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"UNITY CELEBRATION - 1976"

Philadelphia, Pa. July 15-17

*"We rejoice in the perfect truth that
Unity Celebration - 1976 is a total success for all mankind!"*

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"CHARLES FILLMORE: AMERICAN MYSTIC" TO BE PREMIERED AT UNITY CELEBRATION - 1976

The first evening session of Unity Celebration - 1976, Thursday, July 15, will be devoted to the premiere showing of "Charles Fillmore: American Mystic." This documentary film produced by the Radio-Television Department of Unity School of Christianity is outstanding. Refer to page 9 of this issue of our newsletter for an article regarding the preview showing at Unity Village.

Charles R. Fillmore, President of Unity School, in commenting upon the film states: "When Charles and Myrtle Fillmore began their work in 1889, they could hardly have foreseen today's world-encompassing Unity Movement. Because everything they did was founded on faith, their efforts brought growth . . . slowly at first, then with increasing momentum. Even though the early days involved only a handful of dedicated co-workers, some of Charles Fillmore's words were recorded, and later preserved on film.

"Gathering and restoring these rare historical bits and pieces has been a fascinating project, and we feel fortunate in being able to present this film, 'Charles Fillmore: American Mystic,' as Unity's contribution to our nation's bicentennial observance.

"Because the film makes it possible for us to see and hear Charles Fillmore and his co-workers exactly as they were when Unity was young, we can gain a significant perspective on his life and work. I am especially happy to realize that those who did not have the opportunity of knowing Charles Fillmore personally can now see him as I remember him: a warm, vital man whose love and humanity were the source of his wisdom and insight into Truth.

"If there is one thing that comes through in these brief glimpses, it is Charles Fillmore's unswerving faith in the Truth that Unity teaches, and his consistent receptivity to new and better ideas. There is no doubt in my mind that he thought of Unity as an open-ended approach to Truth . . . and that it is our privilege and responsibility to preserve this concept. To paraphrase Lincoln's words, 'it is for us the living to be dedicated to the unfinished work' that Charles and Myrtle Fillmore began . . . to be 'dedicated to the great task remaining before us' of making the Truth message truly universal."

Registration forms and publicity material for
UNITY CELEBRATION - 1976
will be distributed in January.

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AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

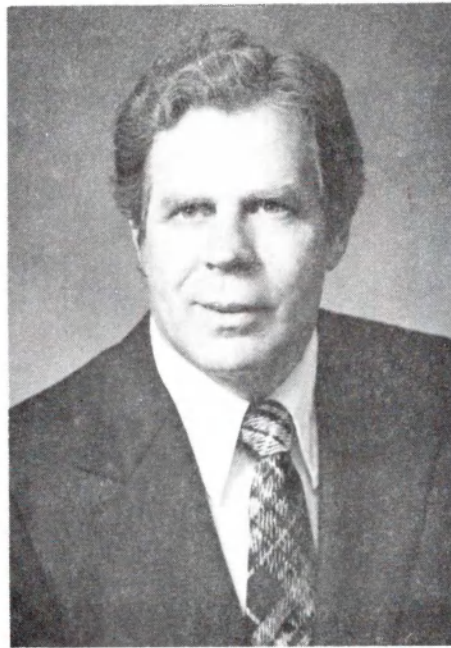
Dear Fellow Association Members,

Several years ago at our Convention in Kansas City we had for a slogan, **THE WORLD IS READY**. The world was ready then and is even more ready today for the teachings of Truth as presented by Unity.

The question now is, "**ARE WE READY?**" Are we ready to give that Truth with all the power and conviction within us. Do we really believe we have a "saleable product?" I am more convinced than ever before that we have that "product" and that we have the ability and capacity to get it out where it belongs, to the people all over this land and around the world who are looking for answers to their healing needs, their need for security and prosperity, their need for an optimistic vision for the future of their lives and for the world.

In the past we have looked to others to "sell" Unity for us. I do not believe we have to continue doing this. Like some of the early Christians, we have been "apologetic" and "defensive" about our particular "brand" of Christianity; at least I have and possibly I am writing this more for myself than anyone else. I believe that as a movement we are ready to use our creative capacities to find new ways to "**GO INTO ALL THE WORLD**" with the dynamic Truth teaching of Jesus Christ as presented by Unity.

To do this we must use our creative capacity to dwell upon the things we are



James C. Lewis

doing right and the many more things we can do. The AUC is a rather young organization and in our youth we have made some mistakes. However, we are maturing and a part of that maturity is to learn and grow and not dwell upon the mistakes of the past but to use them as stepping stones to greater progress for the present and the future.

We need to keep forever in our minds that Jesus Christ is the head of the Unity Movement which includes Unity School and the AUC. I believe He wants to do great things through us and I personally want to be a part of whatever is done, no matter what it may be.

I want to assure you that the leadership of AUC, your Board of Directors, is open and receptive to new ideas that would make our organization more effective in helping our member ministries. The Board will be meeting in January and I would urge all ministers, teachers, and local Boards to pray and then think and then contact your Regional Representatives and share with them the results of your creative ventures so they may bring your ideas to the January Board meetings. We need your ideas.

Thank you for helping to make 1975 a great year. May the uplifting spirit of love which we all feel during the Christmas Season bring forth great blessings in your life and the ministry you serve. I love you and wish you a Merry Christmas and an expansive, joyous New Year!

In His love and name,

A stylized, cursive signature of James C. Lewis.



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

DALLAS, TEXAS — Unity Church of Dallas presented The Great Day Acting Company in three performances of the musical "**Godspell**", October 11-12. The Great Day Acting Company is comprised
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Don and Dorothy Curtis, Jonathan Stone, and members of the Unity Church of Dallas Youth of Unity group are shown with the cast and crew of The Great Day Acting Company, who traveled to Dallas in October to present three programs of the musical "GODSPELL**."**

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of college students from the metropolitan area of Kansas City.

Don Curtis, minister of this Dallas ministry, stated that the performances were tremendously successful and received widespread advance coverage in the area newspapers. Don stated, "It was with great joy that we welcomed The Great Day Acting Company to our church and city. The creative and sensitive use of drama, dance, and song portrayed in 'Godspell' deeply touched our consciousness in a most meaningful and positive manner."

Marlowe Kline reporting for the EASTERN REGION:

MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY — **Marlowe Kline**, minister of Montclair Unity Church, advises that the ministry is now holding two Sunday services due to increased attendance. Marlowe stated, "The combined attendance at both services is greater than last year and new people are coming every Sunday and for every class."

Active in the community, Marlowe recently participated in a Business and Professional Women's Interfaith program and was on the awards program for the Joint Service Club of Montclair. Marlowe also officiates at each Toastmistress Club service wherein a new club receives its charter.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA — The Eastern Unity Conference was held this year at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia from September 29 to October 2. **John Cuddeback**, Regional Representative at the time of the Conference, reports: "This is a 'first' for this Region--the first time we have met in a large city. The reason for meeting here was to get a preview of just what would be taking place come July 15-17, 1976. Unity Celebration — 1976 is something that all of us here in our Region are looking forward to with great anticipation.

Regarding the Regional Conference, John stated, "There was business of our Region to be taken care of, and after touring the historical points and generally understanding the city, we got down to

the business of the day, and elected the following new officers: President — **Charlene Linnell**, minister of Unity Center Richmond, Virginia; Vice-President — **Elizabeth Jacunski** of Portland, Maine (Betty has subsequently accepted leadership of our AUC ministry in Birmingham, Michigan); Secretary - Treasurer — **Alan Rowbotham**, minister of Unity of Roanoke Valley, Roanoke, Virginia; and Y.O.U. Coordinator — **Doris Mattingly** of our Washington, D.C., ministry.

"On Tuesday, September 30, the Post Graduate Program on 'Twelve Powers of Man' was presented by **Catherine Knight** and **Jack Barker**.

"The thrust of the Conference was toward meditation. Among those who spoke were: **Tom Coates**, **Gerry Belanger**, **Jim Sherman**, and **George Stone**. This was truly an original experience and one that will have value in future meditation work. As a response, all Eastern Region Unity ministers and teachers were invited to attend a biofeedback training workshop on November 3, 4, and 5, at Unity of Richmond, Virginia, where **Hal Rosencrans** will demonstrate the West Palm Beach way of taking advantage of this medium."

The 1976 Eastern Unity Conference will be conducted in September at Manresa, a Jesuit Retreat House near Annapolis, Maryland. John advised that the selection of the 1976 Regional Conference site follows the Region's recent trend to conduct meetings in places with significant historical background.

C. Berton Coffey reporting for the SOUTHWEST REGION:

COVINA, CALIFORNIA — **Dorothy Armstrong**, minister of Unity Church of the Foothills, Covina, California, also serves as Secretary of the U.M.T.C. (Unity Ministers and Teachers Conference, Southwest Region). Dorothy has requested that any Unity minister or licensed teacher moving into the Southwest Region communicate with her in order that they may be welcomed into, and placed on the mailing and prayer lists of, the Region. Please address your communications to Dorothy at the ministry's address, 1111 W. Badillo St., Covina, California 91722.

WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA — Congratulations are in order for **Edna LeSage**, minister of Unity Church of Christianity in Whittier, California. Edna was recently honored by her fellow members of the clergy in Whittier by being elected Vice-President of the Greater Whittier Ministerial Association. An active member of the Ministerial Association for a number of years, Edna has served for the past three years as Secretary of the Association.

Loren Flickinger reporting for the SOUTHEASTERN REGION:

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA—Recently **Leslie D. Saunders**, minister of First Unity Church of St. Petersburg, accepted an invitation to film a television program entitled, "The Pastor's Study." Ultimately, Les did seven programs, each being eight and a half minutes in length.

Commenting on this excellent outreach opportunity, Les stated, "The programs were seen over station WLCY, the local ABC network outlet. Each program was aired twice daily, once in the morning and again at sign-off time. The programs which I filmed were shown starting Sunday, October 5."

Charles Korfhage reporting for the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA UNITY STUDENTS' RETREAT

On October 10-12 the Twentieth Annual Unity Retreat conducted by the ministries of the Northern California Region was held at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California. **Charles Korfhage**, Regional Representative and associate minister of Christ Unity Church in Sacramento, in reporting on the Retreat stated, "The Asilomar Conference Grounds are just north of the famous 17 Mile Drive which extends down to Carmel-by-the-Sea. The setting is one of breathtaking beauty and serenity, ideal for the annual Unity Retreat. Asilomar, as well as the surrounding area, is noted for its wind-twisted trees, the sand dunes, and the impressive sight of the blue Pacific Ocean with its waves beating against the golden California shore.

"All the buildings at the Conference
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Grounds, including the residence lodges, social halls, administration buildings, and recreational facilities have been designed and built with the natural beauty of the surrounding terrain in mind. Much natural wood and stone are used in the buildings so the man-made structures fit very compatibly with nature's wondrous design. It is no wonder that the Unity Retreat has been held annually at this beautiful location.

"This year over 700 retreatants were present for the three-day program. It was rather a unique Retreat in that meditation, the center of Unity's teaching tools, was the main discussion. By lecture, sharing, discussion groups, practice, 'in silence' training, the idea of meditation was presented. As Regional Representative, it was my privilege to serve as the keynote speaker and share ideas and personal experiences regarding meditation."

Grover Thornsberry, minister of Unity Church of Truth, Seattle, Washington, was the featured speaker for the Retreat. Grover spoke on Saturday evening and conducted the Sunday morning worship service.

Some of the discussion sessions conducted during the three-day Retreat were: "Bible References and Resources in Terms of Meditation"; "Multi-Media Presentation of Meditation Today"; "Mental Approach to Meditation"; "Setting Affirmations to Music"; "Meditation in the Orient"; "Helping Young People to Meditate"; and "Process of Mind Control." There was also time for prayer sessions on the beach both at sunrise and at sunset.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA — Christ Unity Church in Sacramento, California, is sponsoring a "Healing Vacation Retreat" in Hawaii, January 17-25, 1976. **Phillip** and **Dorothy Pierson**, ministers of this Sacramento ministry are serving as co-leaders of the retreat tour.

Phil shared some information regarding the retreat stating, "This retreat is an invitation to spend one week on the beautiful Kaanapali Shores of Maui with such exciting personalities as **Dr. Carl** and **Stephanie Simonton** and **Connie Haines**. During this week those attending the retreat will have time to enjoy and explore Maui as well as to participate in classes,

meditations, and other dialogue sessions with **Carl**, **Stephanie**, **Connie**, and **Dorothy** and me. The theme of the retreat is "The Will to Live" and is based on the book by that title by **Dr. Arnold A. Hutschnecker**."

Phil also stated, "The purpose of our vacation retreat is to experience the healing process of relaxation and of reaffirming our will to live. The program will be a tremendous opportunity to have a vacation with real meaning that can bless forever the lives of those attending. The Maui retreat will be topped off with a two-day visit to Waikiki for sightseeing and shopping. Before returning to the mainland on Sunday, January 25, we will attend services at the beautiful Unity Church in Hawaii on the slopes of Diamond Head, where **Michael Murphy** serves as minister."

For additional information and reservations for the "Healing Vacation Retreat," contact Christ Unity Church, 1415 L Street, Sacramento, California 95814, or telephone area 916, 442-4924.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA — On September 6, 1975, a Sunday School Conference was held at Unity Church of the Oaks in Sacramento, California, for teachers, ministers, and interested parents of the Northern California Region. **William** and **Arleen Aull**, ministers of this Sacramento ministry, report that the featured speaker was **Wally Minto**, who has conducted "Alpha Awareness" programs in many of our Unity ministries. Bill advised, "Wally spoke on the general subject of how teachers, parents, and ministers can better understand the young people from the beginners to Youth of Unity ages." The Sunday School Conference was well attended and all reports reflect that the program was very well received.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA — **Miki Bowen**, senior minister of Unity Church of San Luis Obispo, California, has announced the good news of the expansion of the services of the ministry to include classes in three nearby communities. **Gary Redfern**, associate minister in San Luis Obispo, is conducting the classes in addition to his duties in the parent ministry.

Miki reports, "The classes, both in attendance and income, have been

fantastic! Many new young people are attending as a result of Gary's arrival." Miki also advises that the congregation of Unity Church of San Luis Obispo is enjoying the new Unity songbook, "Unity in Song," and donated more than enough money to purchase a sufficient quantity of the songbooks.

Kay Arndt reporting for the NORTHWEST REGION:

BOZEMAN, MONTANA — The wonderful news that Bozeman Unity Truth Center is now being formed has been received from **Jeannie Horton**. Jeannie, our Unity minister who is pioneering a work in Bozeman, Montana, reports, "We are meeting twice a week at Baxter Hotel. Our Sunday service and Sunday School is at 11:00 a.m. and on Tuesday evenings we gather at 7:30 p.m. for a Prayer Service followed by a "Fundamentals of Unity" class.

Jeannie continued her report by advising that the attendance at each service and class is growing. The Bozeman Chronicle, a local newspaper, interviewed Jeannie and published a feature article with photograph regarding the establishment of this new Unity work.

Catherine Knight reporting for the GREAT LAKES REGION:

CINCINNATI, OHIO — On October 10-12, 1975, Unity-by-the-Side-of-the-Road conducted an "Autumn Retreat" at Hueston Woods State Park Lodge near Oxford, Ohio. **Ginny Hinners**, minister of this Cincinnati ministry, reports, "The 'Autumn Retreat' was a tremendously uplifting experience for all involved. Approximately 150 persons, including a number of enthusiastic Truth students from our neighboring Unity ministry in Dayton, attended each dialogue session."

Featured speakers at the retreat were **J. Sig Paulson**, minister of Unity Village Chapel, and **Richard J. Dickerson**, neuroanatomist and teacher at the University of Missouri School of Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri. The retreat program was structured around dialogue between Sig and Ric, wherein they presented unique and invaluable
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perspectives on the art of meditation from both the spiritual and medical points of view.

In addition, Sig and Ric spoke on October 9 at the Tangeman University Center on the campus of the University of Cincinnati. Some 150 college students attended this Campus Ministry activity sponsored by "A Community in Unity," the campus outreach of Unity-by-the-Side-of-the-Road.

Ginny reports, "The dialogue series so captivated a program director of one of our local radio stations that he has provided a 15 minute program for us free of charge each Sunday morning utilizing Sig's and Ric's tapes. Our son, **Dick**, edits and presents the program under the radio station's educational allowance format."

As a result of the renewal of numerous personal contacts made by Ginny during her extensive preparations for publicizing Sig's and Ric's appearance on the university campus, she has been invited to serve as a counselor-adviser for the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs for the University of Cincinnati. In this capacity she will sit in on rap sessions of student counselors who are learning by counseling with other students on campus who are being challenged with emotional and/or psychological problems of many descriptions. Ginny states, "My part in this activity is sure to make our student group, 'Community in Unity,' better known since those I contact will no doubt hear about us and use our rap session program for helping other students who are in need of love and a home-like atmosphere . . . and Unity."

CLEVELAND, OHIO — Unity Center of Cleveland, served by ministers **George** and **Winifred Hausmann**, conducted a highly successful one-day workshop on prosperity, October 4. Winifred and Bud report, "We had a capacity crowd for our first all day workshop at Mont Chalet Ski Lodge, just outside Cleveland. There was lots of enthusiasm, and people came from as far away as Akron and Cuyahoga Falls and the far west side of Cleveland. As a matter of fact, the response has been so good that we have scheduled a future workshop, this one on health and healing, for the same place."

DETROIT, MICHIGAN — "Human Potentials — 1975" sponsored by the Unity ministries of the Metropolitan Detroit Area was presented October 11, 1975, in Cobo Hall, in Detroit. The one-day program was designed to quicken and reinforce an awareness of man's limitless inner-potential. Featured speakers included **Phillip** and **Dorothy Pierson** of Christ Unity Church in Sacramento, California; **Dr. Elmer** and **Alyce Green** of the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas; **Dr. Carl** and **Stephanie Simonton** of Oncology Associates, Ft. Worth, Texas; **Dr. Evarts G. Loomis**, of Friendly Hills Fellowship, Hemet, California; and **Jack Schwarz** of the "Alethia" Psycho-Physical Foundation, Selma, Oregon. **Charles King**, a long-time Unity friend, and **Joan Engle**, pianist and organist from Sacramento, California, provided a fantastic musical aspect to the program.

Reporting on the event, Phil Pierson stated, "From all views our meeting in Detroit was a success, I am happy to say! At our afternoon meeting we had some 2,000 people in attendance and around 1,800 the remainder of the time. This made the Ballroom at Cobo Hall almost completely filled and it was an impressive sight from the speaker's platform and for the people in attendance also I'm sure. The good turn out was a testimony to what our Unity centers can do when they work together. I feel the ministers of the greater Detroit area are to be congratulated for their vision and great effort to make this program a success. I am sure that they know they can do even a bigger program if they desire in the future."

Phil continued by stating, "The blend of people in attendance was especially gratifying. We had a high percentage of men and perhaps 15% were from outside Unity. I base this on talking to people and on our ticket sales at the door which ran about 12% of total sales. Several doctors made themselves known to me.

"I am most happy to report that we showed a profit of almost \$9,000--50% of this amount was divided among the participating centers according to their percentage of ticket sales. The other 50% has been placed in a fund for the development of further programs of this nature.

"The speakers were good as always with a real sense of being one with us in

Unity. The peoples' interest was testified to by their continued attendance at the evening meeting and a standing ovation for our evening speaker, Jack Schwarz. Charles King as always was a great contributor and worked with Dorothy Pierson in intervals of song and meditation.

"We received good coverage in the city on radio and TV talk shows — the best we have ever had. Our success in this department is due largely to the work of **Catherine Knight's** staff of helpers. **Phyllis Warren** was responsible for getting both **Jack Boland** and myself on TV interviews. I was on the CBS station local news at 12 noon and this really helped.

"The Detroit Unity Association is especially to be commended for their part. **Glenn Mosley** for his original vision of the project and then Catherine Knight for her leadership in organizing the Detroit Centers and helping with all the details of the show's production.

"An interesting sidelight to our program is that President Gerald Ford was in town the day before our meeting. The night he was there the front of Cobo Hall was mobbed with people, police, pickets, news media people, etc. And right above their heads in the middle of the whole scene was the Cobo Hall marquee with the announcement 'Unity Centers Seminar.' So we really got national coverage there for a while anyway."

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO — Unity Center of Truth, Springfield, Ohio, held its first retreat in a lovely wooded area near New Carlisle, Ohio, on September 5th and 6th. The retreat was led by **Florence Kellogg**, our minister in Springfield.

Florence reports, "Friday night was the 'gathering together' time for camping, fellowship, and a campfire sing-a-long. 'The Loom of Nature' was the theme used for the program on Saturday. Twenty-nine people attended the retreat spending the day loving, caring, and sharing God in all things. Highlights of the evening session included a songfest around the campfire; an inspirational message; and reflections on the day. A candlelighting service and meditation left the participants with a true feeling of God moving in and through all creation. Everyone agreed this retreat was such a success it had to be the first of many more."

THINK EXPANSIVELY

with R. Scott Sherman

"The first ministry created by our Outreach Program is now holding regular Sunday services, classes and a full youth education program."

How easily these words roll out of the typewriter and how much they understate the work that has gone into our first "off-spring." While I am the strongest believer in the activity of Spirit making "easy and successful our way," it still requires old-fashioned hard-work to create the environment for Spirit to flow.

How does it work? It seems that there is a formula evolving for pioneering new works that is very similar to achieving success in any new venture. The elements of the formula so far revealed are:

PREPARATION: Do your homework before you take an actual step forward. If you have a question do your best to know ahead of time. This will still not avoid every pitfall, but reduces your chances of error. For example, **Jim Freeman's** lecture in Elmhurst met with a severe parking problem which we were led to believe would not exist. However, since we were prepared with parking lot ushers armed with flashlights, some of the problem was avoided.

COMMITMENT: Know what your goals are and create an environment that leads to those goals. In our first ministry, Unity-in-the-Valley about 40 miles due west of Chicago's Loop, we knew there were families strongly interested in youth education and Y.O.U. programs. Therefore, from the very start we committed ourselves to these programs. There are already over forty young people on our rolls and we plan for more.

PERSONAL CONTACT: Frequent telephone and mail contact with those interested brings results. It often amazes me that we ministers expect people to see a two inch ad in the papers and seek us and our ministry. There are also opportunities to speak in every community before service, business or women's groups. I'm convinced that every "outside" activity results in at least one new family seeking Unity's help thereafter.

PROFESSIONALISM: Even though we are just beginning, we try to present the message, prepare our literature, provide our services as well as we possibly can. Most of us enjoy the freedom and relaxed feeling that is the Unity way, but we can still "do it right without getting up-tight."

What's ahead?

As our work in the Fox River Valley becomes ready for its full-time minister, we are looking toward activities in the "Unity West" area of Chicagoland. We have learned there is quite a cluster of Unity students in the Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Lombard, Elmhursts area of the suburbs.

There is also interest in Joliet, and the "near north side," an apartment community a few miles north of Chicago's Loop.

Both Judy and I appreciate your letters and words of support. If you have questions or suggestions, please write us:

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OVERSEAS REPORT

Foster C. McClellan, Director of Overseas and Retreats for Unity School, has shared the following report regarding the fine Unity work in South Africa. Foster states, "Our Unity work in South Africa is headed up by **True van Staden Smit**, who also translates Daily Word into a form of the Dutch language and publishes it under the title "Daelikse Woord." In a letter recently received from True, she advised us that she was married on July 15, 1975, to the Chief Language Officer of the Transvaal, who helps her tremendously in getting each Daelikse Woord as near perfect as possible.

"The following is a portion of True's letter which I know will please each person active in the Unity Movement: 'First of all let me thank you for the Daily Words sent to me so regularly each month, and also for the most beautiful colour separations which make our books so attractive. For all your love and willingness to work with us--thank you again and again! The work here is growing beyond our expectations, and we find that so many young people are anxious to join us. We printed a total of 17,500 December booklets, 15,000 going out to regular subscribers, and the rest for new members and booklets sent to friends of the subscribers'."

True also reported that although they have an increase of about 500-600 new readers monthly, the total increase, due to subscribers not renewing their subscriptions, is about 250 a month.

In giving thanks for and blessing the fine work done by True and her staff in South Africa, Foster remarked, "It is encouraging to see the Daily Word spreading its message of Truth in so many countries, as well as our own."

WEDDING BELLS

Ernie Milleur, minister of Unity Church in Fresno, California, and **Carol Duba** were united in matrimony on September 5, 1975. **June Jones**, minister of Unity of Santa Maria, California, performed the wedding ceremony.

Ernie advised that Carol is a life-long Unity student and has been serving in the church office of the Fresno ministry.

We know each member of the Association of Unity Churches joins in blessing Ernie and Carol.



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS FROM JUSTUS CREDIT UNION

Christmas is a time of *expectancy*. The officers of the Justus Credit Union pray for you, its members, a prayer of joyous expectancy. We expect you to be blessed with health, strength, and fulfillment. We expect you to serve more and more people with the message of Unity.

Christmas is also a time of *reflection*. A time to reflect on how very much your membership has contributed to a successful year for the Credit Union.

We give thanks for each opportunity we have had to be of service to you.

Merry Christmas and a good New Year,
Justus Credit Union

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Christmas is love. Christmas is the remembrance of the love of God to humanity in the birth of the historical Christ child. Christmas is the love of individuals for those nearest and dearest to them. Christmas is the moving spirit of faith that is born of love in the lighting of a candle. Christmas is love expressing itself in tinsel and lights, in gaily wrapped packages and ribbon. Christmas is love giving itself and engendering more of itself. Christmas is love expressing itself in the haunting refrain of age-old carols, and Christmas is the promise of better days in a better world for all people.

In your AUC Executive Office, Christmas is very special. We are busier than ever, fulfilling the purpose for which we exist and that is, service to you and to

your ministry. Christmas is a time when we receive beautiful cards from ministers and teachers, from family and friends, and we decorate our outer offices as they come in. Christmas is a time when we select a Christmas tree and members of our staff decorate it that we may not only feel the joy and excitement of Christmas, but that we might, in turn, share it with you. We select names of one another and have our secret Santa Child whom we can especially bless in the days just before Christmas. All of these activities are special to us and cause joy and happiness for us as people. But that isn't all.

We seek, in the Executive Office, to build a reservoir of love, a repository of caring, a balance of faith. We work throughout the year, but especially at this time of the year, to create a shining island of caring, an immediate readiness to respond to your need as a part of the Movement we serve. To us, this is really our primary objective in the Unity Movement. We do all of the outer things--the functioning as a resource center, the printing, the publishing, the liaison work, the placement, but our real purpose is to love you, to be ready to be of assistance

and support to you, to let you know that to the Movement as a whole, you and your work are important.

I know that your part of the ministry consists of these same ideals as they relate to those whom you are privileged to serve. Like your ministry, and probably in almost direct proportion, the AUC is successful because you and your part of the ministry are successful. Thank you and bless you for giving us the opportunity of being of service to you. Thank you for your consciousness of love that makes possible our spirit of Unity. Each one of us extends to you the very special blessing of our love for a joyous Christmas and the expression of our faith for a great, new, wonderful year ahead.



SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

This issue of our Association's newsletter brings you Christmas blessings from each member of the student body of Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. This month we are also very pleased to introduce to you three other members of the second-year class in SMRS.



Second-year ministerial students (left to right): Jo Harris, Jack Groverland, and Susan Downs.

Jo Harris is a native of Texas, where she received both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree in

Foods and Nutrition from the University of Texas in Austin. Upon graduating from college, Jo served as a faculty member of Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, and served as the leader of a volunteer program in the Manhattan public schools for children who had learning disabilities. Jo was a member of Unity Church of Topeka, Kansas, before entering SMRS. Jo's husband, **John**, is a first-year ministerial student. The Harris family has two grown children.

Jack Groverland, a native of New Jersey, attended Bangor Theological Seminary in Maine, where he majored in Fine Arts and Theology. Well versed in metaphysics, Jack led various study groups in New York state prior to moving to Missouri. A talented actor, Jack was a member of the Screen Actors Guild and Actor's Equity and was a cast member in several off Broadway productions in New York City. Prior to coming to Unity Village, Jack managed a resort facility in Maine. He and his wife, **Norma**, have two preschool age children.

Susan Downs came to Unity Village from Louisville, Kentucky, where she served as a member of the Board of Directors and Church Treasurer for Unity Temple. She also assisted on the platform during Sunday worship services. Susan was graduated cum laude by DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Literature. Prior to entering the ministerial program Susan was an assistant buyer for a retail firm in Louisville. She is single.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING FROM UNITY SCHOOL

Christmas 1975

Dear Friends,

As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of One whose example and teachings we follow, we embrace anew the meaning of Christmas--the awareness of our oneness in Spirit.

Especially at this time of year, our thoughts turn to you who serve with us in this wonderful work. The past year has been a year of tremendous activity, not only here at Unity Village but throughout the Movement. As we reflect on the events of 1975, we give thanks for your love, prayers, and dedication to our unity of purpose.

We eagerly look forward to 1976, a year of special bicentennial significance to our nation, and a year of special significance for growth and expansion throughout the Unity Movement. We recognize, appreciate, and give thanks for each AUC member ministry and for the ministers, teachers, and lay persons who serve these ministries. We bless you with thoughts of love, peace, health, and prosperity.

Have a joyous Christmas and an abundant New Year!

In spiritual unity,



Charles R. Fillmore
President
Unity School of Christianity



MIDYEAR COUNCIL OF COMMITTEES

The following AUC Committees will meet at Unity Village on Monday and Tuesday, January 5-6, 1976: **Executive, Finance and Budget, Licensing and Ordination, Ministerial Education Advisory, Ministries Development, Post Graduate Course Development, and Young Adults Research.**

If you are a member of any of the above committees, your respective Committee Chairman will contact you, advising you of the necessary details of your January meeting. Since the committee meetings start at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 5, it is suggested that you schedule your arrival for either afternoon or evening Sunday, January 4. Due to that weekend being a holiday, we suggest that you obtain your airline reservation early.

The AUC Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet all day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, January 7-9.

If any of the other committees feel the need to meet, you are welcomed to do so. The Chairman should contact each member and the AUC office.

UICE AND RETREAT PROGRAMS FOR 1976

Philip W. White, Director of Education for Unity School, has asked that we share the following information with you regarding the UICE and Retreat programs for 1976.

Phil states, "The 1976 Activities Program brochure has now been published by Unity School. One copy of this colorful and informative brochure will be sent to each Unity ministry. Each minister is encouraged to contact the Sales Department of Unity School advising the number of copies of the brochure which his or her ministry would like to have. Upon receipt of your request, the brochures will be sent to you free of charge. We suggest that you read the brochure carefully so that you will be in a position to be of help to members of your congregation who will be planning to come either to UICE or to one or more retreats at Unity Village."

Clearinghouse

Request — Joel Baehr, minister of Unity Church of Mesa, would like to obtain two copies of the out-of-print book **Learning How To Learn** by **Nancy M. Rambusch**. Please address your response to Joel at Unity Church of Mesa, 602 N. Mesa Drive, Mesa, Arizona 85201.

Request — Larry Miller, minister of Overland Unity Center, would like to know the location of any **¾ inch Unity Wings pins or tie tacks**. If anyone knows where some of these small wings could be located, please write to Larry at Overland Unity Center, 9100 Lackland Avenue, Overland, Missouri 63114, or telephone area 314, 427-6730.

Request — Shirley Bring, minister of Unity Church of Flint, would like to obtain three or four copies of the out-of-print book **Look With The Eyes of Love** by **James Dillet Freeman**. Please address your response to Shirley at Unity Church of Flint, 1001 West Carpenter Road, Flint, Michigan 48505, or telephone area 313, 785-5562.

Request — Lani Jones, Youth Education Coordinator for the AUC, would like a copy of the following out-of-print Sunday School Material: **Beginners Material for Nursery School; Years two and three of the Unity Truth Lessons for Boys and Girls, which is for first and second grade students; and Junior High Material, which is entitled Unity Sunday School Leaflet.** Please address your response to Lani at Unity West, 4315 No. 92nd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222.

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.**

WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL



Zelma Cook, Director, Promotion Dept.

Following a job through the Promotion Department is probably one of the best ways to get an idea of the scope of the activities coordinated by the department's director, **Zelma Cook**. A seasonal greeting booklet is a good example. As is the case with much of the other work in the department, greeting booklets are scheduled a year in advance. Once deadlines have been established for the completed project, a reverse timetable is drawn up, so that job assignments can be made. A copywriter is given a work order, she begins selecting the material to be contained in the booklet, and doing the additional writing that is necessary. The copywriter selects a theme for the booklet, and discusses this theme with Art Director **Anna Finfrock**. Anna selects the paper to be used for the booklet, and as the copy for the booklet is solidified, some photos or drawings to be used to illustrate the booklet are chosen. When the copy is finalized, the layout of the booklet and final selection of the illustrations and cover artwork is made. When all components of the booklet are completed, type is set, the booklet keylined, and the art director supervises the printing of the booklet.

In regard to the production of any piece of material that is going to be used by Unity School, Zelma says: "We try to be forward looking, to keep up with graphic changes, and new techniques. We don't want to be trendy, but we do want our material to look and be up-to-date." She continued: "The Promotion Depart-

ment produces much of the material that is responsible for Unity's image in the outside world; we are part of the process that lets people know what is going on here. Each item that we produce is, in a way, the Unity missionary message. That is why each time we do something, we try to do our best."

Zelma is a dynamic woman whose enthusiasm for her work is apparent after only a few moments visiting. Her job largely involves the organization and coordination of many parts--the art department, photography, copywriting, and printing.

The Promotion Department either directly or partially produces the whole range of printed materials used by Unity School. This includes such diverse items as direct mail components (promoting such things as magazine subscriptions, for example), fliers, posters, brochures, greeting booklets, the Lenten Study Booklet, the Calendar Housebook, to name just a few. Of these various projects, Zelma says: "For each project we seek to improve. We are never satisfied with what we have done--we're always looking for ways to get better. When we hear from Truth students, 'Last year's booklet was so beautiful, I didn't think it could be better, but this year's is even more beautiful,' then we know we are accomplishing what we are trying to do."

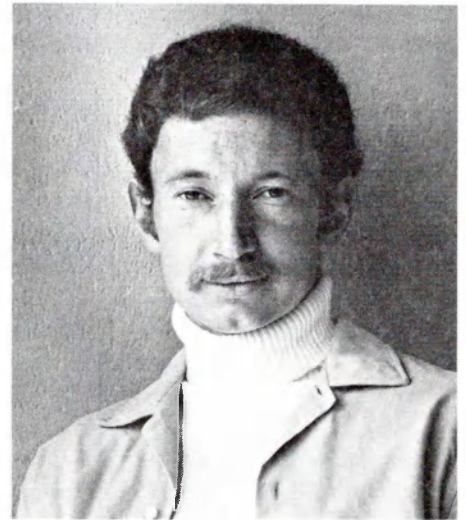
Zelma has been director of the department for three years. She was born and educated in Kansas City. After completing high school, she came to work at Unity at the (then) headquarters at 917 Tracy. She left to marry **Scott Cook**, and for nineteen years to be a housewife. Zelma has two children, **Jay Cook** and **Mrs. Pat Smith**, and three grandchildren, **Joe Cook**, **Chris**, and **Shay Smith**. When Zelma's son started school, she returned to work at Unity in the Personnel Department. She later worked in the Editorial Department, and was Managing Editor for **NEW Magazine**. When **NEW** was incorporated into **UNITY Magazine**, Zelma moved to her present department then called Advertising and Promotion.

Zelma attributes the quality of the work and the success of the department to her staff. "In this field, teamwork is essential. We work together well and have a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement about the projects we work on," she states.

The staff of the Promotion Department includes Art Director **Anna Finfrock**; secretary **Marsha Watts**; copywriters **Elvira Hicken**, **Virginia Baker**, and **Rebecca Miller** (an SMRS student); artist **Ann Bregach**; and photographer, **Tony LaTona**.

We at AUC thank the Promotion Department for materials which express Truth so beautifully!

DOCUMENTARY FILM ON CHARLES FILLMORE



S. Rickert Grace wrote and directed the documentary film "**Charles Fillmore: American Mystic**." Rick, who is the great-grandson of **Charles Fillmore**, serves in the Radio-Television Department of Unity School.

A preview showing of a documentary film on **Charles Fillmore**, co-founder of the Unity Movement, was held in the evening of October 19 in the Activities Center at Unity Village. Entitled "**Charles Fillmore: American Mystic**," the film was written and directed by **S. Rickert Grace** of the Radio-Television Department of Unity School.

The film is a delightful, loving, and beautifully produced work of art--a film that lets the viewer experience the events, works, and thoughts of **Charles Fillmore**. The Activities Center was filled to capacity for the film's preview with people from throughout the Metropolitan Kansas City Area. Distributed that evening to each person attending the preview was a very beautiful and appropriately prepared commemorative brochure. The *(continued on page 10)*

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brochure, produced by the Promotion Department of Unity School especially for the documentary film, will also be distributed during the film's premiere at Unity Celebration — 1976 in Philadelphia this next July.

The showing of the film was preceded by a dialogue between **Charles Rickert Fillmore** and **Rosemary Fillmore Rhea**. In the dialogue, Charles and Rosemary shared with the audience intimate glimpses and insights into their growing up with their grandfather. The program was enthusiastically received by Truth students and the general public alike. This preview viewing will be the only public showing prior to the film's premiere at Unity Celebration — 1976. The first evening program of Unity Celebration — 1976 has been reserved for Charles and Rosemary to present to those attending this important assemblage their dialogue and introduce the documentary film.

The preview showing in the Activities Center captured the interest of the local Kansas City Metropolitan Area news media and received excellent reviews and coverage in all area newspapers. Indicative of the type of enthusiastic and positive responses by the news media are the following quotes from a comprehensive review written by **Tim Hughes**, a staff writer for THE EXAMINER: " 'Charles Fillmore: American Mystic' is the type of documentary film that leaves the audience asking for more. As presented by the Unity School of Christianity, 'Charles Fillmore . . .' brings to life all the warmth, wit, and wisdom of the founder of the Unity Movement and Unity Village. The documentary, only 28 minutes, is the combination of actual film footage and sound recordings of the life and time of Fillmore. Written and directed by S. Rickert Grace, who is the great-grandson of Fillmore, the film poetically allows the viewer to experience the events, works, and thoughts of the metaphysician.

"**Richard Caram** narrates the film and is able to blend Grace's script around the director's artistic visual scenes. Caram is a poet and English professor at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri.

"From the time that Fillmore was a child of the frontier—born on a Chippewa reservation at St. Cloud, Minnesota, in

1854—through the time that he made the decision to give up his real estate business and devote full-time to the study and mastery of the spiritual principles which he came to believe is the principal theme of the film. But Grace analyzes his great-grandfather. He captures intimate glimpses and insights of Fillmore through still photographs that date back to 1870 and film footage that dates back to 1920.

"Grace depicts the inquiring mind and interest of Fillmore by showing his great-grandfather's dedication to the formulation of a philosophy, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, which became the foundation of the Unity Movement."

Rick Grace states that the voice of Charles Fillmore utilized in the film was from a recording made in 1946. The film voice of Myrtle Fillmore is that of Rosemary Fillmore Rhea.

Rick is a graduate of the University of Missouri at Kansas City where he received a Bachelor of Arts in English. Commenting on the production of the film, Rick stated, "We started thinking about doing the film in the fall of 1974 when we discovered some old film footage of Charles Fillmore. Production of the film commenced in January of this year and was technically completed in July." Rick added, "Information for the film was gathered not only from our own Unity archives but also from various museums and libraries."

Following the film's premiere showing at Unity Celebration — 1976 it will be made available through the AUC office for use by the Association's member ministries throughout the world.



CONTACT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Just a reminder that 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. The AUC office is very pleased to respond to these requests.

Please remember that it is not necessary to submit the names and addresses of your Board members since the copies are addressed to the ministry.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PEACE SONG

In the November issue of our Association's newsletter we shared some information on the history of the "Peace Song," which we had received from Unity Church of Dallas, Texas.

The article brought remembrances on the early usage of the statement 'Let there be peace and let it begin with me' by Unity from **James Dillet Freeman**, Director of Silent Unity.

Jim recalls: "During World War II, we in Silent Unity were always looking for new peace prayers to offer hope, comfort, and courage to the listeners of the radio program 'Unity Viewpoint.' We also included these prayers in our peace letters asking people to pray with Silent Unity for an end to world strife. We sent hundreds of thousands of copies of the prayers for peace that we were using to people all over the world."

Jim continued, "One day, a letter was received by Silent Unity from a woman in New Zealand—I no longer recall her name. But included with the letter was a prayer: 'Almighty Father, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. We all realized immediately that this was just the kind of thought that we wished to be sending out. It was the greatest prayer for peace we had ever seen. In fact, this line was used every day at the 12 o'clock noon peace prayer service at Unity headquarters at 9th and Tracy Streets in Kansas City."

INCLUDE AUC OFFICE IN YOUR MAILINGS

We in the AUC office look forward to receiving each month the many bulletins and mailings from the members of the Association of Unity Churches. In addition to contributing to the sense of belonging to the AUC family, the receipt of your bulletins informs us of the activities of the ministries and provides us with an opportunity to extend offers of various types of assistance. Please check your mailing list to be sure the AUC is included. We would appreciate receiving the bulletins and mailings of each ministry of the Association. In order to expedite receipt of your mailings, please use the following address: **Association of Unity Churches, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.**

GERMAN LANGUAGE RETREAT AT UNITY VILLAGE

Another first for Unity manifested during October 30 to November 15, when 184 of our German speaking Unity friends from West Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and France visited Unity Village. Their joyous and wonderful visit was very significant to Unity for two reasons. First, in the number of visitors from other countries. Second, the Liebe Freunde Retreat was the first retreat conducted at Unity Village entirely in a language other than English.

Peter Wenzel, minister of Berliner Unity Freunde e.V., our AUC member ministry in West Berlin, Germany, had worked closely for over 18 months with various members of the Unity School and AUC staffs in planning this event.

On October 30, our Unity friends from Europe arrived at the Kansas City International Airport via chartered airliner from Frankfurt, Germany. For the first two nights, the tour group stayed at a luxury hotel near the airport and during the day toured a newly constructed giant shopping mall in order to become better acquainted with some of the American way of life.



Shown above are (front row, left to right): Trudy Knafl of Switzerland; Dagmar Rieber of Germany; and Mary Rexroth, Retreat Coordinator for Unity School. Back row, left to right, are: Felicitas Knafl of Switzerland; Foster C. McClellan, Director of Overseas and Retreats for Unity School; Monica Butzin, church secretary of our German ministry; Peter Wenzel, minister of Berliner Unity Freunde e.V.; Paula McClellan, Retreat Department of Unity School; and Rolf Rieber of Germany who served as official interpreter during the time our German speaking friends from West Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and France were visiting Unity Village.



Peter Wenzel (shown at right), minister of Berliner Unity Freunde e.V., our AUC member ministry in West Berlin, receiving the AUC membership plaque for the German ministry from Robert P. Sikking, Executive Director of the AUC.

The group boarded special buses on November 1 for the drive to Unity Village. On hand to greet and assist the group in locating their housing assignments was a large contingent of ministerial students from SMRS.

From November 2 through November 7 the group's activities were under the direction and guidance of Peter Wenzel who conducted a special pre-retreat program. Each morning Peter led the group in Psycho-gymnastics before breakfast. In addition to times of prayer, lecture, song, meditation, and walks about the Unity Village grounds, special bus tours were taken to local cultural and historic sites. The SMRS students provided a very well received and enjoyable musical variety program during one of the evening sessions.

On November 8, the Liebe Freunde Retreat conducted by Unity School officially began. Planned by **Foster C.** and **Paula McClellan** and **Mary Rexroth** of the Retreat Department of Unity School, the
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retreat was conducted entirely in the German language through the able and dedicated assistance of **Rolf Rieber** of Sindelfingen, Germany, who served as official interpreter. Rolf did an outstanding job of simultaneous translation.

James Dillet Freeman presented his program "Unity Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" to our Unity friends from Europe on the evening of November 11. Jim made special preparation for this presentation, and presented it in German. With the exception of several Daily Word meditations led by Unity School staff members **Irene Homan** and **Maya Grace**, Jim's program was the only one presented in the German language without having to utilize the services of an interpreter.

During the candlelight banquet held in the Unity Inn on the evening of November 14, **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC, presented Peter Wenzel with the AUC membership plaque for Berliner Unity Freunde e.V.

Throughout their entire visit, the retreatants demonstrated an extremely joyous and enthusiastic attitude. Commenting on the visit, Peter Wenzel stated, "We enjoyed the rose garden in bloom, the water fountains, the newly built, beautiful Activities Center, and the deeply felt meetings with Silent Unity. In retrospect we can say: Expectations were surpassed, long hoped-for meaningful experiences were found, and precious friendships were made. A wave of love, truth, and joy was flowing through this retreat, and everyone could fill heart and soul to overflowing. In a wonderful way we experienced the light of love, truth, and life during these two weeks, and we feel the blessing of being filled with the freeing truth."

Five metropolitan Kansas City Area newspapers with a combined circulation of over 550,000 reported on the group's visit in articles of up to four columns in width together with photographs. The most popular headline was "Dreams Come True," which reflected the view of the majority of the tour group who felt that their visit to Unity was the fulfillment of their dreams to actually experience the consciousness and beauty of Unity Village. Members of the group often referred to their visit as a "pilgrimage."

JANUARY 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 January:

January

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| 1 | John Morrow
Laura Ruffins
Gladys Spaulding† |
| 2 | Adelaide Hensley
Wanda Martin |
| 3 | Sylvia Chevalier
Mildred Haggerty†
Sophia Shaffer |
| 4 | Ida Bowles
Christine Reichel |
| 5 | Larry Swartz |
| 6 | Mary Kupferle
Dana Voght
Nancy Whistler |
| 7 | Marian Baker
Merle Walker*
Geraldine Wallace |
| 10 | Philippe Bertrand
Rae Felter
Glenn Robinson* |
| 11 | Blaine Mays |
| 12 | Paul Barrett
Fred Goering |
| 14 | Viola Williamson* |
| 15 | Jim Dawson
Pat Filiault
W.E. Goodison-Orr |
| 16 | Bill Cameron |

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| 17 | Jack Dolen
Marie Handlyt
Mary Girvin
Cecil Lake† |
| 19 | Florence Allen
Lulamay Graybrook
Gerry Melin* |
| 20 | Connie Haines |
| 21 | Dorothy Pierson
Les Saunders |
| 22 | Marietta Idet
Margaret Smith |
| 23 | Jean Bould
Mabel Butts
Mabel Carlin
Dan Douglas |
| 24 | Gertrude Deising |
| 26 | Joseph Brabetz
Louise Earle
Ed Rabel |
| 27 | Katharine Carrier
David Drew*
Clem Thrift |
| 28 | Sonnie Cutter† |
| 29 | Grace Anderson
John Salunek* |
| 30 | Myrtle Fitzpatrick
Alan Rowbotham |
| 31 | Loren Flickinger
Lila Proby
Carole Scott |

† Minister Emeritus

* SMRS Student Minister

IN MEMORIAM

Three of our beloved members of the Association of Unity Churches have made their transitions. We know each member of the AUC joins in blessing **Dorothy Edwards**, **Mary Donnelly Huck**, and **Alice H. Stokes** as they continue in their eternal spiritual ongoing.

Dorothy Edwards, a retired Unity minister, made her transition on November 16, 1975, in Valley Center, California. Dorothy served as minister of the Unity work in Escondido, California, from 1959 to 1970.

Mary Donnelly Huck, a retired Unity minister, made her transition on October 15, 1975, in Daytona Beach, Florida. Mary served as minister of the work in Daytona Beach from 1944 to 1957.

Alice H. Stokes, also a retired Unity minister, made her transition October 30, 1975, in Fresno, California. Alice served our Unity work in Fresno from 1942 to 1955.

Our love and sustaining prayers go forth to Dorothy's husband, **Elmo**, and their family; to Mary's son, **Terrence**, and daughter, **Mrs. George Hasley**; and to Alice's son, **Merritt M. Loney**.

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, 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.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>PLACEMENT STATUS</u>
Asbury Park, N.J.	Christ Church Unity	J. Christian Morgan , former minister of Crown Center, Unity, in Kansas City, Missouri, accepted as minister.
Birmingham, Mich.	Unity Center - Birmingham	Elizabeth Jacunski , former minister in Portland, Maine, accepted as minister.
Culver City, Calif.	Unity Church of Culver City	Open — Edna Powers Sampson resigned as minister.
Detroit, Mich.	Unity of the Infinite Presence	Opening for an associate minister.
Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.	Unity of Jamaica	Jacqueline Neal , former Youth of Unity Coordinator for the AUC, accepted as associate minister.
Lake Worth, Fla.	Unity of Lake Worth	John Cuddeback , former minister in Asbury Park, New Jersey, accepted as minister.
Memphis, Tenn.	Unity Church of Christianity	Open
Modesto, Calif.	Unity Church of Modesto	Open
New York, N.Y.	Unity Universal Center of Practical Christianity	Mary Alice Brown , a 1975 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as minister.
Pine Bluff, Ark.	Unity Church of Practical Christianity	Adelaide Dibblee , former minister in Madison, Wisconsin, accepted as minister.
Portland, Maine	Unity Church of Truth	Open
Portland, Oreg.	Unity Center Church	C. Thomas Sikking , former minister in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, accepted as minister.
Redondo Beach, Calif.	South Bay Unity Church	Open — Patrick Berryhill resigned as minister to accept ministerial position in Church of Divine Science, Denver, Colorado.
Richmond, Calif.	Unity Church of Richmond	Open
San Gabriel, Calif.	Unity Church of San Gabriel	Open — Lee Hannaford serving as interim minister.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR UNITY VILLAGE RETREATS

The Unity School Retreat Staff reports that many people make reservations almost a year in advance for future retreats. In spite of this and the somewhat limited accommodations at Unity Village, **there are plenty of cottage spaces available for every retreat.**

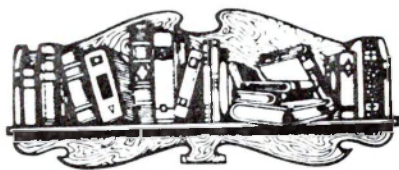
With the exception of the Rose Festival Retreat and the Maytime Retreat, **there are also many motel vacancies available for every retreat.**

To ensure your reservations it is suggested you make your retreat plans for 1976 as early as possible. For information write to: **Unity Village Vacation Retreats, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.**

YEARBOOK SUPPLEMENT

The information herein is presented in order that you may, if your 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.

<u>Page</u>	<u>Item</u>
38	Change address of Unity of Kalamazoo, Michigan, to 202 Fairfax, Kalamazoo 49203.
52	Add Church of the Open Road, Box 20512, Dallas, Texas 75220. Ministers: Marjorie C. Kass and Dona Unfried, office telephone number — area 214, 233-7106.



BOOK RACK

EXPLORING THE CRACK IN THE COSMIC EGG

Our AUC Book Review Committee has recommended to our membership Exploring the Crack in the Cosmic Egg by Joseph Chilton Pearce.

One of the Book Committee members writes: "In essence this book affirms that as we come into the world we are still in communion with Spirit: the divine Reality. Then, through our associations and education we are gradually conditioned to the existing culture. As a result, fears and phobias are instilled that separate us from our inherent divinity: our eternal identity in God and oneness with all life. It is only as we return 'by a childlike acceptance of the given (we would name it the Truth of our Being) without question' that we are able to regain our oneness with Spirit within . . . discard our fears, of which the most basic is our fear of death; and with openness of mind and heart, begin to move with the Flow of Life . . . eternal, ever expanding . . . awake to what we always have been and always will be: a part of the living flow that God is: life omnipresent, everlasting, unendingly unfolding!

"To the one who is interested in an in-depth study of the 'why and the wherefore' of our thinking and viewpoints and the 'how to' of our becoming once more one with our Father, this book is both revealing and clarifying. Be ready, however, to have a dictionary at hand to define the many technical terms."

Another reviewer states: "The author traces the development of cultural concepts in the individual and shows how we build a 'semantic universe' which too often determines how we look at ourselves in relation to other people and our world as we see it. He proposes that we are taught to organize our body senses to keep a 'stable sameness'. Utilizing both developmental physiology and psychology he gives an explanation of how men outgrow the simplicity and clarity of a child's understanding.

"The author uses his association with Carlos Castaneda and don Juan the Yaqui 'man of knowledge' to illustrate how the primitive mystic has an entirely different way of looking at nature and himself as compared with 'modern man'. The first half of the book may be said to show how we have built the shell around us. The second half of the book gives examples of seeing beyond this shell with many of the examples taken from experiences of primitive man in various parts of the world.

"The book has in my opinion, expressed some very pertinent psychological concepts. However it is very difficult to read mainly because of the psychological jargon used by the author. He seems to always use technical words and terms and never in a simple easy-to-follow manner. Perhaps this may cause the reader to slow down and do a little more thinking as he reads! There are some delightful bits of humor scattered throughout which do brighten the otherwise difficult reading.

"Reading this book as a Unity minister, I found little to disturb me, much food for thought, and a general feeling of the worthwhileness of the publication.

"I believe some of our ministers would be turned off by the book, but those who lean this way will want to purchase it."

Exploring the Crack in the Cosmic Egg is available in a 173 page clothbound edition, priced to retail at \$6.95, and may be ordered either from your local book dealer or from the publisher, The Julian Press, Inc. Publishers, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10011.

IMPORTANT NEW CASSETTE ALBUM BY ED RABEL

A new cassette album featuring **Ed Rabel** is available. The series of six lessons is titled "**METAPHYSICS OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.**" In this series, you will be introduced to the most advanced teachings of Jesus Christ. The series begins with a discussion of the Beatitudes and answers questions such as: How should I deal with my adversaries? How can I advance in spiritual power and understanding? How can I release the mistakes of the past? How can I assure my freedom?

"**METAPHYSICS OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT**" comes in its own storage album and is priced to retail at

\$12 for the six lessons. You may order the album from the Sales Department of Unity School at your dealer's price of \$7.20.

TO HUMANITY, WITH LOVE BY J. SIG PAULSON

Here is a brand-new book for Christmas giving. To Humanity, With Love by **J. Sig Paulson** is a treasury of inspiration—a book of poetry about people, their dreams and hopes, their defeats and triumphs, their ups and downs. The following poems are selections from the book.

CHILDLIKE PRAYER

Oh, God,

Make me as a little child
who awakens in the morning
with spirits flying
and knows without trying
or much study
and mental prying
that
the Kingdom of Heaven
is at hand.

MAN SONG

A bird is a song

with feathers all around it—
And amazingly, I've found it
true that man, too,
is build around a song!

Its notes are

Wisdom

Love

Giving

Power

Joy

Living

and Peace . . . All these

and more

belong to that great song

that man is to sing.

O Man,

thou Son of God

then sing—

Sing til the vibrant heavens ring

with joyous melody

And all creation is hushed and still
in wondrous ecstasy!

To Humanity, With Love is published by Hawthorn Books, Inc., and is priced to retail at \$4.95. It may be ordered from the Sales Department of Unity School at your dealer's price of \$3.96.

JOHN STRICKLAND, Y.O.U./Y.A.U. COORDINATOR REPORTS

Youth of Unity Report—"We are pleased with Y.O.U. activities as of this report. Soon, the 1976 Y.O.U. Conference Planning Committee will meet to plan and make arrangements for the International Conference next August 15-20. If you have not expressed your thoughts and ideas concerning this important activity in the lives of our Y.O.U.ers, please call or write me. Address your correspondence: YOU Coordinator, Unity Village, Missouri 64065. Thank you for your prompt response.

"We have produced a Thanksgiving letter; News*Notes; Conference Newspaper; and a Christmas letter. So, communication is going well. I especially want to thank the International Officers, **Pete Schulze, Paul Wiedmaier, and Candy Croft** for their many hours of loving service, for their ideas and suggestions, and for their loving and enthusiastic support.

"I would like to express my gratitude and send a warm Christmas blessing to all the ministers, sponsors, coordinators, YOUers and the AUC staff who make my job as YOU Coordinator the true joy that it is. Have a wonderful celebration of the birth of the Christ in your life! God's peace and love."

Young Adults of Unity Report—"The Young Adults program of Unity is making steady progress. We have produced a questionnaire which should enable us to compile an up-to-date Young Adult mailing list. It should also enable us to better understand the needs of our Young Adults.

"**David Monument**, minister of Unity Christ Church in Lakeland, Florida, who serves as Chairman of the Young Adults Research Committee (YARC), has proposed that the YARC discuss the following items at its January meeting:

1. The format of a YA newsletter.
2. The development of a YA songbook.
3. Evaluation of how YA retreats and other programs are developed in terms of YA interests and needs.
4. Format, development, and use of a YA resource manual.

"Should you desire to be placed on the current Young Adult mailing list or if you know of anyone who would, please indicate such by writing me at Unity Village, Missouri 64065. Please send us your ideas or suggestions concerning the aforementioned areas of Young Adults concern or any other area that you feel will benefit the Young Adult program.

"God bless you throughout this Christmas season and the coming year."

NOTICE TO YOUNG ADULTS

WHAT: Young Adults Weekend Retreat

WHEN: Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14, 1976

WHERE: Waldenwoods Resort
Hartland, Michigan

SPONSOR: Royal Oak Young Adults

COST: Approximately \$40.00

For reservations and additional information contact:

Royal Oak Young Adults
Royal Oak Unity Temple
2500 Crooks Road
Royal Oak, Michigan 48073
Telephone area 313, 585-1165

Y.A. EDUCATION SEMINAR

A Christian Education Seminar was conducted by David C. Cook Publishing Company in Kansas City, Missouri, in October to introduce their new Life Style course for young adults. **Martha Giudici, John Strickland, Jacqueline Neal**, AUC staff members, and **Linda Babbish**, of Unity School, attended the seminar which provided some helpful insights into the young adult needs of today. Martha reports, "The ideas presented were very good as far as the interaction portions were concerned and will be utilized wherever possible in the Y.A. program, but the bulk of the material was too traditionally oriented for AUC purposes. The seminar is being conducted in various cities throughout the country and would be a worthwhile experience for persons actively engaged in working with young adults. A list of seminar dates has been sent to those centers with young adult groups in cities on the schedule."

PAMPHLETS AVAILABLE FROM AUC

Please remember that the following pamphlets are now available on a love offering basis from the AUC. **Please address your orders for these items directly to the AUC office.**

A Calendar of Blessings

Thank You, God

Christ Bless Your Christmas

Programmed for Love

In His Hands

Look to the Christ Presence Within

Thine is the Power

Faith: The Divine Antidote

The Living Christ Heals

Christ Indwelling

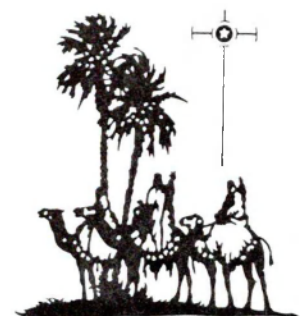
Everything Under the Heavens

Sincerity

Each ministry received with the mailing of the November issue of our newsletter a supply of the revised Silent-70 Free Literature Order Form. Please use the revised form when ordering Silent-70 material from the AUC office.

LICENSED TEACHER RECOGNITION

During October the Ad Hoc Licensing and Ordination Committee met with and approved two applicants for Licensed Teacher Recognition. The Board of Trustees ratified such Recognitions and we are pleased to welcome into the family of the AUC: **Steve Samms** of Jamaica, West Indies, and **Bill Bryan** of Lewiston, Idaho.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1975

- Dec. 21–27 Christmas Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
 †Dec. 25 May your inner song of Christmas be one of great joy and peace!

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.
 Jan. 16–17 "The Dynamics of Healing – A Symposium," Honolulu, Hawaii, sponsored by Unity Church of Hawaii
 Jan. 17–25 Healing Vacation Retreat, Maui Surf Hotel, Maui, Hawaii, sponsored by Christ Unity Church, Sacramento, Calif.
 Jan. 26–27 Southwest Regional Unity Ministers and Teachers Conference (U.M.T.C.), Tucson, Arizona, hosted by Unity of Tucson
 Jan. 27 Post Graduate Program on "Twelve Powers of Man," Tucson, Arizona
 †Feb. 21–22 Northern California Regional Youth of Unity Retreat, Stockton, Calif., hosted by Unity Church of Stockton
 †March 12–14 Young Adults Weekend Retreat, Waldenwoods Resort, Hartland, Michigan, sponsored by Royal Oak Young Adults
 April 3–16 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program –Session 1, Unity Village, Mo.
 April 17–23 Easter Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
 April 20–22 South Central Unity Churches Association (SCUCA) Regional Conference, Western Hills Lodge, Wagoner, Okla., hosted by officers of SCUCA
 †May 14 Northern California Regional Youth of Unity Rally, Sacramento, Calif., hosted by Unity Church of the Oaks.
 May 22–28 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

- June 5–11 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
 June 19– July 2 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program –Session 2, Unity Village, Mo.
 July 3–16 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program –Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.
 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.
 July 17–30 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program –Session 4, Unity Village, Mo.
 July 31– Aug. 6 Summertime Vacation Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
 Aug. 9–13 14th Annual Southeast Unity Retreat, Don CeSar Hotel, St. Petersburg Beach, Fla.
 Aug. 15–20 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
 Aug. 28– Sept. 3 Mid-Season Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
 Sept. 11–17 Septemberfest Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
 Sept. 19–22 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, jointly hosted by New Thought Unity Center and Unity Temple of Truth
 Sept. 22 Post Graduate Program, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Sept. 25–Oct. 1 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
 †Sept. 26–30 Eastern Regional Conference, Manresa-on-Severn, Annapolis, Maryland
 Oct. 9–15 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
 Oct. 16–29 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program –Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.
 Nov. 6–12 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
 Nov. 20–26 Thanksgiving Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
 Dec. 21–27 Christmas Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

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A
Golden
Treasury
50 years
with **Daily Word**

**SPECIAL BLESSING BOOKLETS
AVAILABLE FROM AUC OFFICE**

Several months ago the AUC office received a generous gift of special blessing booklets from Unity School. The booklets are being made available to our AUC member ministries through the Silent-70 Department of the AUC.

Considerable quantities of the blessing booklets have been requested by a number of our member ministries. One of the most popular booklets requested is **A Golden Treasury — 50 Years with Daily Word** (cover shown actual size in black and white at left). This special 128 page booklet was prepared especially for the 50th Anniversary of the publication of Daily Word.

Martha Smock, editor of Daily Word, stated in a portion of her introduction to this booklet, "When we thought about how best to celebrate our fiftieth year with you, it came to us that you would like to have a golden treasury consisting of a key article or poem or lesson for each one of the fifty years since 1924... So in this little book we give you our Daily Word 'hit parade' for the years 1924 through 1974. We trust that this book will be a treasury of inspiring material to you, that you will keep it and refer to it time and again. It has been a work of love to prepare it. But we have prepared it for those we love and hold dear — our Daily Word friends."

Other special blessing booklets (64 pages each) available through the Silent-70 Department of the AUC are: **Living With Confidence; Ideas to Live By; Begin Life Anew; How to Handle "People" Problems; Joy of Living; and Let Your Light Shine.**

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

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES
Statement of General Fund Operations
Seven Months Ended 10/31/75

INCOME — OPERATIONS:

	October
General Love Offering	\$27,417.82
Education Dept. Love Offering	560.00
Other Income	4,103.22
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Less: Tithe Transfer	2,741.78
Gross Profit Materials	1,855.08
Total Income	<u>31,194.34</u>

EXPENSES — OPERATIONS:

General Office	27,092.04
Education Dept.	11,344.38
Total Expenses	<u>38,436.42</u>

INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES: (\$7,242.08)

Year to Date
\$186,599.62
6,174.79
<u>18,101.45</u>
210,875.86
18,659.96
<u>24,383.62</u>
216,599.62
167,276.77
<u>64,348.66</u>
231,625.43
<u>(\$15,025.81)</u>



Idea Exchange

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING — COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

Earlier this year, Unity-in-the-Rockies initiated what proved to be a highly successful advertising program (see ad samples below). Andy Lucas, senior minister of this Colorado ministry, reports, "We have had tremendous success in my Ten Lesson Series on Prosperity's Ten Commandments. Each week we ran in our daily newspaper a 3 x 2 column ad telling what commandment we are considering, and we have had tremendous reports of demonstrations in that regard."

HARD TIMES?

... Ridiculous!

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Course	Credits	Classroom Hours
Lessons in Truth	8	16-24
How I Used Truth	6	11
Christian Healing	8	16-24
Discover the Power Within You	6	12
Leadership Training	6	6
New Testament Course Part I	4	12
New Testament Course Part II	4	12
Teach Us To Pray	6	12
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Limited Size of Classes - Act Now!

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NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING — RICHMOND, CALIF.

Unity Church of Richmond has shared the two samples of newspaper advertising shown below. David Williamson, minister in Richmond at the time the ads were utilized, advised that the response was very favorable and productive.

SPIRITUAL EDUCATION CLASSES

for
YOUNG PEOPLE

OF ALL AGES

9:30 Sundays

FALL THEME
"ECOLOGY AND YOU"
Studying Reverence for
Life as a Way of Life

Meditation
Bible Study
Group Dynamics
Creative Dramatics
Positive Self-Image
Building
Character Building
Values Clarification
Transactional Analysis
Science
Films
Making Banners
Multi-Media Celebrations
Family Projects

UNITY

351-28th St.

Richmond

Daily recorded
meditation
232-5706

REINCARNATION

Do you reject the concept of a literal heaven and hell? Unity teaches that these are within us. They are states of mind. Human existence is not headed toward a permanent reward or punishment. Have you stayed away from church because you just couldn't accept such beliefs as a heaven and hell presided over by a rewarding and punishing God?

Has the doctrine of hell-fire seemed inconsistent with Jesus' life and teaching of universal love? Unity suggests the theory of reincarnation as the loving provision for on-going learning, growth, and overcoming. If you would like to know more about this subject, it will be talked about at Unity this week.

SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M.

"In My Father's House
Are Many Rooms"

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