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Unity Celebration - 1976

The promotional brochures for Unity Celebration - 1976 have now been distributed. Over 85,000 of these promotional brochures have been printed and distributed by the AUC office to our member ministries. An additional 15,000 brochures have been retained to fill specific requests. Accordingly, if your ministry requires additional brochures to properly advise your congregation of this major Unity assemblage in Philadelphia, please contact the AUC office and specify the number of additional brochures needed.

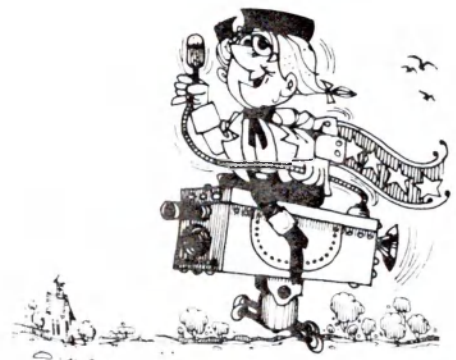
Please remind the members of your congregation that attendance at Unity Celebration - 1976 must, of necessity, be limited to only 2,200 persons due to the available meeting room facilities. Each ministry is encouraged to advise the members of their congregation to register as early as possible.

Since our 1976 Ministers/Teachers Conference and Unity Celebration - 1976 are two separate assemblages, each conducted in a different hotel, it is important to remember that each Unity minister and licensed teacher who wishes to attend Unity Celebration - 1976 must register specifically for the Celebration. Registration for our Ministers/Teachers Conference does not automatically register you for Unity Celebration - 1976. The registration form attached to the promotional brochure must be utilized by those of our AUC members desiring to attend the Celebration. Cooperation of each minister and teacher in following the registration procedures will contribute greatly to the efficiency and accuracy of processing the thousands of registrations.

This month in CONTACT we have highlighted on page 10 the events, activities, and participants of the opening day of our Celebration. Additional information regarding the other days' activities and events will be shared through future issues.

Starting this month our Association's newsletter will contain a special feature article on the city of Philadelphia, highlighting facts and events which will be of interest to those attending the Celebration. Entitled "Spirit of '76," the articles are written by **Suzanne Cameron**, our Celebration Coordinator in Philadelphia.

The Religious Public Relations Revolution of '76



POST GRADUATE COURSE TO BE OFFERED THIS JULY IN PHILADELPHIA

Due to the many requests from members needing additional Post Graduate credits for teaching extension classes for credit in U.I.C.E., plans have been made for a Post Graduate Course to be available at our 1976 Conference in Philadelphia.

The course will be on public relations and will be presented on Saturday, July 10, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Information on the course, "Public Relations II," will be shared in the next issue of CONTACT.



AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

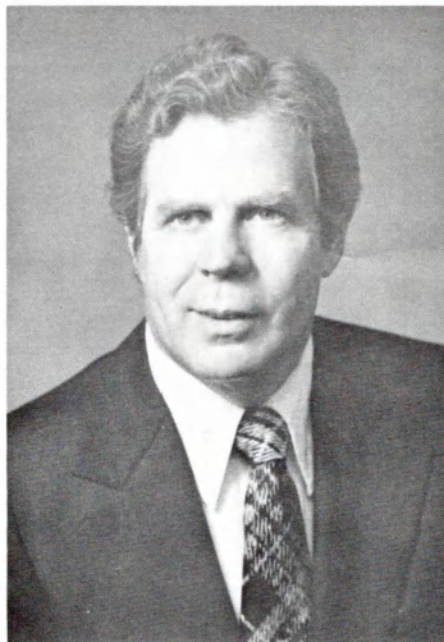
Dear Fellow Association Members,

During this year of 1976, our Bicentennial Year, a great deal of thought will be given to the beginnings of our nation and to the founding fathers and those others who put forth so much time, effort, prayer, and dedication to help make this nation what it is today. Some would say it is not perfect. That is true. But it is wonderful to know we do not have to be perfect in order to be great. We are enjoying today the fruits of our forefathers' labor. It is good for us to remind ourselves of this so that we may appreciate all the more the many advantages we are enjoying now.

This might be a good year for us to reflect upon the beginnings of our own Unity Movement, and to think of those who have put forth so much effort, prayer, and dedication to make this Movement the dynamic influence it is in the world today. Charles and Myrtle Fillmore caught a great vision. They inspired others to join them in working to make that vision manifest in the world. Because of their dedication, millions of people today are enjoying a new religious freedom--a freedom that they did not have before. As a result, they are finding a new life of health, happiness, and prosperity.

I never knew Charles or Myrtle Fillmore, or Emilie Cady. But, after reading their writings, my life was dramatically changed for the better. I am certain that they would not want to be worshipped, but we cannot help but appreciate them and the many others who have given so much of themselves to the Unity Movement.

After Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well, He made a statement to His disciples which has meant a great deal to me: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." (John 4:34-38, R.S.V.)



James C. Lewis

No matter where we go as teachers or ministers, someone has been there laboring before us. It makes no difference whether it is a study group in a home, a meeting in an office building, a service in a hotel, or a large congregation in a big and beautiful church building, someone has labored before, and for us. This is forcefully brought out when we visit the lovely new Activities Center at Unity Village, and then go to the Library to see the pictures of the tents in which many wonderful, inspired, and dedicated people taught. We have entered into their labor and there will be many coming after us who will continue to enter into this labor of love, which is Unity.

This year we will no doubt hear many patriots singing the praises of our nation. I would like to hear all of us singing the praises of Unity. We have a great teaching. Today, with all the metaphysical teachings pouring forth, we might begin to think we have missed something. When I hear someone say, for example, that "Lessons in Truth" is not modern and up-to-date, I think to myself, neither is Shakespeare's language modern and up-to-date, but it is still as meaningful as ever!

Charles Fillmore was a genius. He left us a tremendous legacy in his writings. He took the teachings of Jesus out of the limitation of theology. He and Myrtle entered into the labor of love begun by Jesus, and we have joined in this labor of love. In spite of the challenges I have encountered, I know this is the most exciting labor I could ever do.

I want to express my appreciation to all of you who have entered into this labor of love; Board Members, laymen, teachers, ministers. You are working for something that will have an everlasting effect, for it will live in the minds and hearts of people everywhere.

Blessings,

James C. Lewis

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REGIONAL NEWS

Catherine Knight reporting for the
GREAT LAKES REGION:

AKRON, OHIO — Recently a special feature article on tape recorded spiritual messages was published in the Sunday magazine supplement of the Beacon, an Akron, Ohio, newspaper. Entitled "Putting Your Faith On The Line, A guide to instant spiritual satisfaction," the article described the "Dial-A-Prayer" programs presented by the four Akron churches offering tape recorded spiritual messages over the telephone.

Akron Unity Center received the most positive and constructive comments by the author of the article. **Glenn Mosley**, our minister in Akron, stated that the response to the article has been good and that the number of telephone calls to the ministry's recorded message has increased.

One of the most significant items of comparison between the Dial-A-Prayer programs reported on was the absence of fund raising or proselyting tactics in Unity's message. The newspaper article emphasized that those who call Unity's Dial-A-Prayer are not cajoled to attend the church or to make financial contribution. The article cited examples of the pleas for such action which the other tape recorded messages contained.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN — Unity of Battle Creek, Michigan, hosted a very successful all-day Truth seminar with **Richard Billings** on November 15. The presentation by Richard, minister of Unity Church of Oak Park, Illinois, was enthusiastically received by the some 50 people attending the seminar.

Amalie Frank, who is serving in Unity of Battle Creek, has shared reports of the growth and activity of this unfolding and expanding Michigan work. Amalie also serves as a volunteer worker in a special community service program en-

titled FISH. This program, has as its motto the words "celebrate life" shaped into the early Christian design of a fish. Those participating in the program provide emergency transportation and function as a volunteer action and information and referral service operating on a 24-hour basis in meeting the needs in the Battle Creek community. The volunteers also serve in close cooperation with area doctors, nurses, psychologists, social workers, and ministers.

Unity of Battle Creek also actively supports the Social Service Department of the Battle Creek Community Hospital.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — South Side Unity Center of Christianity in Chicago, Illinois, where **Doris Caldwell** serves as minister, celebrated its eighth anniversary during the month of November with special programs and activities. A highlight of the celebration festivities was a program featuring **R. Scott Sherman**, Outreach Director of the Association of Unity Churches, as special guest speaker.

During the past eight years, this dynamic ministry has remodeled its sanctuary and exterior, installed a sound system, and largely increased its membership.

We give thanks for Doris and her ministry of service and look forward with them to many more years of progress.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN — Over 650 persons attended the Christmas Concert presented on December 12 by Unity of the Infinite Presence in Detroit, Michigan. The program was a memorable evening of fine food and beautiful music and was held in the Great Lakes Ballroom of the Michigan Inn. The concert was another in the series of professional musical presentations sponsored by Unity of the Infinite Presence and featured soloists **Christina Lypeckyj**, **Bob Angus**, and **Joan Tallman**. In addition to the delicious dinner and the music of the three outstanding vocalists, the audience danced to the musical stylings of the **Bernard Katz Orchestra**. **Jack Boland**, minister of this Michigan ministry, stated that nine other Unity ministers and a large number of members of their respective congregations attended and enjoyed the concert.

Jack also shared some interesting information regarding the ministry's by-laws. Membership in Unity of the Infinite Presence is on an annual basis. That is, the last Sunday in October is Membership

Sunday and is designated as the time of reaffirmation of membership. All members who desire to continue their membership are required to submit their written request on a form provided for this purpose. All who do not re-submit their application are automatically dropped from the membership roll. New members will be accepted throughout the year at designated times, but membership must be renewed the last Sunday in October.

Jack feels this policy has a positive and constructive effect in that each member realizes that membership is a matter of consciousness and active involvement in the ministry. The annual reaffirmation of membership allows each member to experience a process of rethinking, re-commitment, and renewal.

Charles Korfhage reporting for the
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION:

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA — On March 27 a Board/Minister meeting will be held in Christ Church, Unity in San Jose, California. Host ministers for the meeting will be **Warren** and **Marguerite Meyer**. **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC, will be present to conduct the meeting. A portion of the meeting will be devoted to discussing the recent AUC survey performed by Barton Associates, Inc.

James C. Lewis reporting for the SOUTH
CENTRAL REGION:

DENVER, COLORADO — **Edward Rabel**, faculty member of Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies (SMRS) at Unity Village, was special guest speaker at the 11:00 a.m. worship service January 4, 1976, at Unity Truth Center in Denver, Colorado. In addition, Ed presented five two-hour lectures on "New Testament Interpretation" for extension course credit and conducted a mid-week service on Prosperity Consciousness.

James C. Lewis, senior minister of Unity Truth Center, stated, "Ed's visit to Denver was an unqualified success. His students and the Sunday and Wednesday congregations were enthusiastic about his message, his delivery, and about Ed, himself. We were delighted to have him, and we know he would be warmly welcomed whenever he should return."

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"SUSANNAH," the famous Dallas landmark considered by many to be the truest example of a Greek Revival Colonial Mansion in the South, along with its six and a half acres of beautiful grounds, has been acquired and rechristened **"CHRISTHAVEN"** by the Unity Church of Dallas, Texas, to make possible its Building Expansion Program.

DALLAS, TEXAS — Unity Church of Dallas recently acquired a beautiful antebellum style mansion adjoining the present church property in order to proceed with the ministry's Building Expansion Program. To be known as **"CHRISTHAVEN,"** this magnificent facility will serve as the New Age Teaching Center of the Unity Church of Dallas New Age Center of Light. In addition to adult classrooms, there will be a New Age Book and Gift Shop, a New Age Health Kitchen and Food Store, reference and circulating libraries, art galleries, and arts and crafts workshops. The spacious outdoor balconies and patios will be used for dramatic, musical, and dance presentations. Yoga and meditation classes will be taught, and experimental Modern Dance and Sufi dancing groups will be centered here.

Classes in many other New Age subjects will be scheduled, as well as the Sunday morning Adult Classes. The entire third floor of the mansion has been converted into the Youth of Unity Center where all classes and activities of Y.O.U. will be held. Facilities include a Y.O.U. office and chapel.

Meetings and activities of the various groups within the Unity Church: Women of Unity, Men of Unity, Singles of Unity, Young Adults of Unity, Couples of Unity, and Seniors of Unity will be held at CHRISTHAVEN. There will be media

and tape-listening rooms, and discussion groups and spiritual workshop groups will meet in both day and evening sessions. The Healing Ministry of Prayer Visitors Chapel will be open to the public.

The Master Plan for the ministry's expansion calls for the construction of a sanctuary seating 1,000, a New Age School of Light for accredited elementary instruction, an activities center, motel accommodations for visiting students and those who come for spiritual healing. Ample parking space will be developed.

Donald Curtis, senior minister of Unity Church of Dallas, stated: "The opportunity to obtain full ownership of CHRISTHAVEN so that we may have ample space for our long-range Building Program is a great demonstration for our Church and for all of us. This project gives us the opportunity to build our spiritual, organizational, and financial strength as a CHURCH FAMILY. We have entered into a lease-purchase agreement for CHRISTHAVEN to materialize within a period of three years. In the meantime we have complete use of all lands and facilities. The monthly cost is well within our budget, and the three-year time element will give flexibility in developing our building and financing plans." The capital expenditure necessary to acquire CHRISTHAVEN is in an amount of several hundred thousand dollars.

UNITY VILLAGE, MISSOURI — Thousands more persons are now able to hear the weekly message from Unity Village Chapel. Beginning Sunday, January 18, the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service at Unity Village is being taped in its entirety for broadcast the following Sunday from 8—9 a.m. over Kansas City radio station KMBR-FM. **J. Sig Paulson**, co-minister of Unity Village Chapel, advised that the program has been entitled **"The Unity Way"** for radio broadcast purposes.

Officials of the radio station said that when the hour long time slot became available they immediately thought of Unity Village. They consider Unity as being the best qualified to provide a religious worship service program which would appeal to the largest number of radio listeners. The radio officials further stated that the station could have obtained a "canned" religious service from one of the many religious program distributors, but they wanted to have a local production which would be more meaningful to area listeners. The Unity Village service is structured and presented in such a way that it would encourage the listener to feel as if he or she were actually present at the service. Accordingly, the station offered Unity Village Chapel the full 60 minute programing time free of charge.

"We see this as an opportunity to serve more people, to help more people become conscious of their own potential," said Sig. Approximately 2000 persons now attend the two Sunday morning services of Unity Village Chapel.

Kay Arndt reporting for the NORTH-WEST REGION:

BOZEMAN, MONTANA — Our minister of Bozeman Unity Truth Center, **Jeannie Horton**, is also serving as minister of Unity Church of Missoula, Montana. This pioneer work has rented facilities which provide a meeting room, office, and living quarters for the minister. Jeannie states the work is experiencing growth both spiritually and in numbers.

An interview with Jeannie and photographs published by a local Missoula newspaper have greatly added to the promotion of this new center and Jeannie is scheduled to be interviewed by the television and radio media.

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This aerial photograph of Unity Church of Truth in Spokane, Washington, was taken recently from a helicopter. A sketch of the photograph is being utilized in the ministry's publications. The church stationery bears an embossed design created from this aerial view.

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON — A recent aerial photograph taken of Unity Church of Truth in Spokane, Washington, where **David McClure** serves as minister, has been incorporated in a sketch for use on the church bulletins, in newspaper advertising, and also for a unique embossed design on the church stationery and ministerial business cards. This view presents an intriguing and more comprehensive perspective of the church exterior than the conventional angles and is exceptionally illustrated.

In the Spokane Prayer Center of Unity Church of Truth, a volunteer staff of more than 40 dedicated individuals responds to requests for prayer help from the Northwest area of the United States. The Prayer Center is open daily from 8:00 a.m. until midnight and is totally supported by love offerings. In 1975, over 5,500 calls and letters were received and over 14,000 letters, affirmations, and inspirational pamphlets were mailed out.

The church hosted two candlelighting services on Christmas Eve in order to accommodate the tremendous attendance experienced. The early service featured some of the Unity children in a metaphysical Christmas play and the 11:00 p.m. service included special music, lighting of the disciple candles by the YOUers, and a midnight reception afterwards. David reports, "The actual candlelighting

portion of the services took only about two minutes to complete for several hundred participants. This was accomplished by giving each individual a clear plastic glass half-filled with salt and containing a candle with a blessing. When the time for the candlelighting approached, ushers lit their candles from the Christ candle on the platform, then moved to light candles of persons sitting at the ends of each row. Everyone, in turn, lighted their candle from that of the person seated next to them. The lights were held aloft while all sang 'Silent Night' and the sanctuary took on the appearance of a star filled sky. In addition to the inspirational experience, each person was able to take their candle home to light it during the remainder of the holiday season as a reminder of their own Christ light."



Loren Flickinger reporting for the SOUTHEASTERN REGION:

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE — A six-week pilot project aimed at training clergy to deal more effectively with alcoholism was recently concluded at the Alcoholism Rehabilitation Program (ARP) in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Among those taking part in the program was **Dana Voght**, minister of Unity Center of Prac-

tical Christianity in Chattanooga.

The free ARP program, offered for the first time, was an attempt to make ministers aware that alcoholism is an illness, and trained them to deal with family problems that are alcohol related. The primary purpose of the program was to assist ministers in helping families to cope with the reality of the situation and to help them recognize the symptoms in individuals or their own family members.

HOLLY HILL, FLORIDA — Approximately fifty members and friends of the Unity Center of Christ in Holly Hill, Florida, participated in ground breaking ceremonies January 11, 1976, at the site of the new building to be constructed on the church's present property. The ceremony was conducted by **J. Scott Thornton**, minister, immediately following the regular Sunday Devotional Service.

The new facility will be situated adjacent to the building which presently houses all services, classes, and other activities, and should be ready for occupancy by Easter according to the building contractors in charge.

Including a main sanctuary with a seating capacity of approximately 200, the new building will also house the minister's study, a library, a kitchen, and other facilities. Construction plans also call for a parking area which will hold approximately 100 cars and the remodeling of the existing building to be used for Sunday School, classrooms, and offices.

In addition to the many and varied activities of this fine ministry, its minister, J. Scott Thornton, was one of several metaphysical leaders chosen to be a featured speaker at the International New Thought Alliance (INTA) seminar held in Melbourne, Florida, February 6-8.



J. Scott Thornton (center of photograph), minister, and members and friends of Unity Center of Christ, Holly Hill, Florida, during the ground breaking ceremonies.

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REGIONAL NEWS

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NAPLES, FLORIDA — Members and friends of Unity of Naples attended ground breaking ceremonies at a 10 acre lakeside site for the first building of Unity of Naples' new church facilities.

Jack Kern, our minister in Naples, was assisted in turning the initial shovelful of earth by **Mrs. Wanda Edmonds**, a charter member of Unity of Naples.

The new facility, known as the Activities Building, will house offices, a library, Sunday School rooms, and a meeting room for more than 200 people. Future plans call for the construction of a main sanctuary, a day school, a manse, and a retreat center. "We hope to make this ten acres a garden spot of beauty and quiet," said Jack Kern in speaking of future plans. "We want to keep it as natural and unspoiled as possible, and to make it a place where people of all faiths will want to come for quietness and meditation. Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God and the Father are within, so a place conducive to inner stillness is an important part of Unity."

The Activities Building is to be built around a landscaped patio which overlooks a ten acre lake to the south. The project has been partially financed by the ministry through the conducting of a unique World of Serendipity Festival which added \$6,000 to the building fund.



Marlowe Kline reporting for the EASTERN REGION:

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND — **John Tant**, minister of Unity Center of Christianity, Baltimore, presented a highly successful Thanksgiving Festival at this Maryland ministry November 22 and 23. Included in the well-planned seminar were sections entitled, "The Sound of the Universe", "The Cloth of Spirit", and "The Spoken Word." All helped bring out the theme of the seminar, "The Source of the Spoken Word." A special hymn, "The Law," and overhead projector transparencies brought the material to life. John stated, "It was indeed a Thanksgiving Festival as the seminar was given to a seating capacity of nearly 100 people." Following the Sunday session, refreshments and a social hour were enjoyed in the ministry's Fellowship Hall.

MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY — **Marlowe Kline**, minister of Monclair Unity Church, recently served as hostess and moderator for Board members, committee chairpersons, youth education leaders, and representatives of the Northwest New Jersey study class at a YMCA camp north of Blairstown, New Jersey. Three different sessions during the day were devoted to getting acquainted, discussing church situations, better communications, and church expansion. A date has been set for another seminar to be held at the camp in September.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA — Recently featured as "Church of the Week" in a comprehensive article appearing in the Virginia Beach newspaper was Unity Church of Tidewater. **Joyce Kramer**, minister, said Unity Church of Tidewater received acclaim as "a prayer, Truth practicing, teaching ministry of service." In addition to outlining Unity principles, the article gave a brief history of Unity Church of Tidewater and told about its many and varied activities. The article also included the ministry's successful Dial-A-Blessing and dynamic weekly radio message. The church plans to begin the construction of a unique, modern building on its 11½ acre property sometime in 1976.

TORONTO, CANADA — The new year is bringing a new look to Unity Church of Truth in Toronto, where **James Sherman** serves as minister. "Project Unity," as the renovation process is called, includes the construction of new offices, new classrooms for Sunday School and adult use, library facilities with display-space for over 500 different Truth-oriented books, as well as the addition of new carpeting, drapes, greenery, and lighting for the auditorium of the church. The renovative process will take about three months to complete and cost approximately \$112,000.

VALLEY STREAM, NEW YORK — **Emma (Pat) Filiault**, minister of Unity Church of Christianity, was recently elected President of the Religious Council of Valley Stream. The Religious Council, through its ecumenical and benevolent activities, seeks to promote a better understanding among the various religious denominations.



C. Berton Coffey reporting for the SOUTHWEST REGION:

TUCSON, ARIZONA — Unity of Tucson, served by ministers **Larry** and **Mary Ellen Swartz**, has just completed ground breaking for a three story prayer tower which will serve the Tucson community on a 24 hour basis. The Tower is scheduled for completion sometime in May. Larry stated, "The Tower will be cylindrical in shape and its third floor will contain a meditation chapel as well as the enclosed area in which a trained prayer representative will be serving--visual but sound-proof connection between the two areas will allow someone who is using the Meditation Chapel to feel close to the person actually speaking on the telephone. The third floor will have large, ten foot windows overlooking the mountains just to the north of Tucson and will provide an atmosphere of upliftment and prayer.

"The second floor will probably be a classroom and otherwise a multipurpose area. The ground floor will contain our Metaphysical Book Shop (the listing we carry in the Yellow Pages) getting this area out of the main Church and letting us use the existing foyer as an actual foyer. Each floor will contain the possibility for two-way closed circuit television, connected with the main system in the Church; audio from the Sanctuary is also provided.

"The Prayer Tower is located within 10 feet of the southwest corner of Unity of Tucson and is connected by an arched, covered arcade. New restroom facilities are also part of the building project."

Unity of Tucson has also recently purchased an IBM Memory Typewriter. Larry reports, "This new piece of church office equipment is being utilized to produce offering acknowledgment letters, visitor letters, 'miss you' letters, and many others which can be developed in a form style yet which can be made applicable to the individual by virtue of the capabilities of the typewriter. We also see expanded use of the typewriter as our Prayer Ministry becomes active--we plan to answer every prayer request with a letter. The purchase of this typewriter has saved us employing a secretary and even though the initial price is just slightly under \$6000.00 this amount would be spent quickly with the hiring of an additional employee."

MID-YEAR COUNCIL OF COMMITTEES

The Mid-Year Council of Committees met at Unity Village January 5-9, 1976, and although it was one of the coldest weeks in Missouri this year, a great deal of warmth was generated by the love and fellowship shared by all. On January 7, 8, and 9 the AUC Board of Trustees convened. The reports of the various Committees to the Board and actions taken by the Board are summarized as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE — JAMES C. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN

James C. Lewis, newly elected Chairman of the Executive Committee, expressed on behalf of the Committee regrets for the resignation of **Dorothy Pierson** and **Glenn Mosley** as members of the Executive Committee, however, Glenn expressed a willingness to fulfill his term as a member of the Board of Trustees. Both Dorothy and Glenn felt at this time that their ministries were requiring more of their attention and it was their decision to resign. The Board of Trustees expressed deep appreciation for the years of dedicated service that both Dorothy and Glenn have offered to the growth of the AUC and look forward to their continued participation in AUC activities.

The Board ratified the action of the Executive Committee to hire **Lani Jones** to coordinate the re-writing of the Youth Education material to make it more Bible and children oriented. Lani has contacted other re-write authors to assist her and is working toward the goal of having new material available for fall classes. A Committee was appointed by the President to review the material and to assist Lani in any way possible with this project.

In the initial order of Unity in Song the decision was made to offer the book both in the gold and blue binding. There has been considerable more demand for the gold binding and that stock is exhausted. It was the recommendation of the Committee, ratified by the Board, that **for an additional six months, the wholesale price for Unity in Song remain at \$2.50 each.**

FINANCE & BUDGET — MICHAEL MURPHY, CHAIRMAN

The Finance and Budget Committee submitted a proposed budget of \$448,957 for the 1976-77 year. This amount represents an approximate 7% increase over last year's budget. The proposed budget will be printed in detail for Conference, a copy of which will be mailed to each AUC member.

LICENSING & ORDINATION — MARY STOVIN, CHAIRMAN

The Licensing and Ordination Committee stated that they were very impressed with the progress evidenced by the second year SMRS students and the caliber of the members of both classes. The Committee met with **Dorothy Breese** of Huntington, New York, and **Wilma Williams** of Oak Park, Illinois, and it was the Committee's unanimous recommendation that they be granted licensed teacher recognition. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved such recommendation.

Although our 1976 Conference will be held in Philadelphia in July, the Licensing and Ordination Committee must of necessity meet at Unity Village for the purpose of making ordination recommendations for second year SMRS students and progress evaluations for first year students. A date has been set for representation of this Committee to meet at Unity Village during the week of June 14, 1976.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION — JACK BARKER, CHAIRMAN

In conjunction with working with the faculty of U.I.C.E., the Ministerial Education Advisory Committee recommended that a person who is working toward licensed teacher recognition be encouraged to take some of the Extension Courses given by the minister of the center in which that person is involved. It was also the recommendation of the Committee that the minister be informed by U.I.C.E. when a person attending the classes expresses a desire or interest to have licensed teacher recognition. The Committee further recommended that consideration be given to developing a course in Youth Education Instruction, which would be offered in U.I.C.E. based upon the material that is currently being developed by the AUC.

OUTREACH — V. STANFORD HAMPSON, CHAIRMAN

The Outreach Committee shared with the Board the progress being made in the Chicago outreach program conducted by **R. Scott Sherman**. The Committee recommended, and received ratification by the Board, that a permanent minister be placed in the newly developed work in St. Charles, Illinois, in order that Scott might continue in other areas of expansion.

The decision was also reached that all requests for expansion fund monies and assistance in any form be channeled to the Outreach Committee for their research and recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

POST GRADUATE DEVELOPMENT —

JACK BARKER, CHAIRMAN

The Post Graduate Development Committee announced that the material on Christian Healing would soon be available for distribution to our ministers. **Ed Rabel** has prepared annotations which will be used in conjunction with this course. The Committee reported that the next Post Graduate Course to be presented on the regional level would be based upon prosperity. After the prosperity course is developed, it will form the basis of a new U.I.C.E. course to be taught in the local ministries.

YOUNG ADULT RESEARCH —

ALAN ROWBOTHAM, CHAIRMAN

The Young Adult Research Committee reported that two Young Adults participated in their meetings which presented an opportunity for the Committee to have greater insight into the needs of the Young Adults. The participation by the Young Adults also served as an opportunity for the young people to become more aware of AUC's desire to serve them. The Committee recommended, and received ratification by the Board, that a Young Adult Camp-out Retreat be offered in the regions alternating with the national retreat held at Unity Village. It was recommended that a minister in each region be invited to be available to serve in an advisory capacity to work with the Young Adult Coordinators. It was also the Committee's recommendation that a member of the Young Adult Growth Committee be invited as a delegate to their respective regional ministers' conference to report on current Young Adult activities.

OTHER BOARD ACTION

Barton Associates Report — A letter was shared with the Board of Trustees from Barton Associates stating that there has only been a fair majority of response to the survey and, therefore, this had caused delay in an analysis being presented. This analysis should be completed *(Mid-Year Council continued on page 8)*

THINKING EXPANSIVELY

with R. Scott Sherman

This column includes not only the Expansion efforts of the AUC Outreach Program led by its author in the Chicago area, but will regularly report other expansion projects by any member ministry. If you have an expansion project or idea please write:

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622 Cress Creek Drive
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Unity-in-the-Valley; St. Charles, Illinois: Beginning early in February, **Edd Dawson** will serve in this expansion ministry. Located just forty miles due west of Chicago's Loop, Unity-in-the-Valley held its first Sunday meetings in late October, 1975, after a guest lecture by **James Dillet Freeman**. In addition to his responsibilities at the newly-organizing church, Edd will work with my wife, **Judy**, and me in the other "fledgling" ministries just starting in Chicago-land.

Edd has served in the Vancouver and New Westminster ministries in British Columbia. Subsequently he served in Medford, Oregon, and on a part-time associate basis in Spokane, Washington. A native of Columbus, Ohio, Edd's earliest interests in Unity stemmed from his desire to work in expansion ministries. He moves to the St. Charles area with his wife, **Lynn**, and two young sons.

Crystal Lake, Illinois: A meditation class stressing the practice of depth meditation began during the last week of January in this study group. Also a part of the AUC Outreach Program, the Crystal Lake Group meets in the clubhouse of the Four Colonies Condominium Development. The class, although sponsored by Unity, has attracted an unusually large group of local residents as it has been included as a regular activity in the community newsletters. In this way over 300 people not normally reached by Unity are exposed to our planned classes. (Note: Use of large apartment or condominium development clubhouses can draw interested local people to be served by Unity ministries. As in this case, the Activities Director of the Development is often very grateful for such classes as it makes his job easier.)

"Unity West;" Lombard-Downers Grove-Hinsdale, Illinois: A post-card sur-

vey of all Outreach Program addresses in the western Chicago suburbs was initiated in late January. The survey is intended to provide us with the preferences for our early development activities in this area. The Unity addressees are asked if their interests lie mainly in church or class activities or if they are adequately being served by another church in the area.

(Note: We are trying for the first time a post-card which is stamped with a postage stamp to encourage return. Some direct-mail professionals suggest that on small mailings this greatly increases the response to far above unstamped or even "Business Reply" mailers.)

Anchorage, Alaska: Sparked by the determination of a handful of "displaced" Unity students in Anchorage, Puget Sound Unity ministers weekly fly in for Sunday services and classes there. **Grover Thornsberry** of Seattle began the early three-hour flights after his Sunday services several months ago and is now sharing the 1,300 mile trip with other ministers in the area.

Regular attendance in a rented church averages 40 adults and 20 children each Sunday. The group, proving its high prosperity consciousness, is already paying airfare, accommodations and the church rental. **Robert E. Barth** of Bremerton reports that the group is talking seriously of requesting placement of a full-time minister in Anchorage soon.

Raleigh, North Carolina: A Christmas candlelighting service consecrated the start of another potential Unity ministry in this capitol city. With the assistance of **Joyce Kramer** (Virginia Beach, Virginia) a group of 52 gathered to prepare themselves for Christmas and a new year filled with Unity. Joyce reports nearly 60 families on her mailing list from Raleigh are interested. Beginning January 11 regular Sunday evening meetings began at the clubhouse of a large apartment complex.

Leadership will alternate between teachers from the local group and the Virginia Beach ministry on successive Sundays. Even though the distance is nearly 200 miles, enthusiasm is high both in Virginia Beach and Raleigh as these distant neighbors help serve the Raleigh area.

Augusta and Athens, Georgia: **Robert Means**, newly assigned as minister in Atlanta, is moving forward with a request

for an associate minister to serve in at least two new Georgia expansion ministries. The groups in Augusta and Athens were started by **Jay Dishman**, former Atlanta minister. The newly-requested expansion minister will serve as associate in Atlanta until the ministries are fully developed.

One final comment: During the Mid-Year Committees meetings at Unity Village in January I was extremely impressed by the many expansion ideas and groups reported on there. If you have a potential ministry or a good idea "cooking," please dash off a note to me so I can share with everyone. Thanks.

MID-YEAR REPORTS

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about the middle of February and will be mailed directly to all member ministries. It is the recommendation of the Board of Trustees that the Regional Representatives be encouraged to conduct sub-regional and regional meetings in order that the membership can discuss this survey in greater detail. Recommendations will then be compiled by the Regional Representative and shared with the Board of Trustees for implementation.

New Members of Finance and Budget Committee — Charles Roth and R. Scott Sherman resigned as members of the Finance and Budget Committee due to other demands on their time. The Board of Trustees elected **Charles Korfhage** and **C. Berton Coffey** to fill these vacancies.

Licensed Teacher Recognition — Ada Lopez deMiles had appeared before the Ad-Hoc Licensing and Ordination Committee in August. Ada is from Malaga, Spain, and conducts a study class there. She had completed her U.I.C.E. training and has recently completed her teaching experience through the ministry in Puerto Rico under the direction of **Francisca Mendez**. It was the decision of the Board of Trustees to grant Ada Lopez deMiles licensed teacher recognition.

New AUC Members — It was the pleasure of the Board of Trustees to officially accept the ministries in **Hemet, California**, and **Peoria, Illinois**, as members of the Association of Unity Churches. **Pierre Gallardo** has accepted responsibility for the ministry in Hemet, and the Placement Committee is working with the Board in Peoria in regard to succession of leadership for that ministry.

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.

LOCATION

MINISTRY

Atlanta, Georgia	Unity Church of Christianity
Cincinnati, Ohio	Unity Temple of Truth
Culver City, Calif.	Unity Church of Culver City
Modesto, Calif.	Unity Church of Modesto
Peoria, Ill.	Unity Church of Peoria
Portland, Maine	Unity Church of Truth
Redondo Beach, Calif.	South Bay Unity Church
St. Charles, Ill.	Unity-in-the-Valley
San Gabriel, Calif.	Unity Church of San Gabriel

PLACEMENT STATUS

Opening for an associate minister for expansion.

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Richard Dawson, who is pioneering a ministry in New Hampshire, has also assumed the leadership of our ministry in Portland, Maine.

Open

Edd Dawson, formerly associate minister in Spokane, Washington, has accepted the leadership of the developing ministry in St. Charles, Illinois, working with **R. Scott Sherman**.

Open — **Lee Hannaford** serving as interim minister.

YEARBOOK SUPPLEMENT

The 1976 AUC Yearbooks have been mailed and if additional copies are required by your ministry, please advise the AUC office of the quantity needed.

The information herein is presented in order that you may, if you so desire, annotate your copy of the 1976 Yearbook to reflect additions, changes, and deletions. The heading entitled **Page** indicates the page in the 1976 Yearbook which requires updating.

<u>Page</u>	<u>Item</u>
13	Change mailing address of Unity Church of Sun City to 1917 W. Orangewood Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85021 , and change office telephone number to 602-995-2473 .
18	Change office telephone number of Christ Unity Center of Life, S. Coast Area, Laguna Beach, to 714-494-4274 .
23	Change office telephone number of Christ Unity Center of Life, San Clemente, to 714-494-4274 .
25	Change location address of Unity Church of Truth in Santa Ana to 401 E. Santa Ana Boulevard .
29	Change location address of Unity Center of Christianity, Washington, D.C., to 1705 DeSales Street, NW, Suite 100, 20036 .
33	Change mailing address of Unity Truth Center in New Port Richey to P.O. Box 725, 33552 .
39	Add Unity-in-the-Valley, 1915 2nd, St. Charles, Illinois 60174 . Minister: Edd Dawson (Linnea) . Office telephone number — area 815, 455-2479 .
44	Add P.O. Box 94224 as mailing address for West Side Unity Church, Detroit.
47	Change office telephone number for Christ Church, Unity, Kansas City, to 816-436-0200 .

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47	Change office telephone number for Unity on the Plaza to 816-561-4466 .
52	Change address for Christ Unity Church, Albuquerque, to 9800 Candelaria NE, Albuquerque, 87112 and change office telephone number to 505-292-1998 .
55	Change address for Unity Church of Truth, Canton, Ohio, to 3819 Kaiser, NE, Canton, 44705 .
56	Change address of Unity Center of Cleveland, Ohio, to 2653 S. Taylor Rd., Cleveland Heights, 44118 and change office telephone number to 216-321-7566 .
67	Change address of Unity in the Olympics, Port Angeles, to Rt. 5, Box 1842, 98362 .

SHARE YOUR NEWS CLIPPINGS

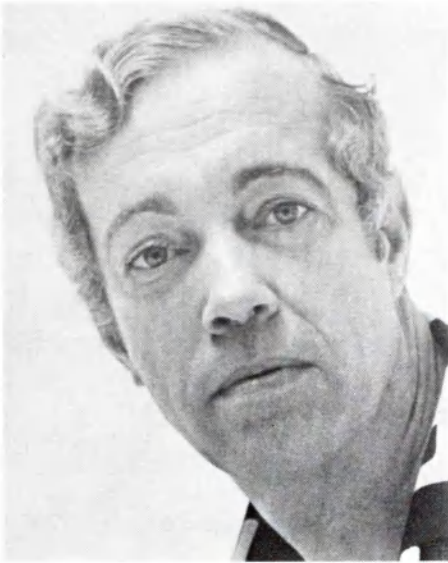
AUC member ministries often share with the AUC office newspaper clippings of excellent feature articles on their ministries. These have been reproduced and posted on the bulletin boards throughout Unity School. In this way your news is shared with the Unity workers and visitors to Unity Village.

We are very proud of our AUC ministries and, accordingly, request that you please send to the AUC office any clippings which you wish shared with our Unity family in Unity Village. The originals of the clippings will be filed in the individual minister's file in the AUC office and, if appropriate, will be used to generate a news item for CONTACT.

LICENSED TEACHER RECOGNITION

During January the 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: **Dorothy Breese** of Port Washington, N. Y., and **Wilma Williams** of LaGrange, Ill.

UNITY CELEBRATION — 1976



Richard Billings



Ruth Mosley

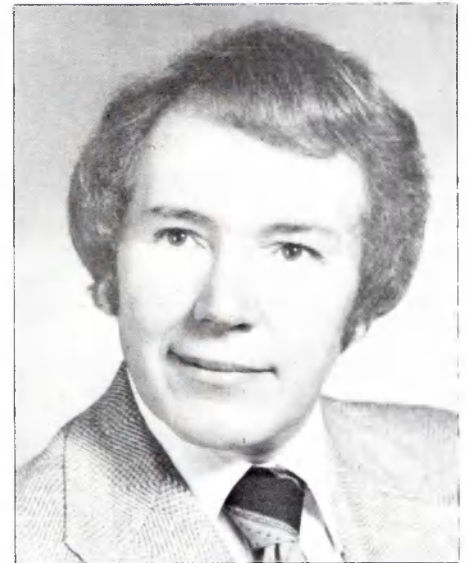


Blaine Mays

The opening day of Unity Celebration Thursday, July 15, begins at 8:30 a.m. with a time of prayer led by **Richard Billings**, minister of Unity Church of Oak Park, Illinois. **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC, will serve as Chairperson for the morning; **Charles King** and **Lou Bass** will share their musical talents; and the Daily Word meditation will be led by **Ruth Mosley**, minister of West Side Unity Church, Detroit, Michigan. Our principle speakers for Thursday morning will be **Thomas Coates**, minister of Unity Center of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and **Margaret Conn**, former Program Director of U.I.C.E.

Thursday afternoon will be free time for each person to take a self-guided walking tour of historical Philadelphia. A special brochure printed by the AUC office will be provided.

Charles King and Lou Bass will introduce the evening session with music at 7:00 p.m. **Blaine Mays**, minister of Unity Church of Practical Christianity, Phoenix, Arizona, will serve as Chairperson. The documentary film "Charles Fillmore: American Mystic" will be premiered Thursday evening. This outstanding film, produced by Unity School, will be preceded by a dialogue between **Charles Rickert Fillmore** and **Rosemary Fillmore Rhea**, grandchildren of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore. Mr. Fillmore, president of Unity School, and Mrs. Rhea, co-director of Unity's Radio-Television Department, will share intimate glimpses and insights into growing up with their famous grandfather.



Thomas Coates



Margaret Conn



Charles Rickert Fillmore



Rosemary Fillmore Rhea

PERSON TO PERSON

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During the last several months, you've read a great deal in CONTACT about the efforts of the Outreach Committee of AUC in its expansion project in the Chicago area. During the recent Mid-Year Council of Committees meetings here at the Village, one of our ministers quite seriously asked why **Scott Sherman** and his expansion efforts were getting so much publicity.

I think it's important to point out that this project in the Chicagoland area is not Scott's, but rather yours and mine. It is the unified activity of the AUC in its first concerted effort to expend funds and utilize energies and skills to specifically create new ministries. As this project continues to unfold, we will be continuing to share information with you in regard to it.

It is equally important, however, that all of us should be aware of the tremendous movement of growth and expansion and development that can be detected throughout the Unity field. When you can step back and sense the expansion and growth that is occurring, it becomes exciting. In Fairbanks, Alaska, there is a regular group that meets each week and by mid summer, should be well enough along to become a full-time Unity ministry. **Grover Thornsberry** and the other Puget Sound ministers have given richly of their consciousness to this group. In Northern Florida, **Loren Flickinger** has stirred up a great deal of enthusiastic interest in the development of ministries in Tallahassee and nearby communities. We have just received, in the Executive Office, an application for a full-time minister for a study group that has been strengthened and blessed by **Marge Kass** in the McAllen, Texas, area. In the outlying districts around Atlanta, Georgia, there are several study group activities for which we have already received applications for leadership, and **Joyce Kramer** shares with us a wonderful spirit of enthusiasm regarding a great group in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Expansion is occurring on every hand. During the past few months, we have accepted and welcomed into fellowship in the Association of Unity Churches, or are in the process of doing so, long time Truth ministries. Among these are Hemet, California; Peoria, Illinois; and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It is a tremendous joy to feel the excitement and growth not only in consciousness, but also in ministries, in numbers, and in services rendered.

In the early days of our efforts out of the Executive Office of AUC, a very sizeable proportion of my time was involved in what we have come to call "liaison work." When internal difficulties occur in a ministry or between ministries, the service of mediation by AUC has often proved necessary and helpful. From time to time, this service continues to be called for.

Much more, however, of the time that I spend is in feeling the excitement and joy and satisfaction, growth and accomplishment. It's the positive side of my being your Executive Director. It involves happy, productive times of growth and gratitude. It involves meetings of ministers and boards on a regional or sub-regional level in which good, positive, constructive work can be done to strengthen our ministry by the exposure of our board members to their counterparts from other ministries. It involves being able to represent you, the Movement, at a dedication service or an anniversary celebration. Since the Mid-Year Council of Committees meetings, I've spent a good time on the go in just this way. On January the 18th, I was privileged to be a part of the dedication service for the new church in Olympia, Washington. **Millie Perdue** is our minister there and she has taken that ministry, in three years, from just a handful of folks to a full congregation in a brand new building that is a joy to behold.

On January the 25th, I was again privileged to be involved in a dedication service, this time in Kalamazoo, Michigan. **Bill Kozy** is our minister there and, in the three years that he has been in Kalamazoo, he has taken a study group, developed it into a full-time ministry, and they have purchased an existing church building in Kalamazoo. Here again, the excitement of accomplishment and growth is a wonderful experience! I went from Kalamazoo to Tucson, Arizona, where I attended the Southwest Unity

Ministers Conference and there is a wonderful, lovely spirit among our co-workers there. The efficiency and order, the harmony and love that was shared were indeed a joy.

On February the 1st, I had the opportunity to accept an invitation from **Jim Lewis**, our minister in Denver, Colorado, to be a guest speaker on the occasion of their 25th anniversary of our ministry in Denver. The growth and development of that work is little short of phenomenal. The beautiful facilities of Unity Church of Denver were filled to overflowing and a great joy was shared. **Mary Rowe** is now working full-time with Jim as an associate in the church there.

On February the 21st, the ministers and board members from the ministries in the Greater Kansas City area gathered together at Unity Village for a Board/Minister meeting and on the 28th, we had a Sub-Regional Board/Minister meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Each time our folks get together in this exciting kind of way, there is a level of togetherness that adds mightily to the strength of our Movement. On February the 29th, I was privileged to be guest speaker at the dedication service for the new facilities in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In our ministry there, under the leadership of **Bob Wasner**, the new facilities have opened a whole new era of growth and development not only for Christ Unity Church but for the inter-relationship of our ministries from that part of the country.

There is so much about our Unity Movement that is wonderful, and it seems to me that it's important that we be conscious of these, for in that consciousness lies the strength of our unity.

UNITY STUDY GROUPS

The AUC office needs your help in maintaining current records regarding Unity study groups. Please advise the AUC office of any changes, such as meeting times, location, etc., that affect study groups affiliated with your ministry.

The AUC office receives each month a significant number of requests inquiring as to the location of Unity activities. The cooperation of each minister in keeping the AUC office informed of the status of affiliated study groups enables such inquiries to be promptly and appropriately answered.

Nowhere will you better recapture that "Spirit of '76" than in the city of Philadelphia, birthplace of a nation and of an ideal which is the very essence of man himself: FREEDOM. Since the time of William Penn, Philadelphia's founder, it has been called the "Holy Experiment", the "City of Brotherly Love", and now the "Bicentennial City". As Philadelphia celebrates the two hundredth anniversary of Independence, it will be the focus of attention throughout the United States and the world. And you can be here!

The focal point for those important '76 events is Independence Historical Park. Here within one square mile are more historical attractions than in any other place in the United States. The area around Independence Hall is replete with peerless buildings whose beauty has endured and grown with the years and now stand as objects of pilgrimage, as the very symbols of two hundred years of freedom.

The buildings on Independence Square itself have housed the Provincial Assembly, the Council, the Supreme Court, the Second Continental Congress, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. Independence was declared here; the Articles of Confederation were drafted and ratified; the first Bank of the United States and the United States Mint were established; Vermont, Kentucky, and Tennessee were admitted into the Union; Washington took the oath of office for his second term here and John Adams his as second president.

And not far away that most brilliant of all 18th century Americans, Benjamin Franklin, lived and worked at Franklin Court. Franklin, George and Martha Washington, Betsy Ross, and other notables of the time, attended Christ Church nearby.

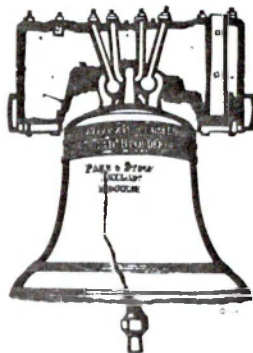
It is truly an awesome feeling to view the Liberty Bell. The Bell was moved January 1, 1976, from Independence Hall to its new home in the near-by newly constructed Liberty Bell pavilion. Ordered in 1752 from England to mark the 50th anniversary of Penn's Charter of Privileges, the bell was prophetically inscribed with these words from Leviticus 25:10, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof." When

the British entered Philadelphia it was safely removed to a spot near Allentown, Pennsylvania, to re-emerge for its most famous ring on July 8, 1776, when it summoned the citizens of Philadelphia to the State House Yard to hear the Declaration of Independence read by Colonel John Nixon.

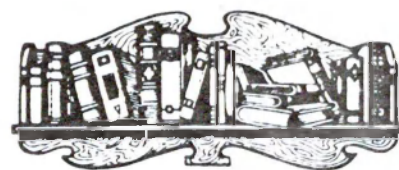
At Independence Square the Assembly Room itself is set up just as it was that day on July 4, with quill pens, snuff boxes, and canes lying atop the signers' desks. The room's most famous and arresting treasure is George Washington's chair. Benjamin Franklin named it the "Rising Sun Chair" for the emblem affixed to its back. It is said that he often wondered if it were a setting sun or a rising sun amidst the often heated debate surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He was soon to see his dream come true, however, as many of you will, too, upon reliving this most precious time in our history as a nation.

For a bit of fun, walk across Independence Park to the Todd House and stand on the sidewalk that, according to legend, held the most romantic patch of ice in American History. It was here that John Todd's young widow, Dolley, came out of the house with her escort, Aaron Burr. She slipped on the ice and a young Virginia Congressman helped prevent her from falling. It was then that Burr made his historical introduction: "Dolley, I'd like you to meet Mr. Madison."

Independence Hall — the Liberty Bell — Todd House: All reasons to celebrate and make that sentimental journey back in history to recapture THE SPIRIT OF '76. Attend "Unity Celebration — 1976" and experience Philadelphia.



"To Freedom With Love"



Book Rack

ON DEATH AND DYING

BY ELIZABETH KUBLER-ROSS

Our AUC Book Review Committee has recommended the book *On Death and Dying* by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross.

The Committee reports: "Death is a part of life. The majority of us give lip-service to this inexorable fact but few of us ever consciously face this challenge, come to terms with our human finiteness. Someone has said, 'No man is free to live life fully till he has accepted his death as inevitable.' Only as we realize that our earthly life span is limited do we become fully nonresistant to life, give ourselves to life and the living of it wholeheartedly, zestfully. Only then are we able to live each day sensitively, perceptively, appreciatively to the best of our capabilities.

"Until we honestly face and dissolve our own fears and phobias regarding death, we are inadequate to serve those who are experiencing critical or terminal illness, to help them to meet their passing in peace and dignity.

"In years gone by, one spent his last days at home . . . in familiar surroundings, with loved ones close by. Today, most spend the final hours in hospitals. Dr. Ross writes, 'Today the patient is suffering more-not physically, perhaps, but emotionally. Today's advanced technology and science often work to depersonalize the patient.' Such leads to resentment, frustration, anger.

"This book is not depressing but enlightening. It motivates us to honestly evaluate our own thinking and feeling regarding death, and offers excellent guidelines to meaningful and helpful communication with others and to richer rewards from all our personal relationships.

"Not only is this book invaluable to ministers but also to every man. It would be an excellent choice for class study and discussion."

On Death and Dying is available in cloth bound or paperback, priced to retail at \$7.95 and \$1.95 respectively. You may order this excellent book either from your local book dealer or from the publisher: Macmillan Publishing Company, Riverside, New Jersey 08075.

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

by John Strickland

Youth of Unity Report — We have just concluded our Y.O.U. Conference Planning meetings, and we are extremely well-pleased with the results. Those present for the meetings were as follows: **Pete Schulze**, International President; **Paul Wiedmeier**, International First Vice-President; **Candy Croft**, International Second Vice-President; **James Sherman**, minister in Toronto, Canada; **Kay Tiffany**, first-year SMRS student; and myself, Y.O.U. Coordinator. I feel that we worked well as a committee and have developed a fresh, exciting Conference program for 1976.

Since we have only a tentative schedule and many guests to invite, it is advisable to simply present some of the important features of Conference '76.

First, we have added an extra day to Conference. Hence, the dates for Conference are August 15-21, and not through the 20th as we originally had thought. Also, adding an extra day will probably cost an additional \$10 — \$12 per person. Therefore, we are now estimating that the total cost for Conference per delegate will be about \$75.00 and not \$64.00 as originally indicated.

We have decided to cut down on the business aspects, and to add "real" free times to this year's Conference. I believe we were successful in blending together the much requested, spiritual dimension of Conference with the fun and recreational dimension. There will be sessions on meditation, presented by **Martha Giudici**; the background of Unity, by **James Dillet Freeman**; and the Bible, by **Ed Rabel**. Pete Schulze calls this aspect the "impression." Then there will be small (16-20 people) workshops to develop a family-type atmosphere and to practice the ideas presented. Pete calls this aspect the "expression."

We also intend to have **Rick Grace's** film "**Charles Fillmore: American Mystic**" and the prospects look very good for us to have a live stage performance of "**Godspell**" by the **Great Day Acting Company**.

There are several innovations that we will be presenting at Conference. You will hear more about these later.

Conference is a rewarding experience for everyone involved. For Conference to run smoothly we need your cooperation.



Y.O.U. Conference Planning Committee (from left to right): Kay Tiffany, first-year ministerial student; James Sherman, minister of Unity Church of Truth, Toronto, Canada; John Strickland, Y.O.U./Y.A.U. Coordinator; Candy Croft, International Second Vice-President; Paul Wiedmeier, International First Vice-President; and Pete Schulze, International President.

You have been mailed a copy of the Y.O.U. Chapter Report. To assure your chapter having the proper number of delegates, please return the Chapter Report promptly with the requested information. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTICE:

Regional Rally Registration and Medical Release Forms are available by request from:

Y.O.U. Coordinator
AUC
Unity Village, MO 64065

Young Adults of Unity Report — I recently had the privilege of meeting with the Young Adults Research Committee (YARC). I feel that it is laudable that there were three young adults (**Greg Wissman**, **Carol Willis**, and myself) participating in the YARC meetings, in addition to **Alan Rowbotham**, **Ginny Hinners**, and **Dona Gilsdorf**. I feel that all who attended made valuable contributions toward meeting the needs of our young adults.

One of the proposals that we are particularly excited about is the development of "camping" retreats for our young adults this year to alternate with the YA Retreats to be held at Unity Village. Each Young Adults Growth Committee (YAGC) member is to be responsible for the planning and carrying out of these retreats within each of the seven AUC Regions. We have also selected a minister within each region, who is to be available to the YAGC member. Although these retreats are to be held within each region,

we want to stress the point that these camp-out retreats are to be for any interested young adults within the movement.

Also we are working on putting together a Young Adult Songbook. If you have any contributions or know of any Young Adults who do, please send the contributions to Young Adults Coordinator, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.

We are still in the process of compiling a current YA mailing list. Please send us the name and addresses of all interested young adults in your congregation, so that we may keep them informed of any young adults developments. Also, we would welcome any resource material concerning young adults, their needs, forming groups, etc.

It is encouraging that so much interest is being taken in our Young Adults. We would appreciate it if you can pass on to the Young Adults in your congregation some of the information about what is being done by the AUC. Thank you for your continued interest.

Please remember the Young Adults Retreat in March sponsored by the Royal Oak, Michigan, group. For details contact:

Dona Gilsdorf
c/o Royal Oak Unity Temple
2500 Crooks Road
Royal Oak, Michigan 48073
Telephone area 313, 585-1165

MARCH AND APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

March

1	Violet Goetchius Ann Rothschild†
2	Katharine Brookman
3	Lois Leibach Ann Sandefert
4	Mary Hinkle
5	Kathryn Bossert Elvira Caceras Andy Lucas
8	Bill Kozy
9	William Fletcher David Rogers
10	Eva Conover† Ruth Mosley Robert Saling
11	Marion Lambert Greg Penn
12	Marc Buckley Ronald Johnson Roger Tiffany* Frances Von Huben
13	Pauline Beauregard* Cleo Lee Marie Rose
14	Maryan Maier
15	Roseanna Beach Warren Kreml Onita Meyer Sue Sikking

†Minister Emeritus

March

16	Barry Knowles*
17	Louise Lawrence
18	Joseph Stiegler
20	James Dillet Freeman Trudie Liddell
21	Gilberta Sommer
23	Marie Kapp
24	Andrew Carlson
25	Martel Wiggings
26	M. Whipple Bishop†
27	Margaret Marshall
28	Jay Dishman William Fox Bonnie Grenson Lillian Matthews
29	Peter Bradley* Clara Gearhart
30	Frank Hanson Ernest Wilson
31	Fayeth Fox Connie McCarty* Jim Sims

April

1	Scott Thornton
3	John Mangan
5	Dell Powers Ruth Stockdale
7	Helen Brown
8	Fred Kimball Frank Koehler* Carolyn Mohnt Edie Skalitzky* John Wingfield*

*SMRS Student Minister

April

9	John Cuddeback
10	Marlyn White
11	Don Gates Marlowe Kline Lassie Rosencrans
12	Juliana Coppock Ella Rollo
15	Carolyn Pryor* Joy Turowski
16	Paul Carrithers Shirley Graham* Robert Hill* Curtis Wilson
18	Carol Marie Guental James Morgan
19	Richard Ammons Blanche Scardamalia
20	Gladys Wilson
21	John Kelley Dessie McDonnell Sadye Thomas
22	Robert Stevens
23	Mildred Davis
24	Bob Means George Millar Leon Miller†
25	May Armstrong Linda Babbish David Travis
26	Russell Kemp Helen W. Quigley
27	Hilda Perigoe Gertrude Read
28	Catherine Brooks Millie Lesliet
29	Aurea Sanchez Rodriquez
30	Ruth Mace

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

Statement of General Fund Operations

Ten Months Ended 1/31/76

INCOME — OPERATIONS:

	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Love Offering	\$33,238.44	\$32,310.27	\$279,275.31
Education Dept. Love Offering	1,375.00	517.75	8,855.54
Other Income	3,353.37	2,560.86	26,519.47
	<u>37,966.81</u>	<u>35,388.88</u>	<u>314,650.32</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	3,323.84	3,231.03	27,927.52
Gross Profit Materials	1,363.63	1,887.93	29,451.45
Total Income	<u>36,006.60</u>	<u>34,045.78</u>	<u>316,174.25</u>

EXPENSES — OPERATIONS:

General Office	22,934.68	21,834.73	233,994.67
Education Dept.	8,726.11	10,246.44	92,331.22
Total Expenses	<u>31,660.79</u>	<u>32,081.17</u>	<u>326,325.89</u>

INCOME OVER (UNDER)

EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 4,345.81</u>	<u>\$ 1,964.61</u>	<u>(\$10,151.64)</u>
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UNITY IN SONG



The deadline for ordering our new songbook, **Unity in Song**, at the special price of \$2.50 has been extended until **July 31, 1976**. The songbook is now available in a blue cover only, the supply of gold covers having been exhausted.

Idea Exchange

DAILY WORD UTILIZED IN MINISTRY PROMOTION

Unity of Jackson, Michigan, has experienced tremendous response from their promotional program utilizing the DAILY WORD magazine. Roy Fox, minister of this dynamic Michigan ministry, reports: "We have subscribed to 200 additional DAILY WORDS to be sent to our Center each month. We have also purchased a City Directory, and are sending out the 200 DAILY WORDS as gifts to 200 different people in our area each month. This means that we will have reached 2,400 new people, many of whom have never heard of Unity, during the next year. We have had a rubber stamp made, and on the outside of the envelope used to mail the magazine we affix the words: 'A GIFT FOR YOU!' This wording is 'squared,' or put in a 'box' to make it stand out. Also going with each DAILY WORD is a cover-letter and a copy of Jim Freeman's pamphlet: Unity Leaves No One Out. The cover-letter introduces DAILY WORD, and also tells about us here at Unity of Jackson. If any ministers would like a copy of our cover-letter, I'll be happy to send them one."

PRAYER PARTNER CARDS

Unity Ministry of Reno, has realized tremendous results from utilizing the card form reproduced below. Jacklyn and Carlton Buboltz, our ministers in Reno, report, "We use the prayer partner cards as part of our prosperity classes . . . Each week we share things that have happened to us and reveal our secret prayer partner. At the end of the series we also use one card to pray for another and one with our own name and pray equally for both. It seems to help some of the 'hang ups' about praying for prosperity . . ."

UNITY MINISTRY OF RENO



MY PRAYER PARTNER FOR THE WEEK IS

*"I SEE YOU AS GOD SEES YOU, CHILD
OF A KING, HEIR TO THE KINGDOM."*

AREA PUBLICATION AD

Christ Church Unity of El Cajon ran the ad reproduced below in a December edition of one of their local area newspapers, Pennysaver. Arthur Hammons, minister of this California ministry, advised that the Pennysaver was selected because it is a

publication which is delivered via the mail to some 45,000 homes in the El Cajon area. Arthur reports a very positive and effective response to the ad and attributes its success to the fact that this particular type of publication is read very thoroughly.

THEY ARE OUT TO GET YOU! and THEY'RE GOING TO GET YOU!

Do you ever feel "THEY" are out to get you? Life and all of its "THEYS" really are not out to get you like it may seem. Life IS, however, out to get the best response from you it can! For life knows your capabilities and talents almost better than you do. Life has no power to direct itself. YOU are the producer and director! Life and all its demands, which we often refer to as "THEY", IS out to get all of the direction and talent that you as a unique person have the ability to give. Life insists that you give it your best. As we discipline our thinking, open our hearts, and become open and receptive to all the good that life and living have for us, the free full flow of our being produces true development on every level of our lives. Life makes its demands on us so that we can give balance, harmony, health, happiness, freedom, peace, prosperity, success and self expression to all the situations in our lives. Life is out to get the best response it can from us.

So, don't feel "THEY" are out to get you; instead, know that you have all the qualities within you to make your life the successful adventure it is supposed to be. Life knows you can do it, and that's why it makes the demands on you it does. That's why it is out to get the best response from you it can. So, be brave - be not afraid, let your best self flow. Give life your best!

We welcome you to be with us and study the teachings of the most successful person that ever lived. We are not, "Old Time Religion," we are not going to tell you what's wrong or bad about you. We'll show you who you really are. The only church of its kind in the El Cajon area. The only church in the El Cajon area with drive in facilities for those of you who are unable to come inside for worship.

Christ Church Unity of El Cajon

Worship Services & Youth Church:
Sunday 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday 11:00 A.M. Midweek Class
Thursday 7:30 P.M. Midweek Class



311 Highland Avenue (at Lexington)
El Cajon, California 92020
444-1849
Rev. G. Arthur Hammons, Pastor



The second-year class in SMRS is scheduled to be graduated and placed this August. Three members of this class are (left to right): Sue Kelly, Frank Koehler, and Thelma Hembroff.

Sue Kelly is a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where she received

a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and Family Resources. An honor student, Sue was also very active in college social and service organizations. Prior to entering SMRS, she served as a caseworker in Day Care Licensing for the state of Missouri. She is also a member of the Village Singers, a SMRS singing group. She is single.

Frank Koehler entered SMRS from Miami, Florida, where he taught classes and often served as platform chairman at Unity Center of Practical Christianity. Originally from Texas, Frank attended State Universities in both Texas and New Mexico. Prior to entering the ministry, Frank had a distinguished career in management with a national leasing company and taught adult education classes in leadership training, motivation, and personal development. Frank and his wife, Lois, have three children.

Thelma Hembroff came to Unity Village from the state of Washington to enter SMRS. She attended and was actively involved in the programs and activities of Unity Church of Truth in Seattle, Washington. Prior to entering the ministry, Thelma served in a managerial position for several organizations in Renton, Washington. Thelma contributes a great deal of her free time while a student minister to volunteer work for local charities, hospitals, and retirement communities. She is single.

SUFI FAREWELL BLESSING

(1) May the bless- ings of God rest up- on you. (2) May God's
peace a - bid e in you. (3) May God's pre- sence il - lu - mi -
nate your heart. (4) Now and for - ev - er more.
A - men.

SUFI BLESSING — During the Mid-Year Council of Committees meetings, the SMRS student body hosted a delicious potluck supper for the visiting ministers. The ministers also enjoyed musical programs presented by the students. A unique closing blessing was led by members of the student "Share and Care Group". Many ministers have requested a copy of the blessing and in response, **Jeff Shumsky**, student minister who introduced the blessing to the student prayer group, has graciously shared the above copy.

Jeff advises that during the blessing those present form a circle, then divide into pairs, facing each other. As the music begins, (1) each person surrounds his partner with "light" by raising their

hands above them and slowly lowering them so that by step (2) hands are at sides, the pair joining hands. At (3) the hands are moved upward on the word "presence" and on "illuminate your heart" the right hand is placed on partner's heart, left hand covering partner's right hand. At (4) and on "now and forever more" hands are placed in prayer attitude, each person bowing to partner, then moving forward to next partner. The conclusion of the blessing, after each person has been individually blessed, is executed by everyone moving back into a large circle, arms on shoulders, and singing the blessing for the final time. Leader closes with Amen.

OVERSEAS REPORT

by Foster C. McClellan

Last October I had the privilege for the first time of visiting Holland and our Unity people in that wonderful country. Holland was indeed just as I had imagined it--spotlessly clean and neat and beautiful with its dikes and windmills and quaint old towns and buildings and its canals and waterways. The most pleasant surprise of all was, however, that I discovered the people of Holland are some of the nicest people in the world, or perhaps I should say that the people of Unity in Holland are the nicest people in the world. I am not sure which is true, but in either case it's quite a statement to make, for Unity people everywhere are pretty hard to beat.

The headquarters of "Unity—Nederland" is actually located in two places in Rotterdam. The office is on the ground level in the home of **Suus Breijer**, who is the Secretary of Unity—Nederland, and the library is in the home of **Jeanne Streng-Sonneveld**, who is the active head of the movement in Holland. These two delightful ladies are carrying on the wonderful work which was started by **Jan Faber**, who for many years prior to his death last year was the leader in that country.

Jeanne and Suus are responsible for the distribution of "Dagelijks Woord" (Daily Word) to over 1,300 subscribers in Holland. They are also conducting a letter prayer ministry for the people who write



The teachings of Unity reach around the world. Shown above are five of our wonderful co-workers who assist in sharing the Unity message. Left to right are: Daniel and Mieke van Zuilekom of Rhenen, Holland; Marjorie Slade of Unity House in Bourne End, England; Jeanne Streng-Sonneveld and Suus Breijer of Rotterdam, Holland.

to them for help in their time of need.

The Dagelijks Woord is a beautifully prepared edition of the Daily Word with a message for each day exactly the same as our English edition. It's good to know that each day people in Holland are reading in their own language the very same message that we are reading that particular day. There are also Unity study groups in The Hague, Amsterdam, and Rotterdam.

The Chairman of Unity—Nederland is **Daniel van Zuilekom** who lives with his lovely wife **Mieke** in the ancient town of Rhenen which is located on the Rhine

River. Daniel is a well-known scholar in his country. He is a mathematician and a linguist, a translator and an expert on education for the Netherland government. He is responsible for the translation of Dagelijks Woord from English to Dutch and for the supervision of all the work in Holland. He is assisted by a lovely lady whose name I cannot remember who lives in the nearby town. Daniel is very modest about his role. He claims he has such wonderful assistants that there is little for him to do, even in translation.

Daniel lives in a beautiful home with the Rhine River running right through his garden. He has collected many priceless original paintings and authentic antique period-pieces of furniture. He is a remarkable man. He is an authority on art, furniture, and history. He also collects rare books and manuscripts. During World War II Daniel and his wife were for seven years the prisoners of the Japanese in Java. He has been devoted to Unity, particularly to Daily Word, most of his life.

Sometimes I think we take a little for granted the work, the loyalty, and the devotion of our friends overseas. In many countries they carry on year after year with very little recognition. Theirs is indeed really a labor of love but yet we know that they derive great joy and satisfaction as do we all from being of service to others. All of us here at Unity School take great pleasure in this opportunity to share with our friends in CONTACT something about our wonderful co-workers in the Netherlands.

MUSICAL PROGRAMS FEATURED IN THE ACTIVITIES CENTER

Unity School presented two outstanding musical programs in the World Headquarters Activities Center at Unity Village in December. On December 12 and 13 two performances of the musical "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" were given by the **Great Day Acting Company**. On Sunday afternoon, December 28, a concert was given by **Pat Metheny** entitled "A Musical Impression of Lee's Summit." These programs were well attended by people from throughout the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. Response to the programs was highly positive and enthusiastic.

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" was a light-hearted romp with the Peanuts gang which led the audience through the

tragedy of a fallen kite, the drama of an unfinished book report, the fantasy of an airborne flight with the Red Baron, and the happiness contained in a day well-lived. **Chris Jackson**, member of the public relations staff at Unity School, served as production director of the musical. Chris stated, "None of the cast (continued on page 16)"

The cast of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" are members of the Great Day Acting Company: (kneeling) Mike Lott as Charlie Brown; (seated, left to right) David Walker as Linus and Vicki Banks as Patty; and (standing, left to right) David McDermott as Schroeder, Karen Anne Zuber as Lucy, and Mark A. Brown as Snoopy. (photo by William Esslinger, Unity School)



MUSICAL PROGRAMS FEATURED

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is actually six years old, but it doesn't make that much difference after the play begins. It seems that composer-adapter Clark Gesner has succeeded in opening up the end of Charles Schulz' comic strip and letting the little people out to a wooden stage floor complete with teeter-totter equipment and a certain quality which makes the lovable characters more real than ever."

The Great Day Acting Company, a theatre troupe comprised of area talent from the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area, has just completed a summer tour of the musical "Godspell", which was presented in the Activities Center at Unity Village in August and September. Due to the response "Godspell" received, Unity School of Christianity invited the group to return with their new production of "Charlie Brown."

"A Musical Impression of Lee's Summit," featured Pat Metheny, a native of Lee's Summit, who has gained international recognition as a jazz guitarist and composer. All of the music for the concert was composed and arranged by Mr. Metheny as a tribute to Lee's Summit. In commenting on the concert, he stated, "This program is an experiment for me as a composer. Usually when I write tunes, I write them without much thought directed to where they come from. For this project I decided I would think of specific events and places dealing with Lee's Summit and write the first musical impressions that came to mind."

Mr. Metheny was the featured soloist during the first half of the concert. He performed on twelve-string, six-string, and acoustical guitars. The second half of the concert featured a jazz combo and duets performed by Mr. Metheny and his guests: **Mike Metheny**, Trumpet; **Barbara Davis**, Flute; **Kevin Clements**, Bass; **John McKee**, Piano; and **Tommy Ruskin**, Drums. All of the guest artists are from the Lee's Summit area and have played in local bands.

Mr. Metheny has been featured at jazz festivals since he was sixteen and has taught guitar at Berklee College of Music in Boston. He has performed with Paul Bley, Ira Sullivan, Clark Terry, and has been a featured musician with the Gary Burton Quintet, twice Grammy Award winners in the jazz category.

YOUTH EDUCATION NEWS

Lani Jones, AUC Youth Education Coordinator, has asked that we share the following letter with you:

"Dear Friends: The time is drawing near for me to 'go to press' with the first quarter of the new Sunday School materials, which will be available beginning next September. I am happy to report that the results to date are even more pleasing than I had anticipated in the beginning. I am enjoying each lesson as I work with it and feel that the new student-oriented leaflets will be stimulating, geared to age level, attractive and easy to work with.

"There is an area in which you can help. I would like, occasionally at all age levels, to include real stories about real children who are living the Unity Way of Life. In the first quarter of the Kindergarten lessons, example, a lesson on individual potential will include a story about a 5 year-old violinist from Unity West in Milwaukee who occasionally solos with the Chicago Symphony! She has earned many awards, and her mother reports that she prays before every performance. I know this will reach the youngsters in a way make-believe stories can never do.

"I would like to know about the children in your churches and centers who have an unusual story or experience, for possible use in the Sunday School curriculum. If you know of such a child, please send me a brief account of their story, their age, parents name and home address, and (if possible) a black and white photo.

"You should, of course, explain to the parents that you are submitting their child's story for possible use in the Sunday School publication, and it might be a good idea to send me a note from the parents giving their permission.

"Beverly Hines of Des Moines, Iowa, just sent me a copy of an adorable Christmas play for children. Realizing the trouble a Sunday School staff goes to in searching out material for plays, special programs, etc., I think it would be marvelous if we could all share this type of information. Accordingly, please send me material on special programs used in your Sunday Schools. Please send all mail to me at my home address.

"Thank you for your interest and cooperation. I remain always eager to hear your ideas for Sunday School curriculum. Sincerely, Lani Jones, Youth Education Coordinator, 8670 North Servite Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222."

HOW TO CHECK OUT A CHARITY

Often our AUC ministries are contacted regarding the validity of various charities. The following article published last year in the National Observer (copyright 1975, Dow Jones and Co., Inc.) may be of some help in responding to such inquiries:

HOW TO CHECK OUT A CHARITY

There are several ways to learn more about a charity . . . and to receive copies of its financial reports. These include:

- *The Better Business Bureau. Both local offices and the Council of Better Business Bureaus, the bureaus' headquarters group, maintain files on about 600 charities soliciting funds. Though not ratings, these files list finances, program, officers, and whether the charity meets the council's general standards. Individuals may obtain reports on up to three charities by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to their local office or to the Council of Better Business Bureaus, 1150 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.*

- *The National Information Bureau. This nonprofit, independent agency monitors about 500 charities and issues detailed reports stating whether the charity meets eight bureau standards. Reports are limited to bureau members; membership costs a minimum of \$15 a year for individuals, \$25 for businesses. Address: 305 E. 45th St., New York, N.Y. 10017.*

- *Local and state agencies. Offices vary, but information usually can be found in the state's attorney general's, secretary of state's, licensing, or consumer-affairs offices. Some states—including New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Illinois, and Ohio—maintain extensive files and can report whether a charity is registered to solicit funds or whether any charges are pending against it.*

- *Charities themselves. Many charities will send on request their annual report or financial statement. If the information is obscure, charity-monitoring officials suggest, write again and ask for specific cost breakdowns for fund-raising, administration, and programs . . .*

One test of validity, charities watchers say, is whether the plan for aid is explicit and sounds worth-while. Another whether donations are tax-deductible, some groups aren't tax-exempt, an indication that charity may not be their only concern.

WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL

Foster C. McClellan, Director of the Overseas and Retreats Department of Unity School, is an ordained Unity minister who had a distinguished military career with the Royal Canadian Air Force prior to entering the ministry. Foster is a world traveler and lecturer and in his current position is responsible for the outreach of Unity to countries outside the United States, and for all retreat activities at Unity Village, which hosts approximately two thousand people each year. Foster has just completed his first book, *Thoughts for a Friend*, published by Unity School.

Paula McClellan is a regular member of the Retreat staff at Unity School. She is a licensed teacher having been graduated from the Correspondence Course and U.I.C.E. In her capacity she serves as a lecturer and a panel member for the eleven week-long retreats and delights thousands of retreatants each year with her wit, charm, and warm, inspiring lectures.

Mary Rexroth has been a Unity student all her life. Mary received her musical education at the Kansas City Conservatory (University of Missouri at Kansas City). She was a professional singer and dancer who successfully operated her own music and dance studio. Mary is known throughout the Unity Movement for her unique and inspiring presentation of worship through song. All who meet her remark that she is a vivacious, outgoing person who has a tremendous capacity for evoking the joy of living from her audiences.

You've met some key people involved, now let's learn more about retreats. The reasons for attending vacation retreats at Unity Village are as varied as the individuals who attend. With this in mind, the Unity retreat staff strives to present a varied and dynamic program for each retreat. Vacation retreats are a spiritually based holiday of a lifetime for many people who attend. Foster defines a retreat as "a realization of a state of inspiration and illumination in the hearts of you and me--a state of consciousness!"

The format for each retreat is new and different--no two are alike. Retreats are designed to present the Truth message by carefully selected, well-known leaders who are dedicated to presenting the principles of Truth as it is revealed to them. Highlights of each retreat are meditations, lectures, workshops, Bible interpretation lessons, a candlelight dinner, and, of course, music and singing. Various teaching mediums are used such as slides, films, overhead projections, individual involvement exercises, and others. Informal panel discussions offer retreatants many opportunities to ask pertinent questions of interest to them in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

At a time when people are economy-minded, where else can a person enjoy a six-and-a-half day holiday for approximately \$100 for the complete package--including food, lodging, and a meaningful program of learning and fellowship! Leisure-time activities offer opportunities to stroll through landscaped gardens and surrounding woods and lakes, browse through one of the finest metaphysical libraries in the country, meet with friends at the Unity Inn, or simply relax in a comfortable room. The golf course, tennis courts, and swimming pool are also available.

Have you as a minister considered what a Unity Village Vacation Retreat can do for your ministry and for the members of your congregation? People who attend these retreats return to their ministries filled with joy and enthusiasm for life and Truth. They eagerly share their excitement with friends. Their experi-



Foster C. McClellan, Director, Overseas and Retreats; **Mary Rexroth**, Retreat Co-ordinator (at left in photo); and **Paula McClellan**, Co-hostess and lecturer on the Unity School Retreat staff, utilize diverse backgrounds to bring a kaleidoscope of talent to Unity Village Vacation Retreats. (Photo by Tony LaTona)

ences are inner experiences of the heart and they want to share their good with friends. Attendance at a Vacation Retreat can be the spark that ignites a new burst of growth for your people and your ministry. Mary Rexroth has commented on the growing number of young people who are attending vacation retreats and finding new meaning for their life.

More and more ministers are organizing "field trips" for their congregation to attend a retreat at Unity Village. Because Foster recognizes the retreats as a terrific growth-prompter for the Unity Movement, a special plan has been developed. Each minister who organizes a retreat at Unity Village, consisting of twenty-five or more people, and attends the retreat with his group will receive his meals and accommodations free. What an experience for you and for your people!

Reservations are readily available for either the motel or the cottages. Because of the large attendance at the retreats, sometimes motel accommodations may not be available, but there is always room in the attractive and comfortable cottages. A colorful 1976 Activities Program brochure has been prepared and is ready for mailing. A listing of all retreats to be held in 1976 is given, with dates, the cost for accommodations and meals, and registration forms. Write to the Sales Department of Unity School for this brochure in the quantity needed for your ministry. Upon receipt of your request, the brochures will be sent to you free of charge.

The Retreat Department at Unity School does a tremendous job and we at AUC are deeply appreciative of the fine work done by the entire retreat staff.

Please refer to the Calendar of Events section of this issue for the dates of the 1976 Unity Village Vacation Retreats.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1976

- 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
- March 26-27 Northern California Sub-Regional Board/Minister meeting, hosted by Christ Church, Unity, San Jose, Calif.
- 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, Unity Springs Motel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, hosted by officers of SCUCA
- * April 21 Post Graduate Program on "Twelve Powers of Man," Colorado Springs, Colorado
- * May 4-6 Northern California Regional Conference, Tiburon, California, hosted by Unity Church of Truth, San Mateo, Calif.
- * May 5 Post Graduate Program on "Twelve Powers of Man," San Mateo, Calif.
- 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 15-18 Unity Celebration - 1976, Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
- July 17-30 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program -Session 4, Unity Village, Mo.

July 18

Morning Worship Service, Unity Celebration - 1976, Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

July 31-
Aug. 6

Summertime Vacation Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

† Aug. 1-7

Unity Snow Mountain Ranch Retreat, hosted by Unity Church of Denver, Colo.

Aug. 9-13

14th Annual Southeast Unity Retreat, Don CeSar Hotel, St. Petersburg Beach, Fla.

* Aug. 15-21

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. 17-19

Sierra Retreat, Tahoe Racquet Club, Incline, Nevada, sponsored by Unity Ministry of Reno

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

Sept. 28

Post Graduate Program, 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.

† Oct. 18-20

Southeastern Regional Conference, Tallahassee, Florida, hosted by Unity of Tallahassee

† Oct. 19

Post Graduate Program, Tallahassee, Florida

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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Unity Celebration - 1976

"To Freedom With Love"

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

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