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## AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friend,

Traditionally the Advent Season is known as a time of purification. Purification is a necessary part of the growth process, in an individual and in an organization. This cleansing, healing activity involves the removal of anything that harms, weakens or pollutes the purity of our expression of the Christ truth. What more propitious time of the year to engage ourselves in dedicated prayer for the release of whatever is needful in order that the Christ power be awakened and expressed through our organization, and through each one of its points of expression.

As a result of my activities, I am experiencing some conflicting thoughts and feelings. On the one hand, I am excited and enthusiastic about the deep interest in personal growth and learning on the part of ministers and teachers. There seems to be a surge of desire to share the Truth with more people by finding new avenues through which to serve. Our new youth education material is great and will undoubtedly open the door for spiritual understanding for coming generations. Throughout our movement, there seems to be a renewed commitment to responsibility and integrity.

On the other hand, there are tendencies that I feel troubled about. Because of our love for Truth combined with our desire to be loving, it seems that we resist being objective, often overruled by our not yet purified emotional natures. Objectively, rational considerations and logical thinking is totally compatible with the Truth. This, I believe we need to apply individually and collectively.

There seems to be a reluctance to realize that while created for a spiritual purpose, the Association of Unity Churches is a business organization. The same is true with each individual ministry. Sound, good business structure, practices and procedure should be followed in order to operate effectively. Recently I heard someone say, "We don't want to become too business oriented." If we think that we are not a business, I fear we are suffering from a delusion.

We cannot grow if we continue to feel that we are "just a family." While it is true that we are a family because of



Joyce Kramer

an underlying spiritual bond, we cannot permit ourselves to be restricted and limited as we find most "family" situations. Prejudicial attitudes, biased opinion and limited thinking flow through a movement as easily as they do a family. They are often subtle and unnoticed causing a loss of objectivity because of too much attention to the personalities involved.

The remark has been made that we, as individual leaders, and as an organization are guilty of the "sin of the easy answer." We tend to explain away any negative experience or unpleasant issues that arise. Somewhat like the traditionalist uses the Bible to defend his position, so do we use some truth precept to cover up. When we do go through various experiences of dissension and problems of conflict, it is my prayer that we become willing to look directly and clearly, to see what there is that we should learn before completely dismissing it from our minds.

During this Advent Season, let us pray for the release of whatever is needful in order for us to function at our highest and best. The factors relative to our fulfillment of God's plan and purpose for us will be refined and purified if we are willing to take a firm stand, and pray for a true awakening to the potential power of the message of Truth.

THE ACTIVITY OF GOD'S SPIRIT NOW SURGES THROUGH OUR MOVE-

MENT AS THE CHRIST IS REBORN IN US.

Sincerely,

*Joyce Kramer*



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## REGIONAL NEWS

**Marlowe Kline** reporting for the EASTERN REGION:

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA — The Unity Movement recently received extensive, positive publicity in Lynchburg as the result of a feature story on **Rebecca Clark**, associate minister of Unity of Roanoke Valley, who is also pioneering ministries in the Lynchburg and Christiansburg area.

The article gave special recognition to Rebecca and outlined the history and teachings of Unity as explained by Rebecca.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK — A move to a new location was recently undertaken by Unity Center of Practical Christianity, served by **Eric Butterworth**, minister. "We have been working under the burden of inadequate Sunday facilities for several years now, meanwhile combing the bushes for alternative facilities," said Eric. "Recently, the opportunity opened for us and we have jumped at it, to locate our Sunday meetings in New York's finest hall, Avery Fisher Hall, at Lincoln Center. It is the most prestigious place in the city and we feel it is just the right setting for Unity. We are promoting this change widely through our network of radio broadcasts and plan to return to the one service format, 11:00 a.m." The first Sunday service in the new facility was held November 7.

Along with this change, Unity Center has added a new radio program on the city's most powerful and most listened to station. "We feel that our already vast outreach on radio will be appreciably extended by reaching many more people in the city, and because of the station's 50,000 watt power, we will reach people in much of the eastern part of the U.S.," said Eric. The program is broadcast every Sunday evening at 6:45.

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

TRINIDAD, WEST INDIES—

Unity of Trinidad and Tobago, served by **Violet Assam**, minister, recently honored three Trinidad women for their unselfish and devoted service to the work of the religious organization in that country. Honored at a Unity service in the auditorium of the Port-of-Spain Town Hall were **Mrs. Ovita Creese**, **Mrs. Ione Gormandy**, and **Miss Winnifred Henry**.

Assisting in paying homage to the trio were **Margaret Conn** of Unity School of Christianity, and **William L. Fischer**, Director of Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies.

In addition to his role in the ceremony, Bill addressed a Unity service at the Himalaya Club in Barataria.

Both the ceremony and service received extensive coverage by the newspaper media.

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA— Unity Center of Christianity, served by **Florence Allen**, minister, recently moved into a new church home. "We moved August 1 into what had been a private home on New Airport Road in Arden and have been remodeling," said Florence.

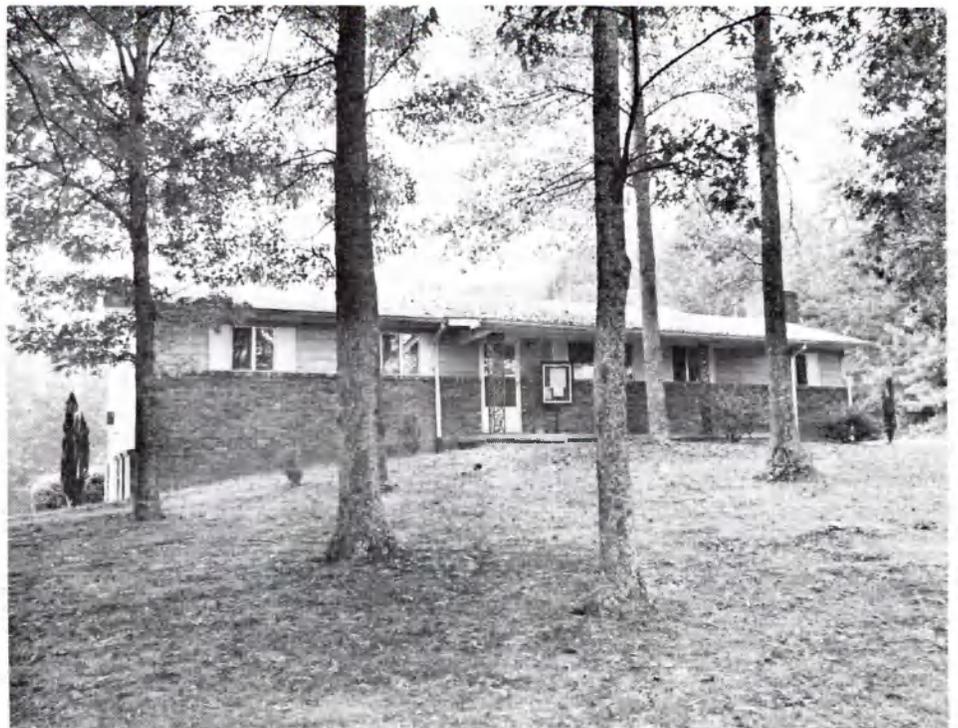
September was a celebration month at the center and special guest speakers

included **Marge Kass**, Unity's "Circuit Rider", as well as **Dr. Nelson Decker**, spiritual healing teacher, and his wife, **Edyne**, diet guide teacher. Dedication Day for the new facility was held September 26 with **William L. Fischer** as guest speaker. Following the morning worship services, a barrage of balloons with blessings attached were released.

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Pictured from left to right: Violet Assam, Ovita Creese, William L. Fischer, Ione Gormandy, Winnifred Henry and Margaret Conn, at a recent ceremony in Trinidad.



New home of Unity Center of Christianity, Asheville, North Carolina.

## REGIONAL NEWS

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**David McClure** reporting for the NORTH-WEST REGION:

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON — **David McClure**, minister of Unity Church of Truth in Spokane, recently launched a "Talent Project" at the church in which \$4,000 in \$10.00 bills was given away to the congregation. The project was based on the "Use It or Lose It" principle of the Parable of the Talents. Over 400 members participated by using their God-given talents in new and innovative ways. A talent newspaper was printed weekly to keep the congregation aware of talents being used. A number of members formed "syndicates" and put their \$10.00 together to develop larger projects such as an ice-cream social, an art auction, a spaghetti supper, a spook supper, and luau. Also held were a Talent Fair, Talent Show, and a Halloween Party (where weird and wonderful talents were used). One man even brought his reptile collection to share in a "Creepy Crawly Show."

"The whole project was one of involvement and the utilization of people's latent abilities," said David. "We captured

the enthusiasm and the creativity of a great portion of our congregation, and got nation-wide publicity from the Associated Press."

The final outcome of the original \$4,000 investment could not be counted because of the measurement in terms of individual value. However, the dollar value on the investment was \$10,300.00, a 300% increase.



**Arthur Hammons** reporting for the SOUTHWEST REGION:

HONOLULU, HAWAII — October's special event at Unity Church of Hawaii, served by **V. Michael Murphy**, minister, was a "Two-Way Prayer Seminar" conducted by **Clifton W. King** and **Dr. Margaret Stevens** of the Santa Anita Church in Arcadia, California. The non-denominational seminar, held October 10 through 12, included effective techniques to release stress and tension, establish happier, more harmonious relationships, realize greater abundance, and find new and satisfying avenues of self-expression.

"We've had some very great reports from those who attended this seminar with many things happening in their lives," said Michael. "An interesting side note is that Margaret Stevens is the sister-in-law of **Elva Elsner**, licensed teacher for our ministry."

In addition to presenting the highly successful seminar, Dr. Stevens also spoke for Michael at the Sunday morning worship service.



**Jack Boland** reporting for the GREAT LAKES REGION:

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI — Unity Christ Church, served by **Mauritz Erhard**, minister, recently announced a new radio ministry. "The program usually precedes or comes right after the message from Unity Village, so we have many Unity people listening in," said Mauritz. "We are reaching out to our neighbors with a message of Truth and comfort and we are all very thrilled at this new venture."

The program is broadcast Monday through Friday at 6:40 a.m.

## COMMITTEES FOR 1976-77

Appointments to the various AUC Committees for our fiscal year 1976-77 having been completed by our President, **Joyce Kramer**, the following roster is presented for your use during the interim before you receive the 1977 Yearbook (Date shown after member's name is last year of tenure):

### PERMANENT COMMITTEES

#### BYLAWS

(Meets as needed)

*PURPOSE: It is the responsibility of this Committee to meet together to consider and to construct recommended changes to the Bylaws to be presented to the Board of Trustees.*

**William Hines, Chairman**

**Thomas Coates, Co-Chairman**

**Mary Hinkle**  
**Marlowe Kline**

**David Schumacher**  
**David Williamson**

#### DEVOTIONAL

*PURPOSE: This Committee is formed to sustain the prayer power of our Association uniting us all and especially drawing on the prayer consciousness of the Emeritus Prayer Group.*

**James C. Lewis, Chairman**

**Joyce Kramer, Co-Chairman**

(Members of the Emeritus Prayer Group)

## EXECUTIVE

(Meets Four Times a Year)

*PURPOSE: This Committee advises and oversees the Executive Office of the Association and functions on behalf of the Board of Trustees through the year as defined in our Bylaws.*

**James C. Lewis, Chairman**

**Paul Barrett**  
**Doris Caldwell**  
**Jay Dishman**

**Bernard Dozier**  
**Charles Neal**  
**Eugene Sorensen**

Ex-officio: **Joyce Kramer**  
**Robert P. Sikking**

## FINANCE AND BUDGET

(Meets in January and July)

*PURPOSE: This Committee is responsible for overseeing the fiscal affairs of the Association. They are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the annual budget to the Conference Body.*

**Michael Murphy, Chairman, 1978**

**Jack Boland, Co-Chairman, 1981**

**Arthur Hammons, 1977**

**Charles Korfhage, 1978**

**James Sherman, 1980**

## LICENSING AND ORDINATION

(Meets in January and July)

*PURPOSE: This Committee accepts the important responsibility of evaluating the progress and development of applicants for Licensing and Ordination. This Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Trustees, enabling this body to authorize acceptable candidates for Licensing and Ordination.*

Thomas Sikking, Chairman, 1980

Leslie D. Saunders, Co-Chairman, 1978

Onita Meyer, Co-Chairman, 1979

Richard Billings, 1981

Jean Bould, 1980

Genavee Campbell, 1978

William Clark, 1978

Donald Curtis, 1979

Martha Giudici, 1977

Ginny Hinners, 1978

Max Lafser, 1980

Charlene Linnell, 1977

Eleanor Marshall, 1977

Lillian Matthews, 1981

Ruth Mosley, 1981

Jane Paulson, 1977

Kathryn Rowbathom, 1980

Mary Rowe, 1981

Sue Sikking, 1980

Paul Stewart, 1979

John Tant, 1979

Marlyn White, 1978

Philip White, 1981

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY

(Meets in January and June)

*PURPOSE: This Committee is to serve in an advisory counseling capacity to the Director of the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. They are to evaluate, prescribe, and implement through the Director a curriculum that assures qualified training of Ministerial Students.*

Gary Jones, Chairman, 1981

Miki Bowen, Co-Chairman, 1977

Jack Barker, 1977

Maryellen Bowe, 1979

William Cameron, 1979

Ross Goodman, 1980

James Harris, 1978

James Heinecamp, 1980

Lester McClelland, 1980

Tom Skalitzky, 1981

## OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT

*PURPOSE: This Committee bears responsibility for the implementation of our collective efforts in the development of new ministries in our Movement.*

Dorothy Pierson, Chairman, 1981

Jean Grover, Co-Chairman, 1980

Robert E. Barth, 1979

Paul Carrithers, 1978

Mauritz Erhard, 1979

Loren Flickinger, 1977

Marjorie Kass, 1977

Louise Lawrence, 1981

Greg Penn, 1980

Alan Rowbotham, 1978

## PLACEMENT

(Meets as needed)

V. Stanford Hamspon, Chairman

Paul C. Barrett

William L. Fischer

James Dillet Freeman

Frank Giudici

Martha Giudici

Jane Paulson

J. Sig Paulson

Edward Rabel

Robert P. Sikking

Philip White

## POST GRADUATE COURSE DEVELOPMENT

(Meets as needed)

*PURPOSE: This Committee meets to work out the necessary Post Graduate Unity Courses to be presented in each region to all ministers and teachers qualifying to teach in the Extension Program.*

Jack Barker, Chairman, 1977

Joyce Kramer, 1978

Max Lafser, 1979

James C. Lewis, 1980

Marguerite Meyer, 1979

Dorothy Pierson, 1977

## YOU RESOURCE

*PURPOSE: To gather, research, and develop materials, information, and other forms of in-put into resources for the Youth of Unity.*

Robert Marshall, Chairman, 1980

Joan Goodman, 1978

Phyllis Jamison, 1979

Molly Long, 1977

Lora McAfee, 1980

## YOUNG ADULTS RESEARCH

(Meets as needed)

*PURPOSE: This Committee is to research material, methods, and ideas relevant to the needs of Young Adults.*

David Monument, Chairman, 1979

Polly Dozier, Co-Chairman, 1979

Jacklyn Buboltz, 1977

Sandra Cousens, 1980

Dona Gilsdorf, 1980

Jane Weber, 1981

William Kozy 1977

Jim Sims, 1981

Carol Willis

Greg Wissman

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

### BANQUET

Hypatia Hasbrouck, Chairman

Edd Dawson

Bill Hines

Clem Thrift

Bob Wasner

### PROGRAM

(Meets as needed)

George Rieger, Chairman

Carlton Buboltz

Pat Filiault

Betty Owers

Mayola SaltPaw

Scott Thornton

Wes Wallin

## SPOUSES OF MINISTERS ASSOCIATION (SOMA)

(Meets during Conference)

*PURPOSE: To provide channels and Conference Activities for the mutual communication and sharing of the ideas and feelings of the spouses of Unity ministers.*

Kathryn Thrift, Chairman

Richard Allen

Ed Bowen

Suzanne Cameron

Linnea Dawson

Pat McClelland

Joan Morgan

Elizabeth Sims

**PERSON  
TO  
PERSON**

*with  
bob sikking*



I recently had a discussion with one of our ministers regarding one of the Silent-70 pamphlets that we make available through the good services of Unity School to our ministries. It's one of several Christmas pamphlets that are reprinted from DAILY WORD. There was a considerable expression of disappointment that he did not know of the availability of the pamphlet far enough prior to the Christmas season to be able to utilize it in his candlelighting service and as a mailer. I certainly could sympathize with his feeling even though I had to point out that over the last three years, information regarding this pamphlet and others like it has been communicated through CONTACT and in the Silent-70 order form. This incident, it seemed to me, pointed up an opportunity to call to your attention the need to assure that communication is indeed a two-way street.

I realize that there are tremendous demands on your time and that in your role as a minister there is the need for establishing priorities for the use of your time and your attention. It seems a shame to me, though, that the selectivity as a result of those priorities might, in some way, cause you to miss an opportunity to

avail yourself, your ministry and those you serve, of one of the services of our AUC.

In discussing this matter with another minister just the other day, a suggestion was shared that I feel worthy of passing along to you. A volunteer member of this minister's congregation is assigned the task, on a regular, weekly basis, of reading and thus being aware of any publication information in CONTACT, in Unity School's "Keeping Up", and in the order forms both from the Sales Department of Unity School and from your AUC. In addition to these sources of publication information, all flyers from any publishing firm that come through the "junk mail" that crosses all of our desks is given serious consideration, too. Information then is passed by this volunteer worker to her minister in a simple, brief form.

In an attempt to solve this kind of a problem regarding two-way communication, we have a constant and continuing challenge here in the AUC office. We request that every ministry put the AUC on their mailing list so that we can receive your bulletins and your bulk mailings. Of course, it's not possible for me to have the time to read all of these nor is it possible for Stan or Bill or Martha or Frank or Ed to do so. However, every piece of mail that comes into the office is read. If there is anything of a significant nature that any one of us should know about, one of our girls calls it to our attention. Perhaps this might be a way in which you can be assured of information regarding the services and materials of AUC available to you and your ministry.

We're deeply grateful for the privilege of communication and we need all the help that we can get from you in increasing the effectiveness of that communication.

During the years that I've been here in the Executive Office of AUC, we've come in for a considerable amount of criticism regarding the importance and significance of communication. In our recent Barton Associates Survey, the bottom line of each of the areas of concern evidenced by you as respondents to the survey was for heightened and increased communication. We want, here at the AUC office, to fulfill our responsibility of communication. We use any number of media to accomplish this. There is CONTACT, with each of its specifically thought out features, there are the bulk mailings of information in regard to placement or Silent-70 material or teaching aids produced by our Post Graduate program. It would be tremendously helpful to us if you have any suggestions or ideas with which we could increase the effectiveness of our communication. It would also be helpful if you could work out, at your end, methods by which our communication could get to those in your organizational structure who could respond, react, and utilize those communications.

Our purpose in your Executive Office is to render the services that can be most meaningful and helpful to you in your work. We need your input, we need your guidance and your cooperation. Each of us individually and all of us collectively would appreciate your shared thoughts.



**Stan Hampson  
Field Services Coordinator**

**"ACTIVITY  
OF  
SPIRIT"**

When the activity of Spirit occurs in placement, each one of us is concerned with what lies ahead. Then in conversation or in prayer, we refer to someone else as that individual who has gone before us. When we generalize, it becomes a "they" who have been the minister. Yet, any of us who has been a minister long enough to move even

once, is one of those "they". Besides anticipating the future, how do we anticipate the past?

Let's give serious consideration to constructive ways of leaving a ministry behind. Besides your specific desk, there are cupboards and closets throughout the center that can be neatened for a successor. Equally, there are cloying relationships that can be cleared up before you move on. These "ghosts" should not be left for someone else to inherit.

In conjunct with this sense of order is a real call to honesty. Many ministers have complained that the ministry they went to was not honestly represented by the previous minister. We can at least leave behind a folder filled with notes and comments; more ideally, a journal with

commentaries, and best of all, create the space to sit down with the person following us and discuss with them all the ramifications of that particular ministry. One minister wrote to me recently, "Could we not lovingly, when relinquishing a ministry, explain that there are some individuals who have shown themselves to be somewhat difficult? It seems that the same ones cause trouble in certain ministries whether their minister is young, old, male, or female. It does not mean that we do not try to work with them, but we may help someone else to avoid a great shock."

Order and honesty, two great qualities worth thinking about in the activity of Spirit when placement moves us on. Anticipate your past with order and honesty for your successor.

## WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL



**Charles J. McGill, Treasurer of Unity School of Christianity.**

Supporting any organization is its financial foundation, and, especially in a religious institution such as Unity School of Christianity, that foundation must be well-ordered and secure to make sure that the work of the organization can be accomplished.

Unity's Treasurer, **Charles J. McGill**, is responsible for the overall fiscal wellbeing of Unity School. His department, consisting of **Don Kindler**, administrative assistant, and **Jessie Ehrhart**, secretary, carries out the varied tasks associated with maintaining Unity's financial security and long-range planning. The department conducts many functions, which include working closely with legal counsel on legacies and trusts, being in charge of the annual review of the budgets, and working with insurance consultants on employee programs for insurance and retirement benefits. An example of the kind of effort required to secure the best possible benefits for Unity School employees can be seen in the change in health insurance coverage made within the past year. Competitive bids were sought from insurance companies to secure wider coverage at a reasonable price. Such protection was offered through Blue Cross-Blue Shield, which now provides health care coverage for Unity School employees.

The pension program is administered with a philosophy of updating benefit when and as possible, maintaining the flexibility needed to meet changing employee needs, and remaining responsive to fluctuations in the economy. Unity's overall benefit program is regularly compared with those of other area companies to insure competitive benefits.

The department also reviews and authorizes payment of Unity's taxes, and secures casualty and liability insurance coverage to efficiently protect Unity's grounds, buildings, and equipment.

Charles McGill came to Unity well prepared to assume the large responsibilities which the Treasurer's office entails. He was previously associated with Western Auto Supply Company, and prior to that was Treasurer of Jenkins Music Company. Charles was born in Fargo, North Dakota, and educated in Kansas City, Missouri, public schools. He attended the University of Kansas, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in accounting.

Charles and his wife, **Priscilla**, have one daughter, **Madeline**, a high school junior. He has been active in community work, is a professor in the evening division of Rockhurst College, teaching a course in introductory accounting, and is a past treasurer of the Metropolitan Junior College District. Charles is an avid sports fan--in his words, "of the armchair type"--particularly following the progress of the Kansas City Chiefs and KU football teams.

Unity School is indeed fortunate to have Charles McGill and his competent staff involved in overseeing the financial security of the organization, and maintaining and improving the programs designed to benefit Unity workers and the work of the Unity Movement.

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### THE SPOUSES OF UNITY

Ministerial Spouses mark June 20--23, 1977 on your calendar of NOT TO MISS events. Your SOMA, Spouses of Ministers Association, representatives are in the midst of planning a most lively and interesting program to be held in conjunction with the Annual Ministers Meeting at Unity Village next summer.

The program will feature topics ranging from "Avenues of..." to "Zeal is the Key to...". The format will be 30, 45, and 60 minutes seminars. Freedom of choice will be the key--choose those seminars which appeal to you.

Beginning with this issue of CONTACT, we will have an article written by your SOMA representatives sharing some glimpses of what to look for during our adventure in sharing next June, plus some personal items.

We will have two newsletters this coming year--in January and May. Anyone wishing to share a thought with your peers is invited to submit your article or idea to your regional representative: **Eastern--Joan Morgan; Southeastern--Kathryn Thrift, Chairperson, Richard Allen; Great Lakes--Linnea Dawson; South Central--Suzanne Cameron; Northwest--Pat McClelland; Northern California--Volunteer needed; Southwest--Elizabeth Sims.**

THE ASTRAGAL STRIP is the new name of our newsletter and CONTACT column. Why, you ask? Read on.

Think of French Doors opening wide into a beautiful patio, or perhaps a lovely formal garden. These exquisite doors present an opportunity to see our ministry--as a minister's spouse--with a much broader and more beautiful view.

The Truth ministry indeed does open doors into the most beautiful garden of all--The Garden of Life. This ministry is an opportunity to see and to experience Heaven right here on earth.

Now in your mind, as you are standing in the garden look back toward the doorway and look at the French Doors. These doors provide a larger opening through which to pass than an ordinary door, and theirs is a unique beauty.

As with any set of French Doors, one is almost always used as the actual doorway--but the other one is always there: To beautify and to be available as a doorway when needed.

In much the same way, our ministry is entitled to the same concept of functional beauty. A minister's wife, or in many situations the minister's husband, is the beautifying complementary "other-half" of this wider doorway to Truth.

This column--and our newsletter--is hereby dedicated to this "other door"--The Help Mates of Our Unity Ministers. And because no set of French Doors would be complete without the unifying strip--the astragal--we hereby name our publication THE ASTRAGAL STRIP. You will find it always directly fastened to the "other door." It is the strip which serves to join the two and make them complete.

We give thanks for all the wonderful people who brought SOMA into manifestation and so lovingly nurtured its spirit to this point. We invite you to join with us in this ever unfolding, growing, and loving ministry. --**K. Thrift**

# PLACEMENT

Y.O.U./Y.A.U. REPORTS . . . . . by Don Knight

Placement occurs through the activity of Spirit. Your Field Services Coordinator notifies all active Unity ministers of churches seeking leadership through his placement report published separately. Ministers interested in placement notify the Field Services Coordinator who forwards their resumes to churches requesting leadership. Your Field Services Coordinator is directly responsible to the Board of Trustees of the Association of Unity Churches and utilizes the resources of the Placement Committee, Regional Representatives, and the Executive Committee in facilitating placements. Since the last issue of CONTACT, the following activity of Spirit has been accomplished in placement:

**Columbus, Ohio** Charles Korfhage, recently associate minister of Christ Unity Church in Sacramento, California, was selected as the next minister of Unity Church of Christianity in Columbus and began November 21. We bless Charles and Fern as they begin their new adventure in Columbus and send our blessings with Curtis and Gladys Wilson as they begin a pioneer work in Conyers, Georgia, as an outreach of the Atlanta church.

**Bridgeport, Connecticut** This ministry is a small study group with its own facility. Carolyn Michael, minister in Huntington, New York, has graciously consented to begin a six-week series of Sunday evening classes after which the Bridgeport Steering Committee will seek to determine their future.

**Culver City, California** Some months ago, Culver City was seeking leadership and we have recently had a number of requests about it. That center is being capably served now by Leona Threadgill on Sunday mornings and Ysobel Stoneman as administrator.

**Youth of Unity Report** — From all the newsletters and bulletins being received, there is a great vitality and an upsurge of activity taking place within many of the Y.O.U. chapters. This increased activity casts a bright reflection upon your efforts as a center leader, and I am sure that those YOU'ers who are benefitting, appreciate every bit of help that you give to them.

YOU'ers are dependent upon any assistance that you are able to give them, and one small area that requires very little effort on the minister's part is to urge the parents of YOU'ers, from time to time, to provide transportation for them to their Y.O.U. meetings and activities. Transportation is their lifeline to Y.O.U. involvement!

The International Officers will arrive at Unity Village on December 29, 1976, for a three-day conference planning session. They and AUC staff officers will be brainstorming ideas to set the stage for the '77 Y.O.U. Conference. The committee would appreciate and welcome any suggestions and/or ideas that you would like to share for the conference program. Please send your ideas to: Y.O.U. Coordinator, Unity Village, Missouri 64065. The 1977 conference delegates will arrive at the Village on Monday, August 15, and will leave on Sunday, August 21, 1977.

**Young Adults of Unity Report** — The Young Adults Growth Committee of the South Central Region enjoyed a fantastic, fun-filled retreat weekend, August 13-15 at Snow Mountain Ranch near Granby, Colorado. Activities included nature hikes, workshops, horseback riding, campfire singing, and sufi dancing. The retreat which was informally geared with time for personal meditation amidst the grandeur of nature, was a fulfilling experience for everyone.

Young Adults can eagerly look forward to the Y.A.U. Retreat at Unity Village next summer. Four fun-packed days lie in store for all who attend! Y.A.U. Retreat dates: August 25 through August 28, 1977.

## Idea Exchange

Unity of San Angelo, Texas, has shared an idea which has proven to be very successful. Jack Groverland, minister, reports "Since we have begun regular Sunday morning services here in San Angelo, we have established a one hour period of discussion which follows the Sunday morning service. What we do is separate the chairs into three groups and along with a rotation group guide, these groups discuss that morning's Truth talk or other Truth principles relating to their lives. We serve coffee and donuts while the congregation is involving

themselves in these very beneficial group discussions. About two-thirds of the congregation remain each Sunday and when they leave at 12 o'clock they are still talking truth.

"In order to facilitate this program, we have incorporated the use of short films which we show to our Sunday school children the second hour while their parents are involved in these discussions of Truth. The children actually look forward to this second hour of films which we obtain at no cost from the local library.

"In choosing group guides we have selected individuals who have had a good background in Unity fundamentals. The

guides lead the discussions for about a month at which time they are replaced by three other qualified guides. As surprisingly as it sounds, these group guides have functioned just as guides and the conversation is never dominated by them.

"Following the service I take turns sitting in on all the groups but I seldom enter the discussion except for an occasional comment to clarify a certain point I might have made in the morning sermon. This happens rarely and in spite of the questions which come my way, I politely steer them back to the group for their own growth. The response has been very enthusiastic.

## JANUARY 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 January.

### January

- 1 John Morrow  
Laura Ruffins  
Gladys Spaulding†
- 2 Adelaide Hensley  
Wanda Martin
- 3 Sylvia Chevalier  
Mildred Haggerty†  
William Kellar\*  
Sophia Shaffer
- 4 Ida Bowles  
Christine Reichel
- 5 Glory Andersen\*  
Larry Swartz
- 6 Mary Kupferle  
Dana Voght  
Nancy Whistler
- 7 Marian Baker  
Geraldine Wallace

### January

- 10 Phillippe Bertrand  
Eleanor Campbell  
Rae Felter  
Glenn Robinson
- 11 Blaine Mays
- 12 Paul C. Barrett  
Fred Goering
- 14 Viola Williamson\*
- 15 Jim Dawson  
Pat Filiault  
W.E. Goodison-Orr
- 16 William Cameron
- 17 Marie Handlyt  
Mary Girvin  
Cecil Laket
- 19 Florence Allen  
Lulamay Graybrook  
Gerry Melin\*
- 20 Connie Haines
- 21 JoAnn Freeland  
Dorothy Pierson  
Les Saunders
- 22 Marc Glover\*

### January

- 22 Marietta Idet  
Margaret Smith
- 23 Jean Bould  
Mabel Butts  
Mabel Carlin  
Dan Douglas
- 24 Gertrude Deising
- 25 Josephine Foster
- 26 Joseph Brabetz  
Louise Earle  
Ed Rabel
- 27 Katharine Carrier  
David Drew\*  
Clem Thrift
- 28 Sonnie Cutter†
- 29 Grace Anderson  
Doris Fischer  
John Salunek
- 30 Myrtle Fitzpatrick  
Alan Rowbotham
- 31 Loren Flickinger  
Lila Proby  
Carole Scott

† Minister Emeritus

\* SMRS Student Minister

### ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Fund Operation Seven Months Ended 10/31/76

	Oct.	Year to Date
<b>INCOME – OPERATIONS:</b>		
Love Offerings	\$32,709.29	\$201,558.21
Other Income	4,614.28	21,579.33
	<u>37,323.57</u>	<u>223,137.54</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	3,270.93	20,155.82
Gross Profit Materials	(1,015.43)	9,698.74
	<u>33,037.21</u>	<u>212,680.46</u>
<b>EXPENSES – OPERATIONS:</b>		
General Office	27,089.02	178,346.12
Education Department	9,924.37	67,930.80
	<u>37,013.39</u>	<u>246,276.92</u>
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b>	<u>\$ (3,976.18)</u>	<u>\$ (33,596.46)</u>

## Wedding Bells



Unity Church of Olympia, Washington, has announced the marriage of **Millie Perdue** to **Colonel (Ret.) Jesse D. Willoughby**. The ceremony was performed in August, 1976, by **Mary Fourchalk**, minister of Unity in Action, New Westminster, Canada.

Millie, who served as minister of Unity Church of Olympia since 1971, recently resigned her ministerial position to take a sabbatical leave.

On Sunday, September 19, the ministry gave a celebration luncheon for the Willoughbys. Our best wishes flow forth to Millie and Jess.



## TAX PLANNING AND LEGAL TIPS

The Association of Unity Churches is presenting a series of items of valuable information prepared by **George Blackwood**, legal consultant, and **Robert Owens**, accounting consultant for AUC.

### LEGAL TIPS

Many people have the mistaken impression that probate may be avoided by having a Will. This is not true. Probate administration will occur whenever a deceased person has property, whether real or personal, in his or her name alone. A major reason for having a Will is to direct the disposition of your property after your death in a way that is probably different than the law of your particular state requires. For example, some state laws direct that if a person dies without a Will and has no children, half of his property will go to his wife and half will be divided among his parents, brothers and sisters. This is hardly a result most people would want. Consult your lawyer to be sure your affairs are in order.

### TAX PLANNING TIPS

The most sweeping estate and gift tax reform bill in 35 years is now law. Due to drastic changes which have been made, one may achieve tax savings by making gifts prior to December 31, 1976. Furthermore, one should have his will reviewed prior to January 1, 1977, to assure maximum utilization of the new higher marital deduction available for estate tax purposes. January 1, 1977, the law also extends, from six to nine months, the holding period of a capital asset for long-term capital gain treatment. The new nine month holding period must be considered in timing the sale of capital assets to achieve the 50% capital gains deduction. Finally, one should immediately review his personal income tax situation and determine if it will be necessary to amend his 1977 estimated taxes in filing a fourth quarter estimate on January 17, 1977. You should consult with your personal tax advisor to expand upon any of the above tax tips or to implement any tax planning matters.

## SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES



The ministerial student body sends special Christmas blessings to each AUC member and Unity co-worker. Three members of the second-year class in SMRS are (left to right): **Bea Copeland**, **Jack Byrns**, and **Pauline Beauregard**.

**Bea Copeland** entered SMRS from New York City where she served as platform chairman and Sunday School Superintendent at Unity Universal Center. Prior to entering the ministry, Bea served the Department of Relocation (Urban Renewal) in New York and acquainted site tenants with the understanding of the

relocation process, rights and benefits. In addition to being a licensed Unity teacher, Bea also holds a real estate license and enjoys collecting perfume bottles and helping people. She has also been active in various clubs and service organizations. Bea is single.

**Jack Byrns** is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and completed several hours toward his Master's Degree. Prior to entering SMRS, Jack had a distinguished career in management with various companies and held a position as assistant scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America. In addition, he served as Superintendent of the Sunday School and was elected secretary of the Board of Directors of Unity of Roanoke Valley, Virginia. Jack is married. His wife, **Shirley** is a licensed Unity minister.

**Pauline Beauregard** came to Unity Village from the state of California to enter SMRS. She attended and was actively involved in the programs and activities of Christ Church, Unity in San Diego and Christ Church Unity of El Cajon. Prior to entering the ministry, Pauline served as a real estate broker for her own realty agency. She presently serves as an Assistant Chaplain at the Jackson County Hospital in Kansas City and teaches classes at Unity on the Plaza and at the Lansing Kansas State prison. Pauline is single. She enjoys bike riding, tennis, sewing, and is an excellent cook.



Front row, (left to right): **Bea Copeland**, New York, NY; **Pauline Beaugard**, El Cajon, CA; **Barbara Provost**, Dallas, TX; **Carolyn Johanson**, Lakebay, WA; **Shirlie Graham**, Medford, OR; **Peggy Elia**, Shreveport, LA; **Phil White**, SMRS Faculty Member; **Martha Giudici**, SMRS Faculty Member; **Frank Giudici**, SMRS Faculty Member; **William L. Fischer**, Director of Ministerial Education; **Margaret Conn**, SMRS Faculty Member; **Harold Whaley**, Librarian; **Ed Rabel**, SMRS Faculty Member; **Viola Williamson**, Langley, B.C., Canada; **Diane Sickler**, St. Louis Park, MN; **Kit Neagle**, San Diego, CA; **Ngair Thomson**, Sydney, Australia; **Linda Pendergrass**, Kansas City, KS; **Linda Spencer**, Olympia, WA; **Barbara Van de Vyvere**, Kansas City, MO; **Marilyn Blessing**, Indianapolis, IN; **Marilyn Witherspoon**, Decatur, IL; **Pat Staples**, Charlottesville, VA; **Sheila Banta**, Pomona, CA.

Second row, (left to right): **Marc Glover**, New York, NY; **Chad O'Shea**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; **John Wingfield**, Olympia, WA; **Bill Modes**, Newton, KS; **Augustine Njoku**, Nigeria, West Africa; **Don Knight**, Royal Oak, MI; **Bill Williams**, Tulsa, OK; **Bob Hungerford**, Indianapolis, IN; **Antoinette Popp**, Everett, WA; **Gerry Melin**, San Jose, CA; **Bob Hill**, Bellevue, WA; **Ross Tucker**, Atlanta, GA; **John Harris**, Manhattan, KS; **Dennis Neagle**, San Diego, CA; **Jane Waddington**, Oak Park, IL; **Glory Andersen**, Tucker, GA; **Bill Newsom**, Largs Bay, Australia; **Leila Fischer**, Quincy, IL; **Alec Evason**, Surbiton, England; **Lee Stahl**, Wichita, KS; **Jeri Andersen**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; **Marlene Wolford**, Akron, OH.

Third row, (left to right): **Wayne Manning**, Nashville, TN; **Ralph Seelig**, Brighton, England; **Bill Kellar**, Campbell, CA; **Jeff Shumsky**, Buffalo, NY; **John Davis**, Gardnersville, NV; **Bob Eagan**, Olympia, WA; **Alan Stanley**, Bothell, WA; **Jack Fries**, San Diego, CA; **David Drew**, St. Petersburg, FL; **Jack Byrns**, Roanoke, VA; **Graeme Johnson**, Melbourne, Australia; **Rod McCallum**, Spokane, WA; **Michael Dustin**, Honolulu, HI; **Dick Everts**, Liverpool, NY; **Brian Eenigenburg**, Austin, TX; **Yves LaFontant**, New York, NY; **Robert Davidson**, Springfield, MO; **Angelo Caricari**, Marietta, GA; **Aldwyn Jacques**, Brooklyn, NY; **Marvin Anderson**, Austin, TX; **Kathryn Garton**, St. Petersburg, FL.

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#### SMRS APPLICATIONS FOR 1977-78

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.

#### CHRISTMAS GREETING BOOKLET AVAILABLE

Unity School has a new Christmas Greeting Booklet, Tidings of Great Joy. It contains short articles and inspirational poems by popular Unity writers. It is printed in full color on handsome textured paper. They are complete with envelopes, ready to be signed, addressed, and mailed.

A package of 15 booklets is priced to retail at \$3.00 and may be ordered from the Sales Department of Unity School at your dealer's price of \$1.80.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**1976**

Dec. 21-27 Christmas Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

**1977**

†Jan. 4-6 Northern California Regional Conference, Asilomar, California

Jan. 17-18 AUC Mid-Year Council of Committees meetings, Unity Village, Mo.

Jan. 19-21 AUC Board of Trustees meetings, Unity Village, Mo.

†Feb. 24 Youth Education Seminar, Bakersfield, Calif., hosted by Unity Center - Bakersfield, conducted by Shirley Bonham

March 12-25 U.I.C.E. Summer Resident Study Program -Session 1, Unity Village, Mo.

†March 18-20 Spiritual Retreat, Henry Horton Park, Chapel Hill, Tennessee, sponsored by "The Group" - Unity Center of Memphis

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 22-25 Northwest Regional Conference, Great Falls, Montana, hosted by Unity Church of Truth

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**

**NEW COLUMN FOR CONTACT**

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Every good sermon deserves at least one chuckle. Have you heard a good one lately? I mean one that is printable and sermon-able. If so, would you be willing to share it in the interests of a happier, heartier Unity ministry?

I have been asked by the AUC to edit a column called the "Uni-Tickles" which will feature selected jokes, stories, anecdotes or quotations that will tickle the funny bone of your congregation and spice up your Sunday talk.

I don't know why they chose me, but they said I was very funny. I'm not sure how to take that, but I said I'd do it.

Would you send me your funniest material and let me share the best of it with your fellow ministers and teachers? Send your funnies to: David McClure, S. 2900 Bernard, Spokane, Washington 99203.

Thanks,



**"Uni-Tickles"**

A man told me every time he talks with his wife, she gets historical.

I said, "You mean hysterical!"

He said, "No, historical. She's always bringing up the past."

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A friend asked a girl, who had a new job as a secretary to a minister, if she had any trouble updating the filing. "O, no," she said, "I labeled one drawer 'sacred' and the other 'top sacred.'"

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- Throwing mud is ground lost.

- Success comes in cans --- failure in can'ts.

- Meditation: "Quiet, you'll like it!"