Unity Center of Christianity, Washington, D.C.
- Oct. 10–12 Northern California Unity Students Retreat, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Calif.
- Oct. 11 "Human Potentials – 1975," Cobol Hall, Detroit, Mich.
- Oct. 11–24 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.
- †Oct. 18 Great Lakes Sub-Regional Board/Minister meeting, Unity Church of Christianity, Milwaukee, Wis., jointly hosted by Unity Church of Christianity and Unity West
- Oct. 19–22 Southeastern Regional Conference, Venice, Fla., hosted by Unity on the Gulf
- Oct. 21 Post Graduate Program on "Twelve Powers of Man," Venice, Fla.
- Oct. 25 Youth of Unity Sponsors Conference, San Jose, Calif., Christ Church Unity, San Jose

- Oct. 25–31 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- Nov. 8 Northwest Sub-Regional Board/Minister meeting, Seattle, Wash., hosted by Unity Church of Truth, Seattle
- Nov. 8–14 Liebe Freunde Retreat (German language) Unity Village, Mo.
- Nov. 15 Youth of Unity Retreat, Fresno, Calif., Unity Church of Fresno
- Nov. 22–28 Thanksgiving Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- Dec. 21–27 Christmas Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

1976

- Jan. 5–6 AUC Mid-Year Council of Committees meetings, Unity Village, Mo.
- Jan. 6–8 Northern California Ministers Retreat, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Calif.
- Jan. 7–9 AUC Board of Trustees meetings, Unity Village, Mo.
- April 20–22 South Central Unity Churches Association (SCUCA) Regional Conference, Western Hills Lodge, Wagoner, Okla., hosted by officers of SCUCA
- July 8–9 Meetings of Committees, AUC Pre-Conference, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
- July 10–11 Board of Trustees meetings, AUC Pre-Conference, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
- July 12–14 AUC Ministers/Teachers Conference, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
- July 15–17 Unity Celebration – 1976, Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
- †Aug. 9–13 14th Annual Southeast Unity Retreat, Don CeSar Hotel, St. Petersburg Beach, Fla.

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1975 YAU RETREAT REPORT

John Strickland, Y.O.U./Y.A.U. Coordinator, reports: "This year's YA Retreat was the first of its kind to be held at Unity Village in three years. The group photograph at right shows our enthusiastic attendees. If this year's retreat is any indication of what is to come in succeeding years, we should be in store for some very exciting, moving, growing experiences.

"Earlier this year the Royal Oak, Michigan, Young Adults, under the enthusiastic and capable leadership of **Dona** and **Ray Gilsdorf**, undertook the seemingly impossible task of planning and hosting this retreat. It goes without saying that the road to success was hard and filled with many obstacles. However, a very great success was attained because these devoted and loving workers persisted through prayer and hard work.

"The retreat was attended by over sixty Young Adults from all over the United States and Canada. Activities included a Goal Planning Workshop conducted by **David Monument**, minister of Unity Christ Church in Lakeland, Florida, and members of the Royal Oak Young Adults. We were also privileged to have had a session on Bible parables with **Ed Rabel**, a Meditation Workshop



with **Martha Giudici**, as well as a Healing Service with **Ric Dickerson**, and a Silent Unity Prayer Meeting with **Grace Rose**. **Linda Babbish**, associate minister at Unity Village Chapel, conducted a meaningful Resource Workshop.

"Besides the many workshops, times of prayer and joy singing, we had some wonderful social activities which included a pool party, a banquet, a dance in the old Unity Inn, and a Talent Show.

"The time of sharing, of caring, and of growing together in a true spirit of

love is an experience that has truly enriched the lives of everyone who participated. I think this retreat has shown that the Young Adults of Unity is a vital, growing, dynamic part of this great Unity Movement! And one of the greatest things about this retreat is that it is just the beginning of the great things that our Young Adults have to share. I look forward to being a part of planning and working on future Young Adults retreats, and serving as Y.O.U./Y.A.U. Coordinator for the forthcoming year."

JOHN STRICKLAND NEW Y.O.U. AND Y.A.U. COORDINATOR

John A. Van Strickland, a second-year SMRS ministerial student, has been employed by the AUC to serve for the next year as Youth of Unity Coordinator. He will also serve as Coordinator for the Young Adults of Unity.

John entered SMRS in September 1974 following his graduation the previous June from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. He was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, with honors, in mathematics and minored in philosophy and psychology. He ranked in the upper third of his graduating class and received the honors of being on both the Merit Dean's List as well as the Distinction Dean's List. John also received the Outstanding Senior in College Award and was listed in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.

John has been exposed to the teach-



John Strickland
Y.O.U./Y.A.U. Coordinator

ings of Unity since his childhood. His minister at the time of his application to SMRS, **Jay W. Dishman**, stated in his letter of recommendation for John, "He has been regular in his attendance since Sunday School. He was active in Y.O.U.,

and is presently director of a Y.A.U. group. He also participates in the Sunday service as well as mid-week classes. John is an excellent student, has a good grasp of Unity principles, has an aptitude for the ministry and will definitely make a great contribution to our work. I am proud to recommend him to the admission committee."

Active in athletics as well as social organizations in high school and college, John was both an honor student and all-star football player throughout his high school career. Captain of his high school football team, he was voted all-state and all-district and played in the Georgia North-South All-Star football game. He was a member of the National Honor Society and president of his high school's Senior Beta Club. He was also instrumental in the founding of a local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
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NEW COORDINATOR

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John graduated from high school with honors and was class valedictorian.

He entered Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, on a full football scholarship. After receiving knee and shoulder injuries which precluded him continuing his collegiate football career, John transferred to Georgia State University in Atlanta and became active in the youth work in our Unity ministry in Atlanta. He also served as a volunteer coach at his high school while attending Georgia State University.

Indicative of the respect in which John is held by officials of Georgia State University is the following quote: **Mr. King Buttermore**, Assistant Dean of Students at Georgia State University stated, "John has been one of our most outstanding student leaders during his time at Georgia State. He is a young man of maturity, honesty, and integrity. He has participated in a broad spectrum of student life and has been well respected by his peers. This is manifested in the fact that he has served terms as president of two of our strong student groups, the Blue Key Honor Fraternity and the Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society."

During his first year at SMRS, John served as Assistant to the Chaplain at the Jackson County Jail in Independence, Missouri.

We bless John for his willingness to serve in his expression of service and give thanks for his special consciousness which he brings to our Y.O.U. and Y.A.U. work.

YOU CONFERENCE

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am grateful to the Youth of Unity for the opportunity to serve them.

"There is so much more that can be said regarding Conference '75. The Association of Unity Churches is proud to have had the opportunity to sponsor another successful Youth of Unity Conference. We extend our thanks to those ministries who produced the YOUers, sponsors and workshop leaders. Above everything else, we are grateful for the prayer support and love which made this experience possible."

WEDDING BELLS

Scott Thornton, minister of Unity Church of Christianity, Daytona Beach, Florida, and **Carol Weaver** were united in matrimony on August 1, 1975. The ceremony was conducted in the Unity Village Clubhouse by **Jane** and **J. Sig Paulson**, co-ministers of Unity Village Chapel. Scott is a 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand. Carol has been attending U.I.C.E. classes for the past two years.

Clem Thrift, minister of Unity of Birmingham, Alabama, and **Kathryn McKillip** of Sedalia, Missouri, were united in matrimony on August 13, 1975. The ceremony was conducted in the Myrtle Fillmore Grove at Unity Village, Missouri, by **William L. Fischer**, Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC. Clem is a 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand. Kathryn served in the Silent Unity Department of Unity School.

Larry Miller, minister of Overland Unity Center, Overland, Missouri, and **Becky Clark**, of Vinton, Virginia, were united in matrimony on August 14, 1975. The ceremony was conducted in the Myrtle Fillmore Grove by **Gerald Taylor**, associate minister of Unity on the Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri. Larry is a 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand. Becky, now a second-year ministerial student, serves in the Promotion Department of Unity School on a part-time basis.

Our best wishes and blessings go forth to: Scott and Carol, Clem and Kathryn, and Larry and Becky.

AUC MEMBERSHIP REPORT FORM

In order to maintain our tax status as a nonprofit organization, the Association of Unity Churches is required by the Internal Revenue Service to submit an annual report of the AUC membership. To accurately prepare such report and the AUC Yearbook, it is necessary that each member of the Association complete an AUC Membership Report form annually. You will soon be receiving the form from the AUC office. Please remember to complete the form promptly and return it to the AUC office in order that we may make timely compliance with the government requirement.

YEARBOOK SUPPLEMENT

The information herein is presented in order that you may, if you so desire, annotate your copy of the 1975 Yearbook to reflect additions, changes, and deletions. The heading entitled **Page** indicates the page in the 1975 Yearbook which requires updating.

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| 53 | Add Unity Church of Temple, 109 N. 5th, Temple, Texas 76501. Minister: Polly Dozier |
| 53 | Add Unity Church of Waco, 401 N. 15th at Waco Dr. Mailing address: P.O. Box 8540, Waco, Texas 76710. Minister: Polly Dozier, residence telephone number — area 817, 776—2674. |



SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIAL

Although considerable research work is being done to supplement our Sunday School material, **please remember that Sunday School material is still available from the AUC office.**

For example, one of the newest items available is a badge (shown at left in black and white) printed in bright colors for the "Birthday Child" to wear. Printed on pressure-sensitive stock, the badges are die-cut to peel off, and are available from the AUC office at a price of \$.25 per dozen.

DECISION RENDERED BY FCC REGARDING RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING

In the July/August 1975 issue of CONTACT a report was shared regarding a petition being considered by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. The petition, known as the **Lansman-Milam Petition (Rule Making 2493)** requested the FCC to freeze all applications filed by religious organizations to obtain certain specially reserved channels and frequencies designated by the FCC for educational use.

As reported in the previous issue of our newsletter, our legislative counsel advised the AUC office that RM 2493 had absolutely nothing to do with the type of religious broadcasts being conducted by Unity ministries over regular commercial broadcasting frequencies or channels.

The FCC has now rejected the Lansman-Milam Petition and will continue to allow educational television licenses and FM channels to be utilized by religious groups. The FCC decision was reported in a recent newspaper article written by **Stephen M. Aug**, Staff Writer for The Washington Star.

The portion of Mr. Aug's article pertaining to this decision is reprinted below by permission from The Washington Star, Copyright 1975: **"RELIGIOUS GROUPS ALLOWED EDUCATIONAL TV LICENSES** — The Federal Communications Commission has rejected a pro-

posal by two California men that religious organizations not be given new educational television or FM channels...

"In the religious organization case, the FCC ruled unanimously that any 'religiously affiliated educational organization...may become an educational broadcast licensee.'

"It said a ruling sought by Jeremy D. Lansman and Lorenzo W. Milam, Los Gatos, Calif., broadcast consultants, would discriminate against educational institutions owned by religious organizations.

"THE LANSMAN-MILAM case has produced the largest number of public comments in commission history — more than 700,000, many of them form letters prompted by religious organizations. In its order, however, the FCC said many of the comments incorrectly felt that the petition proposed to ban all religious broadcasting.

"Lansman and Milam, who do not like most religious programming, asked the FCC to investigate whether religious, 'Bible' and 'Christian' schools and institutes were violating the FCC's Fairness Doctrine by presenting religious programs.

"The Fairness Doctrine required broadcasters to air all sides of important controversial issues.

"The filing also asked that the FCC prohibit further noncommercial licenses for religious stations and that it revise rules that now permit a single owner to

own more than one noncommercial radio or TV station in the same area..."

As in legislative matters such as the Lansman-Milam Petition, one of the ways your AUC office assists member ministries is by functioning as a research center. Any member ministry having a need to obtain information regarding federal or state legislation is encouraged to contact the AUC office.



"UNITY CELEBRATION — 1976"

July 15—17, 1976

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Please remember that our 1976 Pre-Conference and Conference will be held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Refer to Calendar of Events for dates. The AUC Executive Committee is meeting in Philadelphia in September to finalize the program for "Unity Celebration—1976," which will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia. Additional information including registration forms and publicity material will soon be distributed.

Idea Exchange

A ROUND TUIT

During our AUC Pre-Conference this past June an idea for a promotional item was shared by **Conrad Stahl**. Conrad generously distributed samples of the item which he found to be very effective in his ministry.

Entitled **"A Round Tuit"**, the self explanatory item has been printed herein in response to many requests from our ministries.

Conrad had the item produced locally and first distributed it during a Sunday lesson entitled "Pill for Procrastination."



IDEA EXCHANGE

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NEWSPAPER ADS

Unity Center in Medford, Oregon, where Marc Buckley serves as minister, has found advertising such as the three samples shown to the right to be very effective when placed in the entertainment section of their local newspaper.

UNITY of Medford
Holly at Haven St
of Medford
The Church of the Daily Word
Has God Spoken
His Last Word?
 We believe the Bible, while inspired & beautiful, does not contain the "last word" of Him who is Omnipresence, Omnipotent & Omniscience. What has He said to you?
Holly at Haven St.
Phone 772-6902

UNITY of Medford
Holly at Haven
 There is a higher law in the affairs of man, which, when observed, leads to peace, prosperity, health and complete fulfillment. Learn how you, too, may tap this inexhaustible flow of good for your life.
Sunday Services 11 a.m.
 Classes throughout the week
Call 772-6902
for information

UNITY of Medford
The Church of the Daily Word
 Unity helps ALL men develop their potential to live a more prosperous & fulfilling life.
 Services, Nursery care and Sunday School
11 A.M. each Sunday
 Counseling & classes throughout the week.
772-6902
Holly & Haven

SILENT PRAYER MINISTRY

Milly Collins has shared the following idea whereby Unity of Livonia, Michigan, proves the livingness of prayer: "The livingness of prayer and the lovingness of a Center-family has been more fully experienced by Unity of Livonia since the initiation of a new prayer ministry program. The program features a special new service, with a group called The Silent Prayer Ministry responding to requests for prayer with personalized letters and affirmations to individuals in need.

"The Silent Prayer Ministry consists of a nucleus of Unity of Livonia members, rich in prayer consciousness but anonymous to the congregation, who meet once a week on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Silent Prayer Ministry activity begins with sorting the telephone and mail requests for prayer. All requests are included in the blessing of an opening prayer, and then are moved for individual attention and answering to members of the group, who include suitable pamphlets and/or affirmations in each letter. Before mailing, all letters are

additionally blessed in a circle of prayer--with all hands touching the answered prayer-letters. Once a month, a list of all those requesting prayers is forwarded to Silent Unity at Unity Village for its added prayer support.

"Hardly a week passes without letters reporting marvelous results of God-consciousness doing its healing work... like the miraculous recovery of a soldier near death because of a fall from a five story building, or the terminal cancer patient whose operation yielded absolutely no evidence of cancerous growth or malignancy.

"A special form (reproduced below) is used to note the nature of the prayer requests. All Unity pamphlets are in the process of being categorized according to specific topics like 'Guidance', 'Peace,' etc., to make possible more efficient and effective letter inclosures.

Gene Sorensen, minister of Unity of Livonia, who implemented the founding of The Silent Prayer Ministry expresses his reasons for moving into this expanded prayer activity in this way: "For many

years we have had a Silent Prayer Panel which met faithfully to pray for the needs of others. In expanding this, we involve our dedicated people in writing--giving assurance of our prayers in a personal way. As I was deeply enriched through my Silent Unity experience, it is this same warmth that we seek to radiate to those seeking help from Unity of Livonia."

Gene also points out that one of the assets of The Silent Prayer Ministry is that: "You can have a going prayer ministry even without the availability of an associate minister or of people with secretarial experience to handle the activity. Letters can be handwritten and thus project, even more fully, the warm, personal touch which characterizes this prayer ministry work. The program permits using Center members whose rich prayer consciousness and creativity can be effectively utilized. This can include licensed teachers, UICE students and those whose faithful prayer panel attendance indicates an aptitude for such service."

PRAYER REQUEST FOR UNITY OF LIVONIA "SILENT PRAYER MINISTRY" ("Silent Unity", Our World-Wide Prayer Ministry, Also Prays For All Requests!)

My Name _____

My Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please Pray For: (Mr. or Mrs.) _____ Child _____

If a letter to them of prayer support would be welcomed, the address is: _____

PURPOSE:

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OUR TWENTY-FOUR HOUR "DIAL-A-POSITIVE THOUGHT" NUMBER IS 261-2440