

*"To Freedom With Love"*

# "UNITY CELEBRATION - 1976"

## Philadelphia, Pa. July 15-18

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

# CONTACT

## Unity Celebration

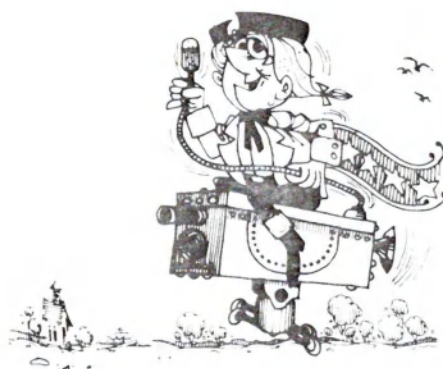
Registrations for Unity Celebration - 1976 are pouring into the AUC office! It is apparent from the tremendous early response that this major Unity assemblage in Philadelphia will be filled to capacity. Accordingly, each AUC member is encouraged to advise the members of their congregation to register as early as possible in order to assure that they may participate in this exciting activity during our nation's bicentennial year. Also encourage those registering to make their transportation arrangements as soon as possible due to the heightened activity in Philadelphia this July.

A number of our AUC members have inquired regarding programs and facilities for children at the Celebration. There is not a separate program for children. Although there is no minimum age limit for persons attending the Celebration, each person needing a seat in the meeting room will be required to submit the registration fee of \$30.00. Babysitting service is available from each of the hotels in Philadelphia, however, each person desiring such service must make their own arrangements direct with the hotel.

This month in CONTACT we have highlighted on page 6 the events, activities, and participants of the Friday, July 16, program. Additional information regarding the July 17 and 18 activities and events will be shared through future issues.

Please refer to page 10 of this issue for "Spirit of '76," another special feature article on the city of Philadelphia.

## The Religious Public Relations Revolution of '76



### POST GRADUATE COURSE IN PHILADELPHIA

Please refer to page 4 of this issue for details regarding "Public Relations II." This Post Graduate Course on public relations will be presented on Saturday, July 10, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### S.M.R.S. APPLICATIONS FOR 1976-77

Please remember that the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies is eager to receive applications for September 1976 admission to SMRS. However, please do not encourage anyone to go through the admission procedure whom you personally, as the minister, would not recommend to become a Unity minister. Anyone who is a *serious* candidate may receive an Application for Admission by writing to: **William L. Fischer, S.M.R.S., Unity Village, Missouri 64065.**

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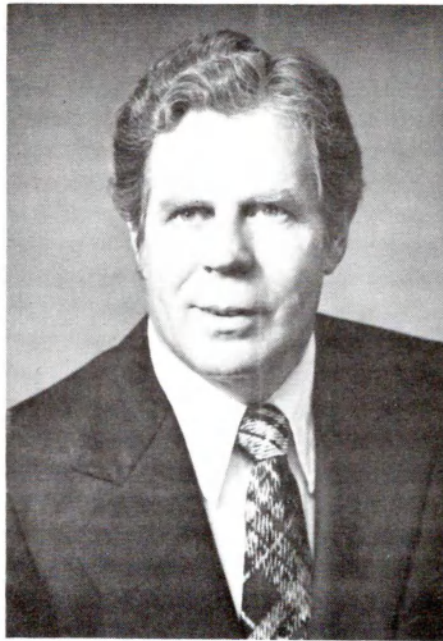
## AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Association Members,

Have you made your reservations to the "Celebration and Conference" in Philadelphia? If you are planning to travel by air it would be advisable to make your reservations early. Also, encourage those members of your congregation who are planning to attend to make their hotel and air reservations as soon as possible.

As soon as the February issue of UNITY Magazine was delivered we began getting inquiries from people about our "Celebration." They expressed their excitement about it even before they had received the brochure of the program. I don't like to talk about limitations but we are limited to the number of reservations we can accept due to the facilities available. So, now is the time to act and to get your people to act.

By the time you receive this April issue of CONTACT you will have also received the results of the Barton Survey. I would like to suggest that you read and study these and share with us the results of your creative and prayerful thought. I think it would be a good idea to share this information with your local boards and get their suggestions and ideas on the Survey and the AUC. I



James C. Lewis

believe this sharing will lead to a better understanding of the AUC and what it is seeking to do to help the local ministries.

Serving as President of the AUC has been an interesting and enlightening experience for me. It has afforded me an opportunity to gain a greater insight into the need for such an organization.

I realize more clearly that the AUC is not a separate entity, apart from the local ministry, which dictates policy to the local ministry. It is not a hierarchy that is

seeking to force its will upon an individual or ministry. It is an organization formed by the local ministries to serve and coordinate their needs. The policies of the AUC are actually the policies the group has agreed upon as being guidelines to help us maintain a healthy consistency in our Unity Movement. It also helps us in our main purpose which is to assist those individuals who are seeking the Truth taught by Jesus Christ. Charles Fillmore helped us rediscover this great Truth, and our desire is to get this message out to the world.

We have a good organization, a growing organization, and a flexible organization. You, the local ministry consisting of ministers, teachers, and laymen, can help make it even better by sharing your creative ideas with us. I can assure you that all ideas and recommendations given to the Executive Committee in April will be passed on to the full Board of Directors. Let us all affirm together: **"The refining process of love is now working to bring forth a greater expression of divine order in all that we do in the AUC."**

Blessings,

*James C. Lewis*



## REGIONAL NEWS

Kay Arndt reporting for the NORTH-WEST REGION:

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON — A special dedication service for a new church facility for Unity of Olympia, Washington, was held Sunday, January 18, 1976. Featured guest speaker for the service was **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the Association of Unity Churches.



New church facilities for Unity of Olympia, Washington.

The finished structure is the initial unit and is designed for ultimate use as classrooms. The room presently serving the ministry as the sanctuary will become a fellowship hall and study-lecture room. In the near future, a new sanctuary will be

added to accommodate the growing attendance at Sunday services.

Unity of Olympia was organized in April of 1969, and **Millie Perdue** has served as minister since December, 1970. *(continued on page 3)*



## REGIONAL NEWS

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SPOKANE, WASHINGTON — A positive, outstanding feature film on the Prayer Center of our Spokane ministry was shown three times on KREM-TV news on January 21 and 22. **Mark St. John**, news analyst for the television station, interviewed **Barby McClure**, Prayer Center Director, for the segment of news "Inland Empire People." **David McClure**, minister of this Washington ministry, reports, "Calls and mail to the Prayer Center increased considerably as a result of this credible coverage."

David and Barby also reported that, "Eleven members of the church Board of Directors, seven spouses, and four staff members joined David in a 24-hour retreat during January at Snoblaze, a ski resort located on the slopes of Mt. Spokane. Following small group get-acquainted workshops, everyone actively shared in discussing questions regarding the ministry's facilities, programs, and activities as well as individual commitments and responsibilities to the ministry on the part of the staff and Board."

The expenses for this retreat were paid for by the ministry and David states, "The resulting ideas, rapport, and esprit de corps outmeasured the cost by far."

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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA — The latest outreach service of Christ Church Unity in San Jose, California, where **Warren** and **Marguerite Meyer** serve as ministers, is its Dial-A-Wee-Wisdom Story. In the short time that these telephone stories for children, ages two through nine, have been available, the story telephone number has become the busiest at the Church.

The telephone number for the "A-Wee-Wisdom-Story" spells out the letters A W STORY. The number is now listed in the white and yellow pages of the local telephone directory and is found in the special Church yellow page advertisement.

The Church received permission from the editor of Wee Wisdom magazine to cut down any of its stories or revise them to fit into the three and a half minute recording. Some of the presentations are originals from the consciousness of Warren Meyer. At present, Warren is read-

ing a new story every seven days. The Church plans to add a staff of story writers and readers in the near future.

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**C. Berton Coffey** reporting for the SOUTHWEST REGION:

PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA — Unity Church Worldwide in Palm Desert, California, received considerable recognition and positive publicity recently during the 1976 Bob Hope Desert Classic. **Catherine Ponder**, minister of Unity Church Worldwide, reports that the publicity was obtained as a result of their participation as Sponsors for the Classic, which is the largest charity event in the California Desert area. The classic raises about a half million dollars annually for the Eisenhower Hospital in Palm Desert as well as contributes to other charities.

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

VENICE, FLORIDA — Unity on the Gulf in Venice, Florida, where **Mary Hinkle** serves as minister, was host for the Southeastern Unity Regional Conference held October 19-22. **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the Association of Unity Churches, was guest speaker for the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service which was well attended by visiting ministers and lay people.

Opening the Conference on Sunday evening was **James C. Lewis**, President of the Association of Unity Churches, who was the featured speaker at a public meeting in the Beaumont Hotel where the Conference was headquartered. Assisting Jim were **Nancy Neal**, **Bob Sikking**, **Loren Flickinger**, and **Mary Hinkle**.

Business meetings were held at Unity on the Gulf on Monday with a break for a gourmet luncheon served by the Unity Ladies Friendship Committee. Following the meal, Bob Sikking gave a full and comprehensive report on the AUC, answering questions from the floor.

The Monday evening meal was held at the Beaumont Hotel and delightful entertainment was provided by **Gus Hynek** at the organ, and the chorus of the Shriner's Club of Sarasota who presented "The Music Man."

The Post Graduate Program based on

the "Twelve Powers of Man" was expertly given by **Jack Barker** and **Catherine Knight** on Tuesday. This interesting and thought-provoking presentation was followed by dinner at the hotel with entertainment provided by Gus Hynek and the Barbershoppers Chorus of Venice.

Concluding business was conducted on Wednesday morning and election of officers was held. Newly elected officers include: Regional Representative—**Loren Flickinger**, minister-at-large, Tallahassee, Florida (Regional Representative also serves as President); Alternate Regional Representative and Secretary—**William R. Clark**, minister of Unity Church of Pompano Beach, Florida; and Treasurer—**Florence Allen**, minister of Unity Center of Asheville, North Carolina.

New members welcomed into the Region were: **Eugene Connor**, Nashville, Tennessee; **Scott Thornton**, Holly Hill, Florida; **Clem Thrift**, Birmingham, Alabama; and **Udolene Steeves**, Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Joan Goodman**, Y.O.U. Representative in the Southeastern Region, gave a full and comprehensive report of Sunday School and Y.O.U. teaching seminars given throughout the Region and extended gratitude to **Robert L. Marshall**, associate minister of Unity Center of Practical Christianity in Miami, Florida, for the work he did on the International Y.O.U. Conference.

**Elvina Lee**, Unity minister at Coral Springs, Florida, reported on the success of the Y.A.U. Conference held at Unity Village.

Special recognition was extended to **Nicolina Benitez** and **Virginia Quinones** from Puerto Rico, and **Wildorf Goodison-Orr** from Jamaica, West Indies, who attended the Conference. The business meeting ended with an exciting, idea-filled talk by Jim Lewis.

Following an afternoon of sightseeing, shopping, swimming, and golf, those attending Conference as well as members and friends of Unity on the Gulf enjoyed dinner and theater at the Golden Apple Dinner Theater where "Don't Drink The Water," written by Woody Allen, was playing.

The 1976 Southeastern Unity Regional Conference will be held October 18-20 in Tallahassee, Florida. Unity of Tallahassee, where Loren Flickinger serves as minister, will host the Conference.

**PERSON  
TO  
PERSON**

*with  
bob sikking*



I don't know whether I'm about to articulate any great discovery of Truth, but I observe in our Movement that we draw a series of similar experiences to us. Almost invariably when someone in our Movement, a minister or a teacher, makes his or her transition, there are others who pass too. Then we go long periods of time and no one from among our ranks seems to move on. I've noticed that, though our percentage of broken marriages and divorces is below the national average, such incidences come also in spurts. When there is one such experience, it generally is followed by several others. Then there are again long periods of time in which there is not this kind of experience among us.

I've noticed that in a similar way, we can go long periods of time when there is little in the way of ministers dropping out of their ministries because of internal

difficulties and then, all at once, we will appear to have a series of these. Often, there are those of us who indicate a curiosity as to whether, collectively, there is anything that we can do about this phenomenon in our Movement.

There is something that we can do. There is something that we should be doing every day of every week of our involvement and participation in Unity. Our ministries are made up of opportunities to do prayer work for individuals who are passing through the experience that we call death and for the members of their family. Our ministry of service regularly affords us the opportunity to enfold those who are making the adjustment in their personal lives that may include separation or divorce. We have no difficulty whatsoever in being able to respond to this kind of challenge in the lives of those whom we are privileged to serve. All of us can relate demonstrations of the blessings of answered prayer that have resulted in the lives of those drawn to us in this way.

When we become aware of a colleague in our Movement who is meeting the kind of challenges that might cause him or her to temporarily or finally abdicate his responsibilities in the ministry, we are, in reality and in Truth, being called upon

to do our prayer work. It is not, at that point, our responsibility to, in any way, be judgmental any more than we would do so upon the occasion of the passing of a member of our congregation. We have a responsibility in consciousness to embrace, to support, to lovingly understand one another.

There is a fluidity on the professional level in a ministry such as ours which makes possible the opening of doors that can and will permit the activity of Spirit to work through us in ways of which we have never conceived. Every issue of CONTACT brings to you the bare facts of changing circumstances within our Movement. How do you respond to those facts? Do you accept the opportunity to take upon yourself the responsibility for prayer work that can heal and strengthen and bless?

Our Movement, our ministries within the Movement, and all of us as individuals are not self-existent. We are the out-picturing, the manifestation of individual and collective consciousness. Each one of us has contact with the self-existent mind of God that can make possible the accomplishment of goals that we are only just barely becoming aware of. It's going to be exciting to see what our unity will accomplish through our Unity!

## *The Religious Public Relations Revolution of '76*

"Public Relations II," a Post Graduate Course on public relations will be presented by **William B. Dale**, Public Relations Director, on Saturday, July 10, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This course has been scheduled in order to respond to the many requests from AUC members needing additional Post Graduate credits for teaching extension classes for credit in U.I.C.E.

In keeping with the ideas and concepts being expressed during our nation's Bicentennial, the course is structured to motivate individual ministries to initiate and conduct their own public relations revolution. The course is designed to provide materials, resources, and programs to help ministries improve their public relations at the congregational level.

A film strip recently produced by the Religious Public Relations Council, Inc. (RPRC), will be shown during the course. Entitled, "The Church at Jackrabbit Junction," this 65-frame sound, color film-strip exposes leaders of congregations to some basics of religious public relations--and motivates them to act. A humorous allegory, it tells the story of a church on the 19th century western frontier.



Each person attending the Post Graduate Course will receive a copy of the Religious Public Relations Handbook just released by the RPRC. This 64-page illustrated manual contains 13 chapters by au-

thorities in their fields. It offers ideas and how-to-do-it information in news, broadcasting, advertising, direct mail, printing, audio-visuals, displays, photography, media selection, community relations, parish publications, and organizing for PR.

A list of printed materials and audio-visual resources has been compiled and will also be distributed.

Additional details on "Public Relations II" will be shared in future issues of CONTACT.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

May

1	Bill Esslinger Crystal Leonard Jane Waddington*
3	Anna M. Nielsen Elmer Schmidt
8	Dick Everts* Chad O'Shea* Ruby Wagnert
9	Lee Hannaford Catherine Knight
10	Ann Monson Hassall Self Ted Speers
11	William L. Fischer
12	Ken Fagerlin Thomas Newman
14	Hypatia Hileman Hasbrouck
15	Norman Olsson
16	Maxine Sorensen Nancy Taylor* Hazel Van Dusen
17	Hal Rosencrans Julian Vazquez
18	Mabel Carrell† Carl Reams

May

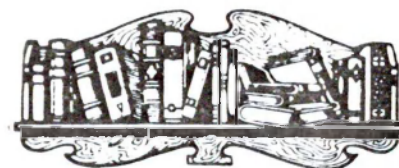
19	Carolyn Michael
20	Howard Bradford Genavee Campbell Grace Green Phyllis Jamison Louise Peak John Tant Edna Whitet
21	Jim Peterson* Annette Swearingent
22	Dan Saunders
23	Glenn Mosley
24	Jeannette Hedge Frances Oja
25	Betty Dieteman Minnie Newsum Fannie Winchell†
26	Barbara Provost*
27	Lucille Britton Angelo Giordani Rudy Leidig Philip White
28	Carlton Buboltz
30	Adelaide Dibblee Frances Jarrell† David Large
31	Elizabeth Jacunski Bud Moshier

† Minister Emeritus

\* SMRS Student Minister

## ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Fund Operations Eleven Months Ended 2/29/76

	February	Year to Date
<b>INCOME—OPERATIONS:</b>		
General Love Offering	\$28,075.51	\$307,350.82
Education Dept. Love Offering	210.00	9,065.54
Other Income	2,504.50	29,023.97
	30,790.01	345,440.33
Less: Tithe Transfer	2,807.55	30,735.07
Gross Profit Materials	1,822.04	31,273.49
Total Income	29,804.50	345,978.75
<b>EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:</b>		
General Office	21,482.52	255,477.19
Education Dept.	8,935.32	101,266.54
Total Expenses	30,417.84	356,743.73
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b>	(\$613.34)	(\$10,764.98)



## Book Rack

### IN THE FLOW OF LIFE BY ERIC BUTTERWORTH

Eric Butterworth, minister of Unity Center of Practical Christianity in New York City, is a proficient writer with great insight in overcoming the spiritual plights of man.

Eric's latest book, *In The Flow of Life*, is published by Harper & Row and priced to retail at \$5.95. For your convenience in ordering, this book is available from the Sales Department of Unity School at your dealer's discount price of \$4.76 (20% discount).

## Idea Exchange

### TRUTH IDEAS SYMBOLIZED

Unity Church of Joplin recently shared through its monthly publication a unique Truth message utilizing symbols. Written by Dr. Geoff Hilton, a member of the Joplin congregation, the article states:

"We need U and I to TY (tie) UNITY together! If we take the I out of UNITY, we then have UN-TY (untie). When the positive I is put back, we have UNITY. You UN's, with your positive ideas and thoughts, are TYING UNITY solidly together with love and harmony."



### SUFI LEADER SPEAKS AT ACTIVITIES CENTER

Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan, world renown teacher of the art of meditation, conducted an evening lecture on January 20 in the Activities Center at Unity Village.

The lecture was open to the public and was well attended. Foster McClellan, Chairman of the Program Planning Committee for Unity School commented, "Vilayat's lectures are of interest to all age groups. He portrays the art of meditation through a unique and thought-provoking viewpoint."

# Unity

# July

## Celebration



## 15-18, 1976

Information regarding the opening day of Unity Celebration — 1976 was shared in last month's issue of CONTACT. This month the program for the second day of our major assemblage in Philadelphia, Friday, July 16, will be highlighted.

The opening activity on Friday will be a 45 minute time of prayer which will commence at 8:30 a.m. at the Pennsylvania Ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel. The prayer activity will be lead by **Sandra Cousens**, minister of Harmony Hill Unity Church, Everett, Washington. Following a 15 minute break, those attending the Celebration will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom for the commencement of the morning session. **Jack Boland**, minister of Unity of the Infinite Presence, Detroit, Michigan, will serve as Chairperson. **Charles King** and **Lou Bass** will share their musical talents in opening the morning session.

The Daily Word meditation will be led by **Donald Curtis**, minister of Unity Church of Dallas, Tex. Speaking on the daily theme, *"Cracking The Ego Shell or Walls That Limit and Bind Us "* will be **Joyce Kramer**, minister of Unity Church of Tidewater, Virginia Beach, Va.; **Charles Roth**, minister of Unity Truth Center, Indianapolis, Ind.; **Sue Sikking**, minister of Unity-By-The-Sea, Santa Monica, Calif.; and **Robert Stevens**, minister of Christ Church, Unity, San Diego, Calif.

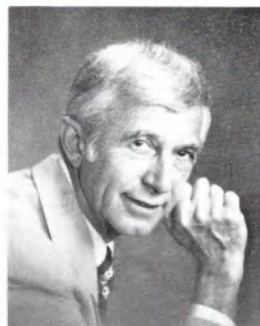
A bus tour to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, will be the Friday afternoon activity. The fleets of air-conditioned 45-passenger buses will depart at 1:30 p.m. from both the Benjamin Franklin Hotel and the Sheraton. The tour will provide the opportunity for each person to experience the encampment of George Washington and his army of 11,000 men in beautiful and historic Valley Forge. A tremendous number of items and sites of historical interest will be covered during the afternoon. Ample time will be available for picture taking. The buses will return to the hotels at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**Charles King** and **Lou Bass** will introduce the evening session with music at 7:00 p.m. **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC, will serve as Chairperson for the evening session which will feature the Outreach Program of the Association of Unity Churches. Featured speakers for the evening session will be **Eric Butterworth**, minister of Unity Center of Practical Christianity, New York, New York; and **R. Scott Sherman**. Scott is Outreach Director for the Association of Unity Churches and is presently establishing new Unity ministries in the Chicago Metropolitan area.

In the next issue of our Association's monthly newsletter the Celebration program for Saturday, July 17, will be highlighted.



Joyce Kramer  
Speaker  
Morning Session



Charles Roth  
Speaker  
Morning Session



Sue Sikking  
Speaker  
Morning Session



Robert Stevens  
Speaker  
Morning Session



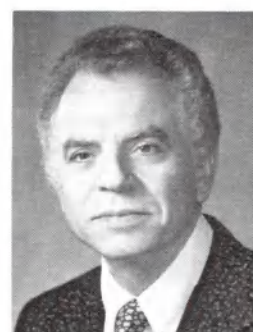
Jack Boland  
Chairperson  
Morning Session



Sandra Cousens  
Prayer  
Morning Session



Donald Curtis  
Meditation  
Morning Session



Eric Butterworth  
Speaker  
Evening Session



R. Scott Sherman  
Speaker  
Evening Session



## SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES



The ministerial student body sends special blessings this Easter season to each AUC member and Unity co-worker. Three members of the second-year class in SMRS are (left to right): **Connie Fillmore McCarty**, **Brendan O'Keefe**, and **Barry Knowles**.

**Connie Fillmore McCarty**, great-granddaughter of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, is a lifetime member of Unity Village Chapel. She was graduated cum laude by Pomona College in Claremont,

California, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She joined the staff of Unity School's Editorial Department in 1971 as copy editor for UNITY Magazine, and continues to serve in this capacity as a student minister. Her husband, **Gary**, is on the executive staff of Unity School.

**Brendan O'Keefe** is from Michigan and attended Detroit Unity Temple. He is a graduate of the Pallottine College in Thurles, Tipperary, Ireland, where he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree in Theology. Ordained to the priesthood in 1967, Brendan served both Catholic and Orthodox Parishes in the United States and Canada. Prior to his decision to enter the Unity ministry, he served as Director of Youth Activities for the Catholic Archdiocese of Galilee in Haifa, Israel. Brendan is single.

**Barry Knowles** is a native of the state of Washington. She has been active in Truth for over 20 years and served Unity Church of Christianity in Seattle (Burien) as soloist and platform chairperson. She is a graduate of Seattle Pacific College, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Teaching Certificate. Prior to entering the ministry Barry was a public school teacher in the state of Washington, serving in the Head-start Program.

## SMRS SINGING GROUP

The Unity Village Singers is a group of SMRS students who share their musical talents in various programs at Unity Village and area Unity ministries. This multi-talented singing group presents a harmonious blend of inspirational music and show tunes. Organized last September by second-year student **Shirley Byrns**, the Unity Village Singers made their debut by participating in an evening of musical entertainment at the Liebe Freunde Retreat last November. Since then they have provided the music for the Annual SMRS Christmas Program; performed at a dinner honoring the visiting ministers who were at Unity Village for the Mid-Year Council of Committees meetings in January; and have sung at area ministries.

The group has an international flavor in that its members come from three foreign countries and nine different states across America. The director of the group, Shirley Byrns, came to Unity Village from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and had a varied and successful musical career before entering the ministry. Shirley, as a ballet dancer, toured both the United States and Canada with the National Ballet Company of Canada. As a soloist, Shirley has sung at many different night clubs, working with such celebrities as Ed Ames and Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong. She had the honor of singing and dancing for the late President John F. Kennedy at statehood ceremonies in Anchorage, Alaska, and performed at the Hawaiian statehood celebration in Honolulu. She also has been a member of the "Sweet Adelines" and once owned a school of dance for the ballet. Presently, besides directing the Unity Village Singers, Shirley is the soloist at Unity Northeast Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Accompanying the group are **Bill Provost** on piano and **Glenn Robinson** on drums. Bill is the husband of **Barbara Provost**, a first-year ministerial student. Bill has had a successful musical career as a composer and a Supper Club entertainer. His credits include serving as Musical Director for Orson Wells in Hollywood. In New York, Bill wrote and played for summer stock, composed for Victor Records, and played at various clubs including The

Blue Angel. He has also played in supper clubs and hotels in Hollywood, Palm Springs, Miami Beach, Key West, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and spent nine years playing and composing in the Virgin Islands. He wrote and produced, with Dan Eckley of the St. Louis Municipal Opera, a musical based on Rumpelstiltskin. Much of the inspirational music sung by The Unity Village Singers is composed by Bill.

Glenn Robinson studied and received his degree in music at the Cincinnati Conservatory for Music. Prior to entering the ministry, Glenn was associated with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra for nineteen years, fifteen of which he was the Principal Percussionist. Presently, besides his studies, he is performing with a trio at a local club.

Featured as soloists with this ministry of melody makers are  
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The Unity Village Singers is an SMRS group comprised of: (front row, left to right), Shirley Byrns, Viola Williamson, Pearl Davis, Edie Skalitzky, Carolyn Pryor, Pauline Beauregard, Carolyne Johanson, Sue Kelly, and Glenn Robinson. (Back row, left to right) Jack Byrns, Jack Fries, Chad O'Shea, John Wingfield, Merle Walker, and Bill Provost.

## SMRS SINGING GROUP

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student ministers **Sue Kelly** from Green Bay, Wisconsin, and **Jack Byrns**, Shirley's husband, formerly of Roanoke, Virginia. Harmoniously rounding out the group are: **Pauline Beauregard**, San Diego, California; **Pearl Davis**, Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies; **Rosita Friedman**, San Juan, Puerto Rico; **Carolyn Johanson**, Tacoma, Washington; **Carolyn Pryor**, Memphis, Tennessee; **Edie Skaltitzky**, Lemay, Missouri; **Chad O'Shea**, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; **Merle Walker**, Kansas City, Missouri; and **John Wingfield**, Olympia, Washington.

The group also from time to time features guest soloists such as **Mary Beth Olson**, second-year ministerial student from Denver, Colorado, who also had a very successful professional career as a vocalist; **Scotty Robinson**, the nine-year old son of **Glenn** and **Marinka Robinson**, who plays the drums professionally; and **Jeff Shumsky**, first-year ministerial student from Buffalo, New York, whose professional career includes working with Summer Stock Musical Theatre.

## SMRS INTENSIVES

The SMRS week of January 5-9 was devoted to two intensive seminars. The first, January 5-7, was entitled "That First Year in the Field." Conducting the intensive were **William Kozy**, minister of Unity of Kalamazoo, Michigan; **George Rieger**, minister of Unity of Independence Center, Missouri; **Gerald Taylor**, associate minister of Unity on the Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri; and **Betty White**, minister of Butte Unity Truth Center, Butte, Montana. Each of these ministers shared experiences of their first year in the field.

The second intensive, January 8 and 9, was entitled "Design and Printing of Ministry Materials." It was presented by **Dale Cross**, minister of Unity Christ Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and **David Schumacher**, minister of Christ Church Unity, Springfield, Missouri. Dale and David shared their expertise in the fields of printing and commercial art with the students. On the second day of the seminar **Art Basset** of the AUC staff showed the ministerial students how the actual printing process is accomplished.

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

by John Strickland

**Youth of Unity Report** — I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to each of you who has taken the time to get involved with Y.O.U. As we go through the time of year when the regions are having their rallies, we will need your prayers and your understanding. Although it still seems a long way off, Y.O.U. Conference '76 is fast approaching. For Conference and all of the activities involved to run smoothly and efficiently, it will take a great effort in the art of communication on the part of all of us.

Y.O.U. Conference is a very special, exciting, and meaningful time in the lives of many people. As everyone who has participated in a Conference knows, no Conference goes exactly as planned, no registration process is as smooth as desired, and no quota system is best for all chapters. There are moments of necessary adjustment and last minute changes, however, through all the trials and tribulations, when Conference has ended for another year, and all is said and done, we all breathe a sigh of relief, congratulate each other, and pronounce the activity a most worthwhile success. Conference is a valuable part of the growing experience of our YOUers, and I must solicit your support and cooperation. It is no easy task to plan and carry out this Conference. So please, in the coming weeks when you receive Conference brochures, registration materials, and other pertinent information, examine the items quickly and carefully, and return the requested forms to the AUC as soon as you possibly can.

Try to know your YOUers personally. Encourage those leaders who have demonstrated a real desire to serve, to become active on the regional or international levels by seeking a position as a regional or international officer.

Many chapters and entire regions are busy working on "service projects." In the unselfish services rendered by these projects, these YOUers are learning to live the Truth they have been taught. These projects reflect well on the ministries, the regions, and in the Unity way of life in general. Your support of these projects really helps to inspire the beautiful work which is being done.

Finally, it has been called to my attention that in the past, some deserving

YOUers did not have a chance to attend Conference because their chapters or ministries did not receive information concerning Conference. If you ever feel that your Y.O.U. Chapter has not received certain items, please do not hesitate to write or telephone me at the AUC office.

Remember, we are here to serve your needs. Thank you and God bless you.

**Young Adults of Unity Report** — The Young Adults of Unity are continuing to develop. By the time this copy of CONTACT reaches you, Great Lakes will have had their Waldenwoods Retreat. I am grateful that I was asked to present a workshop on "The Twelve Powers of Man" for this retreat. Although there is activity among Young Adults throughout the Movement, it is apparent that Great Lakes has been doing the most. I attribute their success to many individuals, but I especially would like to mention the work of the Great Lakes Y.O.U./Y.A. Coordinator, **Dona Gilsdorf**. The Y.A. wants to be active, and Dona has shown that cooperation and inspiring leadership leads to great success. I would like to offer praise to everyone involved with the Royal Oak, Michigan, ministry for their great contributions to Young Adults.

At the time of this writing, I have not received information about the Young Adult camping retreats. I know that the Young Adult Growth Committee members are busy finding locations, selecting dates, and organizing activities regarding these retreats. We should have more information on these projects in the near future.

All the names and addresses of Young Adults are being processed right now. If you have any names, please send them to the Y.A. Coordinator, AUC, Unity Village, Missouri 64065. We will be printing our most current list soon.

When the Young Adults in your ministry conduct a special activity, please encourage them to write up the activity and send it to us so that we can share it with others. I would encourage you to develop a closer association with your region's member of the Young Adult Growth Committee so that you can be better informed of your Young Adults' activities.



## WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL

"1936 is a year I'll always remember!" states **Clyde Corn**, manager of the Unity Orchards. It's the year he and his wife, **Marguerite**, realized a dream come true and moved to Unity Village (then known as Unity Farm). For three years, Clyde and Marguerite had visited the Farm and often exclaimed over the natural beauty so lavishly displayed, and discussed between themselves what a wonderful place it would be to live.

Clyde's assignment was to work in the orchards and vineyards, and included activities in production, harvesting, processing, storing, and marketing the products grown on the Farm.

Clyde and Marguerite have two children: a son, **Roy Arlan**, and a daughter, **Elinor Ann**. They also have three grandchildren. Clyde was a member of Dr. Carl Frangkiser's Unity Concert Band for twenty-four years, and Marguerite is currently serving as one of the organists for Unity Village Chapel.

A vital and industrious man, Clyde leads a busy life. He feels strongly about the community in which he lives. He says, "It's a part of my life and I'm a part of the community life." Clyde serves in the community in many capacities. He is an advisory member to the Unity Village Board of Trustees; a member of the Advisory Committee of the Lee's Summit School District; a member and past president of Justus Credit Union; a member of the University of Missouri Jackson County Extension Council, the Missouri State Horticultural Society, Jackson County Fruit Growers' Association, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, and the University of Missouri Jackson County Bicentennial Committee.

But the orchards are Clyde's first love. It's a busy job, a demanding position, and a tremendously rewarding and fulfilling joy. The business of operating the orchards and vineyard requires careful planning, good equipment, and many workers--especially at harvest time. Peaches begin to ripen the first week in July and continue into mid-September, and then it's apple-gathering time.

Unity orchards produce more than fifteen varieties of peaches and seven varieties of apples. Bee colonies produce large quantities of honey, and do double duty by pollinating the trees when they bloom in the spring. "There's no place like the orchards in the spring," says Clyde with a smile. "The delicate fragrance and rainbow-hued flowers, the hum of bees busily at work, and the melodious bird songs bring us to joyous recognition of God's presence. I wish everyone could see and feel this beauty!"

Also produced under Clyde's supervision are hundreds of jars of apple and peach butter and various jellies. These delicacies are made available in the Tower for sale to visitors.

Clyde and Marguerite Corn are a vital and meaningful part of Unity Village, and Clyde expresses deep feeling when he talks about his joy at being a member of the family of Unity workers. He looks forward to conference times each year and talking with the attending ministers, many of whom he knew when they were here as students.

When Clyde looks at you and says how great it is to see the Unity Movement expand to help mankind in so many ways, and to be able to enjoy the good God has in store, you know you've met a man who has found his place in life.

AUC expresses gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful dedication so evident in the work of Clyde Corn and his staff, and for a job well done.



Clyde Corn, manager of the Unity Orchards, (at left) and orchard employee Ron Greenfield during pruning operations in preparation for another fine crop of apples. (Photo by Tony LaTona)

## OVERSEAS REPORT

by Foster C. McClellan

Perhaps nowhere in the world has the Unity Movement shown more steady growth than in Nigeria. It never fails to amaze me when I think of how Unity was first started in the home of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore and then to realize that now in this rather remote country on the west coast of Africa there are so many thousands of people whose lives were literally changed by the exciting message of the Fillmores.

Nigeria, as you know, had recently been ravaged by civil war. In fact, there had been many Unity followers on both sides of the war, and many of the people of the Ibo tribe who lived in  
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Ministers and Teachers  
General Conference of Unity Movement Nigeria  
Uzuakoli, Nigeria  
October 1975

President J. U. Eke shown seated in front row—center

## OVERSEAS REPORT

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that part of Nigeria that was known at the time as Biafra were Unity people. Newspaper reports everywhere told of the incredible suffering to which these fine Ibo people were subjected. But the war is over now and the rapid reconstruction of the country has been most dramatic in every way.

Our Unity leader in Nigeria for many years was **Awa Njoku**, an ordained Unity minister. He was a great man who was loved and revered by everyone. He was known in his country as Njoku The Good. Njoku unfortunately fell victim to the war and the leadership of the Unity Movement Nigeria passed for a time to another minister, **Samuel Uba Oti**. Both Njoku and Uba Oti were trained at Unity School and much of the growth of the work in Nigeria can be directly attributed to their inspired leadership.

Recently **J.U. Eke** has been elected President of the Unity Movement Nigeria. President Eke has been a Unity leader for many, many years and he well deserves the distinction of being elected president for everyone recognizes in him great spiritual strength, integrity, sincerity, and dedication to Truth and Unity. Under his fine leadership we feel the Unity Movement Nigeria is poised and ready for an exciting new thrust.

The Unity headquarters at Uzuakoli was severely damaged during the civil war. President Eke writes that the Unity Movement Nigeria is now embarking on a project for the reconstruction of the headquarters. The new headquarters is scheduled to cost sixty thousand Naira (\$64,800.00 American dollars) and that at the Annual General Conference held on October 25 a total of 2,293.80 Naira was realized on the spot. President Eke says that the students of the Unity Movement Nigeria are showing great interest in this project.

During the October conference it was unanimously resolved that the first Sunday of every January would be observed and celebrated as Njoku's Day. It is to be a National Day for the Unity Movement Nigeria. It will be observed in remembrance of the great work of the late Awa Njoku, Founder and life President of the Unity Movement Nigeria.

I know that you will enjoy the photograph of President Eke and the ministers and teachers gathered for the General Conference held last October at Uzuakoli. I know too that you will want to join us in sending our love and blessings to our friends and co-workers in the Unity Movement Nigeria and that you will want to remember them in your prayers each year on Njoku's Day, the first Sunday in January.



### EASTER BLESSINGS FROM JUSTUS CREDIT UNION

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## SPIRIT OF '76 . . . . . by Suzanne Cameron

The UNITY CELEBRATION — 1976 program theme, "Freedom With Love," might have originally been coined by William Penn, the very founder of the city of Philadelphia in the seventeenth century! For this was the "Holy Experiment" he sought to attempt here in America, offering his prospective colonists religious and personal freedom and asylum from oppression—a New World. We might take these freedoms for granted today, but they were indeed innovations at that time, and no wonder men of genius and imagination responded to this general climate in Philadelphia.

One such man was Benjamin Franklin. Within walking distance of our Celebration site, at Independence Historical Park, is **Franklin Court**, a representation of Franklin's own home amid five houses owned and designed by him. It was here that he lived before being sent to France to help gain support for the American Independence cause. An underground museum and auditorium featuring a lively multi-media display on Franklin's life and personality are open for viewing, as well as a post office and printing press.

Two blocks from Franklin Court is the site of one of America's most revered and historic shrines, **Christ Church**. Built between 1727 and 1754, Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, and Betsy Ross all worshipped here, and several Signers of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are buried in the churchyard and the cemetery. It is possible to sit in the very pews where Washington and Franklin sat, and indeed to "worship in Spirit and in Truth" through history and through our own increased awareness of that potential of greatness in us through freedom! The font where William Penn was baptized, the chandelier brought from England in 1744, and the "wineglass" pulpit, made in Philadelphia in 1770, are still in use, and there are other important features you will not want to miss.

While following the Freedom Trail, you might like to stop for refreshment along the way at **City Tavern**. This "most genteel tavern in America," as it was called by its famous Revolutionary War patrons, quickly became the social center of Philadelphia after its construction in 1773. The colonists gathered here to dine and drink, discuss business and politics. The Continental and Federal Congresses held receptions here, and you, too, may now partake in an authentic eighteenth century meal as City Tavern has been rebuilt for Bicentennial America.

Philadelphia was a handsome, sophisticated city in the late 1700's as the capital of the United States, and modern Philadelphia remains equally as exciting. There is something here for everyone to see and do, and nowhere does there exist a better place to get that "overview" of the city than from atop **Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company's Observation Deck and Visitor Center**. Costing \$2.5 million and located directly across from Independence Hall, not only does it command an impressive view of the city's famous historic area, but "on a clear day you can see forever," and on a cloudy one, almost that far! Visitors are taken on a journey into past and present Philadelphia through a combination of two theatre shows and special walk-through exhibits. (You will be able to check on the fees, if any, upon arrival.)

We will be talking more about the sights of "Freedom City," modern Philadelphia, and how best to see it, in future articles. For now, **Franklin Court — Christ Church — Old City Tavern — Penn Mutual's Tower** — all excellent reasons to come to Philadelphia in July and recapture the "Spirit of '76"!



## 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:

R. Scott Sherman  
AUC Outreach Director  
622 Cress Creek Drive  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

The assignment of **Edd Dawson** to the Outreach Program and as minister to the soon-to-be-chartered Unity-in-the-Valley Church in St. Charles, Illinois, is an exciting step for the Chicago-area here. Edd will not only build the Valley work, but will be available to work with **Judy** and me in developing some of the other areas where interest is high.

Late in March we sponsored **Sig** and **Jane Paulson** for several lectures in the area. First, in the new Peoria ministry to

help it dedicate a new building and to announce the arrival of their new minister, **David Monument**. Secondly, **Sig** and **Janie** spoke at Unity-in-the-Valley to underscore Edd's arrival in his new ministry. Finally they spoke in a downtown (northside) Chicago location where there is no near-by Unity ministry.

Washington, D.C., area: **George Stone**, minister here, has contacted us with some preliminary ideas concerning new ministries in the suburban areas surrounding our capitol. George is considering the use of an associate minister to develop these potential ministries.

The New Ministries Development Committee met for the first time at Mid-Year Conference at Unity Village in January. Chairman **Stan Hampson's** report to the AUC Board of Trustees included many ideas of value to me and others working in outreach ministries. We will include these items and others you may share with us in this column.

## Clearinghouse

**Request — Jeannie Horton**, who is pioneering our Unity works in Bozeman and Missoula, Montana, announced that both ministries are starting lending libraries and would appreciate donations of books. Address your response to Jeannie Horton, Bozeman Unity Truth Center, 115 Kountz Trailer Kourt, Bozeman, Montana 59715.

**Request — Carl Reams**, who is pioneering a Unity work in Corpus Christi, Texas, is also establishing a metaphysical lending library and would appreciate donations of books. Contact Carl at: Unity of Corpus Christi, P.O. Box 8374, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412, or telephone him at area 512-855-7814.

**Request — Robert Means**, minister of our Unity work in Atlanta, Georgia, is seeking 200 of the "old" Unity Songbooks on a love offering basis. Address your response to Bob at Unity Church of Practical Christianity, 1215 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30306, telephone area 404, 378-1797.

## 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,**

### LOCATION

### MINISTRY

Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Christ Unity Church

Atlanta, Georgia

Unity Church of Christianity

Cincinnati, Ohio

Unity Temple of Truth

Corpus Christi, Texas

New ministry

Culver City, Calif.

Unity Church of Culver City

Fresno, Calif.

Unity Church of Fresno

Joplin, Mo.

Unity of Joplin

Lakeland, Fla.

Unity Christ Church

McAllen, Texas

New ministry

Modesto, Calif.

Unity Church of Modesto

Peoria, Ill.

Unity Church of Peoria

Redondo Beach, Calif.

South Bay Unity Church

San Gabriel, Calif.

Unity Church of San Gabriel

**Frank Giudici, Martha Giudici, J. Sig Paulson, Jane Paulson, Edward Rabel, Robert P. Sikking, Philip White and Ernest Wilson.**

Any Unity minister who is guided to express an interest in serving in any particular ministry should make application to the Placement Committee.

### PLACEMENT STATUS

Open — **Robert Wasner** has resigned and applied for placement. **Robert L. Marshall**, associate minister of Unity Center of Practical Christianity, Miami, Florida, is serving on behalf of the AUC as interim minister until succession of leadership can be determined.

Opening for an associate minister for expansion.

Open

**Carl Reams**, former associate minister in Portland, Oregon, is pioneering a new work.

Open

Open — **Ernie Milleur** has resigned and applied for placement.

Open — **Kathleen Yates** has resigned.

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

Open

**Gary Redfern**, former associate minister in San Luis Obispo, Calif., accepted as minister.

**David Monument**, former minister in Lakeland, Florida, accepted as minister.

**James E. Parkinson**, former associate minister of Unity Christ Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, accepted as minister.

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1976

- April 3-16 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 1, Unity Village, Mo.
- †April 16 Good Friday
- April 17-23 Easter Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- †April 18 Easter Sunday
- 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
- †April 26-30 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Mo.
- 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 South Central Sub-Regional Board/Minister meeting, hosted by Unity Church of Wichita, Kansas.
- 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 AUC Committees, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
- †July 10 Post Graduate Program, "Public Relations II," Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
- July 10-11 AUC Board of Trustees meetings, 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.

† Addition  
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# Unity Celebration July 15-18, 1976

*"To Freedom With Love"*

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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