

PERSON TO PERSON

with
bob sikking



From time to time, all of us are motivated to give voice to the worst possible result in any given situation. It would appear that that's what the Mayor of Philadelphia did some months back. He was quoted as alluding to building to building people, long lines for restaurants, even longer lines for restroom facilities, no hotel or motel space for miles, and even the possibility of riots. The suggestion was made that National Guard troops be brought in to maintain some semblance of order. There obviously were a lot of us who were exposed to this kind of negative thinking and finally rationalized that "who wants to be in Philadelphia in the summer, anyway?" It would appear that the majority of the major cities in the east in this bicentennial year had a similar experience. Several of the cities, including Philadelphia, are advertising to get tourists and visitors to visit their city.

It just didn't happen that way. During our Pre-Conference Committees, our Conference, and our Unity Celebration—1976, virtually all of the conditions were ideal. The weather, except for a couple of rainy patches, was lovely. It wasn't necessary to stand in line and there was

plenty of hotel space all over town. People of Philadelphia, that is the shopkeepers, the taxi drivers, the bellmen, and the waiters and waitresses were all cordial, friendly, and most cooperative. Many residents of Philadelphia wore little round badges that said, "Ask me." Their response, when one was led to do so, made the City of Brotherly Love a city of brotherly love indeed. It was wonderful!

Elsewhere in this and in succeeding issues of CONTACT, there are the specific, detailed reports of the actions of the Board and the Conference Body. I want here to share the sense of growth and interest and concern and accomplishment, for that is far more meaningful to me than the actual action that was taken. At the outset, I want to say that though attendance was a little short of a normal Conference, all who were in attendance seemed to echo and confirm the very positive feeling of this having been one of our finest Conferences.

The Committee meetings went extremely well. There was good productivity, excellent recommendations, and all seemed to feel a real sense of accomplishment. The Board meetings were held on the weekend, all day Saturday and Sunday. They were great! You have a remarkable Board. Their evidence of commitment and dedication is a real joy to behold. I wish it were possible for every member of our AUC to feel and experience that dedication, that involvement, and that abiding faith and love.

Conference this year consisted of only

business sessions Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning. The attendance was 30 to 40 less of voting members than last year. There were, as you know, several sensitive areas of divergent opinion and all of these matters were dealt with on the Conference floor. Your Board of Trustees, through Jim Lewis as President, simply presented each matter and encouraged discussion. There was a remarkable sense of mature, intelligent, thoughtful, and considerate action taken all of which is reported elsewhere. The spirit that prevailed the Conference was true Unity. As your President, Jim Lewis maintained an outstanding sense of order tinted with his marvelous sense of humor. Jim will be remembered as one of the finest Presidents the AUC has ever elected.

The Celebration was a resounding success. At this point, we don't have a final tally figure, but not only is it in the black, but we will have been generous in our expressions of appreciation and we will have attained a profit. That very factor, I believe, is the direct result of the expanding prosperity consciousness of our Movement.

This Philadelphia sojourn, the Conference, and the Celebration will, in the future, be seen to have been a landmark Conference. We have stepped out in faith in response to the overwhelming mandate of our Conference body and, as always, we will rise to the occasion through increasing our tithe support to make our Movement strong and effective in its service to God through men and women everywhere.

Wedding Bells



Susan Jane Colombero, associate minister of Unity Church of Truth, Seattle, Washington, and Larry K. Todd were

united in matrimony on August 7, 1976. The wedding ceremony was conducted in Seattle by Grover Thornsberry, senior minister of Unity Church of Truth.

We know that each member of the AUC joins in sending best wishes to Susan and Larry.



Susan and Larry Todd



Loren Flickinger and Christine Priem were married on June 24, 1976. Loren is the Southeastern Regional Representative for the Association of Unity Churches and is minister of Unity of Tallahassee, Florida. The ceremony was conducted at Unity Church of Christ in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, by minister James Heinemann. Our blessings flow forth to Loren and Christine.



Marie Paben, minister of Unity of Irving, Texas, and William J. Conine were married on July 9, 1976. We also know that all of the membership of the Association of Unity Churches joins in blessing Marie and Bill.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 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 September and October.

September

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| 1 | Winifred Hausmann Hazel Kimmons |
| 2 | Thomas Lockery |
| 3 | Terri Barrett |
| 6 | Rudy Nan Brendan O'Keefe Lucille Parrill Mary Wesselt |
| 7 | Gerard Belanger John Harris* Nancy Kehoe Betty Thornsberry |
| 8 | Sandra Cousins Peggy Elia* Frances Gingerich David McClure Virginia Shipley† Brown Stewart |
| 9 | Aelola James Retta Sherman Wes Wallin |
| 10 | Grace Miller Ernest Milleur |
| 11 | Elizabeth Axsom Gertrude Boch Edna Ducro |
| 12 | Eric Butterworth Shirley Byrns J. Sig Paulson |

September

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| 13 | Ann Hoover |
| 14 | Austin Love Emma Muffley† |
| 15 | Greg Brown |
| 16 | Margaret Berkman Bonnie Leimeter |
| 17 | Vesta Barth Sallye Wannamaker |
| 18 | Joel Baehr John Rankin |
| 19 | Mary Alice Brown Grace Dickhaut |
| 20 | David Davenport Lorene Cloud |
| 21 | Alice Fulton Kay Tiffany* |
| 22 | Elva Amering Joyce Kramer |
| 23 | Dorothy Clark Max Flickinger |
| 24 | Eve Edeent Grace Hunt Nellie Lynch Dorothy Roberts |
| 25 | A. Joseph Jones Adah J. Jones Helen Nairn John Strickland |
| 26 | Elsie Esidore Mary Rowe |
| 27 | George Hilbert Marjorie Russell |
| 28 | Margaret Conn |
| 30 | Jack Byrns* |

September

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| 30 | William T. Hines Marina Sandoval Margaret Shelley Jeff Shumsky* |
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October

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| 1 | Shirley Bring Robert Kehoe Zelda Loader Marie Paben George Stone |
| 2 | Margaret Butterworth William Clark Nancy Neal Marie Spindle |
| 3 | Dan Kellerstrass Eleonore Krafft Charles Lelly |
| 4 | Arthur Hammons Gwendolyn Hopkins Louise Phipps |
| 5 | Edna Sessions |
| 7 | Rosetta Weaver |
| 8 | Robert E. Barth Lyla George |
| 9 | Maya B. Grace |
| 10 | Phillip Smedstad |
| 11 | Luis Mora Merton Thorpe Dona Unfried |
| 12 | Daniel Noble Pete Rhea |
| 14 | Lucille Knebel Edna Powers Sampson |
| 15 | Esther Lewist |
| 17 | Lillian Jacobs Douglas Morton |
| 18 | Ethel Crouch Larry Kendrick Geraldine T. Peterson David Zeliff |
| 19 | Arleen Aull |
| 20 | Elsbeth Bedford Gertrude Erickson Nicholas Sidovar Robert P. Sikking |
| 21 | Evan Clark Lloyd Felter Bob Hungerford* Delores Swinney |
| 22 | Berton Coffey William Grenson Norma Harrer Ferne Mack† Elise Rosenburg† |
| 23 | Stan Hampson Ruth Hetherington |
| 25 | Marilou Smith |
| 26 | Everett Blackmann |
| 27 | Dale Batesole David Williamson |
| 28 | Susan Downs Leone MacMillan |
| 30 | Dorothea Fowler Gwen Norment |
| 31 | Mabel Swanson Rod Tally |

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

Statement of General Fund Operation

Three Months Ended 6/30/76

| | June | Year to Date |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| INCOME — OPERATIONS: | | |
| Love Offering | \$27,871.02 | \$92,051.69 |
| Other Income | 3,893.59 | 8,162.75 |
| | 31,764.61 | 100,214.44 |
| Less: Tithe Transfer | 2,787.10 | 9,205.17 |
| Gross Profit Materials | 761.91 | 2,569.51 |
| Total Income | 29,739.42 | 93,578.78 |
| EXPENSES — OPERATIONS: | | |
| General Office | 26,850.41 | 78,827.09 |
| Education Dept. | 9,813.13 | 29,626.51 |
| Total Expenses | 36,663.54 | 108,453.60 |
| INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES: | <u>\$ (6,924.12)</u> | <u>\$ (14,874.82)</u> |

† Minister Emeritus

* SMRS Student Minister

WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL

Many people hunger for an understanding for the deeper dimensions of life and living, and the Education Department at Unity School of Christianity was established to nurture and encourage the spiritual growth people are seeking.

Philip White, as the Director of the Education Department, is a busy man providing an important, meaningful service. He has served in this capacity since 1973, and prior to that served as Director of the Unity Institute for Continuing Education for three years.

Phil was ordained as a Unity minister in 1964, following his graduation from the Unity Ministerial Training Program. He served Unity ministries in Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts. A graduate of Syracuse University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in radio and television broadcasting, Phil received his master of divinity degree from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City.

Phil was born in Omaha, but because his father was in the military, his formative years were spent in many places, including Guam, Hawaii, Germany, and France. He feels his travels were an education in themselves and gave him a much broader outlook on life.

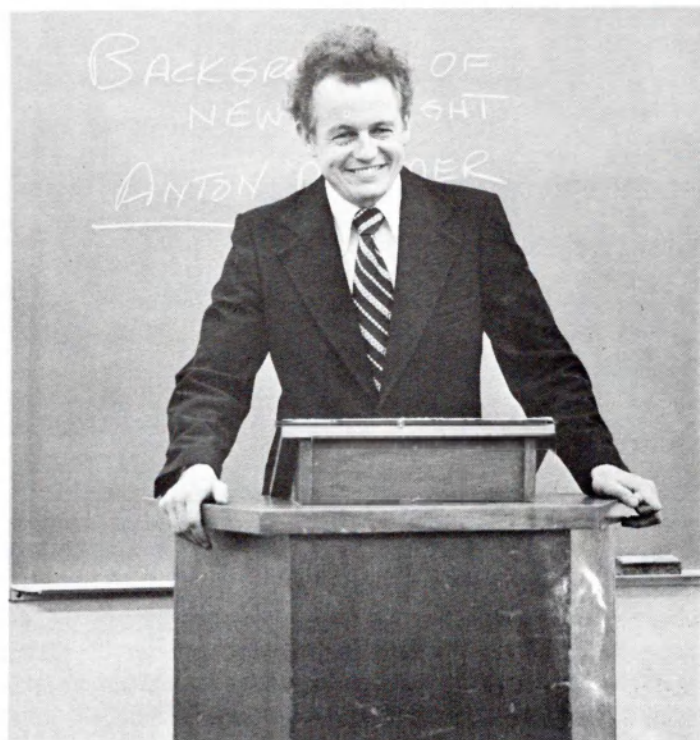
The Education Department administers and develops a variety of educational programs for Unity School. Under Phil's guidance and direction, the Unity Institute for Continuing Education (U.I.C.E.) offers adult education courses for credit as well as a summer resident study program at Unity Village. Phil is an active teacher in U.I.C.E. and the Unity School for Ministerial and Religious Studies (SMRS). He has taught and lectured on the historical background of New Thought, Biblical studies, Unity, and contemporary issues, and Credo—a special course designed to help ministerial students define and articulate their beliefs. He also teaches postgraduate courses for ministers in the field under the auspices of the Association of Unity Churches.

The eleven staff workers in the Education Department are also kept busy planning, preparing, and presenting program materials for Unity Vacation Retreats, the Home Study Course, and the newly organized Counseling Center, in addition to U.I.C.E. An additional staff of eleven workers is involved with the activities of Wee Wisdom School. These are all dedicated men and women who are widely recognized for their capabilities in teaching and counseling.

Phil is also a member of the Executive Committee of Unity School, and is active in programming and coordination for Unity's World Headquarters Activities Center. He serves on the Admissions Committee for SMRS, Placement Committee, and is Chairman of the Joint Teacher Training Committee which plans curriculum and programs for U.I.C.E. In addition, he is progress counselor for SMRS students and serves on the faculty Progress Committee.

When he needs a break from job responsibilities, Phil finds relaxation and enjoyment with his favorite hobbies—playing professional guitar, boating, woodworking, and motorcycling. And a special joy is his daughter, **Holly Elizabeth**, who is five years old.

Phil is a busy man accepting a lot of responsibility, and AUC expresses deep gratitude and appreciation to Phil and his fine staff for a job well done in the Education Department.



Philip White, Director of the Education Department of Unity School of Christianity.

OVERSEAS REPORT

By Foster C. McClellan

The message of Unity has always been particularly strong amongst the German-speaking people of Europe. For many years Daily Word (Das Tagliche Wort) had been translated by **Ernst** and **Katie Blenkner** and since their retirement the translation and distribution has been carried on by **Helmut Frick** and his wife, **Evelyn**, who had also worked with the Blenkners. The Fricks also publish a monthly magazine called **JA** which is comparable in many ways to Unity Magazine. Numerous articles from well-known Unity writers, as well as New Thought authors, appear each month in **JA**, and its circulation is growing rapidly. **JA** is edited by **K.O. Schmidt** who is perhaps the best-known author of metaphysical books on the Continent. Das Tagliche Wort and **JA** reach many readers in Switzerland and Austria as well as Germany.

In addition there are several Unity study groups on the Continent in the major cities. The headquarters of the Unity-ministry there under the leadership of **Peter Wenzel**, an ordained Unity minister, is located in an office in West Berlin. Peter calls his work Unity-Lehramt. He conducts (cont'd. on page 16)



Peter Wenzel, minister of Unity-Lehramt, W. Berlin, Germany.

THINKING EXPANSIVELY

with R. Scott Sherman

This column indicates 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

What can I do to expand my ministry?

This is perhaps the most common question asked by every field minister who is sincerely interested in bringing the dynamic message of Unity to more people. One of the most effective methods **Edd Dawson** and I have found during our work in the last few months is the "mini-course" or "workshop/seminar." This seems to be especially effective in the summertime or between the end and beginning of a new series of longer classes.

Recent mini-courses and workshops sponsored by Outreach in the Chicago area have included meditation and prayer, healing, psycho-cybernetics, and prosperity. Typically, the course lasts for six hours and can be given on two week-day evenings or all day Saturday. They are especially effective as your presently active members will often invite interested friends to the course and thus provide an introduction to at least one phase of the Unity message.

Connie Fillmore McCarty's booklets compiled from the Fillmores' writings on healing and prosperity are excellent sources for such courses. They include an excellently condensed "Unity viewpoint" on the subjects. Their inexpensiveness (\$1.00 retail) allows each student to have one and to be willing to underline and really use it as a workbook.

Outreach Activities

Unity in the Valley, St. Charles, Illinois, has made its goal of budgetary self-sufficiency and is beginning chartering processing under **Edd Dawson's** leadership. . . **Unity Church of Chicago** has begun regular Wednesday evening classes in addition to Sunday services. . . **Hamilton, Ontario, Canada**, is planning for its own full-time leadership beginning this

fall; it will function as a satellite activity of the **Toronto** ministry. . . The study group in **Crystal Lake, Illinois**, now has over 100 families on its mailing list and had 50 at its latest mini-course. . . **Unity West** in **Oakbrook, Illinois**, continues as a study group of about 25; we're still waiting for it to realize the potential that seems to be there. . . **Joliet, Illinois**, study group will begin a series of Sunday afternoon classes in September under **Edd's** leadership. . . **Angelo Giordani** reports his intent to organize the **Charlottesville, Virginia**, study group into a full-time ministry.

The consciousness of expansion is really mushrooming throughout the Unity field movement. I have received more new contacts with questions about the formation of new ministries from places throughout the Western Hemisphere. At our conference committee meetings the New Ministries Development committee, chaired by **Stan Hampson**, shared in this growing enthusiasm. Not only are new groups beginning as a result of our Outreach efforts here in the Illinois area, but literally dozens of new groups are being launched elsewhere.

To help provide guidance and some "do's and don'ts" for ministries or ministers taking steps to create new groups, the committee, with Board of Trustees' approval, has asked me to edit an "Outreach Digest" of ideas that will be distributed to all ministries interested. In addition, we will also present at next year's Conference, a post-graduate course on Expansion. We expect that the ideas will be of value to any growing ministry, but of special help to those with study groups or intentions of beginning a full-time satellite work nearby.

Loren Flickinger, whose expansion works in Albany, Georgia, and Gainesville, Panama City, and Tallahassee, Florida, have been previously mentioned in this column, reported recently on the affect of a Unity bookshop and reading room in Albany. This project, was at **Loren's** request, funded through our Expansion (tithe) account on a trial basis. An initial \$500 grant for book purchases and \$100 per month enabled the Albany group to begin in a convenient downtown location. While it is too early to determine if the idea is a

financial success, it, according to **Loren**, really "unified" his group and helped them to feel the sense of belonging to the AUC and Unity School family. Further reports on this trial project will be included in this column in the future.

Please let me know about your Expansion ideas. We're interested in anything that has helped you to serve more people better with our dynamic message.

OVERSEAS REPORT

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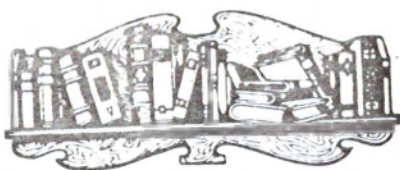
his meetings in Berlin in the Congress Hall which is a famous modern auditorium that was constructed by the Lincoln Foundation in Berlin. Peter also travels extensively conducting meetings of the various groups throughout Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. He also holds regular retreats similar to the retreats held at Unity School at vacation spots in Germany and Switzerland. Peter's work is growing rapidly which is a splendid tribute to his tremendous ability and his fine spiritual consciousness.

Last November Peter Wenzel arranged for a German-speaking retreat to be held at Unity School of Christianity. He brought 180 German-speaking friends to Unity School for two weeks and the **Liebe-Freunde Retreat** was a great highlight for all of us at Unity School. It certainly proved that language and distance is no barrier to the message of Truth.

I know all of us who read **CONTACT** are grateful that the Unity message is universal in nature, and I know that we all feel a great unity of purpose and a oneness with these wonderful people on the Continent of Europe. I know too that our thoughts and prayers will include these fine friends and we see the message of Unity reaching more and more people everywhere.

IN MEMORIAM

Dollee Phillips, associate minister of Long Beach Unity Society of Practical Christianity, California, made her transition on June 21, 1976. Dollee, given recognition as a Licensed Teacher in 1945 and ordained in 1949, was foundry minister of the Unity work in Culver City, California. We bless Dollee as she continues in her spiritual ongoing.



Book Rack

UNLOCKING THE CRYPTIC PARABLES BY WALTER A. MATTHEISS

Our AUC Book Review Committee has recommended the book *Unlocking the Cryptic Parables* by Walter A. Mattheiss.

The Committee reports: "This is an inspiring book with good insight into the life and teachings of Jesus. As the author states, 'Jesus, the Master Psychologist of all times, was forced to express His advanced knowledge of the human mind within the framework of the very limited Aramaic language, a language utterly inadequate to describe Man's tremendous spiritual potential. To complicate matters, even if Jesus had been able to clearly express Himself, He dared not openly teach of God-Spirit dwelling in all men, for it conflicted with the Judaic concept of God separated from man. Therefore, Jesus had to create new spiritual meanings for the simple words at His disposal—a new language in parables.' The author's purpose is to shed some light on these hidden meanings in Jesus' words and teachings. The material in each chapter provides good source material for Sunday or weekday class lessons.

"This is a scholarly book, yet it is one that is written with interest and inspiration. Recommended for Center book tables and personal libraries of ministers and teachers."

Unlocking the Cryptic Parables is clothbound, 219 pages, and priced to retail at \$6.95. You may order this excellent book at a dealer discount of

\$4.17 directly from the author: Walter A. Mattheiss, 4516 N.W. 43rd Terrace, Tamarac, Florida 33319.

MEDITATION CASSETTES IN GERMAN

Peter Wenzel, minister of Unity Lehramt, West Berlin, Germany, is producing cassette tapes in the German language. Each cassette has a 30 minute relaxation meditation on one side and a 30 minute healing meditation on the other side. Peter advises that he would be very happy to make the cassettes available to anyone in the United States on a freewill offering basis. For additional information, please contact Peter directly at: Berliner Unity Freunde e.V., 1 Berlin 12 Clausewitzstrasse 5, W. Berlin, German.

FOR UNITY MINISTRIES ONLY

In response to requests from Unity ministries, Unity School has available a slide program about Unity Village. The program consists of: 80 color slides in a Kodak Carousel tray, and an accompanying script cued to the slides.

Available for sale to Unity ministries only, the program is priced at \$30.00, which includes postage and handling charges. The usual 40% discount to the ministries does not apply on this item.

Please allow four to six weeks for delivery. All orders should be directed to the Sales Department of Unity School.

YEARBOOK SUPPLEMENT

The information below is presented in order that you may update your copy of the 1976 Yearbook.

| Page | Item |
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| 19 | Change address of Unity Church of Antelope Valley, Lancaster, Calif., to 38658 22nd St., E., Palmdale, Calif. 93550. |
| 24 | Delete Unity Church of San Jose, California. |
| 33 | Change office telephone number of Unity Truth Center, New Port Richey, Florida, to 813-863-2277. |
| 34 | Change address of Unity of Tallahassee, Florida, to 109 W. College, Tallahassee, 32304. |
| 43 | Change address of Unity of Ann Arbor, Michigan, to 3003 Washtenaw, No. 1, Ann Arbor, 48104, and change office telephone number to 313-971-5262. |
| 51 | Change address of Unity Ministry of Reno, Nevada, to 2207 Kings Row, Reno, 89503, and change telephone number to 702-747-2207. |
| 54 | Change address of Uptown Unity Church of Practical Christianity, New York, N.Y., to 200 W. 146 St., New York, 10039, and change office telephone number to 212-368-0009. |
| 55 | Change address of Unity Center of Christ, Asheville, N.C., to Junction New Airport Rd., U.S. 25 S., P.O. Box 789, Arden, North Carolina 28704. |
| 56 | Change address of Unity Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, to 4211 Maize Rd., Columbus, 43214, and change office telephone number to 614-267-4959. |
| 57 | Change address of Unity of Dayton, Ohio, to 5176 Old Troy Pike, Dayton, 45424. |


Did You Know...

that Unity is on the move? The Association of Unity Churches has some 145 satellite groups functioning as ministries. Of these, eight groups have recently employed ministers and are now accepting the responsibilities as full time ministries.

Idea Exchange

COOPERATIVE ADVERTISING

Four California Unity ministries in San Diego County are cooperating in placing a weekly ad in their area newspaper (see sample below). Jay Dishman, minister of Unity—San Diego, reports that the ad has been very well received.



...The "DAILY WORD" Churches
There's One Near You!

SAN DIEGO

4085 Camino Del Rio So.
Mission Valley 92120
284-1112

EL CAJON
311 Highland Avenue
El Cajon, CA 92020
444-8849

3770 Altadena Avenue
San Diego, CA 92105
262-7609

VISTA
171 Unity Way
Vista, CA 92083
726-3224

YOUR LIFE CAN BE BETTER!

This is a teaching church... standing ready to help you learn basic ways of changing your inner self to find more joy in living and to bring into your experience those achievements you deeply desire.

(Members, Worldwide Association of Unity Churches)

UNITY STUDY GROUPS

Please remember to advise the AUC office of any changes, that effect study groups affiliated with your ministry. The cooperation of each minister in keeping the AUC office informed of the status of affiliated study groups enables inquiries to be promptly and appropriately answered.

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES



SMRS Student Body Officers for the 1976-77 school year are: (left to right) Robert Hill, Chaplain; Shirlie Graham, Secretary; Ross Tucker, Treasurer; Jane Waddington, Vice President; and John Harris, President.

Robert Hill, Chaplain — Bob is a native of Illinois. He received both a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Illinois in Urbana. Prior to moving to Lee's Summit in order to enter SMRS, Bob held senior management positions in the travel industry. Most recently, he was president of a travel agency, and for some thirteen years prior, was general manager of the Seattle Visitors Bureau. He also taught law at the University of Hawaii. Bob has served in various capacities in Unity ministries in Hawaii and Washington. Bob and his wife, Ann Eileen, have two grown children.

Shirlie Graham, Secretary — Originally from the West Coast, Shirlie received her college education in Oregon, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from the University of

Oregon. Shirlie received a Primary Teacher Certificate from Oregon College of Education in Monmouth. Shirlie was a career educator before entering the ministry. She has been a student of metaphysics since early childhood. Before entering SMRS she was a member and active worker and student in Unity Center of Medford, Oregon. Shirlie, single, has four grown children who reside and work in the Pacific Northwest.

Ross Tucker, Treasurer — A native of California, Ross received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of California in Berkeley. He received his Master of Education degree in administration and supervision from the University of Nevada in Reno. Prior to entering SMRS, Ross was Director of Information Services for an association of colleges and schools in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was active in Unity Church of Christianity. He is bilingual, being fluent in both English and Spanish. Ross and his wife, Jane, have two teenage children.

Jane Waddington, Vice President — Jane came to Unity Village to enter SMRS from Oak Park Unity Church in Illinois, where she served on the ministry staff. A native of Pennsylvania, Jane attended St. Francis School of Nursing, Wilmington, Delaware, and the Philadelphia College of Art. Prior to serving in the Oak Park ministry, she was an instructor and sales representative for a leadership training institute in Chicago. Actively involved in metaphysics for many years, Jane has also done missionary work in the Philippines utilizing Unity material in her teaching sessions. Jane has three school age children.

John Harris, President — A professional educator, John taught at Kansas State University, the last twenty-four years as a full professor. An internationally recognized authority in the field of bacteriology and biochemistry, John received his Ph.D. and Bachelor of Science degrees, with honors, from Kansas State University in Manhattan. He also earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Hawaii, Honolulu. John and his wife, Jo, who is a 1976 graduate of SMRS, were active in the Unity ministry in Topeka, Kansas, before coming to Unity Village. The Harris' have two grown children.

MINISTERIAL STUDENT APPLICANTS NOW BEING RECEIVED!

The School for Ministerial and Religious Studies will begin processing applications for 1977, as of October 1, 1976. There are several things we would like all ministers to keep in mind regarding the persons in their congregations that they would recommend as SMRS students.

First: The faculty of SMRS has found that the best applicants coming to Unity Village are those who have had at least one year's involvement in a local ministry. We feel that this involvement should have some depth, and not be just occasional Sunday attendance.

Second: We feel that the applicant should have had courses at the local-ministry level in Unity fundamentals before he or she considers applying to SMRS. Because of the level of teaching

in the ministerial school, a good Unity foundation understanding is important.

Third: It has been our experience that a person should not apply to SMRS if he or she has recently experienced a divorce. There is a big adjustment to be made in attending the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. A person should not be adjusting to a divorce at the same time. One should wait at least one year after a divorce is final before applying.

Fourth: Adequate financial preparations should be made before one applies to SMRS. The cost of living in the Unity Village area compares with the rest of the country. It is best that an applying student has sufficient financial reserve, so that he or she does not have to work full-time while in school. Most of the ministerial students have part-time

employment, and this seems to work out all right in most cases.

Fifth: A genuine sense of commitment to the ministry is essential. A person should not apply to SMRS to find out if he or she wants to become a minister. That decision should be firmly made before an application is submitted.

If anyone asks you, as a minister, for a recommendation to enter SMRS, be sure that he or she is a person who is deeply committed both to the Unity teachings and to the Unity ministry. We on the faculty will do our utmost to train good ministers. But, the better the material is we receive, the better we can do our job.

Thank you for your cooperation.

William L. Fischer, Director
SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL
AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

SECOND YEAR SMRS STUDENTS VISIT SAN DIEGO

An Intensive Seminar on "Church Management" for second-year students in the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies was conducted in San Diego, California, on June 17 through 20, 1976. Christ Church Unity, where **Robert L. Stevens** is the minister, sponsored this seminar. The entire second-year class was taken to San Diego, as the guests of Christ Church Unity for this occasion.

Resource persons from the congregation were used to present this seminar. The subjects and participants were as follows: **Gary Wilson**, church administrator and music director, spoke on those subjects. **Virginia Graham**, who is the public relations and editorial director for the church, shared her expertise. **Dr. Paul Parker**, psychiatrist, outlined the Unityfriend Program of the church. This was followed by **Leota Poole**, chairman of the prayer ministry, giving information

about the 24-hour prayer service the church offers. **Fred Shipp**, the church's financial advisor, gave general financial advice and talked about the church's Unitrust Program. The church attorney, **Conley Oyler**, outlined information concerning incorporation and organization from a legal viewpoint. And **Peter Kuhn**, the church accountant, talked about tax laws.

Robert Stevens, minister of Christ Church Unity, gave general information about maintaining a balance with both the pastoral and administrative duties of a minister.

All expenses for this trip from Kansas City to San Diego were covered by the congregation of Christ Church Unity. The hospitality shown and the benefits received will have a long-term value for the students who were privileged to attend. Our thanks to **Robert Stevens** and his generous congregation!

SMRS CURRICULUM

The Fall Trimester of SMRS begins September 7 and ends December 17, 1976. First year students are scheduled for the following courses (instructor): Speech I (**William L. Fischer**); Understanding The Bible (**Frank Giudici**); Unity Fundamentals (**Ed Rabel**); English Usage (**Grace Rose**); Spiritual Healing (**William L. Fischer**); and Meditation Workshop (**Martha Giudici**).

The Curriculum for second year students is: Bible Interpretation (**Ed Rabel**); Twelve Powers (**Martha Giudici**); Counseling II (**Frank Giudici**); Speech II (**William L. Fischer**); Credo Preparation (**Philip White**); and Historical and Philosophical Background of New Thought (**Philip White**).

Both SMRS classes are scheduled for: Student Chapel Service; Silent Unity Healing Meeting; Silent Unity Workshop (**Robert P. Sicking**), and Integrative Seminar.

Y.O.U. REPORT by John Strickland

This summer has been a period of great activity for your Y.O.U. Coordinator. In a literal sense I have been flying high. I have presented workshops on relationships at most rallies and did the Sunday Service in Cincinnati.

This year rallies have been held in various types of structures from Seabeck in Washington, to a frog and mosquito populated Baptist Center by the Florida Everglades, to a Jewish retreat center in New Jersey, to a dude ranch in Texas, to a Catholic College in Cincinnati and Unity churches in California. Each rally was a unique, inspiring experience of sharing Truth through the Unity way of life.

I have many people to thank for their hospitality and to praise for their work in helping our Y.O.U.ers grow in awareness. It would be impossible to list their names, but I especially want to mention all the regional coordinators, hosting ministries, sponsors and ministers, who planned and carried out these beautiful experiences in expanding consciousness.

WELCOME! Don Knight of Detroit, Michigan, as the new Y.O.U. Coordinator. Don's first day in the office was August 1. We are so pleased to have an individual of Don's character and ability to take over at the helm of our Y.O.U. and Young

Adults activities throughout the AUC. You will hear more about Don in a forthcoming issue.

Conference: As for Y.O.U. Conference, this is the month! Thank you for your prayerful support. It is through our combined efforts that our dreams for Conference have become a reality.

AUC OFFICE NEEDS COPIES OF YOUTH EDUCATION MANUAL

The AUC office is out of stock of copies of the Youth Education Manual. We would appreciate it if any ministry having a surplus of these manuals would send extra copies to the AUC office for distribution to those of our member ministries having a need for manuals.

Your cooperation in helping to meet this need is appreciated and the AUC will forward a love offering to ministries sending manuals to the AUC office.

CONTACT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

If the Board of your ministry wishes to receive individual copies of CONTACT, please so advise the AUC office stating the total number of copies needed for your Board. That number of copies will be bulk shipped directly to your ministry for distribution to your Board.

Clearinghouse

Request — Jeannie Horton, minister in Missoula, Montana, reports that the ministry still has a need for additional donations of books. The ministry is in the process of establishing a lending library. Jeannie's address is: Unity Church of Missoula, 127 E. Main, Missoula, Montana 59801.

Request — Paul Stewart, minister of Unity Church of Christianity in Memphis, Tennessee, is seeking a number of copies of the out-of-print book Happiness Can Be A Habit, by James Dillet Freeman. Paul's address is: 1 E. Parkway N., Memphis, Tennessee 38104.

Request — Duane Hardy, minister of our Unity work in Madison, Wisconsin, requests that Unity ministries mail him photographs of their buildings. Duane plans to place the photographs on his ministry's bulletin board in order to show the worldwide scope of Unity. Address your photographs to Duane at: Unity of Madison, 4607 Winnequah Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53716.

Request — Mary Alice Brown, minister of Unity Universal Center in New York, has a need for several copies of the 1955 or 1958 edition of the Unity Vegetarian Cookbook. Mary Alice's address is: 360 West 125th Street, Room 3, New York, New York 10027.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1976

- Aug. 1-7 Unity Snow Mountain Ranch Retreat hosted by Unity Church of Denver, Colo.
- †Aug. 7 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Church of Practical Christianity, Springfield, Illinois, conducted by Judy Sherman
- †Aug. 8 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Christ Church, St. Louis, Missouri, conducted by Judy Sherman
- Aug. 9-13 14th Annual Southeast Unity Retreat, Don CeSar Hotel, St. Petersburg Beach, Fla.
- Aug. 13 Graduation and Ordination services, School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and AUC, Unity Village, Mo.
- †Aug. 14 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Christ Unity Church, Sacramento, California, conducted by Shirley Bonham
- Aug. 15-21 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- †Aug. 21 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Church of Castro Valley, California, conducted by Shirley Bonham
- Aug. 23-25 Northwest Regional Conference, Canterbury Inn, Ocean Shores, Wash., hosted by Bremer-ton Unity Center
- Aug. 24 Post Graduate Program on "Prosperity," Ocean Shores, Wash.
- Aug. 28-Sept. 3 Mid-Season Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- †Aug. 30 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Church of Oak Park, Illinois, conducted by Judy Sherman
- †Sept. 11 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Northwest, Arlington Heights, Illinois, conducted by Judy Sherman
- †Sept. 11 Youth Education Seminar hosted by Unity Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, conducted by Helen Nairn
- †Sept. 11 Northwest Regional Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Church of Truth, Spokane, Washington
- 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 Thon Unity Center and Unity Temple of Truth
- Sept. 22 Post Graduate Program on "Prosperity," Cincinnati, Ohio
- Sept. 25 Youth Education Seminar, Seattle, Wash., hosted by Unity Church of Truth, Karen Johnston of Seattle, facilitator
- †Sept. 25 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Church, Omaha, Nebraska, conducted by Helen Nairn
- 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 on "Prosperity," Annapolis, Maryland
- Oct. 8-10 Northern California Unity Students Retreat, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Calif.
- 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 on "Prosperity," Tallahassee, Florida
- Nov. 6-12 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- †Nov. 13 Northwest Regional Board/Minister meeting, Seattle, Washington, hosted by Unity Church of Truth
- Nov. 20-26 Thanksgiving Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- Dec. 21-27 Christmas Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

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- April 11-14 South Central Unity Churches Association (SCUCA) Regional Conference, Houston, Tex., hosted by Unity of Houston
- April 12 Post Graduate Program on "Prosperity," Houston, Tex.

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