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AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friend,

As a result of our Association of Unity Churches 1976 Conference in Philadelphia, decisions were made by the Conference Body to create new committees to examine objectively the duties, responsibilities and activities of the regional representatives, executive committee, executive director and executive office. Such objectivity will undoubtedly provide us with insight that will enable us to function more orderly, efficiently and harmoniously, all of which is essential if we are to meet the need of the times and move with the progressive movement of Spirit.

In view of all this taking place, it seems not only appropriate, but mandatory that we, as individual ministers and teachers, do some self-examination and self-evaluation. Just as world peace is dependent upon peace beginning in the individual, so does progress as a movement begin with progress within each of its spokesmen.

Since my first exposure to Unity in October of 1963, there has been a question in my mind that I have been unable to resolve. Since I know that you are interested in the growth in effectiveness of Unity, and the Unity teaching, I would like to share this with you and have you do some thinking along with me.

With the dynamic, life-changing message of Unity, why have we not spread throughout the world? If the message of Truth as taught by Unity is helpful as I believe it to be, why do we not have thousands of churches instead of less



Joyce Kramer

than 300? We especially need to consider this since we are an association of churches, serving to minister to the needs of people in a very unique way.

Personally, I do not agree with the usual excuses. We have claimed that "people are not ready". I don't believe it. I believe that it is we who are not ready to fulfill their needs. Another thought indicates that "it was not the original intent of Unity to build or promote churches". So what? Do we not claim to be a progressive movement? I have a deep respect and admiration for that undaunted, dynamic Spirit that expressed through Charles Fillmore but I cannot permit myself the luxury of limiting my perception for today and its needs by his perception for his day. The two are not the same. Charles Fillmore

was a minister, and he ministered through a church. The movement of Spirit through Unity will continue to blossom and expand only if we are willing and able to respond to it and move with it.

Through observation, through active involvement on the Board of Trustees of the Association of Unity Churches, and by listening to comments of non-Unity as well as Unity people, I have come to the conclusion that we must do some self-examination if we are to fulfill our potentialities for service to humanity. Our purpose is great; we must become great in order to respond to it.

One criticism that has been directed toward us is that we refuse to be objective. There is a tendency to avoid dealing with situations directly. We become side-tracked in sentimentality, confusing it with spirituality. It is doubtful that any one of us would attempt to wax our floors without first disposing of the existing dirt. Unless we are willing to face existant facts and deal with them through guidance of Spirit, we are not likely to make any permanent growth.

Next month, I will share with you what I believe are some present deterrents to the advancement of Unity through the medium of its churches. You are encouraged to give prayerful thought to this matter, and to share your thoughts with me.

With blessings of love,

Joyce Kramer



REGIONAL NEWS

Marlowe Kline reporting for the EASTERN REGION:

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA — Unity of Roanoke Valley, where **Alan** and **Kathryn Rowbotham** serve as ministers, have announced the good news that **Rebecca Clark**, a 1976 SMRS graduate and ordinand, is their new associate minister. Becky will concentrate her energies on two outreach activities of Unity of Roanoke Valley to nearby Lynchburg and Christianburg. Congratulations to Becky, Alan, and Kathryn, their board and congregations for this exciting step forward in Unity expansion.

Robert E. Barth reporting for the NORTHWEST REGION:

Ministers in the Pacific Northwest recently showed their love and support for three Unity ministers by presenting them with "J.C." (just caring) awards. Due to **Mary** and **Phil Stovin's** retirement from Unity Center of Tacoma, Washington, and **Donald Jennings'** acceptance of the ministry in Anchorage, Alaska, the scroll award was presented to them at the adult retreat held at Seabeck July 24th. According to **Sandra Cousens**, minister of Harmony Hill Unity Church in Everett (continued on page 3)

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Washington, "the J.C. award incorporates their working from the human and the Christ to serve their fellowman. The award was presented for just caring enough to serve their community, just caring enough to serve their fellow ministers, just caring enough to serve the Unity Movement, just caring enough to serve their church, congregation, and Board, and for just caring enough to make all of our lives brighter by their love. We know we cannot be separated because of the rich gifts of each moment they have shared with us."

All participants at the retreat filled the scrolls with blessings and well wishes.



Mary and Phil Stovin, retired ministers of Unity Center of Tacoma, are pictured with their Just Caring award presented to them by the Pacific Northwest ministers.



Donald Jennings, minister in Anchorage, pictured with his wife, Carolyn, receiving his Just Caring award.

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON—On July 4, Unity Church of Truth, Spokane, where David McClure serves as minister, cele-

brated our Nation's Bicentennial with several patriotic events.

The 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services featured a message by David, "Your Declaration of Interdependence." Also included during the services was a meditation on personal freedom by **Barby McClure**, an explanation of the spiritual symbology that is the basis of all American currency, and special patriotic music including "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" played by a trumpeter formerly with the Stan Kenton band. Bicentennial pens and place mats were given to the congregation.

At 11:00 a.m. the church carillon rang simultaneously with the ringing of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia—an event in which churches across the nation participated.

Following the services, 1000 red, white and blue helium-filled balloons with spiritual Bicentennial messages attached were released by the congregation.

The new 32 foot church flagpole hand-crafted by a Unity member, **Marvin Kellis**, was dedicated after the services. The 5' X 9½' flag was raised while the trumpeter played colors; then the congregation standing outside on the lawn joined in repeating "The Pledge of Allegiance."

An old-fashioned July 4th pot-luck picnic attended by 350 adults and children was held in nearby Comstock Park at 1:00 p.m. Horseshoes, tug-of-war, relay races, sack races, egg throwing, and penny scrambles were of the many delightful games played.

Charles Korfhage reporting for the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION:

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA—Christ Church Unity in San Jose, served by ministers **Warren** and **Marguerite Meyer**, recently began two new outreach activities to serve the Bay Area. Heard Monday through Friday from 9:35–9:40 a.m. from San Francisco's Radio Station KEST, Warren presents a program of Unity messages and advertises the location of various Bay Area Unity ministries.

In addition to this daily broadcast, Warren presents a five-minute Wee Wisdom story on Saturday mornings. In cooperation with the program, Unity School sends free copies of the Wee Wisdom magazines to children who respond to the broadcast.

At present, Warren is training several individuals who will be able to do some of the programs with him. He is aiming to do multi-voicing programs as the project unfolds and believes that this type of activity is just another method of bringing the Truth to children as was visioned by Myrtle Fillmore.

Christ Church Unity also announced that within the past eight months it totally paid for the mortgages on its three buildings. A special Thanksgiving Service was conducted on the evening of September 12. The elimination of the mortgages is about ten years ahead of schedule.



James C. Lewis reporting for the SOUTH CENTRAL REGION:

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO — Unity of Grand Junction, served by **Dan Kellerstrass**, entered a Bicentennial float during the city of Grand Junction's Fourth of July parade. The theme of the event was "America's Religious Heritage--Freedom of Worship."

The float featured a number of Sunday School children dressed in bicentennial costumes.



Pictured above is the bicentennial float entered by Unity of Grand Junction at that city's Fourth of July parade.



Loren Flickinger reporting for the SOUTHEASTERN REGION:

NAPLES, FLORIDA — Unity of Naples, where **Jack Kern** serves as minister, has recently completed a new lakeside facility which will house two classrooms, a bookstore, offices, restrooms, kitchen, storage room, and a spacious meeting room with a Chapel area. Carpenters have been busily (continued on page 4)

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finishing the interior and a lovely patio is being designed to compliment the lake area.

"The 'feel' of the building is great," said Jack. "When you stand inside and look out toward the lake you get a feeling of wonderful peace. We will probably hold our first service in the new building around Thanksgiving with a formal dedication in January."

Unity of Naples also plans to hold its annual World of Serendipity Festival in November where various items are gathered from local shops, from the creative minds of church members and friends, used items no longer needed, and gifts from around the world then sold at low prices. This highly successful festival earned close to \$6,000 for the church building fund last year.



C. Berton Coffey reporting for the SOUTHWEST REGION:

A "Human Healing Potentials — 1976" program will be held in San Diego, California, on Saturday, November 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Unity Churches of San Diego, El Cajon, Vista, and Escondido the one-day seminar promises to be a very significant program. Speakers for the morning and afternoon sessions include **Dr. Carl Simonton** and his wife, **Stephanie**; **Dr. Evarts Loomis**, **Reverend Jack Schwarz**, **Dr. Irving Oyle**, and **Ruth Carter Stapleton**. **Dorothy Pierson**, co-minister of Christ Unity Church in Sacramento, and **Charles King** will lead meditations and songs throughout the program.

The evening session will consist of a panel discussion with guest speakers: **Robert Stevens**, minister of Christ Church Unity in San Diego, and **Jay Dishman**, minister of Unity—San Diego. **Connie Haines**, associate minister of Christ Unity Church, Sacramento, will provide a concert during the closing hour.

Registration for the morning and afternoon program will be \$12. The evening program will be \$5. An all-day registration will be \$15, married couples will be \$25, and full time students will be \$10.

For those wishing to spend the night in San Diego, rooms have been reserved at the Little America Westgate Hotel directly across from the meeting hall.

Special rates have been made for those identifying themselves as belonging to Unity. The rates include \$31 for a single room and \$38 for a double. The hotel address is 1055 Second Avenue, San Diego, California 92101.

Brochures and registrations can be ordered through Christ Unity Church, Sacramento.



THE INSTITUTO UNITY IN SANTURCE, PUERTO RICO

In 1972, the Association of Unity Churches took an important step to meet the spiritual needs of Spanish-speaking Unity students, and to meet the need for Spanish-speaking leadership in the Movement. This was the establishment of the Instituto Unity De Cristianismo Practico, incorporated in Puerto Rico, and headquartered in Santurce.

The Instituto was established to spread Truth among Spanish-speaking Unity students in the United States, the West Indies, Spain, Mexico, Central and South America. All classes are conducted in Spanish by ministers and teachers who have completed their training and academic requirements at Unity School in English. During the first two-week session in June 1972 there were 90 students enrolled. Five courses were taught and five teachers were used and at the fifth session which ended in July there was an attendance of 125 students and 21 courses were offered by 11 teachers. Up to the present they have held one two-week session each summer, thus requiring six yearly sessions each summer in order to become a qualified Unity teacher with a total of 150 academic credits.

At the present time a study is well under way in an endeavor to have more sessions during every year. The study includes the possible use of the Instituto as a "mobile unit" in addition to its present functions. This "mobile unit" would be in a position to move to the Dominican Republic, Miami, New York City, Mexico or Venezuela, or wherever the need arises to take care of special groups of students with the view in mind of facilitating their training. On the basis of the present system, however, it is estimated that it will have an average of 10 to 15 graduates every summer.

The Instituto Unity is governed by a Board of Directors and has its own constitution and by-laws. This board is composed of Unity ministers, teachers, and two very prominent lawyers at this time **Robert P. Sikking** and **William L. Fischer** are also members of the Board. Both of them were very instrumental in the organization and inauguration of the Instituto and their advice and assistance in all phases of the work have been very beneficial to the work.

The **Rev. Panchita Mendez**, minister in charge of the Asociacion de Cristianismo Practico center in Santurce, had been performing the duties of Academic Director of the Instituto since its inauguration in 1972 up to the end of the 1975 session, at which time she resigned because of her multiple and demanding duties at her ever-expanding ministry in Santurce. Panchita is still a member of the Board and serves as a regular teacher during the summer sessions. **Maria Molinary** was named Academic Director upon Panchita's resignation. **Luis**, her husband, is also a member of the Instituto Board and he assists Maria in all phases of the work.

It is truly wonderful to see how Unity is reaching the minds and hearts of people everywhere. I know that as you read this article you will be sending your thoughts and prayers to our friends in the Instituto. It is such a joy to be co-workers with such inspiring people in this ministry of Truth and love.

Now is when it is,

Here is where it is,

You are what it is,

Celebrate!

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:

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UNITY IN THE VALLEY, St., Charles, Ill.

This month, formal chartering activities will be completed for Unity in the Valley, St. Charles. After a visit by **Robert P. Sikking** early in the month, a formal chartering procedure was completed and the first charter members were accepted into the newly formed church. The minister, **Edd Dawson**, is enthused about his new group and is negotiating, along with his Board of Directors, to purchase a lovely memorial chapel in the southern Fox River Valley area near Batavia. The church extends to all of those who supported it through its early growth through prayers and gifts, a grateful "thank you."

UNITY CHURCH OF CHICAGO, Ill.

This near northside ministry is rapidly moving toward full-time status also. A steering committee has been formed in August consisting of nine of the most interested and qualified persons. The church meetings are held in the beautiful Ambassador Hotel on Chicago's near northside. Budgetary goals, established during the AUC Conference in Philadelphia, were met in the month of August so the group is now able to seriously consider hiring a full-time minister. A request for placement has been made to **Stan Hampson**, Field Services Coordinator, and we are now accepting applications for a minister to serve at Unity Church of Chicago and also to be of some assistance, as time permits, in the other outreach activities in this area. If you are interested in applying or would like information on this ministry on Chicago's beautiful northside, contact Stan at the AUC office.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

We've been working in cooperation with **Jim Sherman**, minister of the Toronto church, to provide assistance in developing the Hamilton, Ontario study group into a full-time ministry. The recent approval by the Toronto Board of Directors for **Floyd Howard**, a recent SMRS ordinand, to lead the Hamilton work and serve for a time as associate in Toronto has been approved. The formation of the church, along with a mailing including the 35th anniversary of the Toronto church, will be made with the help of Unity School. This mailing will announce the formation of the Hamilton ministry and invite interested Toronto and Hamilton people who have corresponded with Unity to the varying meetings which will be held throughout the month of November. In this way, we hope to provide an excellent start for the new work while celebrating with thanks the success of the existing Toronto ministry.

The ability of the outreach program to help newly forming ministries, whether they be directly affiliated with a Chicago area cluster or whether they be a satellite work of some other existing ministry, is an outstanding new service that has grown through the assistance and support of Unity School. Naturally, any request for such a mailing must be carefully considered but thus far, cooperation has been excellent and we are expecting good results here and in the middle Atlantic states where several other new ministries held meetings during the month of October. As of this writing, outreach is working directly with five Chicago area groups, one central Illinois group, and five others in varying states and Canada. The enthusiasm of our field ministers for expansion and the cooperation of Unity School and the AUC staff have enabled us to provide even more services than we had envisaged.

Our thanks for your continuing prayer support for these activities goes to each of you. If you have a need for support or an idea for expansion, please share it with me.

DYNAMIC CASSETTES

Many centers have cassettes available for sale in their bookrooms. In addition to cassettes of your own lessons for sale, Unity School produces cassettes, as do a number of success-motivation organizations. Through CONTACT we are reporting on two new items from Unity School and a special series from SMI.

Sandy Cousens called our attention to the "Listen and succeed" cassette tape series by SMI, featuring condensations of best-selling books and subjects of vital interest authored by leading writers and authorities. Sandy says, "They are placed in churches on consignment at no cost, including display. They retail at \$9.95 and wholesale at \$6.95. For more information you can contact **SMI, Inc., 5000 Lakewood Drive, Waco, Texas 76710 (817-776-1230)**.

The Unity Cassette Club Quarterly news-letter will be coming out about the same time as this issue with news of two cassette programs from Unity School. "Prosperity" by **Jack Boland** consisting of twelve tapes and retailing for \$48.00. **Martha Giudici** presents "The World of Meditation," a three-cassette series that retails for \$12. Your center price is as always, 40% discount.

Jack Boland's cassette program explores all types of prosperity and how the listener can go about making them come forth in life. Jack is a Unity minister in Detroit, Michigan, where his work has grown from one hundred seventy-five people each Sunday to six hundred in four years. Some of his titles on this 12-lesson program are, "Faith causes events to happen," "Preparation is our job," "Change your expectancy," and "Accept your desires."

Martha's series "The World of Meditation" takes the listener step-by-step through the entire meditation process. On each side of the cassette tape there is a "guided" meditation exercise that can be used in daily meditations. Martha develops the twelve powers, explores how symbols, colors, and music can be used in meditation, and applies meditation to healing. Martha Giudici could be called "a teacher of teachers." She is currently serving as an instructor for our School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. She has served as a Unity minister in New Jersey, New York, Arizona, Pennsylvania, and Missouri.

WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL

There's an old adage which goes something to the effect that "if you really want to get a job done quickly and effectively, give it to a busy man!" This advice seems appropriate for **Keith McKay** and his effective and efficient staff in Unity's Personnel Department.

Only three in number--Keith, **Betty Bolas**, and **Melissa Bird**--they accomplish the herculean task of administering Unity's employee benefit program, maintaining important records, and holding interviews for job placement within Unity School of Christianity.

When a department is so active, it requires understanding and precision management to keep all the activities flowing smoothly. Keith is well-qualified for the position he holds. He received business administration training at Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri, and majored in psychology and sociology at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. He joined the Unity organization as an assistant to the Personnel Director in 1966, and was made Personnel Director in 1969.

Keith worked in the small-restaurant business until college years, and then managed a store for a large shoe chain for a couple of years. However, the restaurant business was interesting to Keith and he returned to it. In fact, restauranteuring is a favorite hobby for Keith. On weekends, he takes off to Marshall, Missouri, and serves as manager and cook for "McKay's Wings," an airport restaurant that serves an excellent smorgasbord on weekends. Another hobby is bicycling, and Keith enjoys the spectator sports of football and baseball.

Keith and his lovely wife, **Ann**, have two children--a son, **Michael**, and a daughter, **Alice**. Both are married, and Alice has one son, **Jason Andrew**.

Keith is a sincere and dedicated person who gets involved in



Keith McKay (center), Director of Personnel for Unity School, with staff members Melissa Bird (left) and Betty Bolas (right).

community activities. He is presently affiliated with the Masonic lodge and the Marshall Chamber of Commerce, and is a former Rotarian and Optimist.

A quiet air of calm efficiency surrounds Keith and his department. He attributes the smoothness with which the Personnel Department operates to teamwork. He says: "Everyone in this department performs a multitude of activities. Often the various requirements of the office are so interrelated that it's difficult to draw a defining line between work requirements."

Keith performs his work with loving responsibility and sincerity recognized by all. We in AUC are grateful to Keith and his staff for their part in the operation of Unity School of Christianity.

BIT-OF-HUMOR

A DIFFERENT SONG BUT THE TUNE IS FAMILIAR!

SPORTS

Football in the fall. Basketball in the winter. Baseball in the spring and summer. He has been an avid sports fan all his life. But I've had it! I quit this sports business once and for all. You can't get me near one of those places again. Want to know why?

1. Every time I went, they asked for money.
2. The people with whom I had to sit didn't seem very friendly.
3. The seats were too hard and not at all comfortable.
4. I went to many games, but the coach never came to call on me.
5. The referee made a decision with which I could not agree.
6. I suspected that I was sitting with some hypocrites -- they came to see their friends and what others were wearing.
7. Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home.
8. The band played some numbers that I had never heard before.
9. It seems that the games are scheduled when I want to do other things.
10. I was taken to too many games by my parents when I was growing up.
11. I recently read a book on sports and now I feel that I know more than the coaches do anyhow.
12. I don't want to take my children to any games because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

PERSON TO PERSON

with
bob sikking



Change is the order of the day in your AUC Executive Office. One of the first things **Stan Hampson** observed in joining the staff was that one needs the capacity to change hats very frequently and very suddenly. One can be dealing with the expression of prayer support for a minister or a ministry going through difficulties and immediately jump to resolving a snag in the filing procedures within the office, then immediately to deal with a placement inquiry from a Board member out in the field, and then to have waiting for you a student minister needing personal and specific counseling only to have to delay him because of an Admissions Committee meeting or a Teacher Training Committee Meeting. It's an exciting kind of work and it constantly exemplifies a readiness and willingness and ability to change.

Stan Hampson has undertaken, along

with his family, a tremendous change in his own personal life by accepting the position as Field Services Coordinator in our Executive Office. His area of responsibility will primarily be that of placement and in that area he will be working directly with, and under the direction of, the Board of Trustees. The Regional Representatives, collectively, will be meeting with Stan in January and June and at other times if necessary. Our capacity to render service directly to our ministers and ministries will be greatly increased by this change.

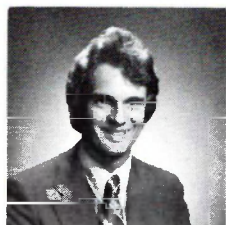
Upon our return from Philadelphia, **Bill Dale** shared with me his letter of resignation. He had been in consultation with the executives of Unity School regarding the possibility of accepting full time responsibility for Unity School's Public Relations Department. This is certainly very much in divine order since Bill's considerable skills can be used most effectively in a proper public relations structure. This will be a big change for Bill and I know that we all join in blessing him as he goes forth to be a tremendous blessing to Unity School.

During the past year, a tremendous part of Bill's responsibility has been the preparation and final execution of the Celebration in Philadelphia. He did an outstanding job and that big project went off with fewer hitches than in the

past. The other big area of responsibility that fell to Bill was the overseeing of the production of **CONTACT**. During his years of involvement in this area, this publication has gained a maturity and dignity that is most fitting for our field Movement. We're deeply grateful to Bill for the mark that he has left on this communication. We're undertaking, at least during these fall months, to handle the **CONTACT** within the existing staff. If additional staff is required, we will share that information with the Board of Trustees for appropriate action.

All of these changes are a part of the growth process that leads us unerringly toward the fulfillment of the Father's will in our ministry of service. The increased services that come as a result of the willingness to change give you an opportunity to employ that same activity in your continuing and expanding support of your AUC.

The one thing that has never changed is that you are the AUC and your Executive Office is the instrument of service of the AUC to you as a minister or teacher or Board member in a member ministry. We who are privileged to serve you in this area are ever grateful for your expanding consciousness of support and love and cooperation.



"ACTIVITY OF SPIRIT"

Stan Hampson
Field Services Coordinator

We say, and it is the Truth, that all placement comes from the activity of Spirit. Yet, Spirit sometimes works differently and more slowly than we could choose, but it is the activity of Spirit, and I am rejoicing in being a part of this activity through my new function.

As you can tell from the list of Placement, there continues to be the usual movement of ministers. Some of the centers listed as "open" have not returned their applications so we have little information on their situations. As soon as we have a definite confirmation of an

opening and that center's details, I can send the resumes of those ministers requesting placement. Naturally, when you know of an opening that interests you, be sure and let me know so I can send your resume too. Most centers seem interested in inviting several ministers as candidates and then they make the final selection of minister from those they have met and heard. After only these few weeks on the job, you can be sure I am already amazed at the time consumed in all of these arrangements.

Just before I began work here I was able to meet with the Southwestern Region in California to brainstorm ideas to facilitate our placement activities. We evolved several important concepts that already I can see increasing urgency to implement.

Many ministers have found that upon taking over a ministry, they have nothing to go on from their successor. Sometimes it can be worked out for the two ministers to get together and transfer the details of background to the incoming minister.

That is ideal. But since that is often impractical, when you leave a center, it would certainly help your successor if you would at least be sure you leave samples of letters, procedural guidelines, and other ideas to make the transition go smoothly.

Another important idea that evolved out of our meeting in California was the need for better resumes on candidates. Boards of Directors often express frustration at having to make selections of candidates from so limited information. Everyone confirmed the concept that when a minister requests placement, that minister send in a resume along with the application. Would it facilitate the activity of Spirit in placement if each minister wrote his own resume? It would keep this activity free of partiality and allow each candidate to put his own best foot forward. What is your thought about this or other aspects of placement? Please share your ideas with me. Together, we can create an ever-increasing flow of Spirit in this activity of placement.

NOVEMBER 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 November.

November

- 1 Lester McClelland
- 3 Edward Hoge
Russell E. Smith
- 4 Nancy Compton
- 5 William B. Dale
- 6 Michael Dustin*
Hazel Noble
Carolyn Essex Reithinger
Hugh Whitet
- 7 Carrie Sewell
- 8 Helen Fooshe'
David King
Vera Dawson Tait
- 9 Elinor MacDonald
- 10 Marguerite Wilson
- 11 Gertrude Crossar
Alma Sutton
- 13 Lois Anderson†
Kathryn Rowbotham
- 14 Doris Caldwell
Yves LaFontant*
- 15 Bernard Dozier
Bessie Hartling
Alan Stanley*

November

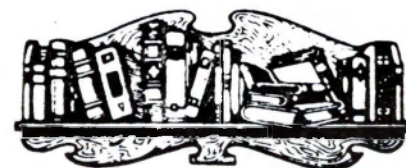
- 16 Marjorie Hartzell
May Knight
Margaret Turner
- 19 Alma Coleman
Elva Elsner
Carmen Moshier
Zelpha Thompson†
- 21 Louise Beatyt
Terry Havens
- 22 Jo Harris
Anita Polk
- 23 Grace Copeland
- 26 Dorothy Edwards
Ruth Gillespiet
Elva Holcombe
James Lewis
Charles Roth
- 27 Glenn Kaufman
- 28 Sheila Banta*
Paul C. Johnson
Harry Newman
Jane Paulson
Ralph Rhea
- 29 Amanda Clibourn
Robert Davidson*
- 30 Jack Fries*
Bill Williams*

† Minister Emeritus
* SMRS Student Minister

LICENSED TEACHER RECOGNITION

In August the Licensing Committee met with and approved eleven applicants for Licensed Teacher Recognition.

The Board of Trustees ratified such Recognitions and we are pleased to welcome into the AUC family: **Virgil Brewer**, Trenton, Michigan; **Margaret Garrison**, Mayfield Heights, Ohio; **Judith S. George**, Roanoke, Virginia; **Alma A. Johnson**, Bronx, New York; **Paul C. Johnson**, Lee's Summit, Missouri; **Lourdes Maleki**, Kew Gardens, New York; **Annette L. Manigault**, Jamaica, New York; **Maxine Meinke**, Short Hills, New Jersey; **Mary Rexroth**, Lee's Summit, Missouri; **Carol Thornton**, Daytona Beach, Florida; and **Ruth L. Townsend**, San Diego, California.



Book Rack

The Unity School Correspondence Course Index, originally compiled by Vera Dawson Tait as a card index to subjects covered in the course, has been edited by Unity School Library into a 97-page type-script on 8½" by 11" paper, and placed in a heavy theme binder. The project was done primarily as a ready reference for library users who were preparing lessons, sermons, papers, etc. on a certain subject. However, it seemed reasonable to make an extra fifty copies in the event some ministers and teachers were still referring to the lessons as resource material. The Index is available at \$4 per copy or on love offering basis. Checks should be made payable to Unity School Library and sent to the attention of Harold Whaley. All orders will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Fund Operation Four Months Ended 7/31/76

	July	Year to Date
INCOME—OPERATIONS:		
Love Offering	\$24,161.44	\$116,213.13
Other Income	1,810.44	9,973.19
	25,971.88	126,186.32
Less: Tithe Transfer	2,416.14	11,621.31
Gross Profit Materials	255.98	2,825.49
Total Income	23,811.72	117,390.50
EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:		
General Office	24,110.16	102,937.25
Education Dept.	9,187.21	38,813.72
Total Expenses	33,297.37	141,750.97
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	\$(9,485.65)	\$(24,360.47)

Did You Know...

that when a guest speaker has been requested by a member ministry the AUC office has always provided one. Obviously we can't guarantee a specific person but we can have someone there.

PLACEMENT

Placement occurs by virtue of the activity of Spirit in keeping with the consciousness of those concerned. The Placement Committee consists of **William L. Fischer, James Dillet Freeman,**

Frank Giudici, Martha Giudici, J. Sig Paulson, Jane Paulson, Edward Rabel, Robert P. Sikking, Philip White, Ernest Wilson, and **V. Stanford Hamspon**, Chairman. Any Unity minister who is guided to express an interest in serving in any particular ministry should make application to the Placement Committee.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MINISTRY</u>	<u>PLACEMENT STATUS</u>
Albuquerque, N.Mex.	Unity Center	Open
Atlanta, Georgia	Unity Church of Christianity	Brendan O'Keefe , 1976 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as associate minister.
Bozeman, Montana	New ministry	Open for expansion.
Butte, Montana	Butte Unity Truth Center	Open
Chattanooga, Tenn.	Unity Center of Practical Christianity	Open — Dana Voght has tendered her resignation.
Culver City, Calif.	Unity Church of Culver City	Open
Detroit, Michigan	Detroit Unity Association	Frank Koehler , 1976 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as associate minister.
Fort Worth, Texas	Unity Church of Fort Worth	Opening for an associate minister.
Huntsville, Ala.	New ministry	Dana Voght has accepted responsibility for development.
Jacksonville, Fla.	Unity Church	Michael Cahall , 1976 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as associate minister.
Kansas City, Missouri	Unity on the Plaza	Susan Downs , 1976 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as associate minister.
Minneapolis, Minn.	Unity Christ Church	Donald Clark , 1976 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as minister.
Olympia, Wash.	Unity of Olympia	Howard Caesar , 1976 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as minister, effective September 12.
St. Petersburg, Fla.	Unity Christ Church	Bernard Dozier , former minister in Wichita, Kansas, accepted as minister.
San Gabriel, Calif.	Unity Church of San Gabriel	Open — Lee Hannaford serving as interim minister.
Tacoma, Wash.	Unity Center of Truth	Jim Peterson , 1976 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as minister, effective September 1.
Toronto, Ont., Canada	Unity Church of Truth	Floyd Howard , 1976 SMRS graduate and ordinand, accepted as associate minister for expansion in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
Vallejo, Calif.	New ministry	Thelma Hembroff has accepted responsibility for development.
Warren, Ohio	New ministry	Mayola SaltPaw , former associate minister in Detroit, Michigan, accepted as minister.
Wichita, Kansas	Unity Church of Wichita	Open

NOTICE

In last month's CONTACT it was incorrectly reported that **Bonnie Grenson** was retiring and seeking a replacement. However, she was seeking an associate minister. Since then **Michael Cahall** has accepted that position.

Did You Know...

that when a church needs a minister and you request to be considered in that work, your name will be automatically sent to that church as a candidate.

ATTENTION

Nick Griffin would like for his friends to know that he has returned to the University of Oklahoma to work for a year on the development of adult degree seminars. Nick can be reached at the following address: **1434 Aladdin, Norman, Oklahoma 73069.**

Y.O.U. REPORT

by Donald Knight

In introducing myself as the new Y.O.U./Y.A.U. Coordinator, it is my deepest desire to assist your particular Y.O.U. activity in any way that I can. On or about the same time you receive this issue of CONTACT, you will also receive a short Y.O.U. Chapter questionnaire for establishing your current Y.O.U. activity status.

Please complete the requested information and return it at your earliest convenience so that all future mailings will be received by the right Y.O.U. representative. Bulk mailing requires correct addresses. Your assistance is deeply appreciated and will assure important Y.O.U. information being received.

I am very pleased to report that the 1976 Y.O.U. Conference was an outstanding success in every way. As one Conference delegate put it, "The only sad part about Conference was the leaving!" We extend our sincerest thanks and warmest gratitude to everyone that helped make it such a beautiful, exhilarating experience for the wonderful Youth of Unity that attended. A great deal of credit goes to John Strickland, outgoing Y.O.U. Coordinator, who is now center minister in Santa Rosa, California. We are also grateful to all the center ministries for selecting superb candidates for the 1976 Conference. They are a terrific group of young people!

A strong body of International Officers were selected. Eric Payne, President, Mia Johnson, First Vice-President and Kathy Herold, Second Vice-President, each pledged their all toward inspiring, coordinating, and communicating a greater togetherness for Y.O.U. growth. These young officers are filled with the spirit of dedication and will truly promote a solid growth in Y.O.U. activities in the coming year.

Thoughts move forward to the 1977 Y.O.U. Conference. Evaluation sheets are being prepared for attending delegates, sponsors, and workshop leaders to determine where improvements can be applied to make the '77 Conference even greater and more meaningful.

Center ministers often develop some excellent lesson material that is very apropos for Y.O.U. use. Many Y.O.U. Chapters are in dire need of good spiritual instruction. We here in AUC are in hope

that you will forward this type of lesson material on to us so that it can be put to good use in Y.O.U. lessons. It is a wonderful way to reach those beyond your immediate sphere of teaching activity. I am sure that those Chapters that will receive your material will be extremely grateful for your caring and sharing.



DONALD KNIGHT, NEW Y.O.U. AND Y.A.U. COORDINATOR



Donald Knight

Don Knight, a first year SMRS ministerial student, has been employed by the AUC to serve for the next two years as the Youth of Unity Coordinator. He will also serve as Coordinator for the Young Adults of Unity.

Don came to SMRS through the ministry in Detroit, Michigan, where **Glenn Mosley** was his minister. The current minister is **David Williamson**. His wife, **Catherine**, was the associate minister in Detroit prior to his acceptance into SMRS. He has attended Unity for about 15 years and has served as Y.O.U. sponsor. His basic employment has been with the Chrysler Corporation as an Advance Program Planning Engineer.

Prior to 1970, Don worked as coordinator of the Spiritual Unity of Nations center in the Detroit area during which time he functioned as meditation group leader of weekly meditation meetings of SUN workers. For two years, from 1967-1969, he held monthly public meetings giving talks on Truth topics and leading meditations.

He was instrumental in setting up

and served as national chairman of the Second International Spiritual Unity of Nations Conference which was held in September, 1969. Thirty speakers, representing a variety of different spiritual and esoteric movements and organizations took the platform. Many countries were represented and over 750 people attended that conference.

We bless Don as he begins his training to become a Unity minister and for his willingness to serve our Y.O.U. and Y.A.U. His special consciousness will be a major blessing to us all.

THANK YOU, JOHN

For the past year, **John Strickland** has been our Y.O.U./Y.A.U. Coordinator. He has done an outstanding job for which all of us in Unity are thankful.

John entered SMRS in September, 1974, following his graduation the previous June from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. He was graduated from SMRS in August, 1976, ordained and has accepted the leadership of the Unity work in Santa Rosa, California. John, we thank you and bless you in your new work.

NEW ARRIVAL

A very special welcome into the Unity family goes forth to **Shad Daniel**, newborn son of **Jack** and **Norma Groverland**. Shad made his entrance into this life expression on September 12, weighing in at 10 lbs.

We rejoice with Jack, who is minister of Unity of San Angelo, Texas, and Norma, and know that the Groverland family is being especially blessed.

IN MEMORIAM

Rollie M. Closson, an ordained Unity minister since 1967, recently made his transition. Rollie first received recognition as a licensed teacher in September, 1965 and taught in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Following his ordination in 1967, he continued to serve in Windsor until his retirement.

We know each member of the AUC joins in blessing Rollie as he continues in his eternal, spiritual ongoing.

SMRS GRADUATION AND ORDINATION SERVICE AT UNITY VILLAGE

On Friday evening, August 13, 1976, thirty-four students were graduated by our School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and received either Ordination or Licensed Minister recognition from the Association of Unity Churches. The service was conducted in the Activities Center at Unity Village.

The Presentation of SMRS diplomas was made by **William L. Fischer**, Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC. **Joyce Kramer**, President of the AUC, officiated during the ordina-

tion portion of the program and was the main speaker. **Robert P. Sikking**, Executive Director of the AUC, gave the invocation.

Special blessing for the newly ordained and licensed ministers, and the benediction was led by **James Dillet Freeman**, Director of Silent Unity. Speaking as a representative of the graduating class was **Jim Rosemergy** of New Orleans, Louisiana. The soloist for the graduation and ordination service was **Dave Seibert**.



The August 1976 graduates (names in bold type) and their placement locations are: seated, left to right, **Nancy Taylor**, awaiting placement; **Marina Sandoval**, Tampa, Florida; **Pearl Davis**, Spokane, Washington; **Nita Buckley**, Medford, Oregon; **Carolyn Pryor** (Licensed Minister), Haigerlock, Germany; **Shirley Byrns** (Licensed Minister), awaiting placement; **Marilou Smith**, Shreveport, Louisiana; **Barry Knowles**, Houston, Texas.

Second row seated, left to right, Joyce Kramer, President of the AUC; **Connie McCarty**, Editorial Department, Unity Village, Missouri; **Thelma Hembroff**, Vallejo, California; **Sue Kelly**, Detroit, Michigan; **Jo Harris**, awaiting placement; **Adrienne Thomas**, awaiting placement; **Susan Downs**, Kansas City, Missouri; **Becky Clark**, Roanoke, Virginia; **Rosita Friedman**, awaiting

placement; **Edie Skalitzky**, Lemay, Missouri; William L. Fischer, Director of Ministerial Education for the AUC.

Third row standing, left to right, **John Strickland**, Santa Rosa, California; **Brendan O'Keefe**, Atlanta, Georgia; **John Salunek**, awaiting placement; **Roger Tiffany**, Joplin, Missouri; **Bob Barth**, McAllen, Texas; **Frank Koehler**, Detroit, Michigan; **Jack Groverland**, San Angelo, Texas; **Howard Caesar**, Olympia, Washington; **Don Clark**, Minneapolis, Minnesota; **Phil Smedstad**, New Port Richey, Florida; **Michael Cahall**, Jacksonville, Florida; **Floyd Howard**, Toronto, Ont., Canada; **Jim Peterson**, Tacoma, Washington; **Jim Rosemergy**, Raleigh, North Carolina; **Glenn Robinson** (Licensed Teacher); **David King**, Melbourne, Florida; and **Tom Witherspoon**, awaiting placement.

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 1977 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.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIAL

The new Sunday School material is now available through the Order Department of the AUC. The material begins with Year 2, Quarter 1 and each quarter must be re-ordered as the AUC has no subscription plan. All orders for Year 2, Quarter 2, which begins December 1, 1976, should be placed by November 10, 1976. Teacher's guides may be purchased for \$3.50 while student's take-home lessons are \$1.10. Please specify whether you wish to order the take-home lessons. New order blanks are now available through the AUC office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1976

- 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
- †Oct. 25-29 AUC Executive Committees meetings, Unity Village, Mo.
- 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.

1977

- †Jan. 17-18 AUC Mid-Year Council of Committees meetings, Unity Village, Mo.
- †Jan. 19-21 AUC Board of Trustees meetings, Unity Village, Mo.
- April 11-14 South Central Unity Churches Association (SCUCA) Regional Conference, Houston, Texas, hosted by Unity of Houston
- April 12 Post Graduate Program on "Prosperity," Houston, Tex.
- †June 12-17 AUC Pre-Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- †June 19-23 AUC Ministers/Teachers Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- †August 7-12 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- †August 15-18 YAU Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

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Idea Exchange

"INSPIRATION BREAK" CARD

Unity of Independence, Missouri, utilizes a very artistic and colorful card (reproduced at left in black and white), as a handout item to promote the ministry's recorded inspirational messages.

George and Marilyn Rieger, co-ministers of Unity of Independence, report that the cards, which are printed in blue type on white grained cardstock, are sent out with the monthly bulletins or may be obtained at the ministry after the Sunday service.

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

The cards have been instrumental in increasing the number of telephone calls to the ministry's recorded message.