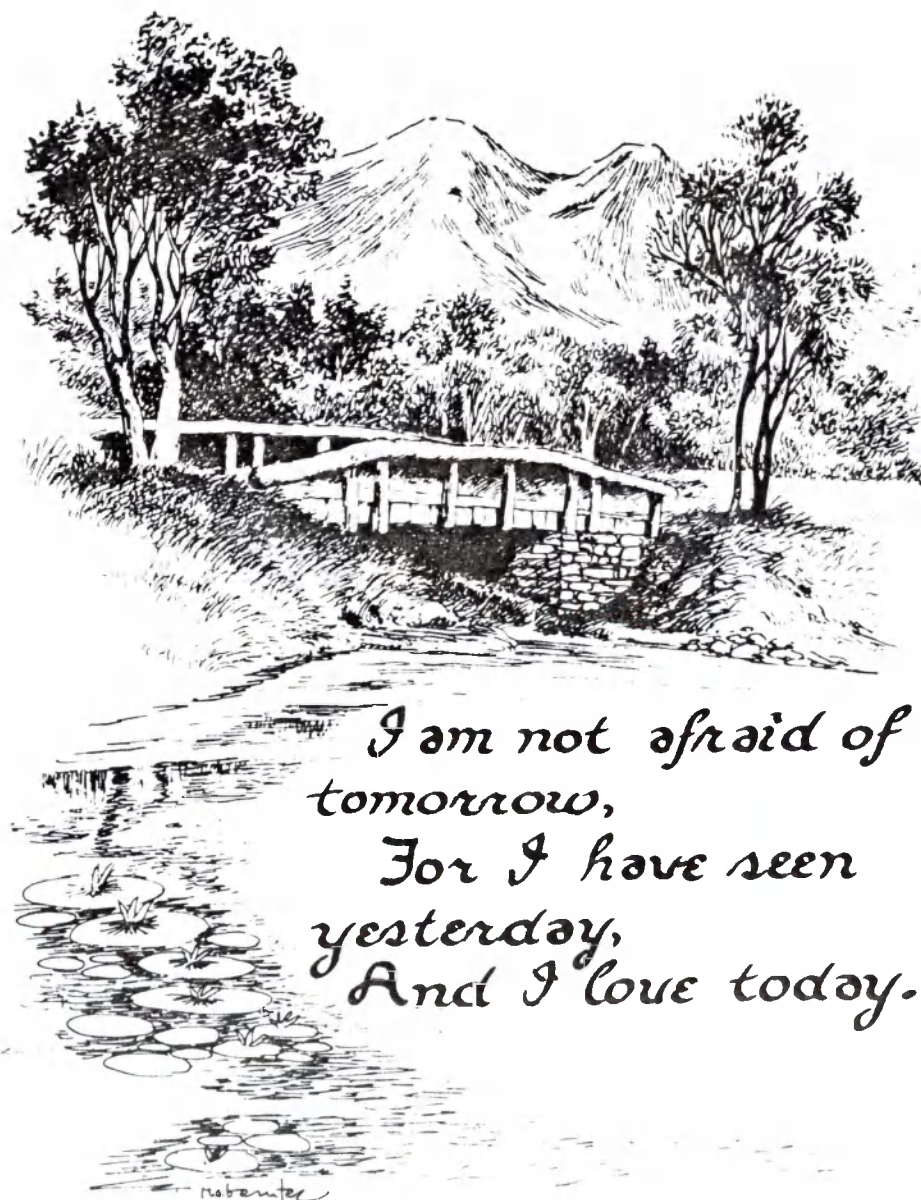


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## AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friend,

To continue with thoughts from last month's letter, let us consider some possible deterrents to the advancement and effectiveness of Unity through its churches. The following observations have come from various sources:

**1. Poor Quality Work.** Letters, newsletters and various printed material either creates a good impression or a poor one. Misspelled words, indistinct printing, cheap paper, and the general careless appearance of anything mailed out may turn people off since these things are in conflict with our Truth teachings.

A high standard of excellence should be sought and maintained by those who act as "spokesmen" for Unity teachings. Poorly structured and disorganized presentation of material inhibits the learning process.

**2. Resistance to Retirement.** Ministers often hold on to their churches after they are past the point of effectiveness. Even though this may not seem to be compatible with the Truth that we teach, some ministers experience a definite waning of capacity whether physical, mental and/or emotional. This is a fact.

When a ministry is deteriorating as indicated by a drop in attendance, a lessening of activities and a decreasing income, this is a problem that should be given serious consideration by the minister.

**3. Churches are Minister-Oriented.** A



Joyce Kramer

complaint indicates that we appear more concerned with "benefits" to the minister than we are with service to the congregation. Because of our uniqueness, and our compelling desire for autonomy, congregations have suffered and continue to suffer from gross mediocrity, incompetence and unethical behavior on the part of their ministers. Unpleasant though this observation seems, such problems do exist.

**4. Smallness of Vision.** Do we as ministers and teachers see our Unity teachings as a dynamic, powerful good in our world that can directly influence the lives of thousands in a powerful, positive way?

Do we see our individual churches assuming a strong, stable and influential role in our communities? Do we see ourselves as leaders in the progressive movement of the religious world? If we are to be able to meet the needs of our time, I believe that it will be necessary for us to give serious thought and prayer attention to expanding our vision regarding our role in the world today.

**5. Promotion of Activities that Conflict with our Teachings.** As we all know, many people have found Unity churches a very lucrative field through which to promote themselves. Along with good, stable people, there are the charlatans and egotists. There are those whose actions and activities do not encourage reliance upon the Christ within. Do we promote people and things that actually distract from the purity and effectiveness of our Christ teachings? Could this be why in some instances the community has a very poor, even distorted, picture of Unity?

These five points may be having much more effect upon our movement as a whole than we are aware. We are truly one in Spirit and the wholesome, effective church is a blessing to each of us.

Thank you for being an active part of the greatest spiritual movement on earth at this time.

Sincerely,

*Joyce Kramer*



## REGIONAL NEWS

Marlowe Kline reporting for the EASTERN REGION:

PORTLAND, MAINE — Great things are happening at Unity Church of Truth, where **Richard Dawson** serves as minister. In order to accommodate the expanding ministry, a mini-bus was  
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Unity Church of Truth's mini-bus with driver Ann Clark, church secretary, and son, Bryan.



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purchased. According to Richard, "Everyone here loves the bus and they are quite proud of it. We have two services on Sunday and the place is packed. The expansion committee is looking into the possibility of having Sunday services in one of the downtown hotels."

ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY — **J. Christian Morgan**, minister of Christ Church Unity, has been made an advisor to the Lifers' Group at Rahway Penitentiary. The Lifers' Group is composed of 45 men serving life sentences and some waiting on death row. "The aim of the group is to help juvenile offenders see there is no life in prison," said Chris. "Juveniles come and talk to the lifers and in turn, the lifer tries to tell the juvenile that prison is not the glamour life it is made up to be." Chris and his wife, **Joan**, were recent guests at the first banquet ever held within the prison walls for the lifers and their families.

Christ Church Unity has also been busy raising the prosperity consciousness of the people in its congregation. According to Chris, "one hundred brand new \$5.00 bills were passed out to any member of the congregation who wished to participate. Each recipient was asked to go out and try to increase the \$5.00 in any way possible. A time limit of 60 days was set to return the \$5.00 either decreased, stagnant, or increased, and a total of \$2,430 was raised. This prosperity program wasn't to raise money for the church, but to prove that the recent recession in the New York-New Jersey area was only in the consciousness of the people. We found there was no recession at Christ Church Unity." The prosperity program received extensive coverage by the newspaper media.



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

RENO, NEVADA — Unity of Reno, where **Carlton** and **Jacklyn Buboltz** serve as ministers, sponsored a Sierra Retreat September 17-19 at the Lake

Tahoe Resort in Nevada. The theme of the retreat was "Re-creation of the Whole Man."

According to Carl and Jackie, "the retreat was meant to be a time of relaxation and enjoyment. This was a rather unique retreat in that the idea was to provide persons with the opportunity to get away from routine experiences and to be lifted to a new consciousness or awareness of the beauty and wonder of God. Everyone was encouraged to participate and take advantage of the swimming, golfing, tennis, suana, and horseback riding."

Featured guest speaker for the retreat was **Sue Sikking**, minister of Unity-By-The-Sea in Santa Monica, California. Musical selections were provided by the talented **Charles King**.

"The enthusiasm generated by the retreat was fantastic," said Carl and Jackie. "We had a capacity crowd and all in all, the retreat was highly successful."

Following breakfast Sunday morning, those wishing to drive to Reno were invited to join in the dedication of the first building in the new complex of Unity of Reno.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

*Let us hear from you about your church events to report in CONTACT.*



**James C. Lewis** reporting for the SOUTH CENTRAL REGION:

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS — Unity Church of Little Rock, served by **Donald Bould**, minister, recently hosted a spiritual seminar given by **Sadhu Balwant S. Grewal**, teacher, author, and lecturer from India. A series of seven lectures was given and featured such topics as healing, ESP, and yoga. Sadhu was also a guest speaker at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service at the church where he spoke on reincarnation. "Sadhu Balwant S. Grewal was well received," said Don. "He was able to present his message in a very positive way

and really emphasized the Unity message."

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS — Unity Church of San Antonio, where **Norman Olsson** serves as minister, recently presented a two evening seminar with **Dr. Marcus Bach** as guest lecturer. The theme of the seminar was "Living in a Larger Context."

Topics for the highly successful seminar were based on how to better integrate self in the oneness of physical, mental, spiritual unity. "Approximately 120 people attended both evening sessions and book sales zoomed," said Norman. "In addition, Dr. Bach was a guest on radio station WOAI where he was interviewed on the "Morning Magazine Program." Dr. Bach was also a guest speaker at the Sunday morning worship service.



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

JAMAICA, WEST INDIES — Unity of Jamaica is in the process of planning for a "Unity Caribblue Retreat" announced **Goody Goodison-Orr**, minister. "We plan to have the retreat at the fabulous Inter-Continental Hotel, Ocho Rios, on the north coast of the island," said Goodi. Tentative dates for the retreat are April 26 through May 1, 1977, and tentative rates, in U.S. currency, per room include \$28 for a single, \$35 for a double, and \$45 for a triple with a room tax of 15%.

If it would be possible for you and/or members of your congregation to attend, we know that it would be a marvelous experience that you would treasure always.

BARBADOS, WEST INDIES — Unity of Barbados is making steady progress with its study programs, according to **Emerson Brathwaite**, minister. "We are focusing more on the study group process and not on any church organization," said Emerson. "I feel that before a church organization is developed, there is a need for spiritual education. So, the focus is on class participation on Truth principles. Students are thus encouraged to intern-

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alize and demonstrate the Truth they know and experience."

In addition to Truth discussion groups, Emerson is engaged in other human potential programs. Recently, at the request of the Ministry of Health in Barbados, Emerson conducted a transactional analysis workshop for the nurses of the District Hospital.

The four courses of the workshop were comprised of afternoon sessions of two to three hours each for a total of sixty hours.

Emerson also participated as a resource person for the First Hotel Employers Off-Season Training Course. He has also found time to hold rap sessions with schools and youth clubs.



Emerson Brathwaite (seated in center) and nurses of Barbados District Hospital.

### PUBLICITY DEADLINE

*We need your reports and newsletters by the first of the month to include in the next issue of CONTACT.*

### SMRS 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, SMRS, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.**

## OVERSEAS REPORT

By Foster C. McClellan

Unity of Australia Headquarters is located in Brisbane, capital of Queensland. Unity of Australia functions as a miniature Unity School, containing a Silent Unity Department which cherishes the "lighted globe" presented by **May Rowland** in 1968; a Daily Word department distributing this magazine to subscribers in Australia and arranging for its consignment to Unity in New Zealand. It also imports a vast selection of Unity literature for sale and distribution, keeping ahead of the demand of its many readers. All Groups and Ministries are kept informed of each other's activities by this "mother" group, and the smaller study groups in far-away states are assisted with seminars and retreats held regularly. This central office co-ordinates the overall work of Unity in Australia. A Board of Directors with representation from each state, meets annually to guide the activities and promote the furthering of the Unity of Australia. The President is **Mrs. Mary Roberts**, and other workers are **Joy Graham, Annie Spencer, Joy Stewart, Midge Berkman**; with part-time workers, **Joan Whiting** and **Maisie Shepherd**. **Bill Graham** does much to assist as does **James Ruller**.

Unity of Queensland works in close cooperation with Unity Headquarters, sharing the same offices in a central position in the city. The **Reverend Midge Berkman**, its minister, reports a steady growth in Unity activities; daytime and evening classes on Mondays and Wednesdays; Sunday Services and a Sunday School that is growing! A second group meets at Queensland's well-known Gold Coast, mecca of tourists from all over Australia; great enthusiasm and support here is encouraging.

Sydney, New South Wales, has a busy ministry under the leadership of the **Reverend Elva Holcombe**; with a strong, willing and capable Council helping her, Elva's ministry is meeting the needs of those who follow the Unity way of life in this colorful and historic city. Many overseas visitors find a warm welcome awaiting at this first port-of-call in Australia. At Unity School right now in training is **Ngairé Thomson** who comes from Sydney and who will play a special part in the developing work of Unity.

In Melbourne, Victoria, Unity is in the flow of the growing ecumenical movement. Unity meets in the Methodist Church at Camberwell and the Director,

**Hugh Wilson**, devotes full time to the work of the Unity Centre. Classes, Sunday meetings, counselling, and prayer activity make this a busy hub of Unity's outreach in Victoria. Melbourne is the home of **Graeme** and **Pam Johnson** who have been at Unity Village with their three small sons for the last 18 months. Graeme will return to Australia upon graduation to play his part in the promotion of Unity and its aims and ideals.

Tasmania is gathering its forces to commence meeting as a Unity Group in Hobart.

Unity in Adelaide continues to consolidate and grow with **Beth Whitters** leading the group. Presently studying at Unity School is **Bill Newsom**, originally from San Diego who spent some time with the Peace Corps in South East Asia and then married and settled in Adelaide. Bill, too, will become part of the Unity of Australia work after his graduation and ordination.

There are many keen students of the Unity way of life in Western Australia; however, great distances preclude their frequent meeting. The Unity Group of Perth meets regularly and serves as centre of faith and prayer for those in outer areas. **Miss Nancy Ashton** leads the group and works in close cooperation with Unity of Australia in sharing tapes for distribution, as well as leading group discussion and handling subscription and literature orders.

Several thousand miles across the Tasman Sea in New Zealand, a dedicated team of workers handle the distribution of Daily Word in that country. In Auckland, prayer requests, literature orders, and subscriptions are taken care of by **Claire Bunting**, who works in close cooperation with **Herbert Cavit** in the administration of Unity in New Zealand. The great level of interest and enthusiasm is sustained in both Islands through the extra effort which each member of the staff lovingly shares. Unity of New Zealand is growing in a wonderful way, and plans are in hand for training New Zealanders for the work of Unity in that country.

It is great to know about this wonderful work in so many areas of the world. I know as you read this you will feel very close indeed to our many friends and co-workers in far away Australia and New Zealand. And they will feel your prayers and blessings.



## 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

During the first week in October, **Bob Sikking** gave a series of lectures in the Outreach ministries of central and northern Illinois. Bob conducted lectures in **Quincy, Oak Brook, Joliet, and Crystal Lake**. In addition, he and I conducted a seminar at Unity Church of Chicago and he and **Edd Dawson** presented a Sunday

Worship Service at Unity in the Valley in St. Charles.

Over 200 new families expressed interest in these ministries during Bob's visits and our existing core of participants were equally enthusiastic.

**Unity in the Valley** received 31 members at its first membership Sunday and Spiritual baptism. The ministry presented its charter to the new members and it was unanimously approved. Further discussion during the meeting revolved around the purchasing of a permanent facility in the area. Charter membership applications are being accepted throughout their first year of operation. The group plans to present its application for full membership in the AUC to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees at the end of October.

Requests for Outreach assistance or information have been received from several newly forming ministries in the following communities: **Wyandotte and Battle Creek, Michigan; Vallejo, California; South Bend and Terre Haute, Indiana; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Huntsville, Alabama; and Champaign, Illinois.**

Naturally most of these groups are only seeking information to help develop their ministries, however, some are requesting other support as well. As you would presume, our greatest services for such new ministries are advice and the possible special announcement of their new thrust to Unity students in their area. If you have a request for Outreach support, simply address it to me at the above address and send a copy to **Dorothy Pierson**, Chairperson of the New Ministries Development Committee, and **Stan Hampson**, Field Services Coordinator. We then will get right to work on it for you.



"Let Us Give Thanks

Unto The Lord"

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## WHO'S WHO IN AUC

This month in our Association's monthly newsletter we are pleased to honor two more of our ministers who serve as Regional Representatives on the AUC Board of Trustees.



**Robert E. Barth**  
Northwest Region

**Robert E. Barth** is a graduate of Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and was ordained by the Association of Unity Churches in 1972. Since his ordination, he has served as minister of the Bremerton Unity Center in Bremerton, Washington.

Prior to entering the ministry, Bob served as a sales representative in the Spokane, Washington, area. While a student minister, Bob was the student body Vice-President and also served as manager of the Student Gift Shop.

Bob is married. His wife, **Vesta**, is also a Unity student and serves as a licensed teacher for the ministry. The Barths have three children, the eldest of which is a Unity minister in McAllen, Texas.

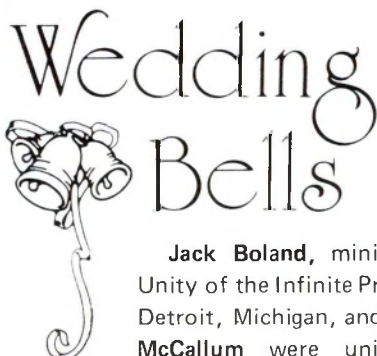


**Jack Boland**  
Great Lakes Region

**Jack Boland**, minister of Unity of the Infinite Presence, Detroit, Michigan, was ordained as a Unity minister in 1972. Jack accepted his present assignment in 1972 after serving as associate minister at the Unity Church of Dallas.

Prior to entering the Unity ministry, Jack pursued a career in sales and management and also received ordination as a Divine Science minister. He directed the sales, advertising, and public relations programs of a large corporation and had an identity as a public speaker somewhat in demand on the national level.

Jack is married and has three sons. A warm, personable man who expresses great love, he states "Above all men I feel most blessed--to be able to do the work my heart has always longed for. I love being a Unity minister."



**Jack Boland**, minister of Unity of the Infinite Presence, Detroit, Michigan, and **Karen McCallum** were united in matrimony on June 27, 1976. The wedding ceremony was conducted at the church by **Wes Wallin**, minister of Unity

of Greater Lansing, Michigan. Following the ceremony, a lovely reception was held.

We know each member of the AUC joins in sending best wishes to Jack and Karen.



**V. Michael Murphy** and **Julie Kay Knight** were married on September 19, 1976. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Unity Church of Hawaii, where Michael serves as minister. Our blessings flow forth to Michael and Julie.

## Clearinghouse

**Request** — Unity of Atlanta, served by **Robert Means**, minister, is sponsoring and supporting an outreach program to establish new ministries in Augusta, Georgia, and Athens, Georgia. In order to help establish these new ministries, Bob has requested that any duplicate Truth books, pamphlets or materials be sent to **Brendan O'Keefe**, associate minister. His address is: **Unity Church of Christianity, 1215 Ponce de Leon NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30306.**

**Request** — Unity School Library is seeking Volume 4 of **THOUGHT**, forerunner of **UNITY Magazine**. The dates of this volume are April, 1892 through March, 1893. A copy of this volume on loan for the purpose of photocopying would also be satisfactory. This request is of an urgent nature as they have only the May, July, and December issues of this volume. If you have one that could be given to or purchased by the library, please advise **Harold Whaley, Library Director of Unity School.**

**Request** — **Dana Voght**, who is pioneering a Unity work in Huntsville, Alabama, is establishing a library and would appreciate donations of books. Address your response to: **Rose M. Eskridge, 2507-J Tollgate Rd., S.E., Huntsville, Alabama 35801.**



## OPENING FOR A UNITY LICENSED TEACHER

The AUC office has been advised by **Wes Wallin** that Unity of Greater Lansing has an opening for a licensed teacher.

**Wes**, minister of this progressive Unity work, states that the ministry is open and receptive to any person who would be interested in serving the church.

Those interested are invited to contact **Wes** directly regarding additional details, job description, and salary. The address for Unity of Greater Lansing is: **240 Marshall Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912, telephone area 517-371-3010.**



## PERSON TO PERSON

with  
bob sikking



As a service organization the AUC has developed many ways to render service to its members. One of the outstanding services that we have been able to provide has been that of interim leadership.

In September, 1969, **Marion Brown** tendered her resignation as minister in Bremerton, Wash., after twenty years of outstanding, successful, stable leadership. By January 1, 1970, Marion had become the first interim minister for AUC.

Interim leadership should be understood to be something different from substitute leadership. Down through the years of our Movement, many of your ministers, associate ministers, retired or semi-retired ministers have done substitute work. Interim leadership work involves a very unique and special healing ministry for a troubled work. Marion has

served in ministries all over the U.S. for anything from two to six months at a time. In each instance, she has brought a remarkable consciousness of love and faith and stability and her efforts can be seen as being responsible for the actual saving of a number of our ministries.

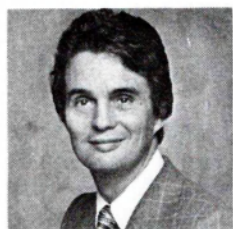
As of September, 30, 1976, Marion has resigned her responsibilities in this area. In the nearly seven years, Marion has spent precious little time in her home in Bremerton or in her new home in San Diego as she has fulfilled her responsibilities. There are very unique challenges to living out of a suitcase, and Marion has always handled those challenges with grace, patience, and loveliness. While expressing appreciation for her good efforts, we need to be thankful, too, of the great spirit of cooperation that Marion's husband, **Earl**, has demonstrated in being left to "mind the store" or pick up and travel halfway across the country with Marion.

Marion is now teaching for **Jay Dishman** and **Bob Stevens** in San Diego and will be available for guest speaking or teaching assignments in the area at the invitation of our ministries there. We know that she will bring a very special blessing to our Unity friends in San Diego and I hope that all of us, but especially those of us

who have been blessed by her great ministry in interim leadership, can extend individually and personally our blessings and our love to her.

**Mary Stovin** tendered her resignation as minister of Unity Center of Tacoma as of August 31, 1976. Mary has now made herself available for interim leadership work through the AUC. I know that Spirit will direct those places in which she can serve similarly to that good service rendered by Marion. I hope that all of us will be open and receptive in our prayer consciousness to be supportive of Mary as she launches out in this new phase of our work.

We need your assistance in helping all of us in the Unity Movement to understand and to be reminded again of our understanding that the AUC is a service organization. We seek, and hopefully will continue to be, of increasing service to our ministers and ministries whether we happen to be an Executive Director, a Director of Ministerial Education, a field liaison representative, or an interim minister. Our greatest strength as a Movement is that the only bondage which links us soul to soul, minister to minister, ministry to ministry, is a common love of the Truth message and of mutual respect for one another. That's a great basis.



**Stan Hampson**  
Field Services Coordinator

## "ACTIVITY OF SPIRIT"

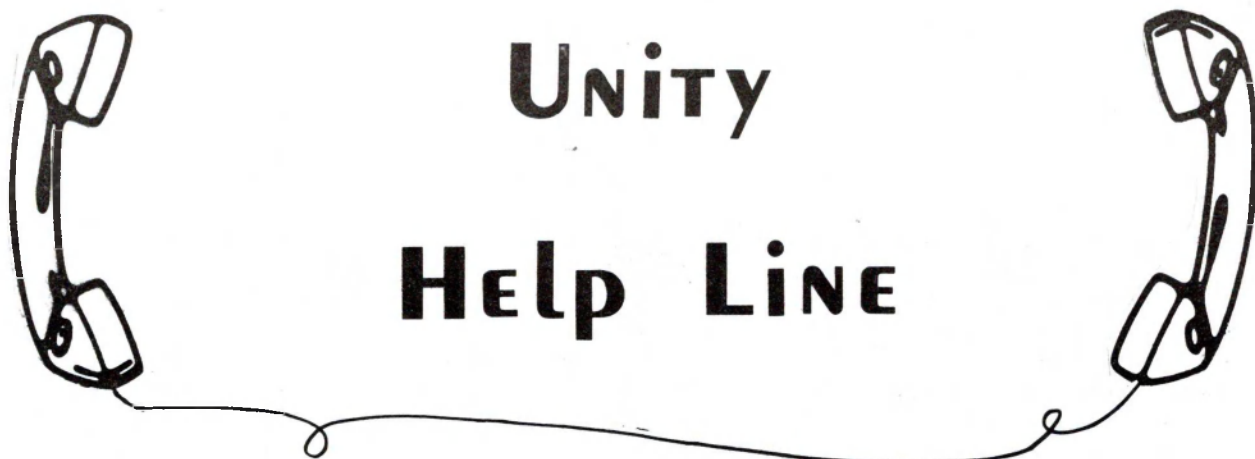
**Marion Brown** told me recently that one of the things she was most aware of during her seven years doing interim work, was that Boards had no experience in interviewing and hiring a minister. I asked Marion to share with us, out of the wealth of her experience, specific questions for a Board to ask a minister. As you can see, the questions could easily be turned around for a minister to ask a Board. Either way, they do provide valuable points of reference for a Board and minister to consider in sharing with each other the possibility of their becoming affiliated as a minister and Board in the future. Here are Marion's suggestions for a Board when interviewing ministers:

1. Meet with the minister in a friendly and informal way, maybe over lunch or dinner, to get acquainted. Then later, interview the minister in depth.
2. The Board should discuss ahead of time what type of program their congregation wants: (a) Unity oriented with the Unity teachings stressed, more the spiritual approach with a devotional Sunday service; (b) the more metaphysical, intellectual, or lecture type approach, and (c) a presentation that incorporates other teachings and methods, bio-feedback, etc.
3. Does the minister teach classes?
4. Will he make hospital and sick calls?
5. What is the minister's attitude toward youth education?
6. His attitude toward men's and women's groups and social activities?
7. Does the minister stress prayer and healing?
8. The Board should know what they can do financially before meeting with the minister and be ready to discuss the finances of the church in a candid way.
9. Most important, what do they, as a Board and a church, have to offer the

minister? What are they ready to do for their minister?

I'm sure Marion would be the first to agree that these questions are a beginning. There are many more that any individual could add, but to my knowledge we have never before presented a list of possible questions to consider in determining what a church really wants, what kind of ministry they are prepared to have, and what kind of minister they are seeking. Those of you who are ministers may well want to keep this list of nine points to consider in sharing with a Board at any placement activity in your life. Those of you who read CONTACT and are active in a center or are on a Board may well want to refer to these questions in the future at any such time as you are considering succession of leadership.

We know that placement is the activity of Spirit. Our prayers and consciousness draw us to our right place and the prayers of any particular congregation draw to them their appropriate minister. But certainly as we find ways to facilitate the activity of Spirit, we can do so in joy and in faith.



In the Help Line Room, Sharon was instantly alert as she heard the crisis line ring. Glancing at the clock, she picked up the receiver and spoke into it in a gentle voice: "Unity Help Line." She listened to the frantic woman's voice for a moment and quickly realized that she was crying, she waited for a pause in the woman's tale, then spoke in a compassionate tone, "It sounds as though you're really upset by all this." She listened a few more moments, then spoke again, "You must be very confused." These simple statements calmed the caller considerably and she continued her story in a more subdued manner. The characters in this account are fictional but representative in certain ways of the callers and volunteers of Unity Help Line.

Unity Help Line is a service of the Counseling & Resource Center of Unity School of Christianity. It was initiated in April, 1976, and offers telephone counseling sixteen hours a day, seven days a week. It is manned by volunteers who have a good understanding of Unity principles and experience in affirmative prayer. They have been trained in telephone counseling techniques by **John Salunek**, a certified crisis intervention counselor who was ordained a Unity minister this past August. This combination of skills enables the volunteer to handle virtually any type of call he receives, from a suicide attempt to a question about Unity teachings. When the volunteer picks up the phone, he has no idea what the call will be concerned with: sex, alcoholism, drug use, marriage, financial difficulties, family, or religion. No matter what questions arise during his shift, the volunteer has committed himself to try to help, to the best of his ability, whoever calls, with whatever type of problem he might have.

Unity Help Line is Unity in action. Its constant goal is to hold to the Truth that God is present and working for the highest good in all situations. The Help Line volunteer strives to help a caller find the course of action that is best for him. He does not try to argue with or convince the caller of any particular teaching. He meets the caller where he is as much as

possible and speaks a language the caller can understand. Whereas a Unity person would easily understand the term Christ within, one without a Unity background might not; to him, the volunteer might speak of inner potential. To someone who might object to the concept of "divine love," the volunteer might speak of people helping people and working together. To someone who felt that God has deserted him, he might say, "I know you feel lost, but I'll be your friend."

In its first four months of operation, Unity Help Line handled over 1800 calls of various types (excluding hang-ups and wrong numbers). The highest number of calls received on any given day was 35, and the length of call ranged from one to 240 minutes. The average call handled was 17.5 minutes in length. During this period, 53% of the callers were male and 47% female. The average age of the male caller was 26 years; the average woman's age was 44. More than two calls a day dealt with suicidal individuals. Unity Help Line received roughly one long-distance call per day. Most calls were received in the late evening (8 p.m.-midnight) and early afternoon (noon-4 p.m.) hours. Some callers called only once; others called periodically over the course of several weeks until the worst of their difficulties had been worked through.

The solution to most Help Line calls can be found by the caller and volunteer working together, but in some cases it is necessary and appropriate to refer the caller to another resource. This may be the Unity Counseling and Resource Center, the local mental health center, a hospital, a church, or any one of the hundreds of social agencies in the Kansas City area. If appropriate, a long-distance caller may be referred to the Unity ministry in his area.

Think about it. For sixteen hours a day, every day, there is a caring, concerned, highly trained Unity person waiting for the phone to ring. He is waiting to offer himself and all his inner and outer resources to help anyone who calls find his own right answers. There is always someone there to meet each need as it arises--to listen, to care, to help.



## DECEMBER 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 December.

### December

1	Dotti Hannah
3	Edna LeSage
4	Jean Grover
6	Elsie M. Eckert† Dennis Neagle* Wilma Williams Mary Zuliana
7	Mildred Tyler
8	Mae Davis Francisca Mendez
9	Pearl Davis Aldwyn Jacques* Maria Molinary
10	R. James Heinecamp Nell Jones Rebecca Lindenmeyer Mary Ellen Swartz
11	Jack Barker Jack Kern Viola Ransford

### December

12	Jack Clemenson
13	Alma Redfern Berry Nicholas Griffin Mildred Purdue
14	Mary Stovin
15	Marilyn Blessing* Geneva Seivertson Mark Smith Ross Tucker*
16	Carol Knox Amalie Frank
17	Dorothy Armstrong Richard Dawson Josephine Kuipers
18	Ross Goodman
19	Marlene Wolford*
20	Jean Stewart
21	William Modes* Robert Wasner
22	Robert H. Marshall
23	Thelma Bean Conchita Melendez Harriet TenBrook
24	Florence Kellogg Mamie Spencer

### December

25	Jean Beggs Becky Clark
26	Louis Molinary Charles Gingerich Harold Irving Clair Rank
27	Dorothy Dietz
28	Crichton Aspinall
29	Ruth Holden Marilyn Rieger Carol Whipple
30	Gary Jones Charlene Linnell
31	Beatrice Copeland* Olga R. DeSanchez Ida Holden Helen Jantsch Marguerite Meyer Mollie Nirk Norma M. Ross Wallace Tooke

† Minister Emeritus

\* SMRS Student Minister

## ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Fund Operation Six Months Ended 9/30/76

	Aug.	Sept.	Year to Date
<b>INCOME—OPERATIONS:</b>			
Love Offerings	\$25,582.27	\$27,053.52	\$168,848.92
Other Income	3,477.34	3,514.52	16,965.05
	29,059.61	30,568.04	185,813.97
Less: Tithe Transfer	2,558.23	2,705.35	16,884.89
Gross Profit Materials	3,303.57	4,585.11	10,714.17
Total Income	29,804.95	32,447.80	179,643.25
<b>EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:</b>			
General Office	21,918.55	26,401.30	151,257.10
Education Department	9,403.97	9,788.74	58,006.43
Total Expenses	31,322.52	36,190.04	209,263.53
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b>	<u>\$(1,517.57)</u>	<u>\$(3,742.24)</u>	<u>\$(29,620.28)</u>

## IN MEMORIAM

On August 10, 1976, our beloved **Mary Brown** made her transition. She pioneered our Unity Sunday School ideas and material and while all of us are indebted to her, many of us studied and taught under her direction. For many years, Mary worked in what was formerly called the "Field Department" and was Director of the Sunday School Department. She was also Director of Education and Superintendent of the Unity Village Chapel Sunday School until her retirement in 1973.

As Director of the Sunday School, Mary traveled to many of the Unity ministries throughout the United States and Canada. She demonstrated the Sunday School material using teaching methods and material (much of which she developed such as the flannel and story board).

We know each member of the AUC joins in thought and prayer as we bless Mary in her spiritual ongoing.



# PLACEMENT

Placement occurs by virtue of the activity of Spirit in keeping with the consciousness of those concerned. The Placement Committee consists of **V. Stanford Hampson**, Chairman; **William L.**

**Fischer, James Dillet Freeman, Frank Giudici, Martha Giudici, J. Sig Paulson, Jane Paulson, Edward Rabel, Robert P. Sikking, Philip White, and Paul Barrett.** Any Unity minister who is guided to express an interest in serving in any particular ministry should make application to the Placement Committee.

## LOCATION

## MINISTRY

Albuquerque, N. Mex.	Unity Center
Arlington, Tex.	New ministry
Bozeman, Montana	New ministry
Bridgeport, Conn.	Returning ministry
Brookline, Mass.	Christ Church Unity
Butte, Montana	Butte Unity Truth Center
Chattanooga, Tenn.	Unity Center of Practical Christianity
Chicago, Ill.	New ministry
Columbus, Ohio	Unity Church of Christianity
Denver, Colo.	Unity of Denver
Fort Worth, Tex.	Unity Church of Fort Worth
Harrisburg, Pa.	New ministry
Indianapolis, Ind.	Unity Truth Center
Livingston, Montana	New ministry
Philadelphia, Pa.	Unity Church of Christ
San Gabriel, Calif.	Unity Church of San Gabriel
Wichita, Kansas	Unity Church of Wichita

## PLACEMENT STATUS

**James Morgan**, former associate minister in Denver, Colorado, accepted as minister.

Open for development.

Open for development.

Open for development.

Opening for an associate minister.

Open

Open

Open — New outreach ministry.

Open —

**Gerald and Nancy Taylor** accepted as associate ministers to develop new ministries. Gerald served as associate minister in Kansas City, Missouri, while Nancy is a 1976 SMRS graduate and ordinand.

Opening for an associate minister.

Open for development.

Opening for an associate minister for development of Yorktown

Open for development.

Open

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

**William Cameron**, former minister in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, accepted as minister.

# Idea Exchange

**John Tant**, minister of Unity Center of Christianity in Baltimore, Maryland, has shared with the AUC office verses, which

he wrote, that may be added or used in place of the original words to the very popular song, Amazing Grace.

## AMAZING GRACE

Praise God, in whom we live, and breath,  
For wisdom, life, and love,  
Praise God, for all his blessing now,  
Praise Him, The Word, of Truth.

Thy Word, we believe, is Holy Power  
Now works, and heals, in me.  
I am filled with joy; I live the Truth,  
Praise God, His Word, sets free.

I believe, in Thee, the spoken word,  
In paths restores, reveals,  
and so, I seek, the Path that frees,  
Praise God, I walk in Light.

My mind, my heart, my all in all,  
I give in love to Thee  
Your Heart, Your Love, returns to me,  
Praise God, we are One, Amen.



## SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The second year class in Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies is comprised of twenty-four students. In the August/September issue of our Association's newsletter the five student body officers for the 1976-77 school year were introduced to you. This month we wish to introduce four other members of the second year class. Other second year ministerial students will be featured in the forthcoming issues of CONTACT.



Second year ministerial students (left to right): Gerald Melin, David Drew, Marilyn Witherspoon, and Graeme Johnson.

**Gerald Melin** entered SMRS from San Jose, California, where he was active in Christ Church Unity. He assisted in planning the Sunday School teacher training seminar program for the AUC. He received his Bachelor of Arts in English from San Jose State College. While an SMRS student, Gerry has been employed by

Unity School in the Radio and Television Department. Gerry has recently been appointed producer of a new half hour Sunday sermon program which will soon begin broadcasting. Gerry and his wife, **Linda**, reside in Lee's Summit.

**David Drew** is from St. Petersburg, Florida. Prior to entering SMRS, David was active in our Unity work in Springfield, Illinois, where he served as Youth of Unity Sponsor, and in our Unity work in Columbus, Ohio, where he served as pulpit chairman. David is trained as a television and radio announcer and is employed by a Kansas City radio station as a broadcaster while pursuing his studies in SMRS. In addition, he is also a licensed real estate broker. David contributes a great deal of his time as minister of our outreach group in Jefferson City. He is single.

**Marilyn Witherspoon** is a native of Canada and attended our Unity works in Venice, Florida; Decatur, Illinois; and Independence, Missouri, before entering SMRS. While a student, Marilyn has served as a wedding coordinator and currently is employed by Unity School in the office of the Unity Institute for Continuing Education. In her spare time, Marilyn enjoys traveling, reading, and painting. Marilyn's husband, **Tom**, was ordained a Unity minister this past August and is currently writing a biography of Myrtle Fillmore. The Witherspoons have four children.

A native of Australia, **Graeme Johnson** came to Unity Village from Unity of Melbourne, where he actively participated. Prior to entering SMRS, Graeme served as Chairman of Directors and manager secretary of a city taxi cooperative. Currently, he is leading a study group in Warrensburg, Missouri, speaking with Toastmasters International, and serves as committee chairman of a Cub Scout pack. He is also an assistant hospital Chaplain. Graeme and his wife, **Pam**, are the parents of three sons. They enjoy tennis, camping, and traveling.

## BIT-OF-HUMOR

Unity Church of Richmond, California, served by **Marion Collins**, shared with its congregation the following bit of levity which they published in their September bulletin. We thought you might appreciate it.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 1976

- 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.  
 †March 12-25 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 1, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †March 26—April 8 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 2, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †April 9-15 Easter Retreat, 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.  
 †May 21-27 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †June 4-10 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

- June 12-17 AUC Pre-Conference, Unity Village, Mo.  
 June 19-23 AUC Ministers/Teachers Conference, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †June 25-July 8 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †July 9-22 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 4, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †July 23-29 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †August 6-12 Mid-Season Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 \*August 15-21 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.  
 \*August 25-28 YAU Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †Sept. 3-9 Septemberfest Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †Sept. 17-23 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †Sept. 24-Oct. 7 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †Oct. 8-21 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program—Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †Oct. 22-28 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †Nov. 5-11 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †Nov. 19-25 Thanksgiving Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 †Dec. 21-27 Christmas Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

### † Addition

### \* Revision

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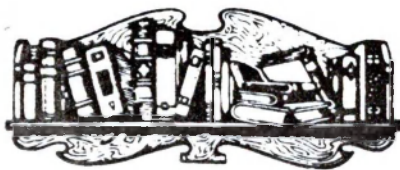
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### Book Rack

Our AUC Book Review Committee has recommended the book Little Red Riding Hood in Jerusalem by Hypatia Hileman Hasbrouck, minister of Unity Church of Living Truth, Overland Park, Kansas.

The Committee reports: "This is an interesting character study of a mother and her relationship to her daughter. Neither feels free to be herself with the other until the mother resolves her own inner conflicts of who she really is. She comes to understand the people and incidents that molded her into a 'must-please-everyone' and 'afraid-to-say-what-I-think' attitude. After this realization, she is able to honestly relate to her 18 year-old daughter, and vice versa. The story depicts the basic Truth: 'To

thine own self be true.

"The setting is Jerusalem and the unfoldment of characters is interestingly and delightfully presented. Because thoughts as well as audible utterances are included, we are able to see the characters grow and unfold from within."

Little Red Riding Hood in Jerusalem is clothbound, approximately 200 pages and priced to retail at \$6.95. You may order this book either from your local dealer or from the publisher, Vantage Press, New York, New York.