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## AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Our desire to be good Truth students, and to be known as good Truth students, has sometimes been self-deceiving. Our determined efforts to see everything "beautiful, true and good," and to avoid "judging by appearances" has caused us to have a horror of facing facts. Therefore, we have called black "white" and resisted strenuously those who attempt to point out unpleasant facts to us.

Such weakness, usually disguised as love, renders us useless in performing our duty and in carrying out our responsibility. We become a group of "yes" people, accepting what we are told without questions and without challenges. By not having to take a strong stand, or to be in any way judgmental of personalities, we avoid the risk of disapproval and the loss of popularity. Permissiveness prevails within ourselves and others when we are



Joyce Kramer

spiritually weak. Because of these very human tendencies, unsound policies and practices gradually evolve that paralyze the proper functioning of an organization.

Although we are Unity ministers and

teachers, we are still human beings living very much in a wonderful world. Negative facts must be recognized, faced, and resolved in an honest, straightforward, loving, and courageous manner. It is only in this way that we can respond to the Movement of Spirit.

My personal thanks to each of you who have called or written to share your ideas regarding our Association. Your assurance of prayer support have been very meaningful. We are moving ahead in a beautiful way.

Let us continue to burst out of old limitations and bondage and perceive as one great Movement of Truth, encompassing Unity School of Christianity and the Association of Unity Churches. We are indeed ONE!

Sincerely,

*Joyce Kramer*

### AGENDA AUC PRE-CONFERENCE AND CONFERENCE

The following agenda for Pre-Conference and Conference this year will enable you to see at a glance the schedule of activities. A complete program will be mailed to each ministry when it is ready. As you can see, the Board of Trustees will meet on Monday with the Committee meetings beginning on Tuesday. We remind you of the new \$10.00 registration fee for Conference and the Post Graduate courses fees are raised to \$15.00 per course. The time slots that are open would indicate free time. The daytime Post Graduate presentations are marked with asterisks as to times set aside for those who do not desire or require the credits to either have free time or to make appointments to meet with any of us on the AUC staff. If you know in advance that you want to see one of us, please contact Sara Watson by letter or as soon as you arrive and she will make an appointment for you.

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
June 13—Monday	Board of Trustees Meetings	Board of Trustees Meetings	Open
June 14—Tuesday	Committee Meetings	Committee Meetings	Open
June 15—Wednesday	Committee Meetings	Committee Meetings	Open
June 16—Thursday	Board Meetings	*Post Graduate 12:45—5:45 p.m.—Expanding the Full Ministry—Scott Sherman	Open
June 17—Friday	*Post Graduate 9:00—12:00—Two electives: Unity & Biofeedback— Hal Rosencrans Music Workshop— Lou Bass	*Post Graduate 1:00—3:00—Two electives: Unity & Biofeedback— Hal Rosencrans Music Workshop— Lou Bass	Board Meetings
June 18—Saturday	*Post Graduate Prosperity: Max Lafser & Marguerite Meyer (duplicate Regional Post Graduate course)	*Post Graduate Prosperity: Max Lafser & Marguerite Meyer	Open
June 19—Sunday	Open	Registration	Registration
June 20—Monday	Business Meeting	Conference Program	Open
June 21—Tuesday	Business Meeting	Conference Program	Banquet
June 22—Wednesday	Business Meeting	Conference Program	Open
June 23—Thursday	Closing Meeting		

# Planning Ahead

This is the fourth article in a series written especially for **CONTACT** by several retired Unity ministers. The authors have met this experience in life with particular dignity and love. Their comments offer valuable food for thought and inspiration to us all. Through this series we shall hear from Marion Brown, Eleonore Krafft, Georgianna Tree West, Mabel Donaldson, Millie Leslie, Marie Handly, and Ernest C. Wilson. Additional authors are invited. **This month we welcome Marie Handly from Lee's Summit, Missouri, and Millie Leslie from Cincinnati, Ohio.**



*When I released the Honolulu ministry in 1961, I was most aware of changing times. My concern or interest was for the ministry—it was Truth or God's work, and how could I help the ministry to expand and reach more people. Change came both in ideas of the ministry and certainly outwardly the area was endeavoring to become more a part of the*

*tourist activity. Pressure was daily on us to fit into that. My guidance was to let a new minister who would go on with the work for future years to mold the plans for the change as it would be his or her place of service. It was not easy to release it but the inner voice urged me; the years since have been busy and spiritually active.*

*Regarding finances, I had looked to God as my abundant supply as long as I can remember. "I am already rich—all that the Father hath is mine" was a constant realization—and still is. My earthly Father had admonished me to save—even a little each week. Such a "seed" did grow mightily and thank God, my needs are supplied.*

*In addition to my own wisdom in planning for my future, the Board of that church was most generous to me. Knowing that there was no retirement program through Unity at that time, Chuck Weaver and Roy Kelley insisted on a monthly allowance and a trust fund to bless my retirement years. We all felt a retirement plan should be established for future ministers as is now available. I trusted God and He created this wonderful way; I daily give thanks to God and the Unity Church of Hawaii.*

*Recently I have moved to John Knox Village in Lee's Summit. I have many new friends here, travel a great deal, and enjoy seeing my long-time friends. Stop and see me when you are near. If I'm home, I'll be glad to visit with you.*

*Blessings,*

*Marie Handly*



*The question of when to retire, and how to adequately prepare yourself and your congregation for retirement, is one that should concern all ministers. Most of us who have been in the ministry for many, many years began work with very low remuneration—such that meeting current expenses was a challenge, let alone establishing retirement insurance.*

*Suggestions:*

- (1) Study and meditate upon the Parable of the wise and foolish virgins.*
- (2) Request a co-responsibility of yourself and your ministry in setting up a retirement plan.*
- (3) When there are physical or mental disabilities, retire. By so doing, one retains the high image held by the congregation over the years; love and respect endure.*
- (4) When one recognizes that retirement may be beneficial to both minister and congregation, prepare the ministry's Board, and inform them of the date retirement is to become effective. Recommend that the Board contact the AUC for a replacement.*
- (5) Announce date of retirement to the congregation and "why" and express appreciation for their support and love. Explain the necessity of your complete withdrawal from this particular ministry and its affairs so that all attention may be focused on the new spiritual leader.*
- (6) Give the incoming minister your wholehearted recommendation and support, and pass on the history of the ministry and its present status.*
- (7) If the new minister asks for your cooperation and assistance in the ministry, accept if you wish, and so continue to be a part of your former ministry—involvement without complete responsibility is both satisfying and renewing! Also, it provides a continuity of spiritual leadership which is both comforting and reassuring to the congregation.*

*God bless,*

*Millie Leslie*





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On all accounts, deposits received by the twelfth of the month earn from the first of the month. Your deposits are appreciated to meet increasing loan requests from AUC centers and ministers. For further information call (816) 524-3750 or write **JUSTUS CREDIT UNION, UNITY VILLAGE, MO 64065.**

**TAX PLANNING**

**By Robert Owens, AUC Accounting Consultant**

Prior to January 1, 1977 property owned by a decedent on his date of death received a "stepped up basis" equal to its fair market value on that date. This meant, that upon subsequent sale by the heirs, only the appreciation from date of death was subject to tax as a capital gain.

Starting in 1977 the law is changed to provide for a "carryover" basis for property left to one's heirs. Therefore, assets acquired during and after 1977 and then left to one's heirs will carry the decedent's adjusted cost basis. This will result in capital gains or losses much as if the decedent had lived to make the sale himself. If the asset was acquired prior to 1977, the heirs take a basis for determining capital gains (not loss) of the assets' fair market value on December 31, 1976. Consequently, only post-1976 growth in value will be taxed as a capital gain when sold by an heir.

To compute the December 31 value of marketable securities, stock market prices or quotations for that date will be used. To calculate the value of all other forms of real or personal property, it is assumed that the growth in value occurs at a steady rate from the date when the property is first acquired until the owner dies.

The new law creates an urgent need for one to see that he has an accurate record of what and when he bought and the purchase price of everything he now owns or may acquire in the future. Failure to do so may create adverse income tax ramifications for the decedent's heirs and may unnecessarily increase administrative expenses for the estate.

**YOU/YAU REPORTS. . . . . Don Knight**

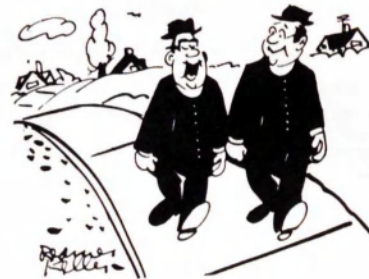
**Youth of Unity Report**—There is magic in growth! When after long, extensive labor there emerges the grand product of those labors, a cheering thrill runs through the heart that joyfully proclaims SUCCESS! We are speaking of the very masterful compilation of the YOU Resource Manual that has been completed by the YOU Resource Committee, chaired by **Robert Marshall**, associate minister of Unity Center of Practical Christianity, Miami, Florida.

The Manual will prove to be very helpful to both new and well established YOU Chapters. Sponsors and ministers alike will find practical, to the point answers to the many questions that develop in the areas of Teaching Methods, Teaching Materials, Group Consciousness, Social Growth, Leadership and YOU challenges. The Manual has been edited and is now being composed for printing. We are deeply grateful to the YOU Resource Committee, and especially do we salute Bob Marshall for all his time, effort and expertise in compiling this valuable resource tool.

**Young Adults of Unity Report**—Reservations for the Young Adult Retreat, "**STEPPING STONES**" will be accepted by the Reservations office at Unity Village. You are urged to encourage your Young Adults to take advantage of this retreat program that has been specially designed for age levels 19 through 30.

The \$70 reservation charge includes lodging, all meals and programs during **August 22-26**. Please make check payable to **UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY** with the notation, "**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT,**" Mail to:

**Unity School of Christianity**  
**Reservations Office**  
**Unity Village, MO 64065**



"Any time you want to count your blessings, stop over—we have a computer."

# Dare To Believe!



When lilacs first in door-yard bloomed and God was shouting His promises of Eternal Life throughout this Spring, MAY ROWLAND BEZIO chose to make her transition. On the day before Easter she quietly set herself free into the current of life that knows its way. Several of her friends and her husband, Lang, were there to wish her bonvoyage. On this occasion her words ring vividly to teach us the Truth if we dare to believe.

*"I believe that the Christ at the center of our being is our true sun around which we revolve. In the light of this understanding our hearts are stirred with a joyous response which is felt in every atom, cell, and force of our body.*

*"People say, 'I would not want to live forever.' No, we would not want to live forever in limited bodies and in our present limited state of consciousness . . . You see, we limit ourselves to the human concept of life . . . 'God created man to be immortal and make him to be an image of His own eternity.'*

*"We need to establish a new premise about life and to work from that premise. For instance, our premise could well be one like this: 'Life is continuous and eternal. The life I live and am aware of at this moment is Godlike, eternal life.' With an idea like this on which to base our thinking we shall come into a new understanding of the limitless, eternal life within us. We shall come to know that there is never any end to life.*

*"From this time forth accept the light and life of God as your own. Know you have God's Spirit, the Christ Spirit, within you. Know that through this Spirit you can do all things. Dare to believe! Put your belief into action. Accept yourself as Jesus Christ accepted Himself—as a son of the living God. Speak your word in the name of Jesus Christ. Start where you are. Love God. Love people. Love yourself. Love life. Your faith works through this love. Believe in eternal life. Think of your body as an expression of eternal life. Tell it that it is an expression of this life so that it may rejoice in this knowledge. Come into complete agreement with the words of Truth that you speak. Then you will know as Paul knew, that you 'have put off the old man with his doings, and have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him . . . Christ is all, and in all.' Dare to believe!"*

excerpts from DARE TO BELIEVE



# INTERVIEW GUIDELINES FOR A BOARD OF DIRECTORS INTERVIEWING A PROSPECTIVE MINISTER

You have been guided to select this candidate as possibly your next minister. Naturally, you want to get to know him or her better. The minister may have many questions to ask you about yourselves and your ministry. You, similarly, may have many questions of your own. To assist you in getting to know one another better, consider the following topics of discussion:



## "ACTIVITY OF SPIRIT"

**Stan Hampson**  
Field Services  
Coordinator

Recently I reported the new forms and resume guidelines we have prepared to facilitate placement. You will be interested in seeing the following "Interview Guidelines" sent to each Board of Directors along with the resumes of candidate ministers. It is our intention to thus create a basis for meaningful dialog between a candidate and his/her potential congregation:

1. *If the minister is currently involved in a ministry you might well want to discuss why the minister is requesting a change.*
2. *What does this minister expect of a Board of Directors? How can you best work together?*
3. *How does this minister feel about the development of Youth Education programs? The formation of groups such as singles, newly divorced, etc.?*
4. *How does this minister feel about church membership? That is, does he feel this should be emphasized? Does he feel that those who may vote for and even become Board members are to have special qualifications?*
5. *Does the minister teach classes, make hospital calls, visit shut-ins?*
6. *Is the minister interested in social activities in the ministry?*
7. *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.*
8. *Salary and benefits are always important items to discuss. What is the minister's attitude toward retirement plans, medical plans, vacations, and time at Conference?*
9. *What kind of church program do you as a congregation desire? (a) the Unity teachings stressed with a devotional type service; (b) an intellectual or lecture type approach that might be more informal; (c) programs that incorporate other approaches and methods with the Unity teaching.*
10. *If the minister is married, you may want to discuss his or her spouse's role in the ministry.*
11. *If the minister has a family, you would want to be able to share with him the community interests, the availability and standards of schools, cultural attractions, availability of shopping centers and housing availabilities.*
12. *Ask your intended minister to state his position on any area of concerns you, as a Board, and your church might have.*

Your interview with this minister who might well be serving you soon should be in a friendly and informal way, even over lunch or dinner, to allow you to become better acquainted. It can be a joyous experience for each of you and for the minister. Remember that we in the AUC are here to assist you in any way possible. Feel free to contact us at 816-524-7414. Finally, use a positive affirmation such as *"Infinite Spirit opens the way for the right minister at the right time and in the right way. For this, we do give thanks."*

# PLACEMENT

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:

## Lansing, Michigan

**Dick Ammons** was accepted by the Board of Lansing to be their next minister. He began April 17. Dick's family will be joining him in Lansing as soon as school is out and all our blessings enfold them.

## Birmingham, Alabama

**John Morrow** has accepted the invitation to become the new minister there. Our blessings are with John and **Dee**. They began on Easter.

## Richmond, California

**Rod Tally** has been accepted as the new minister in Richmond and began April 17. We give thanks for this divine appointment.

## Asbury Park, New Jersey

**Mary Rowe** has been accepted as the new minister in Asbury Park. She spoke for Easter Sunday and returned permanently on May 1.

## Inglewood-Culver City, California

These two ministries are in the process of merging. **Helen Chapman** has been invited to serve as interim minister. The ministry's name will be "Westside Unity Church." We bless Helen Chapman in this assignment and give thanks for the wonderful leadership **Leona Threadgill** has given the Culver City ministry for these past many months.

## Wyandotte, Michigan (Downriver Unity)

This group has decided to continue as a satellite of Unity of Livonia with licensed teacher **Virgil Brewer** conducting the Sunday morning ministry and a Wednesday class. Our blessings to this group as they continue to grow and prosper.

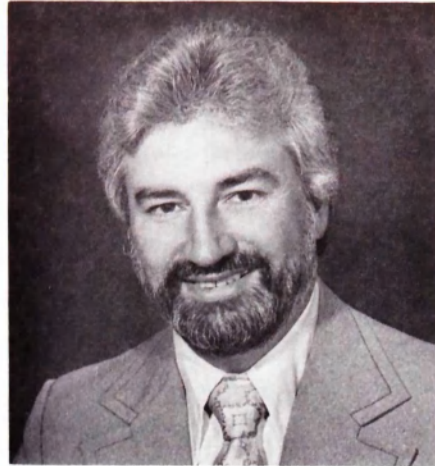


**Doris Caldwell**  
Executive Committee Member

**Doris Caldwell** is presently the minister of South Side Unity Center of Christianity, Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from the ministerial training program in July, 1964 and was ordained in June, 1968 after having served as Board member for nine years, teacher for three years and having gathered together and taught a group of novice to Truth in the downtown YMCA in Gary, Indiana, under the auspices of Christ Unity Temple, served by Johnnie Coleman.

Prior to entering the ministry, Doris was employed by the United States Postal Service.

Upon her ordination, Doris accepted the leadership of South Side Unity Center of Christianity. For the past nine years, South Side Unity Center has shown great progress under her leadership.



**Bernard Dozier**  
Executive Committee Member

**Bernard Dozier** is minister of Unity Christ Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. Before coming to Florida, Bernard served Unity ministries in Minnesota, Texas, and Kansas.

He attended the University of Alabama where he received an MA in Speech Therapy. Recently, he has been working on his MA in English literature. Bernard was introduced to Unity by Dr. Ollie Backus. He became involved with his first Unity church in Little Rock, where he served as a speech and hearing consultant with the State Board of Health and was a member of the evening faculty of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Bernard began his studies at Unity School in 1959. During his training he taught an orientation class in the Training School.

**ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES**  
**Unaudited Statement of General Fund Operation**  
**Twelve Months Ended 3/31/77**

<b>INCOME—OPERATIONS:</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Love Offerings	\$46,882.62	\$391,735.73
Other Income	1,743.66	33,383.12
	48,626.28	425,118.85
Less: Tithe Transfer	4,688.27	39,173.57
Gross Profit Materials	5,814.59	25,407.88
Total Income	49,752.60	411,353.16
<b>EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:</b>		
General Office	22,291.87	302,442.94
Education Department	8,985.45	115,048.62
Total Expenses	31,277.32	417,491.56
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$18,475.28</b>	<b>\$ (6,138.40)</b>
Subject to Annual Audit		

**LICENSED TEACHER RECOGNITION**

**Helice Green** of Mt. Prospect, Illinois received Licensed Teacher Recognition as of April, 1977. Helice is affiliated with the Unity Church of Oak Park, Illinois where **Richard Billings** is minister. She has also been active in teaching in the Outreach Program in the Chicago area, Joliet, and Crystal Lake.

**ATTENTION!!**

The S.O.S. (Spouses of Students) welcomes all spouses attending Conference. We hope you will join us Monday morning, June 20, for coffee and talk. We look forward to being able to meet and talk with you. I know that there are times planned during Conference that we can get together and share our ideas, feelings, and thoughts. Again welcome.

*Linda Melin, S.O.S. Chairman*

**Clearinghouse**

A member of the congregation of Unity on the Plaza, served by **Paul Barrett** would like to obtain a copy of the out-of-print book *Effectual Prayer* by Foulkes. Anyone wishing to respond may do so by writing to **Unity on the Plaza, in care of the Bookstore**.

**PLEASE NOTE!**

**Gary Jones**, minister of Unity West in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, would like for members of the AUC to note his residence telephone number has been changed to reflect the following: **414-355-1428**.

**FAITH BONDS, PLEASE**

Frequently, we have requests of the AUC for samples of Faith Bonds and for the letters and brochures that would accompany them. If all centers who have used the Faith Bond idea would please send us samples of your material regarding Faith Bonds, we could have a ready reference file for all those interested in more information. Please send them to **Stan Hampson, Association of Unity Churches**.





## REGIONAL NEWS

### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS with James C. Lewis:

**Unity of Metairie study group**, sponsored by **Pensacola Unity** (Charles Lelly, minister) reports: "During February we had **Marjorie Kass** as a guest speaker. Although the group was small because of our limited mailing list, she was very well received."

**Eunice Alberstadt**, coordinator asked the following question of all Unity ministers. "I was wondering, are there any ministers on speaking tours who could come through New Orleans and would stop over and talk with our group? It will help us get established when everyone knows we are supported by you. We meet on Sunday evenings now."

If you would be interested in this, contact Eunice Alberstadt, 430 Bellaire Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70124.



### EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Marlowe Kline:

**Unity in the Seven Hills Church, Lynchburg, Virginia**, served by **Rebecca Clark**, has received extensive newspaper coverage on many of their activities. The Daily Advance in Lynchburg recently gave them great coverage on their recent guest appearance of "Peace Pilgrim," an elderly lady who has dedicated her life to helping others.

"Peace Pilgrim" says 40 years ago she realized money and material things were not making her happy. Within five years she "lived up or gave up" all she owned and vowed not to live to receive but to live to give.

"I shall remain a wanderer until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking

until I'm given shelter and fasting until I am given food," she says. Her presence in Lynchburg was creative for that Unity ministry and attracted new people.

After meeting in rented houses, community meeting rooms, and school auditoriums, for more than 5 years, **Unity of Roanoke Valley, Alan and Kathryn Rowbotham**, co-ministers, has a new \$249,200 center. The building consists of an auditorium with movable seats for 250, a lounge for smaller meetings, kitchen, a small chapel-meditation room, classrooms for children and youth as well as nursery area. Alan and Kathryn's offices and counseling rooms are also included in the center. "Eventually," adds Kathryn, "the membership hopes to erect a larger worship area as well as some small cottages for the personal retreats important in Unity ministry. A picnic area and outdoor amphitheater already are taking shape in the partly wooded area. A landscaped garden and place for growing 'natural' foods also are planned."

The Rowbotham's established the Unity congregation locally in 1971, and are well deserving of this achievement. Congratulations! Be sure to note their new address: 330 Green Ridge Road, NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24019.



### GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with Jack Boland:

**First Unity Church of Saint Louis, Missouri**, has "Got It." **Brendan O'Keefe**, minister, did a take off from a Fundamentalist church's promotion and it has proven to be effective as an outreach.

The Fundamentalist campaign includes billboards and bumper stickers stating "I Found It" and giving a telephone number to call.

First Unity Church of St. Louis had bumper stickers made which say "We've Got It" and had their Dial-A-Thought telephone number printed on it. Brendan states that this program has been a very effective way to introduce Unity to the community and their Dial-A-Thought calls have more than doubled. They now have three machines which handled about one thousand calls a day and will soon have to go to at least four or five machines

if the trend continues.

The Birthmonth Club of **South Side Unity Center of Christianity in Chicago**, where **Doris Caldwell** is the minister, presented their 3rd Annual Dinner-Dance on Sunday, April 24. This year, featured on the program were some of our talented ministerial students such as **Alan Stanley**, **Bill Provost** (spouse of ministerial student), and **Rod McCallum**. "We give thanks for the Spring school break that allows the time for these students to give so generously of their talents," concluded Doris. Maybe other ministries would want to arrange through SMRS to have student ministers come to their centers for inspiration and entertainment.

**Amalia Frank**, minister of **Unity of Battle Creek, Michigan**, has been teaching some dynamic classes on Prosperity for **Unity of Greater Lansing**. The name of the class she taught was "Know How To Be Rich Today" based on **Carmen and Bud Moshier's** book. On the last day of these classes the 50 students who attended them gave her a party. She received a beautiful new briefcase and a corsage. Entertainment was provided by "Butterfly" and "Zippi," clowns.



Amalia Frank shown with "Butterfly" and "Zippi."



### NORTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with David McClure:

**Jim Peterson**, minister of **Unity Center of Tacoma, Washington**, is modulating the Tacoma area airwaves six days a week. (continued on page 9)



## REGIONAL NEWS

(continued from page 8)

Beginning in February, Jim began a one minute "Good News" program just before the 8 a.m. regular news Monday through Friday. In the middle of March a fifteen minute Sunday talk was initiated also, on the same station. Cost factors were about the same for radio and newspaper. And, for Tacoma area residents, an opportunity to experience the Unity message is one factor in continually expanding attendance at Unity Sunday morning services.



Jim Peterson



## SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Loren Flickinger:

**First Church Unity, Nashville, Tennessee**, served by **Gene Conner**, has completed a 250-seat sanctuary. Formal dedication was April 3.

Gene commented, "The one-story unit is at the west end and connected to the original residence structure which has housed a 100-seat chapel and classrooms. It is 40 X 72 feet and includes offices and library."



First Church Unity in Nashville, Tennessee

**Reverend Myrtle A. Dark**, who was minister at **Unity Church of Melbourne** for nine years, recently resigned on disability, and by action of the Church Board, was given recognition as Minister Emeritus. Reverend Dark contributed greatly to the Unity movement in the Melbourne area. She was active in outreach work in surrounding communities of Rockledge, Cocoa Beach, and Kissimmee, Florida. She was also active in bringing in guest speakers, arranging interesting mid-week programs, and in conducting many classes in Truth teachings. She provided strong, creative, and forward-looking leadership in the Melbourne Church, and through her dedication to the ministry, enjoyed the loyalty of a devoted congregation.

Myrtle continues to reside at her home in the Melbourne area. Her address is: **202 Coconut Drive, Indialantic, Florida 32903**. She will greatly appreciate hearing from everyone she has known during her many years in the Unity movement. She welcomes all of your prayers for healing and prosperity, and will appreciate all who join with her in knowing she is being restored to abundant health, activity, and supply.

**David King**, who has succeeded Myrtle as minister in Melbourne, urges that all of us in the Unity movement give forth a showering of our love to Myrtle, our dedicated friend, associate, and fellow minister.

**Unity of the Palm Beaches**, **Hal** and **Lassie Rosencrans**, **Harry Young**, ministers, had the opportunity to co-sponsor a week-end conclave with the members of the Institute of Noetic Sciences.

**Dr. Ed Mitchell**, the former astronaut of Apollo 14, now has a business in Palm Beach, and lives there. He and his wife were attracted to Unity and joined Unity of the Palm Beaches last fall.

The friendship between Hal and Ed resulted with the agreement to hold a Spring meeting of the Institute at the Unity of Palm Beaches. Ed brought his four member staff of the Institute there for the meeting.

The presentation was a great success with its emphasis on self-healing and self-unfoldment. For more information about this seminar and the possibility of repeating it in your center, contact Unity of the Palm Beaches.



## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with G. Arthur Hammons:

**Robert Stevens**, minister of **Christ Church, Unity in San Diego, California**, recently conducted a very successful seminar for ministers. The seminar gave ministers an insight as to how to successfully manage their church through the use of experts in accounting, verbal and printed communication, and management. The Unity Friend Program and the ministering and teaching of the Unity message were highlighted. **Paul Barrett**, minister of **Unity on the Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri**, presented a seminar immediately following the "Seminar for Ministers" on Prosperity and Success, which he has presented with acclaim to a number of Unity congregations.



## WELCOME TO AUC!

We are happy to welcome two new churches as members of our Association: **Unity Church of the North Shore, North Vancouver, British Columbia** and **Unity Center of Truth, Chicago**.

Unity Church on the North Shore, **Marnie Stewart** minister, recently became an incorporated church and applied for AUC membership on January 15, 1977. They have a growing congregation of 60 people and a YOU Chapter. Their address is **P.O. Box 86012, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V7L 4J5**.

Unity Truth Center of Chicago is a new ministry. **Clara Epps** is the minister and was ordained in special services on Sunday, March 20, with **Bill Fischer** representing our Association to ordain Clara and welcome her ministry into our fellowship. We welcome Clara Epps and her growing ministry and rejoice with them in this mile-stone of progress. The address for your files is **The Reverend Clara Epps, Unity Center of Truth, 8656 S. Essex, Chicago, Illinois 60617**.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MAY

- 5-7 Northern California Regional Conference, San Jose, Calif., hosted by Christ Church, Unity
- † 6 Post Graduate Program on "Prosperity," San Jose, Calif.
- 21-27 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## JUNE

- 4-10 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 12-17 AUC Pre-Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 19-23 AUC Ministers/Teachers Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 25- July 8 U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.

## JULY

- 3-9 Twelfth Annual Spiritual Therapy Workshop, Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pa., sponsored by Unity Center of Practical Christianity, New York, N. Y.
- 9-22 U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 4, Unity Village, Mo.
- 17-22 Northern Ohio Unity Retreat, Wooster College Campus, Wooster, Ohio, hosted by Unity of Akron, Warren, and Westlake
- 17-23 Snow Mountain Ranch Retreat, Granby, Colo., hosted by Unity Church of Denver
- 23-29 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## AUGUST

- 6-12 August Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 12 Graduation and Ordination Services, School for Ministerial and Religious Studies and AUC, Unity Village, Mo.
- 15-17 Southeastern Regional Retreat, The Breakers Resort Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida
- 15-21 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 22-25 Northwest Regional Conference, Great Falls, Montana, hosted by Unity Church of Truth
- Post Graduate Program, Great Falls, Montana

- 22-26 YAU Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 27- Sept. 2 Mid-Season Festival, Unity Village, Mo.

## SEPTEMBER

- 9-11 Sierra Retreat, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., sponsored by Unity of Reno, Nevada
- 10-16 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 24-30 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 26-28 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Bettendorf, Iowa, hosted by Unity Center
- †27 Post Graduate Program, Bettendorf, Iowa

## OCTOBER

- 8-14 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 14-16 Northern California Unity Students Annual Retreat, Asilomar, California
- 15-28 U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.
- 16-19 Southeastern Regional Conference, Naples, Florida, hosted by Unity of Naples
- †18 Post Graduate Program, Naples, Florida
- 29- Nov. 11 U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.

## NOVEMBER

- 19-25 Thanksgiving Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## DECEMBER

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

† Addition



	CONFERENCE SCHEDULE			
	SUNDAY — June 19	MONDAY — June 20	TUESDAY — June 21	WEDNESDAY — June 22
M O R N I N G	8:30 a.m. - Worship Service 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service	8:30 a.m. - Prayer, James Dillet Freeman 9:00 a.m. - Welcome, Charles R. Fillmore 9:15 a.m. - Joy Singing 9:30 a.m. - Seminar "Successful Church Mgmt. & Successful Attitudes (Robert Stevens) 12 noon - Lunch	8:30 a.m. - Prayer 8:45 a.m. - Joy Singing 9:00 a.m. - Seminar "Expanding the Minister's Prosperity" 10:50 a.m. - Break 11:00 a.m. - Silent Unity Prayer Service	8:30 a.m. - Prayer 8:45 a.m. - Joy Singing 9:00 a.m. - Business Session 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Special Blessing Ceremony  Adjournment
A F T E R N O O N	1:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. - carillon music 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. - organ music (Lou Bass) 2:00 p.m. - Dedication Ceremony, Lowell Fillmore Memorial Garden (adjacent to Activities Center) 3:00 p.m. - AUC Registration & Open House, Fellowship Lounge (refreshments by spouses of SMRS students)	1:30 p.m. - Regional meetings 2:45 p.m. - Break 3:00 p.m. - Business Sessions 5:00 p.m. - Adjournment 5:15 p.m. - Dinner (Inn)	1:30 p.m. - Joy Singing 1:45 p.m. - Business Sessions 4:00 p.m. - Open House, Silent Unity (new phone and prayer rooms) 5:00 p.m. - Adjournment	1:30 p.m. - Joy Singing 1:45 p.m. - Business Sessions 5:00 p.m. - Adjournment
E V E N I N G	Registration & Open House continued	7:30 p.m. - Musical Entertainment 8:00 p.m. - Dr. R. Moody, Jr. Guest Speaker Open to Public (Love offering)	7:00 - 12 midnight - Banquet Plaza Inn Ladona Ann - piano & song stylist - and combo	7:30 p.m. - Musical Entertainment 8:00 p.m. - Laurel Elizabeth Keyes Guest Speaker Open to Public (Love offering)  Unity Inn Schedule Breakfast - 7:00-8:30 a.m. Lunch - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Pre-Conference: June 13-17, 1977  
 Conference: June 20-23, 1977  
 Free day: June 24, 1977

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Holidays:

Memorial Holiday - May 30, 1977  
 Independence Holiday - July 4, 1977

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 to 8:50	STUDENT CHAPEL  SERVICE	1 SPEECH I (William L. Fischer)  2 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Paul Barrett)	1 SPEECH I (William L. Fischer)  2 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Paul Barrett)	1 CREDO PREPARATION (Phil White)  2 SPEECH II (William L. Fischer)	1 SPEECH I (William L. Fischer)  2 BIBLE INTERPRETATION (Paul Barrett)
9:00 to 9:50	1 COUNSELING I (Frank Giudici)  2 CREATIVE WRITING (Gladys Branscum)	1 SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Martha Giudici)  2 SPEECH II (William L. Fischer)	1 COUNSELING I (Frank Giudici)  2 CREATIVE WRITING (Gladys Branscum)	1 SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Martha Giudici)  2 VOICE DYNAMICS (Lou Bass)	1 COUNSELING I (Frank Giudici)  2 SPEECH II (William L. Fischer)
10:00 to 10:50	1 UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE (Frank Giudici)  2 TEACHING METHODS (Martha Giudici)	1 UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE (Frank Giudici)  2 TEACHING METHODS (Martha Giudici)	----- INTEGRATIVE -----	1 UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE (Frank Giudici)  2 TEACHING METHODS (Martha Giudici)	1 SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Martha Giudici)  2 SPECIAL SERVICE (Various Instructors)
11:00 to 11:50	1 LIFE OF PRAYER (Margaret Conn)  2 SPECIAL SERVICES	1 & 2 SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING  1 & 2 SILENT UNITY	1 & 2 SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING  1 & 2 SILENT UNITY	1 & 2 SILENT UNITY HEALING MEETING  1 & 2 SILENT UNITY	1 LIFE OF PRAYER (Margaret Conn)  2 SILENT UNITY

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