

"UNITY CELEBRATION - 1976" Philadelphia, Pa. July 15-18

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

CONTACT

"To Freedom With Love"

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PROMOTIONAL BROCHURES FOR "UNITY CELEBRATION – 1976" NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED TO MINISTRIES

The program for "Unity Celebration — 1976" has now been finalized and all participants confirmed. The AUC Executive Committee completed the final program details for our major assemblage during the January meetings of the Mid-year Council of Committees at Unity Village. The full program is printed on page 9 of this issue.

A promotional brochure is now in the process of being distributed in quantity to ach AUC member ministry. The brochure contains the full program, photos of those persons featured in the evening programs, general information regarding the assemblage, and a tear-off registration form. The brochures are being distributed in quantities based upon the usage records in the AUC office of materials utilized by the ministries in promoting the 1973 Convention. Each ministry should receive their supply of the brochures in early February.

Upon receipt in the AUC office of the completed Registration Form and Registration Fee (\$30 per person), an Activities Ticket, additional information regarding the Celebration, and an Application for Hotel Reservation packet will be sent by return mail to the person registering.

The AUC office has already received reports from a number of our member ministries who have either chartered an airplane or a bus for members of their congregations to attend this exciting Unity activity in Philadelphia. Attendance at "Unity Celebration — 1976" must, of necessity, be limited to only 2,200 persons due to the available meeting room facilities. Accordingly, each ministry is encouraged to advise the members of their congregation to register as early as possible.

Additional information regarding "Unity Celebration — 1976" will be shared through future issues of CONTACT. We recognize, appreciate, and give thanks for the enthusiastic and receptive response this Unity activity is receiving from Truth students throughout the world.

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AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Association Members,

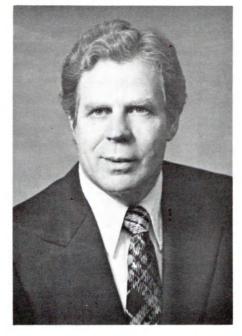
I would like to wish each one who is actively working in Unity, in whatever capacity, a Happy New Year for 1976. May your dreams for a more wonderful life of health, happiness, and prosperity be realized and fulfilled to a greater degree than you have known before.

It would seem that the year 1976 is destined to be an important turning point in the upward and progressive movement of the AUC. Much thought and prayer has been given by many of you as to how we can improve the AUC and make it more effective and responsive to the needs of its members.

At this writing it is too early to determine what changes the collective consciousness of the members will want to make. The results of the Barton Survey should give us much food for thought and prayer. I know many good ideas will be coming forth and as the case may be with good ideas they are quite often challenging to accept. However, as we work together in meeting and accepting the changes the majority agree upon we will grow into a stronger and more effective AUC.

When I suggest that we will become stronger I do not mean in control over the members but we will become stronger in protecting the freedoms and rights of the members and in our true purpose.

I thought it might be a good idea to briefly review an important point about the structure of AUC. As you know we



James C. Lewis

have a representative form of government. Of the twenty-one member Board of Trustees, you the members directly elect thirteen of the Trustees; seven by Regions and six (2 each year) at the annual conferences. These Trustees in turn elect the additional eight Trustees. The purpose of the Board is to manage the affairs of the AUC. All the actions of the Board are subject to ratification by the membership at the annual meeting.

The Board of Trustees meets twice a year and puts in many hours in fulfilling its responsibilities. These Trustees are not paid and in most instances pay their own expenses to attend the meetings. In some

instances the Regions or local ministries pay their expenses.

Since there is much more business to handle throughout the year than the Board can efficiently deal with in two sessions, the Board appoints a seven-member Executive Committee, selected from the members of the Board, to act on its and the membership's behalf. All actions of the Executive Committee are subject to ratification by the full Board at its next meeting.

The Board and Executive Committee must always be responsive to the majority and minority views and needs of the member ministries. Member ministries should communicate their views and needs to the Board through their Regional Representatives or another Board member.

In order to have an efficient and harmonious AUC we must all work together in love, cooperation, and support as we grow through challenges and changes. In doing so our member ministries will become stronger and we will be better able to fulfill our true purpose of helping people find the "kingdom of God" that is within them. It is a pleasure and a joy to work with all of you in this Jesus Christ purpose.

Blessings,

James C Lewis



REGIONAL NEWS

Loren Flickinger reporting for the SOUTHEASTERN REGION:

BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA — During the month of November Unity-In-The-Pines celebrated its first completed year of activity. The ministry's twelve acre complex, formerly a small college, was pur-

chased just a year ago. Unity-In-The-Pines, along with regular Unity services on Sunday and weekly classes, serves as a Retreat Center for individuals and groups. It is located in a secluded rustic country atmosphere, amid rolling hills, orange groves, and lakes in central Florida near Brooksville. The three buildings, surrounded by towering pines and oaks, consist of a large rustic, lodge type Lecture and Meditation Hall, with a Library and Bookstore; a large Guest House; and a Cottage.

Paul H. Funk, minister of this innovative Florida work, commented, "Much work needed to be done on the acreage and on the three buildings since they have been vacant for over two years. New restroom facilities were installed, everything has been newly painted and the grounds are now nicely landscaped.

The Guest House was remodeled to accommodate 25 persons, 2–4 in each room plus a small dormitory room. A complete kitchen and dining hall is almost completed."

Paul also advised, "Many individuals and several groups have used the facilities for individual or group retreats and have found the setting especially inspiring for study and meditation. Meditation walks in the adjacent woods and study in the informal country atmosphere are particularly enjoyed.

Anyone interested in using the facilities is invited to write Paul in care of Unity-In-The-Pines, Rural Route 9, Box 4023, Brooksville, Florida 33512.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, W.I. — Unity of Jamaica celebrated its Tenth Anniversary (continued on page 3)

REGIONAL NEWS

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in November. Wildorf E. Goodison-Orr (Goodi), who has served as minister in Unity of Jamaica since August 1969, advised, "The ministry has grown steadily since its beginning in November 1965. In 1967, negotiations for the purchase of property were initiated. The nature of the negotiations enabled the ministry to erect a moderate building to accommodate 300 persons. During this time, I was privileged to assist and study under the guidance of Norman Dennis Robinson who established the ministry. My training was later completed at Unity Village and upon ordination I returned to Jamaica to assume leadership of the ministry."

Goodi stated, "The growth necessitated the expansion of the Sanctuary in 1967 to double its capacity. In 1973, the ministry became an incorporated body. We now have expanded our Sanctuary to accommodate 700 persons. We thank God for this growth. In addition, we have purchased additional land for the planned expansion we visualize in the near future.

"We had a great time from the 16th to the 19th of November dedicating the new section of our building and giving thanks for our growth and expansion," said Goodi.

C. Berton Coffey reporting for the SOUTHWEST REGION:

HONOLULU, HAWAII — The "Dynamics of Healing: A Symposium" is the title of a special program being sponsored by Unity Church of Hawaii. Michael Murphy, our minister in Hawaii, stated that the two-day symposium scheduled for January 16-17 is "... an exciting program featuring widely known leaders in the field of medicine, science, and religion who have proven the beneficial effects of the expansion of human consciousness."

The program includes Dr. O. Carl Simonton and his wife Stephanie; Dr. Elmer O. Green and his wife, Alyce; Dr. Jack H. Scaff; and R. Scott Sherman. Charles King will share his musical talent.

The two-day program is part of "A Unity Week In Hawaii" which the Honolulu ministry is sponsoring. The activities during the week include free time for enjoying the famous beach at Waikiki, sightseeing trips, a traditional Hawaiian

NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA — Sune Richards, minister of Newport Unity Church, was honored by the Newport Harbor Business and Professional Women's Club during ceremonies held in October. Sune was chosen unanimously by the club's five judges to receive their "Woman of Achievement" award.

The award was bestowed on Sune for her dedication to serving others and for her active involvement in community affairs. She received a standing ovation from the members of the club following her acceptance talk and a beautiful silver plaque was presented to her as a fitting tribute for a lady "who has done much to enrich the lives of many."

VISTA, CALIFORNIA — Unity Truth Church of Vista, Calif., where **C. Berton** and **Eva** Coffey serve as ministers, recently received extensive feature article coverage in their local newspaper. The article was based upon the grand opening of the ministry's "Unique Boutique."

The newspaper article stated, "The 'Unique Boutique' was conceived by the workers of Unity as a creative idea to offer to everyone in the community specialized gifts, art objects, antiques, and custom made items." A selection of comprehensive metaphysical books will also be available as well as a locally produced "Unity Friends' Cookbook."

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Charles Korfhage reporting for the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION:

RENO, NEVADA — Unity Ministry of Reno and their extension works, Unity of Lake Tahoe and Unity of Carson City, have announced plans for a special fall SIERRA RETREAT at the Tahoe Racquet Club, Incline, Nevada. Retreat dates are September 17-19, 1976.

The theme will be "Re-Creation For The Whole Man" and lists such outstanding guests as Sue Sikking, Charles King, Marcus Bach, and local talent. The retreat will also feature the exceptional recreational facilities at the Racquet Club and will include a cookout, buffets, family style meals, a campfire gathering, and group endeavors. A combination of musical, verbal, and personal experiences will take place during the weekend retreat. The activities will conclude on Sunday morning with a sunrise prayer breakfast.

Jacklyn and Carlton Buholtz ministers

of these three groups say, "Whether it's solitude, physical activities, or inspiration sharing . . . the SIERRA RETREAT is the place to find something for "Re-Creating The Whole Man."

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA - Christ Unity Church in Sacramento is presenting a special program the first Sunday of each month featuring Connie Haines, one of the ministry's associate ministers. This musical program has received tremendous response from the community and has been well publicized by the local news media. Entitled "Life's Jubilee in Song," the program was recently filmed by Channel 3 of Sacramento and aired on December 4. Connie has also received excellent feature article coverage from the local newspapers and has been a guest on local television talk shows. Phillip and Dorothy Pierson, ministers of this Sacramento Unity work, stated "Connie Haines is doing a tremendous job in bringing such a great combination of talent and spiritual inspiration to our community in the name of Unity."

The special program also features a choir entitled "Soul Motivators," which is led by Connie, and such outstanding guest artists as gypsy guitarist Juan Adomono and the world famous Sweet Adeline Singers from the Camelia City Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc.

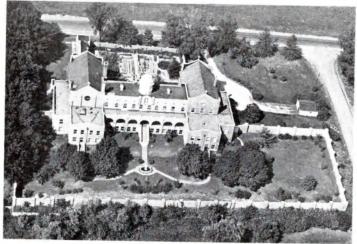
Kay Arndt reporting for the NORTH-WEST REGION:

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON - In October Unity Church of Spokane conducted a highly successful seminar based upon the best seller book Type A Behavior and Your Heart written by Dr. Meyer Friedman and Dr. Ray H. Rosenman, internationally known cardiologists. David McClure, minister in Spokane, stated, "The book fits right in with Unity's teachings. Each person attending the seminar was given a questionnaire to determine if he or she was Type A or B. Following that I shared ideas on how Type A's could re-engineer their lives. Channel 4 news in Spokane came to the church and filmed a 5-minute interview which they featured on the evening newscasts." A reproduction of the newspaper advertisement publicizing this seminar is shown in the Idea Exchange section of this issue.

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Catherine Knight reporting for the GREAT LAKES REGION:



Unity Center of Mount Carmel, Bettendorf, Iowa

BETTENDORF, IOWA — On November 23rd, Unity Center of Mount Carmel held its Dedication Service for its newly purchased facilities in Bettendorf, Iowa. This Iowa ministry, where Randolph Schmelig serves as minister, was formerly the Unity Center of Davenport, Iowa.

William Hines, President of the Great Lakes Regional Conference and minister of Unity Church of Des Moines, Iowa, and Robert P. Sikking, Executive Director of the AUC, participated in the Dedication Service. Bob stated, "Randy and Leddy Schmelig have been such a vital part of a growth process that has seen the ministry's attendance grow from only 15 people to approximately 200 in a scant 15 months."

The facilities are atop a ridge overlooking the Mississippi River and formerly served as the Carmelite Monastery. The Carmelite nuns feel a deep spirit of gratitude that our Unity ministry can move into their facilities and continue the prayer consciousness that has been a dedicated part of that place for over 50 years. The governing principle of the Carmelite order displayed on a bulletin board in these facilities, which until recent years served as a cloistered monastery, read "We are Carmelite women who are personally and as a community dedicated to God in Christ and who witness the mystery of prayer in the church and in the world challenging every man to realize his own contemptative dimension." Not only will there be a



Present during the Dedication Service of the new facilities of Unity Center of Mount Carmel were (left to right): William and Beverly Hines of Des Moines, Iowa; Leddy and Randolph Schmelig of Unity Center of Mount Carmel; and Robert P. Sikking, Executive Director of the AUC, Unity Village, Missouri.

continuation of the prayer consciousness that has existed over the years, but the facilities will enable the expansion and development of a Unity work that will serve the Quad-City area in significant and wonderful ways. The whole Unity Movement can be proud of this step forward taken by Randy and Leddy and the members and friends of Unity Center of Mount Carmel.

Purchased last September, the 100-room brick Romanesque villa is now serving the community as a children's day-care center, fellowship hall, and new home of the former Unity Center of Davenport. The facilities were purchased for \$185,000, an amount which Randy states is very modest considering the quality and condition of the building.

Evident of the tremendous interest which the community has shown in the ministry's expansion program was the four page spread, including the cover, which this project received in "Focus", the Sunday magazine supplement to the Quad-City Times. This Davenport, Iowa, newspaper through use of numerous photographs and a comprehensive feature article shared the good news of the purchase of the facilities by the ministry. Portions of the article stated: "Rev. Schmelig emphasizes that his church will retain the Italian elegance of the monastery as much as possible. All the statuary adorning the building and its grounds will stay . . . 'The monastery is a landmark for the community and we hope to preserve it. We plan no major remodeling projects,' said Rev. Schmelig...The daycare center occupies a portion of the monastery's basement. Rev. Schmelig conducts Sunday services in the main chapel . . . 'If you sit in the chapel, you cannot help but sense the sister's (Davenport Carmelite Order) 60 years of presence here,' said Rev. Schmelig, noting that Unity draws upon the best of all the world's religions. 'The sisters provided a valuable service to the community in prayer, and the monastery was built as a tribute to the community. We don't want to change this'."

HAMMOND, INDIANA - Grace Free, minister of Unity Church of Christ in Hammond, Indiana, was given special recognition and honored by the United States House of Representatives on October 30, 1975. She accepted the invitation of the House of Representatives to serve as Acting Chaplain to open the proceedings of the House with prayer. Selection of Grace to serve in this capacity reflects great honor on our entire Unity Movement. The Journal of the House of Representatives for Thursday, October 30, devoted almost an entire page to paying tribute to Grace. Congressman Ray F. Madden in his introduction of Grace advised the House of the many accomplishments she has achieved. His statement in part reads: "Reverend Free is one of the few lady ministers who has opened our congressional session with a prayer in this century. She had this distinguished honor on April 27, 1972, and by reason of her remarkable personality several of my colleagues commented on the outstanding impression she made in delivering her prayer message on that occasion . . . Reverend Free does not confine her own activities just to her own pulpit. She is active in community and national affairs and has a deep commitment to working with the mentally ill and alcoholics, as well as presenting seminars for human development."

We know each member of the Association of Unity Churches joins with us in giving thanks for and blessing Grace. She has contributed greatly to our Movement.

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Marlowe Kline reporting for the EAST-ERN REGION:

MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA — Unity Truth Centre in Montreal conducts lessons and classes in both English and French. Jean Grover, minister of this Canadian work, has advised that Zelda Loader, a licensed teacher, is conducting the ministry's programs in the French language. The ministry also has several other bilingual lay persons to assist in the teaching functions.

With the ministry's expanded program of classes, meditation sessions, and worship service being offered in both French and English, Unity Truth Centre is indeed effectively serving the spiritual needs of more people in their community.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK — Unity Panamericano of New York City, where **Luis A. Perez** is serving as minister, is growing in a fantastic way among the Spanish speaking community.

On October 5th, the ministry initiated an additional Sunday service and Luis has begun to broadcast, as a public service, the Daily Word over radio station WEVD. The broadcast is part of an evening program entitled "La Voz de Borinquen" led by a well-known Spanish speaking community leader, Commissioner Santiago Grevy. Luis reports, "We have had a great response from the Spanish speaking people in the metropolitan area."

Other recent programs include a seminar recently conducted by **Dr**. **Anny Stephens**, a dynamic professor and authority in the fields of Dietetics and Irisology.

The ministry is expanding its services to include activities conducted in various nursing homes and hospitals throughout the community.

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA—Unity Center of Pittsburgh recently purchased a downtown area building which will serve as the new facilities for the ministry. The October 24 issue of the Pittsburgh Press publicized the purchase stating, "A 20-room Point Breeze mansion has been purchased as the new headquarters for Unity Center of Pittsburgh The Rev. Thomas Coates said the \$92,000 building at 7110-7116 Penn Ave. will be used for classrooms, administrative offices, and

counseling. In addition, he said the church will construct a 250-seat sanctuary as an extension to the present structure. The existing building now houses four apartments which will be vacated in May to allow the church to move in, the Rev. Mr. Coates said."

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA — A three-day biofeedback training seminar and equipment demonstration was conducted in November at Unity of Richmond by Hal Rosencrans, minister of Unity of the Palm Beaches, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Representing several of the Unity ministries in the Eastern Region were: Gerry and Margaret Belanger; Ida Bowles; Bill Cameron; Tom and Helen Coates; Sue Page; John Cuddeback; Elizabeth (Betty) Jacunski; and Charlene Linnell.

Charlene, our minister in Richmond, Virginia, commented, "Hal's presentation of the potential uses of biofeedback programs and machinery in the development of human resources was enthusiastically received. The consensus of those present will serve as an encouragement to other regions to make a similar presentation by Hal available to their regions."

TORONTO, CANADA — Congratulations and blessings to Jacque and James Sherman of Unity Church of Truth, Toronto! The Shermans have shared with us the wonderful news of the birth of their son, Stephen Ross Sherman. Stephen was born on December 9, 1975, weighing in at six pounds nine ounces. We know each member of our Association joins us in blessing the Shermans and welcoming Stephen into the family of Unity.

James C. Lewis reporting for the SOUTH CENTRAL REGION:

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO — Unity Center in Alquerque celebrated its Thirty-eighth Anniversary in October with a special service honoring the charter members of this New Mexico ministry. Viola Siemen, who has served this ministry in Albuquerque for the past 14 years, stated that a special fellowship time followed the anniversary service.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO — Unity-in-the-Rockies, Colorado Springs, is expanding both in facilities and activities. Andres Lucas, minister of this pro-

gressive Colorado ministry, has announced the ministry's expansion plans which are designed to increase the ministry's ability to meet the spiritual needs of residents and visitors to the Colorado Springs area. The initial phase of the ministry's expansion plans has already been completed with the purchase of a 33 unit motel in Colorado Springs which will provide facilities for an expanded educational and retreat program.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI — In November The Kansas City Star carried a comprehensive article on a new program being conducted by Unity Center of Truth in Independence. The newspaper devoted considerable coverage to the ministry's daily telephone message entitled "Inspiration Break" recorded by Marilyn Rieger, co-minister of this Missouri ministry. The newspaper was particularly interested in the Saturday portion of the program which is directed toward school age callers and entitled "Magical Minute."

Marilyn advised, "The Saturday message is one dedicated to youngsters and structured to motivate them into thinking for themselves. I try to tell a story or something I feel is interesting to children. In the one to two minute message I usually have a little Truth message for them too." Marilyn added, "The self-image program presents these six ideas: You can do almost anything you want to do; You're something special; Set daily goals and you'll feel great; You don't make any more mistakes than anyone else; When you are friendly to others they will be friendly to you; and You can be just as happy as you want to be."

Response to the newspaper coverage was positive and immediate. The number of telephone calls to the recorded message more than doubled following the article's publication.

UNITY VILLAGE, MISSOURI — Church Women United in Lee's Summit, Missouri, celebrated World Community Day on November 7 in the Silent Unity Visitors' Chapel, Unity Village, Missouri. On this day thousands of church women gathered in their local communities to commit themselves to work toward a global society in which all persons have the opportunity to realize their aspirations in "One Community Under God." J. Sig Paulson, minister of Unity Village Chapel, was the main speaker for the program.

FEBRUARY 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 February:

February

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1	Susan Colombero Betty Owers John Wilkinson	
2	Emerson Brathwaite Ruth Cox Harry Young	
3	Al Ransford Ruby Rawtins	
4	Thelma Hembroff* Edna Lowe Sue Page Sune Richards	
5	Freda Butner	
6	Carl Bonham Rosita Friedman*	
7	Rowland Jenkins	
9	Rollie Closson	
10	Eleanor Campbell	
11	Robert R. Barth* David Schumacher	
12	Elois Echlin Jim Sherman Sarah Switzer	
13	Hazel Erisman Priscilla Purdy Pearle Swallow	
14	Vera Harper Mildred Kennedy Catherine Ponder Bob Wallet	

February

Corda	y
15	Ruby Gillespie Mary Lou Watkins
16	Ed Myler
17	May Duncant Randy Schmelig
18	Candida Wright
19	Helen Chapman Elvira Hicken Lela Stahl
20	Genevieve Robinson
21	Joan Bacon
22	Mabel Donaldson Fermor Manley†
	Gloria White
23	Kay Arndt Jack Groverland*
24	Margaret Cain Ruth Johnston Max Lafser Warren Meyer
25	Marion Brown Martha Cole Jane Hungerford Lucile Johnston Ruth Seaton
26	Howard Armstrong Nicolina Benitez Michael Murphy Viola Zeliff
27	Donald Curtis
28	Floyd Howard* Graeme Johnson*

† Minister Emeritus

* SMRS Student Minister

Marilyn Witherspoon*

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Fund Operations Eight Months Ended 11/30/75

INCOME – OPERATIONS:	November	Year to Date
General Love Offering	\$27,126.88	\$213,726.60
Education Dept. Love Offering	788.00	6,962.79
Other Income	2,503.79	20,605.24
	30,418.67	241,294.63
Less: Tithe Transfer	2,712.69	21,372.65
Gross Profit Materials	1,816.27	26,199.89
Total Income	29,522.25	246,121.87
EXPENSES – OPERATIONS:		
General Office	21,948.49	189,225.26
Education Dept.	9,010.01	73,358.67
Total Expenses	30,958.50	262,583.93
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	(S1,436.25)	(\$16,462.06)



Book Rack

<u>DREAMER AWAKE</u> AND <u>DREAMTIME</u> BY NOEL STREET

Our AUC Book Review Committee has reviewed two books regarding dream study: <u>Dreamer Awake</u> by Noel Street and Judy Dupree and <u>Dreamtime</u> by Noel Street.

Dreamer Awake is subtitled "A Guide to Dream Study" and, as stated by the publisher, "sets out clearly and precisely how dreamtime can be valuable when organized in a beneficial way."

<u>Dreamtime</u> has as its subtitle "How To Use Your Sleep Beneficially" and is a sequel to Dreamer Awake.

In recommending these books one of the Book Committee members writes: "I am impressed with both of these books. They are very informative, well written, and easy to understand for both the beginner and the seasoned traveler. I would stock these books in my church and also utilize them as textbooks for class work. I have found classes on dreams to be well attended."

Another reviewer states: "My ministry carries <u>Dreamer Awake</u> on our book table. The techniques of dream study described in the book have been found to be workable. I feel they would be very good for anyone interested in dreams. Persons attending the ministry are very much interested in this book and I feel that it would be especially helpful to our ministers. As ministers, we should be conversant with such subjects as covered in these books in order to be able to answer questions from students intelligently."

A third reviewer's report is more reserved: "If you are interested in a study of this subject (dreams) the techniques set forth in these two books would no doubt be very helpful. I would not stock them for our book table but ministers and teachers might find them interesting to broaden their own knowledge."

Both in paperback and priced to retail at \$1.95 each, <u>Dreamer Awake</u> has 98 pages and <u>Dreamtime</u> has 79 pages. Either book may be ordered from your local book dealer or direct from the publisher, The Lotus Ashram, Inc., 128 N.E. 82nd Terrace, Miami, Florida 33138.

THINK EXPANSIVELY

with R. Scott Sherman

Sometime this month or next we expect to be announcing to the membership of the AUC the chartering of the first church sponsored by your Outreach Program. The rapid development of this ministry resulted from some early study group meetings led by Richard Billings, Unity of Oak Park, and the dedicated work of several individuals in the group, but especially Laura Dillard, a UICE student who hopes to complete her training soon.

This group was the nucleus around which gathered dozens of other interested Truth students who attended James Dillet Freeman's lecture at their first public meeting in St. Charles, Illinois.

The ministry, now known as **Unity-in-the-Valley** is holding regular Sunday services, youth education classes, Bible study, yoga, and various Unity seminars such as the Prosperity Seminar held in mid-December.

Currently, Unity-in-the-Valley holds almost all of its activities in the St. Charles Community Center which is ideally located in the center of this delightful community and just two blocks from the Fox River. This central Fox

Valley location not only serves St. Charles' sister cities of Geneva and Batavia, but also serves Aurora, Elgin, West Chicago, and a dozen smaller communities that are within fifteen minutes driving time. We have learned that there are over 2,100 Unity subscribers or correspondents in the area.

Judy and I serve as their youth education superintendent and minister respectively, but are preparing the group for their permanent minister. We are now seeking, through the Placement Committee, to identify a Unity minister who not only will handle the St. Charles work, but will work with us in the Outreach Program in other near-by areas.

In less than two months of meetings our regular adult attendance is at the fifty mark and nearly thirty children regularly attend youth education classes. We plan to accept 100 charter members during 1976 which, of course, will be the year of incorporation.

If you have questions about the AUC Outreach Program, please write or call me: 622 Cress Creek Drive, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014, (815) 455-2479.

CHRISTIAN HEALING TEACHING GUIDE

The Christian Healing Teaching Guide is now in its final stages of preparation for distribution to our ministries. At the January meetings, the Post Graduate Course Development Committee reviewed the material, established a set of new questions for each chapter, and made recommendations for some final changes before printing. These changes are now being implemented.

The finished product will include a teaching outline for the book Christian Healing, a series of illustrations that can be used on a chalkboard, flannel board, or overhead projector, and questions for each chapter. These questions are to be utilized in teaching the extension course in Christian Healing for U.I.C.E. credit. In addition, Ed Rabel is preparing a set of brief annotations based on the new questions and these will be provided with the material. The cost for the Christian Healing Teaching Guide will be \$2.00 and may be ordered from the AUC Order Clerk.

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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MINISTRY

Cincinnati, Ohio

Unity Temple of Truth

Culver City, Calif.

Unity Church of Culver City

Detroit, Mich.

Unity of the Infinite Presence

Memphis, Tenn.

Unity Church of Christianity

Modesto, Calif.

Unity Church of Modesto

Portland, Maine

Unity Church of Truth

Redondo Beach, Calif.

South Bay Unity Church

Richmond, Calif.

Unity Church of Richmond

San Gabriel, Calif.

Unity Church of San Gabriel

Seal Beach, Calif.

Unity Church of Leisure World

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.

PLACEMENT STATUS

Open

Open

Opening for an associate minister.

Paul Stewart, former minister in Cincinnati, Ohio, accepted as minister.

Open

Open

Open

Marion Collins, who has been on a leave of absence, accepted as minister.

Open

Mary Jo Cooper, who has been on a leave of absence, accepted as minister.

PERSON TO PERSON





Do you realize that it's just ten years ago this month that the then UMA held its first Mid-year Council of Committees at Unity Village! Word had been received several weeks earlier that it was the conviction of Unity School that our field ministries form their own organization and accept responsibility for their own administration. That was Bulletin Four in which that decision was communicated. The responses that we had as Unity ministers and therefore as Unity ministries were almost as diverse as we are numerous. Emotions ran high with feelings of rejection at being "pushed out of the nest," feelings of pride at having at last "come of age," feelings of fear and faith, of joy and sadness. But no one was insensitive to the significance of changes that lay before us.

Perhaps the fact that Unity people, Unity ministers, teachers, Board members, workers, and congregations, care is the most significant revelation that occurred at that time. During this ten years, we have molded this caring into a structure that respects and maintains our individual integrity and freedom and that of our ministry and at the same time provides a vehicle for accomplishing collectively those things that individually would be difficult to accomplish.

Together we have produced outstanding Youth Education Material and together we continue to upgrade that material that it might be a more effective instrument for our service to those whom we draw to us. Together we have developed an outstanding Teacher Training and Ministerial Education program and together we continue to search for and find ways in which to assure the effective, progressive growth of our Movement through our teachers and ministers.

Together, during this ten years, we have without forcing or pushing, created in our very midst a sense of our common purpose and commitment. From the very

beginning there have been those who for their own reasons have not felt a need to be a part of the unified effort by which we sustain and strengthed one another. Quite rightly we have blessed each of these, freed them, and let them go. With every contact personally and in every other way, we have grown together and there is emerging within our movement a sense of identity. For this awareness of spiritual self consciousness, we are deeply grateful, for through it we shall accomplish the goals of Spirit that have been revealed to us.

Ten years ago, we were ready to take the first faltering steps toward becoming a field movement. Today we are a field movement, a self-sustaining, self appreciating, self disciplining movement that is based upon love and prayer. The things that we shall accomplish having come this far will be meaningful and significant for the Unity that we love so long as we stand together. It's going to be exciting to see where the pathway leads us and to rejoice in the great good that moves through us. Aren't you glad that you're a part of this great activity of Spirit? I am!!

KANSAS CITY YOUTH SYMPHONY PERFORMS IN ACTIVITIES CENTER

On Sunday afternoon, November 16, a benefit concert by the Kansas City Youth Symphony was presented in the Activities Center at Unity Village.

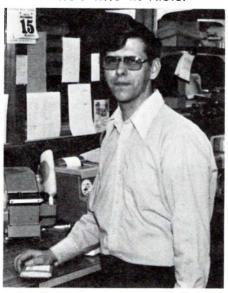
The concert, sponsored by Unity School of Christianity, was held to assist the Youth Symphony in raising funds for Project '76, an effort designed to send the group to Philadelphia for performances in the Bicentennial Celebration. The orchestra has been honored with invitations to perform concerts at Kennedy Center in Washington and Williamsburg, Virginia.

The 108 member orchestra was accompanied by two women's choirs--the Cure of Ars Women's Chorus from Cure of Ars Parish in Kansas City, and the women's chorus from Unity Village Chapel Holiday Choir, directed by Verle Bell.

Thirty-five schools in the Kansas City area are represented in the Youth Symphony. The maximum age limit for membership is 21; there is no minimum age.

Approximately 1,000 persons attended the concert. The net proceeds of the free-will offering was given to the Youth Symphony for Project '76.

WHO'S WHO IN A.U.C.



Kenneth Huff Shipping and Receiving Clerk

This month we are pleased to introduce **Kenneth Huff** to you. Ken serves as Shipping and Receiving Clerk in the AUC stockroom. In this capacity Ken directly serves each member of the Association. He is responsible for the shipping activities of the office and his serious attention to

detail and accuracy has contributed greatly to the smooth processing of orders from member ministries. Ken demonstrates a sincere willingness and dedication to each of his assigned tasks, from the routine daily collection and processing of outgoing mail to the proper and timely preparation for shipping of the Silent -70 literature and all other material dispatched from the AUC office.

A native of the Kansas City, Missouri, Metropolitan area, Ken attended school in nearby Lee's Summit. Following a tour of duty with the United States Air Force in Vietnam, Ken returned to Missouri to settle down in the city of Odessa, which is located some 30 miles east of Unity Village.

Ken is married. His wife, Svdney, enjoys painting in acrylics. The Huffs also enjoy music. Ken plays the accordion and has recently expanded his musical talents to include the playing of the organ.

Ken is a very valuable and important member of the AUC office staff. We know that each member of the Association appreciates his dedication every time a mailing or shipment from the AUC office is received by a ministry.

"UNITY CELEBRATION - 1976" PROGRAM

July 15-18, 1976

Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

General Theme: "To Freedom With Love"

Plan to arrive in Philadelphia in time to pick up your Registration Packet for "UNITY CELEBRATION - 1976" in the Pennsylvania Ballroom of the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel between 1:30-9:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 14.

TIME	ACTIVITY	Thursday, 15th	Friday, 16th	Saturday, 17th
8:30-9:15 a.m.	Prayer (Penn. Ballroom)	Richard Billings	Sandra Cousens	William Clark
9:30 a.m.	Chairperson (Grand Ballroom)	Robert P. Sikking	Jack Boland	Kathryn Rowbotham
	Music	Charles King	Charles King	Charles King
9:45 a.m.	Daily Word Meditation	Ruth Mosley	Donald Curtis	Doris Caldwell
10:00 a.m.— 12:00 noon	Daily Theme and Featured Speakers	"Ego, Our Sense of Humanness and How It Stands in Our Way — Only Walls that Bind Are Walls Within My Mind" Welcome: Robert P. Sikking Charles R. Fillmore James C. Lewis Speakers: Thomas Coates Margaret Conn	"Cracking The Ego Shell or Walls That Limit and Bind Us" Speakers: Joyce Kramer Charles Roth Sue Sikking Robert L. Stevens	"Love is True Freedom" Speakers: Ida Bowles Stanford Hampson Mary Kupferle Charles Neal
1:30 p.m.	Afternoon Activities	Walking Tour of Historical Philadelphia	Bus Tour to Valley Forge	Free Afternoon
7:00 p.m.	Music	Charles King	Charles King	Charles King
7:30 p.m.	Evening Sessions	Chairperson: Blaine Mays Premiere showing of "Charles Fillmore: American Mystic" Charles R. Fillmore Rosemary F. Rhea	Chairperson: Robert P. Sikking Outreach Program Eric Butterworth R. Scott Sherman	Chairperson: Angelo Giordani An evening with James Dillet Freeman

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n Sunday morning, July 18, a 9:30 a.m. Worship Service will be conducted in the Bellevue Stratford Hotel. Featured speakers during this service will be James C. Lewis and Violet Assam. Charles King will share his musical talents and Chairperson for the Worship Service will be William Cameron.

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

List of Regions

EASTERN REGION

29 Ministries33 Active Ministers

Connecticut Delaware*

District of Columbia

Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island *
Vermont *
Virginia
West Virginia *

Canada**: Montreal Toronto

GREAT LAKES REGION

55 Ministries61 Active Ministers

Illinois Indiana Iowa Kentucky Michigan Minnesota

Missouri**: St. Louis

Ohio Wisconsin

Canada**: Winnipeg

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION

23 Ministries29 Active Ministers

California**: Bakersfield

Berkeley
Castro Valley
Fresno
Merced
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Oroville

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Palo Alto
Redwood City
Richmond
Sacramento
San Francisco
San Jose
San Leandro
San Luis Obispo

San Mateo San Rafael Santa Cruz Stockton Walnut Creek

Nevada**:

Reno

NORTHWEST REGION

22 Ministries28 Active Ministers

Alaska* Idaho Montana Oregon Washington Canada**:

New Westminster

Vancouver

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

37 Ministries50 Active Ministers

Arkansas Colorado Kansas

Missouri**: Independence

Joplin
Kansas City
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Springfield
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Unity Village

Nebraska New Mexico North Dakota* Oklahoma South Dakota*

Texas Utah* Wyoming*

SOUTHEASTERN REGION

41 Ministries
55 Active Ministers

Alabama
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Louisiana
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North Carolina
Puerto Rico
South Carolina*
Tennessee
West Indies

SOUTHWEST REGION

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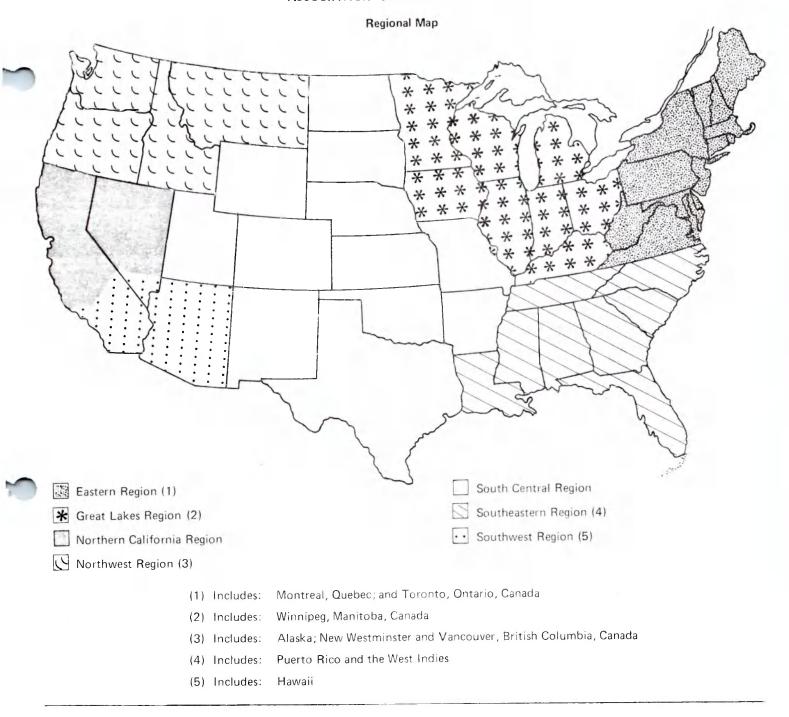
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ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES



FEDERAL LEGISLATION — BILLS H-636 AND \$-3657

The AUC office has received inquiries from member ministries requesting information and advice regarding federal bills **H-636** and **S-3657**. Our members were concerned that, from the information they had received from others, these particular bills contained provisions which would eliminate the tax deductibility of gifts to churches.

The AUC office has researched this matter and our legislative consultant in

Washington, D.C., has advised that the bills do not contain any provision to disturb the tax deductibility of gifts and/or donations to churches. Accordingly, our consultant recommends that Unity ministries refrain from circulating and submitting to Washington petitions or letters requesting their Representatives and Senators to oppose the deductibility features of the bills. Such petitions or letters would only result in the ministries involved and our Movement as a whole being viewed as a "religious fringe group" since action was taken without

proper investigation and understanding of the legislative matters being considered.

Please remember that one of the ways your AUC office assists member ministries is by functioning as a research center. Our federal legislative consultant in Washington, D.C., serves on a volunteer basis and we give thanks and bless him for his willingness to share his expertise in this very specialized and complex field.

Any member ministry having a need to obtain information regarding federal or state legislation is encouraged to contact the AUC office.

1076	CALENDAR OF EVENTS	June 19– July 2	U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program —Session 2, Unity Village, Mo.
1976 Jan. 5–6	AUC Mid-Year Council of Committees	July 3-16	U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program —Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.
Jan. 6–8	meetings, Unity Village, Mo. Northern California Ministers Retreat, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Calif.	July 8-9	Meetings of Committees, AUC Pre-Conference, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
J an. 7–9	AUC Board of Trustees meetings, Unity Village, Mo.	July 10-11	Board of Trustees meetings, AUC Pre- Conference, Benjamin Franklin Hotel,
Jan. 16—17	"The Dynamics of Healing — A Symposium," Honolulu, Hawaii, sponsored by Unity Church of Hawaii	July 12-14	Philadelphia, Pa. AUC Ministers/Teachers Conference, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
Jan. 17–25	Healing Vacation Retreat, Maui Surf Hotel, Maui, Hawaii, sponsored by Christ Unity	*July 15-18	Unity Celebration — 1976, Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
Jan. 26–27	Church, Sacramento, Calif. Southwest Regional Unity Ministers and Teachers Conference (U.M.T.C.), Tucson,	July 17-30	U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program —Session 4, Unity Village, Mo.
Jan. 27	Arizona, hosted by Unity of Tucson Post Graduate Program on "Twelve Powers	†July 18	Morning Worship Service, Unity Celebration – 1976, Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadel-
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March 12-14	Young Adults Weekend Retreat, Waldenwoods Resort, Hartland, Michigan, spon-	Aug. 15-20	CeSar Hotel, St. Petersburg Beach, Fla. YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
tMarch 26–27	sored by Royal Oak Young Adults Northern California Sub-Regional Board/Min-	Aug. 28— Sept. 3	Mid-Season Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
	ister meeting, hosted by Christ Church, Unity, San Jose, Calif.	Sept. 11-17	Septemberfest Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
April 3–16	U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program	†Sept. 17-19	Sierra Retreat, Tahoe Racquet Club, Incline, Nevada, sponsored by Unity Ministry of Reno
April 17-23	-Session 1, Unity Village, Mo. Easter Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.	Sept. 19-22	Great Lakes Regional Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, jointly hosted by New Thought
April 20–22	South Central Unity Churches Association (SCUCA) Regional Conference, Western Hills Lodge, Wagoner, Okla., hosted by officers of SCUCA	Sept. 22 Sept. 25-Oct. 1	Unity Center and Unity Temple of Truth Post Graduate Program, Cincinnati, Ohio Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
†April 21	Post Graduate Program on "Twelve Powers of Man," Wagoner, Okla.	Sept. 26-30	Eastern Regional Conference, Manresa-on- Severn, Annapolis, Maryland
†May 6-8	Northern California Regional Conference,	†Sept. 28	Post Graduate Program, Annapolis, Maryland
	Tiburon, California, hosted by Unity Church	Oct. 9-15	Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
†May 7	of Truth, San Mateo, Calif. Post Graduate Program on "Twelve Powers	Oct. 16-29	U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.
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ividy 14	Unity Rally, Sacramento, Calif., hosted by	Nov. 20-26	Thanksgiving Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
	Unity Church of the Oaks	Dec. 21-27	Christmas Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
May 22–28 June 5–11	Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo. Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.	† Addition * Revision	
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OVERSEAS REPORT By Foster C. McClellan

As you know the message of Unity reaches people practically all over the world mainly through the Daily Word and Unity Magazine. In several countries dedicated individuals have taken it upon themselves to translate and publish the Daily Word in their native tongue. This in itself is a much bigger assignment than it might first appear to be, for it is no easy task to translate messages of a spiritual nature and still retain the original meaning. Then there is the work and cost in having the magazine published and distributed. The price of the magazine must be kept down in order to make it available to everyone and often the person who takes on these endeavors does so at great personal sacrifice in time and money. Unity School is, of course, grateful for these people and helps in the publication by supplying galley proofs of Daily Word, covers for the magazine, and technical advice and assistance.

In Madras, India, we have a wonderful co-worker in Truth and Unity in the person of Carl Peter Prianathen. For many years his entire family have been closely associated with Unity, and Carl has devoted his life to spreading the message of Truth as interpreted by Unity to the people of his wonderful country. Carl translates Daily Word into Tamil, one of the dialects of India. In addition to this, each



Carl Peter Prianathen, translator of Daily Word and leader of the Unity Ashram of Practical Christianity in Madras, India.

month he publishes a magazine in English which he calls "The Sound of Goodwill." The Tamil edition of the Unity Daily Word is called the "Dhina Varthai."

"The Sound of Goodwill" is a monthly magazine. It carries articles Carl selects from Unity magazines and Unity books. Articles from many of our Unity authors such as Eric Butterworth, James Dillet Freeman, J. Sig Paulson, Ernest Wilson, and Lowell Fillmore have been featured. Then in the back of the magazine Carl includes a reprint of each day's message of Daily Word for that month. Carl reports that "The Sound of Goodwill" is

growing steadily as is the distribution of "Dhina Varthai."

Carl Prianathen also heads up the Unity Ashram of Practical Christianity in Madas. At the Ashram prayer and meditation and regular classes, lectures, and meetings are held. Many friends of Unity meet there on a regular basis as well as visitors to that part of India.

Madras is one of the great cities of India. It is situated along the southeast coast on the Bay of Bengal. Of course it is famous for the production of the fine cotton which bears its name.

We know that the entire Unity Movement is grateful to Carl Prianathen and to people like him in so many countries who have been led by Spirit to help individuals in whatever way they can to realize something of the great potential that is within each and every one of us. And we know that you will all join with us at the outset of this great new year to send him your love and blessings and prayers. We see his work growing in exciting new ways and do thank him for his great contribution to the outreach of Unity in lands overseas.

Next time you are talking to a friend you can tell him something about the Unity Movement that perhaps you didn't know before. You know it is not every American movement that can boast of an Ashram in India. And we do point with pride and gratitude to our good friend Carl Prianathen in Madras. May God bless him and his co-workers in many wonderful ways.



UNITY SCHOOL WINS FIRST PLACE AWARD

Unity School of Christianity was honored recently by the Electric Association of Missouri and Kansas (EAMK) for the exterior and site lighting of the Unity World Headquarters Activities Center at Unity Village.

The Activities Center was among I00 entries in six various categories in an award contest sponsored by the EAMK. Unity School received a first place award in the outdoor lighting category. Also receiving recognition for the Activities Center were architects Linscott-Haylett & Assoc.; electrical engineers Smith & Boucher, Inc.; and electric contractors Evans Electrical Construction Co., all of Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles R. Fillmore (at right in photo), President of Unity School, receives an award for the outdoor lighting of the Activities Center. Presenting the award is Fred B. Hanson, President of the Electric Association of Missouri and Kansas. James F. Feisley, Chairman of the Lighting Committee for the Electric Association, is shown at the lectern. (Photo by John Goodrick, courtesy of the Lee's Summit Journal)

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SCHOOL	L FUR MINISTERIAL & RELIGIOUS STUDIES		January 5 through April 15, 1976		WINIER IRINESIER
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 to	STUDENT	1 SPEECH I (William L. Fischer)	1 SPEECH I (William L. Fischer)	1 ELEMENTARY PHYSIOLOGY (Louis Hasbrouck)	1 SPEECH I (William L. Fischer)
8:50	SERVICE	2 CA CREDO PRESENTATION (Phil White)	2 C4 SPECIAL SERVICES (Various Instructors)	2 C4 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Ed Rabel)	2 CA CREDO PRESENTATION (Phil White)
9:00 to	1 CHRISTIAN HEALING (Ed Rabel)	1 PROSPERITY (Martha Giudici)	1 CHRISTIAN HEALING (Ed Rabel)	1 PROSPERITY (Martha Giudici)	TR CHRISTIAN HEALING (Ed Rabel)
9:50	2 C4 FILLMORE FUNDAMENTALS (Martha Giudici)	2 C4 SPECIAL SERVICES (Various Instructors)	2 C4 FILLMORE FUNDAMENTALS (Martha Giudici)	2 C4 SPECIAL SERVICES (Various Instructors)	2 FILLMORE FUNDAMENTALS (Martha Giudici)
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SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

This month we are privileged to introduce to you three other members of the second-year class in Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies.



Second-year ministerial students (left to right): Rosita Friedman, Floyd Howard, and Juanita Buckley.

Rosita Friedman came to Unity Village from Santurce, Puerto Rico, where she was an active member of our Unity work for the

past fifteen years. She is a 1973 graduate of U.I.C.E. and received recognition as a licensed teacher at that time. Rosita had a very successful career as an Executive Secretary in federal and local governmental offices in Puerto Rico before entering SMRS. She and her husband, Samuel, have three children, the youngest of whom is in high school.

Floyd Howard is from Indianapolis, Indiana, where he attended Unity Truth Center. Floyd has been actively involved in Unity activities since 1966. A native of Indiana, he attended Vincennes College and Mallory Technical Institute, specializing in Computer Languages and System Design. Prior to entering the ministry, Floyd was president and general manager of an advertising agency and national manufacturer of hobby crafts. He and his wife, Marilea, have eight children, four of whom are still in school.

Juanita Buckley entered SMRS from Medford, Oregon, where she taught Sunday School and conducted Truth classes in Unity Center of Medford. A native of Colorado, Juanita also taught Sunday School in Unity Church of Denver and served on the ministry's Board of Directors. Prior to entering the ministry, Juanita was engaged in public information and public relations activities for service organizations in the Denver area. She is a 1973 graduate of U.I.C.E. and received recognition as a licensed teacher at that time.

SMRS PRESENTS CHRISTMAS PLAY

"How The Grinch Stole Christmas," a musical adaptation of the famous Dr. Seuss "Who Family," was presented by Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies on Sunday afternoon, December 7, at the Activities Center, Unity Village, Missouri.

The play was designed for the enjoyment of the entire family and had as its plot the "Grinch" busy at work swiping all the presents of the "Who Family." As the play unfolded the "Grinch" realized the true Christmas spirit is in the giving, which caused an abrupt about face in his behavior. The play was open to the public and was well attended by members of the area communities.

The entire cast of this production was comprised of Unity's ministerial students and their spouses. Kay Tiffany, a first-year ministerial student, directed the play. Bill Provost, husband of ministerial student Barbara Provost, was the musical director. The scripting was done by Jack Fries, also a first-year ministerial student.

The "Grinch," who attempted to spoil the "Who Family's" Christmas observance, was played by **Graeme Johnson**, a student from Melbourne, Australia.

Other cast members were Peter and Carole Bradley, Alice Everts, Shirlie Graham, Bob Hungerford, Carolyne

Johanson, Gerry Melin, Chad O'Shea, Jeff Shumsky, and Jane Waddington. The ministerial student body of SMRS has traditionally presented a play during the Christmas season.



"GRINCH" FOILED — Graeme Johnson (shown in the background) portrayed the "Grinch" who plotted how to take the joy out of Christmas for the famous "Who Family." Other cast members of this musical presentation "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" included (foreground, left to right): Jack Fries, Alice Everts, Bob Hungerford, Jane Waddington, and Shirlie Graham. (Photo by Bill Esslinger, Unity School of Christianity)

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.

NEW UICE EXTENSION PROGRAM BROCHURE

Enclosed with each copy of this issue of CONTACT being mailed to Unity ministers and licensed teachers is a sample of the new UICE brochure which explains in detail the extension program classes. There is a convenient place on the back of the brochure for your ministry's stamp if you so desire. For additional free copies of this brochure for your literature table, please make your request to: Unity Institute for Continuing Education, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.

Y.O.U./Y.A.U. REPORTS

by John Strickland

Youth of Unity Report - "By the time you receive this issue, the Y.O.U. Conference Planning Committee will have met to organize the 1976 International Y.O.U. Conference. It is going to be a tremendously valuable experience for everyone involved. Thank you for providing us with input on your wishes for Conference. We can still use your ideas, and especially your loving prayer support.

"Chapter Reports: If you have not already received it, you will soon receive a copy of the 'Chapter Report.' This report should be completed and returned at your earliest possible convenience. We need these reports quickly because it is from the information contained in these forms that we are able to maintain a record of all the active Y.O.U. Chapters, and, very importantly, we determine Conference Quota from the reports. Please return your report promptly so that your Chapter can send its rightful number of delegates to Conference, August 15-20, 1976.

"Rally Information: At this time information concerning each region's 'official' rally is very skimpy. By now each region should have selected a host, a date, and a place for their official rally, and should have conveyed this information to me, Y.O.U. Coordinator, A.U.C., Unity Village, Missouri 64065. I cannot impress upon you the importance of getting this information to me immediately. So far we have only the following information:

Eastern	May 28-?	Philadelphia, Penn.
Great Lakes	June 18-19	Cincinnati, Ohio
Midwest	no date	no location
Northwest	April 9-10	Vancouver, B.C.,
		Canada
Rocky Mountain	no date	no location
South Central	June	Dallas, Texas
Southeast	April 30-May 2	Miami, Fla.
Southwest	no date	no location
West Central	no date	Unity of the Oaks,
		Sacramento, Calif.

"I wish to thank you for your cooperation and support of Y.O.U. I appreciate your patience regarding the Y.O.U. newsletter, News*Notes. The next edition should be out shortly. Blessings."

Young Adults of Unity Report - "Each month brings greater activity and promise for the Young Adults of Unity. There is encouraging activity in the Southwest, Great Lakes, and Southeast that I know of, and probably more in other areas that has not been brought to my attention.

"Unfortunately we will not be able to hold an International Young Adults retreat at Unity Village this year. This fact, I feel, can be a blessing in disguise. As Young Adult Coordinator, I have been encouraging each region to try to come up with regional retreats. This latter concept could produce greater strength, involvement, and growth among our Young Adults.

"We are still in the process of gathering information and compiling a current Young Adult mailing list. If you have any input for either list, please send it to me.

letter I recently received from a Young Adult: 'It brings me happiness to learn that the Young Adult movement is once again being considered seriously. For a long time it was an important part of my life. We no longer have a Young Adult group in this area . . . I've heard guite a bit about the retreat last summer. I'm glad that it was such an uplifting experience for those involved. Though circumstances didn't permit me to be there, I feel that I was with you in spirit.'

"I would just like to say thank you for all your love and efforts concerning Young Adults. Peace."

Idea Exchange

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING - SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

As discussed in the Regional News section of this issue of CONTACT, Unity Church of Spokane, Washington, realized excellent results from their newspaper advertisement (shown below). David McClure, our minister in Spokane, conducted the seminar based on the best seller book Type A Behavior and Your Heart, written by Dr. Meyer Friedman and Dr. Ray H. Rosenman, internationally known cardiologists.

1. Always move, walk and eat rapidly?

Feel an impatience with the rate at which most events take place?

3. Utter the last few words of your sentence far more rapidly than the opening words?

Think about or do two or more things simultaneously?

Feel vaguely guilty when you relax and do absolutely nothing for several hours to several days?

6. No longer observe what you see in a new or strange office, store or home?

Have a chronic sense of time urgency?

Resort to frequently clenching your fist, banging your hand upon a table, clench your jaw, grind your teeth to emphasize a point?

if any or all of the above apply to you, you have what cardiologists have identified as the Number One cause of Heart Attack . . . TYPE A BEHAVIOR

You're one of the one in five American males suffering a coronary before age 60. You're perhaps a hard-driving, successful business man, factory worker or one of the growing number of homemakers . . . yes, women too.

Join us Tuesday for a Seminar

led by David W. McClure, based on well-received new book by Dr. Meyer Friedman and Dr. Ray H. Rosenman, Internationally known cardiologists . . .

"TYPE A BEHAVIOR AND YOUR HEART"

We'll be talking and discussing how to recognize the Type A pattern in your own personality and behavior and what can be done to correct it.

always awaits 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 28



Bernard

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David W. McClure, Minister

"As a final thought I would like to share an excerpt from a