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## AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This has been a year of change. In my opinion, it has been a time of growth, for we have taken an honest look at where we were, and as a result broken out of the mold in which we had allowed ourselves to be confined. Now we are ready to move ahead.

Much prayer, interest, thought, time and energy has been given to our Association by the Review Committee, the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees. Dozens of others have shared, by phone and letter, their concerns, thoughts and ideas. The increased love offerings to our Association is helping us get on a much sounder financial basis.

Through our establishment of three departments, we have broadened our base of operation as any dynamic organization does as it expands. As we seek to restore actual authority for the functioning of the AUC to the Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee, there are numerous matters to be given serious consideration.

Since we ought to operate under the very best principles and precepts of business procedure and management, people elected to the Board should have busi-



Joyce Kramer

ness acumen and know-how. Not all ministers are business oriented; nor do they have the experience to cope with the type of responsibilities that are faced.

One of the most serious problems that we, as Unity leaders, face in the maintenance of a vital, dynamic and effectively functioning organization is our unresolved relationship between wisdom and love. In our desire to see the Christ in others, and to go the extra mile, we make personal rather than im-

personal judgments. Thus we become so tied up in the emotions connected with personality that reason, logic, and good judgment are set aside. Idealism overwhelms facts and matters cannot be handled competently. Our ability to say "no" is just as important as our ability to say "yes."

Undoubtedly, I became president because I had served for the longest period of time of anyone on the Executive Committee. This is not a very good reason but unless we make some changes, this practice is likely to continue. A president should have to meet certain personal qualifications, have proven leadership ability, have stability in the ministry, and be someone whom the Conference body trusts and is able to relate to freely and openly. Recommendations of the Review Committee regarding the presidency should be given serious, prayerful consideration.

As we come together in June, let us know that we are no longer bound by past ways of thinking and operating; instead we are open and receptive to the dynamic movement of Truth.

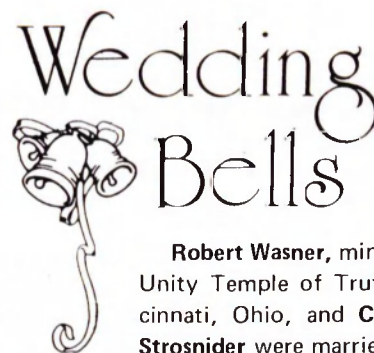
Sincerely,

*Joyce Kramer*

**LOOK  
HERE!**



THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR QUALITY APPLICATIONS FOR SMRS. IF YOU KNOW OF SUCH A PERSON, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT BILL FISCHER IMMEDIATELY.



Robert Wasner, minister of Unity Temple of Truth, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Christine Strosnider were married April 23 in Frederick, Maryland, by the bride's father who is a retired Methodist minister. Christy is completing her PhD in the Administration of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston University in Huntsville, Texas.

We know each member of the AUC joins in sending best wishes to Bob and Christy.

## 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:

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### YORKTOWN, INDIANA

Newly assigned minister, **Michael Cahall**, has enthusiastically reported results of the move of his new ministry to Sunday mornings. The group has been meeting on Sunday evenings until Palm Sunday, April 3, when over 60 persons attended its first morning services. Easter brought over 90 into the tiny church office building and increased a stir for larger quarters. Mike also reports that their Dial-A-Prayer, provided by **Charles Roth's** Indiana ministry, received over 1,500 calls in its first week of operation. Mike credits the results primarily to a "personals" column ad in the local newspapers. They are intending to purchase a second Dial-A-

Prayer machine. Unity School has recently approved a mailing to correspondents in the area to announce **Bill Fischer's** lectures there on June 26.

### VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

There was also an enthusiastic response by Unity members and friends in the Vancouver, Washington, area for a Thursday night meeting there. While the attendance of about 75 persons was below **Terri Burkett's** expectations, she recently reports that responses to the postcard mailing continue to come to her ministry.

### VICTORIA, B.C., CANADA

An Outreach assisted mailing and seminar series in Victoria has helped **Max** and **Vicki Lafser** in their efforts to develop a ministry here on Vancouver Island. Between 50 and 75 persons were in attendance each of the three evenings of my lecture series.

### WARREN, OHIO

**Mayola SaltPaw's** request for a mailing to Unity School correspondents announcing the speaking engagement of **James**

**Dillet Freeman** for May 22 has been approved and mailed.

### EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

A mailing to Unity School correspondents in Evansville, Indiana, has emphasized the move of this group to a Sunday morning schedule. The locally announced meeting was held May 8. In addition, **Judy Sherman**, Great Lakes Regional Youth Education facilitator, conducted a Sunday service and youth education seminar on May 1.

### SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

The requested mailing to Unity School correspondents, by **Jack Groverland**, has been approved for a June visit by **Stan Hampson**. The final date will be set soon.

### SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

A Sunday morning and Sunday evening series at **John Strickland's** church here was a beautiful experience for all of us. Over 350 persons attended the Sunday morning service and nearly 150 attended the evening prayer and meditation workshop. John credited this response to the mailing which brought over 100 new persons to the church, the enthusiasm of his own congregation who brought their friends, and the daily advertising campaign in area newspapers prior to my visit.



### "CHANGING THE ODDS"

A little over fifty years ago a Johns Hopkins professor gave a group of graduate students this assignment: Go to the slums. Take 200 boys, between the ages of 12 and 16, and investigate their background and environment. Then predict their chances for the future.

The students, after consulting social statistics, talking to the boys and compiling as much data as they could, concluded that 90 percent of the boys would spend some time in jail.

Twenty-five years later another group of graduate students was given the job of testing the prediction. They went back to the slum area. Some of the boys—now men—were still there, a few had died, some had moved away, but they got in touch with 180 of the original 200. They found that only four of the

group had ever been sent to jail.

Why was it that these men, who had lived in a breeding place of crime, had such a surprisingly good record? The researchers were continually told: "Well, there was a teacher..."

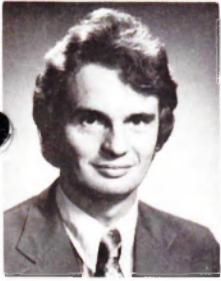
They pressed further, and found that in 75 percent of the cases it was the same woman. The researchers went to this teacher, now living in a home for retired teachers. How had she exerted this remarkable influence over a group of slum children? Could she give them any reason why these boys should have remembered her?

"No," she said, "no, she really couldn't." And then, thinking back over the years, she said musingly, more to herself than to her questioners: "I loved those boys..."

**Bits & Pieces**







## "ACTIVITY OF SPIRIT"

**Stan Hampson**  
Field Services  
Coordinator

Placement is the activity of Spirit. I believe this and certainly you do, too. We teach that all life is a matter of consciousness. However, we may not always be aware that this activity has usually occurred within a certain cultural and racial milieu when it comes to placement. As in America in general, we in Unity are predominantly Anglo-Saxon. We haven't tried to make it that way. It's just evolved that way. Unity people are not prejudiced people--to be so would be a violation of everything we believe and teach. Yet, all of us tend to gravitate toward similarities. People tend to be

comfortable with persons of the same racial background, the same age, even the same sex.

Observe people in your neighborhood; in your community walking down the street. There is a group of blacks; there, some Italians, there, Polish, Venezuelans, Puerto Ricans, Haitians, Canadians. There is a group of young people, there are some elderly, there is a group of men speaking, there is a handful of ladies together. We tend to group ourselves in similarities. People aren't as locked into social strata as they were in the past. We in Unity are undoubtedly more open than people in general.

So how does the activity of Spirit work in the placement of an ordained minister who speaks only Spanish or French or is black or Oriental, or speaks English with an accent unfamiliar to your area? Would your congregation be prepared or comfortable to have such a minister as it's own?

Recently several ministries have been

so creative as to embrace and prosper under the leadership of a minister very different from their previous stereo-type image of a minister. It's exciting to see some of our Unity congregations confirm a minister of completely different race, cultural background, or sex than they have had before.

Is it time for us to consider pioneer work of reaching new groups of people? Could our outreach be amplified to serve communities of Truth students that have not been reached by us?

The first step in positive growth is defining a situation. I think we can begin to make better steps forward as we simply realize certain, capable individuals fit into a different activity of Spirit. Then, as we give serious thought and prayer to possible directions, we will find those next steps.

Let us pray together and think together to expand our horizons. Certainly the activity of Spirit can be bigger and more exciting than we have ever before thought.



# 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:

### **Bakersfield, California**

**Edd Dawson**, began May 21. We send our blessings to this selection and know prosperity and all good is theirs.

### **Palo Alto, California**

**Sue Kelly** was unanimously accepted by the Board and congregation to be the new minister in Palo Alto. We join in their feelings of excitement and joy. Sue began May 1.

### **Shreveport, Louisiana**

**Shirley Richetti**, 1965 graduate was accepted by Shreveport as their new minister pending approval of our Board of Trustees which was granted April 21, 1977. Shirley will appear before the L & O Committee in June for final determination and then start in Shreveport after Conference. God is in charge and we do give thanks.

### **Maui, Hawaii**

The Maui Study Group, sponsored by Unity Church of Hawaii, where **Michael Murphy** serves as minister, has invited **Susan Colombero** to be their first minister. Susan and her husband, **Larry Todd**, will arrive on Maui June 1. This new ministry will be assisted by tithes from Honolulu and Seattle. We give thanks for this divine idea whose time has come!



Pictured above, left to right: Yves LaFontant (Haiti), Augustine Njoku (Nigeria), Viola Williamson (Canada), Alec Evason (Great Britain), Ngaire Thomson (Australia), Graeme Johnson (Australia), Aldwyn Jacques (Trinidad), and Ralph Seelig (Great Britain).

There is a real international flavor to the student body of the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. This year, in addition to the United States, there are students registered from six different nations. This is an indicator for international expansion in the Unity field Movement.

Pictured here are eight students who have their roots in other countries. Representing our rapidly-expanding Unity Movement in Australia are **Graeme Johnson**, a second-year student, and **Ngaire Thomson**, a first-year student. Graeme was a self-employed businessman before coming to SMRS. Ngaire has had a career as a radio actress and in teaching dramatics. Upon graduation

and ordination, they will join **Elva Holcombe** and **Margaret Berkman** in expanding Unity's work in Australia.

There are also two representatives from Great Britain in the student body. **Ralph Seelig** was a businessman with a long association with Unity in Great Britain. **Alec Evason** has an employment background in computers, where he worked as a programmer and a systems analyst. His association with Unity has been through the ministry in London.

**Viola Williamson** is from Canada, where she was involved with the ministry in Vancouver. She is a licensed practical nurse and has also worked as a medical assistant. Viola has been deeply involved in Unity for some time, and is a graduate of the Unity Institute for Continuing Education.

Representing Nigeria is **Augustine Njoku**. He has been a self-employed businessman, and most recently has owned and operated a business school in his Village of Aba in the state of Imo. Augustine has brought with him a touch of culture from his homeland, which has enriched the ministerial school.

**Yves LaFontant** comes originally from Haiti, although he has been living in New York where he was associated with the ministry there. His employment background has been in the areas of bookkeeping and accounting. Yves first language is French, and he speaks English with a charming French accent. He views a possible career as a French-speaking Unity minister.

**Aldwyn Jacques** comes originally from Trinidad. He has worked as a miner, computer programmer, and in other businesses. Aldwyn lived in New York and attended Unity there some time prior to coming to Unity Village to attend SMRS.

When you are at Unity Village attending Pre-Conference and Conference activities, be sure to look for these international students and chat with them. Their personal stories in their pursuit of Truth are interesting to hear, but are most interesting when they tell you themselves. All of them have indicated that they would like to get better acquainted with as many Unity ministers as possible during their tenure of ministerial training.

## WHO'S WHO IN AUC



**Sara Watson**, the AUC receptionist is responsible for answering all telephone calls and opening the daily mail. The AUC office has five outside telephone lines along with two interoffice lines. When you contact our office it will usually be Sara who greets you first. In addition to her receptionist duties Sara is coordinator for our 1977 Conference.

Sara has two children, **Bret** and **Brandi Lynn**, which take up most of her time. Sara lived in Des Moines, Iowa, before moving to Lee's Summit five years ago. She enjoys many hobbies such as swimming, fishing, water skiing, golf and most of all going to shopping centers.

We are very proud of Sara and know that each of you joins with us in the AUC office in blessing Sara for being the very special person that she is.



**Mary Oberweather**, the AUC order clerk is responsible for all orders either by phone or mail. Mary also accounts for the posting of all incoming monies, and re-capping and footing the books at the end of the month.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield keeps Mary very busy, also. She is responsible for the billings and all liaison work that has to do with Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Mary has lived in Lee's Summit for 17 years. Before moving here she lived in Shawnee, Kansas where she was born and raised. Mary enjoys spending time with her four girls—**Cheryl**, **Joyce**, **Nancy**, and **Connie**. In her spare time she enjoys home decorating.

We recognize, appreciate, and give thanks for Mary and bless her for her willingness and dedication to serve our world-wide ministries through her expressions of service in the AUC office.



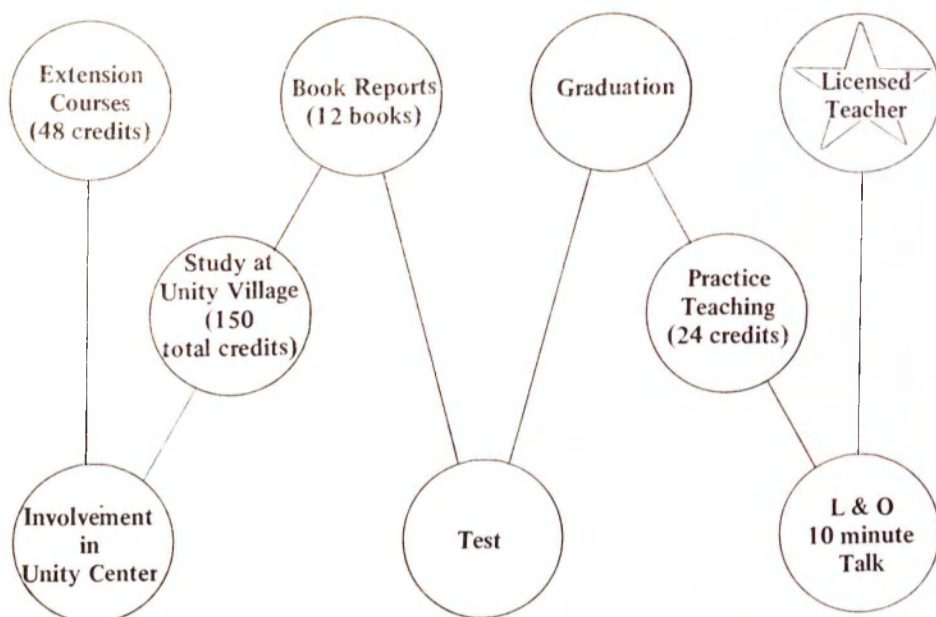
## UICE CHANGES FOR 1978

The Education Department is planning to upgrade their licensed teacher training in 1978. In a meeting about the future of their Unity teacher training program, the joint Teacher Training Committee decided to develop the training of Unity teachers in UICE so that the following goals may be achieved:

1. Closer involvement of faculty and teacher candidates.
2. More personalized attention to each student in order to maximize the student's opportunities to develop teaching skills.
3. Better and fairer evaluation of candidates' abilities.

To achieve these goals we will involve the licensed teacher candidates in an entirely different format for the last part of their training.

The committee is recommending that licensed teacher candidates be required to complete certain skill development seminars, which will be offered at a special time during the year. These would be in addition to the presently required 150 credits, and would be required only of licensed teacher candidates. The additional time beyond 150 credits is anticipated to be from one to two weeks of involvement. The student will be



required to complete the seminars, not accumulate credits. Emphasis will be on skill development and experiential learning. Subject matter will include generally: teaching methods, historical and meta-physical review, speech development, fundamentals, and Bible review.

The form that this training will take is still in the planning stages. However,

for those of you who are planning to finish your teacher training, you may want to decide now whether you will complete your training under the present format, which will end in 1977, or whether you wish to go ahead and complete your training under the new program, which will begin in Session 1 of 1978.

### A PROJECT WORTH PARTICIPATING IN!

An exciting suggestion was made in January, which was then presented to the Board of Trustees of the Association of Unity Churches. The Board concurred with the suggestion, so now we are presenting it to you, so that you may know about it and participate in it.

It was suggested that we give the field ministries an opportunity to provide the Dickson Analytical Bibles which are presented to the graduating ordinands each year. This year there will be twenty-four (24) of these Bibles presented. If you are interested in participating, please send a check for \$50.00 to the SMRS office. Make the check payable to the Association, and note that it is for the Ordination Bible Project.

The inscription in the front of the Bible will note that it is being presented by your ministry. Also, if you would like your Bible to go to a particular student (perhaps one who originally came through your ministry), please let us know and it will be handled in that way, if at all possible.

If you will like to participate in this project, we would appreciate your prompt response. Please send your check in care of the SMRS office to the attention of William L. Fischer.

### SEVEN NEW TEACHERS LICENSED

At its April 21 meeting at Unity Village, the Board of Trustees approved licensed teacher recognition for seven persons. These persons had previously appeared before the Licensing Committee, and had been recommended to the Board.

The new licensed teachers are: **Elizabeth Aitken**, 730 Drury Lane, Burlington, Ontario, Canada L2R 2X7, who is associated with the ministry in Toronto. **Bertha Howard**, 5804 Iroquois, Detroit, Michigan 48213, who has her association with the Detroit Unity Temple. **Frances Kowalski**, 154 Stanislaus Street, Buffalo, New York 14212. Frances will be teaching in the Buffalo ministry. **Mercedes Kuilan**, Estonia 550, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico 00920, and her affiliation is with the Santurce (San Juan) ministry. **Audre Morgan**, 7010 Phoenix Ave., N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110. Audre will be working with her husband, **Jim**, in the Albuquerque ministry. **Russell Addison**, 3108 Castle Drive, Blue Springs, Missouri 64015, who will be a part of the teaching staff of Unity Village Chapel. **Constance Rich**, 4420 Indiana, Kansas City, Missouri 64130. Connie is affiliated with the Unity Southeast ministry in Kansas City.

We have listed the mailing addresses of these new licensed teachers, with the thought that you might want to write each of them a note of congratulations and welcome. Licensed teachers service is a vital function in our field ministries, and we deeply appreciate the work they have put forth in order to attain this recognition.





*"I don't believe in 'retiring,' but I think this may be the time to enter into a new and perhaps less demanding way of life, to catch up on some of the things you have always wanted to do."*

*Ernest C. Wilson*

*I've often said--maybe sometime you've heard me say it--that I thought Norma Knight Jones was the best woman speaker I'd ever heard.*

*A friend one time challenged me on that statement. "You're only saying that because you love her and because you chose her to work with you in your Los Angeles ministry." I love her for many reasons besides her speaking ability. But it's not because I chose her to work with me that I say she is a fine speaker and minister. I chose her to work with me because of those abilities I saw in her.*

*Her discourses made you a part of the picture she painted with words. When she talked to a huge Bible class about Biblical characters, you could almost see them walking down the aisles. She brought you into the picture.*

*She had trouble with certain words, even in her prime. She referred to "library" and "Febuary." When she was to announce my subject for a healing service, found the typed subject difficult to discern, lifted a lorgnette to aid her vision, and triumphantly announced, "Treatment for the eyes!" There was laughter from the congregation in which she joined and commented, "I think I'll come!"*

*Such little gaffes were a part--even a winsome part--of her personality. But when in the Christmas season she referred to the cross and resurrection, and in a pre-Easter service alluded to the star of Bethlehem I felt she was marring the bright image that thousands held of her. Those of us closest to her could not bear to see this happening. Something should be done. It was up to me to do it, and I had to do a lot of praying to face that responsibility. She herself opened the way as she was approaching her 80th birthday.*

*"Ernest, I'm so old. Maybe I should retire," she ventured.*

*"That's not your problem, Norma," I was able to say. "You are young, ageless really, but your physical organism just can't keep up with you. I don't believe in 'retiring,' but I think this may be the time to enter into a new and perhaps less demanding way of life, catch up on some of the things you have always wanted to do, but didn't find time for," and so on.*

*I know I hurt her, but a little hurt from a close and loving friend would be a lesser hurt than presenting to her host of admirers a disheartening image of the great teacher they so admired.*

*It was then that I first strongly thought about the challenge of retirement in relation to myself. For though we know this applies to others, we tend to feel that it will never come to us.*

*Someone has said that the one changeless thing in life is change itself. That, like most aphorisms, is an over-simplification. But it is something we all should consider. When things are pleasing to us we don't (we think) want them to change. But while change does not always mean growth, growth always*

# Planning

This is the final a e in  
CONTACT by several retired  
have met this experience in  
love. Their comments offer  
inspiration to us all. Through  
Marion Brown, Eleonore Kraf  
Donaldson, Millie Leslie, and  
welcome Ernest C. Wilson fr  
Elizabeth Sand Turner from L

*involves change. To that we must adjust if we are to live a well-ordered life. And there is some blessing, something to learn, something of good to discover in every change that we must meet.*

*When I myself began to see signs of change that might lead to relinquishing to the pattern of life that I have followed for so many years I found that I could do so with a degree of equanimity. There is a Knower in each of us that will guide us if we are receptive. I found that without my scarcely realizing this, I was provided with inner resources that helped me to welcome "retirement." One need was to correct that unpleasant word. I would not retire. I would become a "minister at large."*

*I would devote myself to things I'd always wanted to do--or more accurately to do more of--than time and the demands of my responsibilities would permit. Here are some of the things that helped:*

*"What will people say?" That's no big problem with me. People have always been kinder to me in my human frailties than I have been of myself. I've seldom been very pleased about any sermon or lesson I've ever given. Often after a big, enthusiastic meeting in which I've been the speaker, and I've left the crowds and gone to my quiet home, a part of me would be saying, "Why did you say that? Why didn't you say this? Why did you allow yourself to become taken off balance in an unfamiliar situation?" I have had to take myself firmly in hand. "I will try to do better. I will try to learn from each human encounter, but I will not beat myself over the back. I will just be grateful that I receive as good a response to my efforts as I do. As one great speaker once said to me, "Dare to be a fool for the kingdom of heaven's sake," and to myself I say, "Get yourself out of the picture. If you can help people, that is more important than ego satisfaction. What is done is done. No door closes but others open." As long as I am in this plane there are things to do, lessons to learn and teach; joys to be received and shared and given again. Life is a progress, not a station.*

*Money--how will I be sustained? Have I not always been sustained? Shall I not always be? Through most of my years of ministry there was no retirement plan for people like me. I had to depend on invisible resources; God in me. Knowing this I have tried to be a good steward; to prepare not "for rainy days" but for opportunities and expansion. Nowadays, as I have found in trying to help people who were retired from gainful employment, this is much easier than when, sixty years ago I started out, as Myrtle Fillmore used to admonish, "without script or purse" and trust for God to open ways where there seemed to be none.*



# Ahead

a series written especially for Unity ministers. The authors live with particular dignity and valuable food for thought and in this series we have heard from Bert, Georgianna Tree West, Mabel Marie Handley. This month we hear from Kansas City, Missouri, and Laguna Hills, California.

*What will I do with my time? Your life will be as broad or as narrow as you make it. I've always felt sorry for the people who cannot find interesting things to do, to learn, to explore, to discover. It helps if you have always had wide interests. I have been fortunate in this. Among others things I've always been an omnivorous reader. For years I subscribed to twenty magazines, read four books a week, even during the busiest years. (I'm more selective now, but the habit persists. I love music, the theater, sports, travel. I've always enjoyed trying to write. I have worked as a commercial artist, tried a hand at clay modelling, done radio programs, even a poetry program, and appeared over 1200 times on television. All these form a backlog of present exploration.*

*Loneliness? I cherish times to be alone as much as I enjoy crowds of people. Jesus knew as a boy we need to "come to yourself, arise, and go to the Father." When you feel the need of people send out a silent call; you will get an answer. It's an aspect of Truth that really works. "The good I seek is seeking me. Friends I seek are seeking me. Opportunities I enjoy open before me."*

*Day by day. As never before when you become a minister at large you can indulge yourself in doing good for its own sake, with no thought of return; go out of your way to help in a smaller or more intimate area than you were able to do when you were on a time schedule. You can find the fascinating delight of living for the day that is at hand, coming to know better than ever before, what a wonderful world this is, right where you are; that you live and love and serve as by divine appointment; that people are wonderful; you too, wonderful in your own very special, unique way.*

*What and Where Now? In trying to find a suitable retirement facility for some friends I, by divine direction I believe, found an attractive penthouse apartment in a handsome high-rise retirement complex in the heart of Kansas City. I am writing, traveling, lecturing, enjoying each day. I hope you'll come and see me sometime.*

*Blessings,*

*Ernest C. Wilson*

*"To those who have reached or are nearing the proper time for retirement ... Don't be afraid, and don't hesitate. Your loving Father will provide if you will tear down the barrier of fear."*

*Elizabeth Sand Turner*



*Retirement is as much of life as is childhood, adolescence, and maturity. It should be approached without apprehension. Our Father does not desert us because we have reached "three-score and ten"!*

*There are two questions that must be answered as we face the advisability of retirement. One is, "Have I sufficient income to live on?" and the other, "What will I do with my time?" The first of these should have been taken care of during the years of our ministry. Not only should every minister put aside a portion of his income for investments but should take advantage of one of the retirement plans now offered through the AUC. No such plan was available until the last two years of my ministry, but I discovered the great truth that if we use what we have wisely and thankfully, the Lord opens ways where there seem to be no way.*

*One of those ways leads us into the second deterrent for retiring, i.e., "What will I do with my time?" After almost eleven years of official retirement I am still as active in the ministry as I have the strength to be. I have lectured, substituted for Sunday services, taught classes, done counselling, and still have had time for a number of nice trips. There is great need for those who will serve as interim minister, for those who will substitute for regular ministers when they are on vacation, etc. There is need for those who will take a small church and help it grow until it can support a full-time minister. There is quite often opportunity for a qualified teacher in a nearby church. The Lord always has work for willing hearts and hands.*

*When should you retire? The bell is ringing when you realize that any phase of the ministry is becoming a burden. In my own experience I was moving along happily and enjoying our beautiful new church less than two years old. Retirement in the near future was the furthest thing from my mind. But I began to notice warning signs, such as weariness after night meetings, a hesitancy to add an additional service or class though the need of such was becoming apparent. The deciding factor came with the realization that the Sunday School and Youth of Unity were becoming burdensome. I got the message. God was whispering, "The day has come." At first this sounded like a death knell, but as I listened I understood it was chiming my freedom to go forth into a new land that had already been prepared for me.*

*To those who have reached or are nearing the proper time (continued on page 9)*



## PLANNING AHEAD

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*for retirement I say, "Don't be afraid, and don't hesitate. Your loving Father will provide if you will tear down the barrier of fear. Keep your courage high and your eyes open, "for the Lord, thy God, is with thee whithersoever thou goest."*

*Blessings,*

*Elizabeth Sand Turner*

## PLAN AHEAD NOW...

Two fine plans for financial security in a minister's future are available through your AUC office. Ministers and Boards should familiarize themselves with these plans with an eye to establishing either or both in their ministry.

### BANKER'S LIFE

This plan is referred to as a money purchase tax sheltered Group Annuity which provides for a retirement income payable at age 70. Any employee of the Employer is entitled to participate in the Contractholder's Pension Plan for ordained ministers as determined by the Contractholder.

The Contractholder makes monthly contributions to a fund held by the Banker's Life for each active participant. Each participant's share of the fund, after expenses, is credited with interest at the guaranteed rate of 3¼% per annum by the Company each year. In addition each participant, active or inactive, shares in the dividend declared for this pension which is calculated on the overall experience of the fund. Such dividend is allocated to each participant on the ratio of his accumulation value as of the current anniversary date of the plan to the total accumulation value for all participants. Thus each participant's account is credited with interest at a rate greater than the guaranteed rate. The accumulation value is used to purchase a retirement annuity at the participant's annuity commencement date. For complete details contact your AUC office.

### MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN

This is a pension plan in which the Employer's contributions are fixed, (in this case by reference to a percentage of each Participant's earnings), and the amount of the pension benefits to be paid will vary depending upon such factors as the length of time the Employee has participated and the amount earned by trust investments.

Eligibility is open to full-time employees, licensed teachers, or ordained ministers who are over 24 years of age and who have completed one (1) year of continuous service with: A. The Association of Unity Churches, Inc.; B. Any member church; C. Unity School of Christianity; or D. Any combination of such employment.

The Association of Unity Churches will, upon request, provide eligible employees with application forms and complete details.

## YOU/YAU REPORTS. . . . . Don Knight

**Youth of Unity Report** — YOU sponsors often have a difficult time selecting from a group of outstanding YOUers who will be the delegate or delegates to attend Conference. This, of course, is the desirable situation, for it would mean that Conference would be attended only by real outstanding youths. Such a selection in the ideal never seems to be realized, however. At prior Conferences there have always been a few delegates that come with personal problems which prevented them from having a good Conference experience, but was, in fact, quite a miserable time for them because they felt outside of the exciting, outgoing Conference experience.

Sending the YOUer with a personal problem to Conference, hoping that by attending it will correct the YOUers problem, will possibly harm the YOUer more, and, of course, it will also create hardships for other YOUers at Conference. Therefore, when approving the registration forms of your selected delegates, you are urged to be certain that only the most deserving YOUer who has excelled in attendance, leadership, and who has actively participated in all YOU activities is going to represent your center.

Your approval will ensure that Conference '77 will be attended by superb YOUers who will derive the greatest benefit from being a real strong Conference participant. If you feel that you do not have YOUers of this caliber, it is far better to leave your quota unfilled than to select an unqualified delegate just to fill your Conference quota. Your cooperation in adhering to this outline of delegates selection is appreciated. We are the spirit of wisdom and light operating throughout your entire sphere of ministerial work.

**Young Adults of Unity Report** — The Young Adult Retreat, "Stepping Stones" promises to be real stepping stones to higher consciousness. It is experientially oriented to help the Young Adult learn new techniques for working through periods of decision and growth opportunities. This is the retreat your Young Adults, age levels 19 through 30, should not pass by. Encourage them to attend!

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

## Clearinghouse

**Request** — Elinor MacDonald, retired minister in Canada would like to obtain three copies of her book, Your Greatest Power.

If anyone would like to respond to this request, please write Elinor at **Belfast P.O., Rt. 1, Prince Edward Island, Canada**.



## WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL



**Richard Hutchcraft, Farm Manager of Unity School (kneeling), is also responsible for outside maintenance of the 1400 acre Unity Village complex. (Photo by Tony LaTona.)**

The office of **Richard Hutchcraft**, Farm Manager of Unity Village, is on the seventh floor of the Tower. This office is the one once used by W. Rickert Fillmore, son of the founders of Unity, and architect and designer of Unity buildings and grounds.

"The first thing visitors see when they come to Unity Village is the physical grounds. The grounds are the initial image of Unity and that is why their appearance is so important," says Richard.

His title of Farm Manager is a bit misleading for Richard's supervision and responsibilities are varied. He oversees operations of the golf course, landscaping, farm and garden areas (including the fruit stand), outside building maintenance (including the swimming pool, the residences, motel and cottage buildings), power, gas, and sewer lines, the water treatment plant, and road and vehicle maintenance. Richard is also the postmaster here.

He is quick to give credit to the supervisors who work with him. He cites **Clyde Corn** (Orchards), **Bill Evans** (Landscape), **Max Yost** (Golf Course), **Hollis Spainhower** (Outside Contruction), **Gilbert Long** and **L.J. Sanders** (Gas, Electrical, Sewer, and Water Systems), and **Clyde Gill** (Roads and Vehicles), saying: "We have a crew of approximately fifty workers, which grows to about seventy in the summer. With such a large staff, and such wide-ranging responsibilities, I find the work of my supervisors invaluable. These men are all thoroughly knowledgeable and capable about their areas."

Richard joined Unity School in April 1972 as manager of the golf course. He accepted the responsibility of Farm Manager in December 1974. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Ottawa University. Before joining the staff of Unity School, he was a biologist with Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City. Richard and his wife, **Alice**, are parents of three daughters; two year old **Heidi**, and newborn twins, **Holly** and **Robyn**.

The AUC is deeply appreciative of the beauty of the Unity grounds. We commend and bless Richard and his talented staff for their contributions to the smooth operation of the many facets of Unity Village for which they are responsible.

## LICENSED UNITY TEACHER NEEDED FOR LEADERSHIP DURING VACATION PERIOD

**Amalia Frank**, minister of our new Battle Creek, Michigan, ministry is asking for the assistance of a licensed teacher for four weeks in August. This individual will serve as leader for the Battle Creek Center from August 3-31 and will conduct both Tuesday classes and Thursday night worship services. In addition, the center office hours are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. week days. This individual will receive a salary of about \$400 for this period plus full use of Amalia's beautiful apartment, as she will be out of town. Please call Amalia on Tuesday or Wednesday in Battle Creek. The telephone number is 616-968-6929.

## ATTENTION!!

This year there is a separate fee of \$10.00 for Conference payable to the Association on or before Conference. This new fee is not to be confused with the regular \$10.00 deposit payable to Unity School to hold your room if you are staying at Unity Village.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Charlene Linnell**, minister of Unity of Richmond, Virginia, since 1968, made her transition on Sunday, May 1. A memorial service for Charlene was conducted on Sunday, May 9, by **John Tant**, minister in Baltimore.

We all join in blessing Charlene in her soul's ongoing, knowing that her new experience in life is one of fulfillment. Our gratitude and love go forth to Charlene for her years of faithful service to the ministry of Truth.



## SACRED CIRCLES

**MAJOR INTERNATIONAL  
ART EVENT  
NELSON ART GALLERY - KANSAS CITY  
April 16-June 19**



Only United States showing of the finest American Indian Art ever exhibited. Schedule a visit while at Pre-Conference. The circle is an Indian symbol for unity--tribal universal unity. Open Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; closed Mondays.





## REGIONAL NEWS

### GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with Jack Boland:

**Unity of Livonia, Michigan**, **Gene Sorensen**, minister, just completed its new education wing and had an open house and dedication Sunday on March 6. The Congregation now averages 400 on Sunday, with two services and the physical plant is complete giving space to the Youth of Unity, Uniteens, and the classes for pre-schoolers. Closed circuit TV is being used for overflow Sundays.



**Unity of Livonia's new educational wing**

The addition of station WWY-FM in Columbus, Indiana, extends the Indianapolis Unity radio "network" to 7 stations. **Charles Roth**, minister of **Unity of Indianapolis**, stated, "It is estimated that the Unity radio message is heard by well over a hundred thousand listeners each week on WATI (Indianapolis), WSMJ-FM (Greenfield), WHBU (Anderson), WWWY-FM (Columbus), WJPS (Evansville), WNIO (Niles, Ohio), and WWIZ (Sharon, Pennsylvania)."

Charles added, "Unity of Indianapolis has purchased adjoining property and demolished the buildings for additional parking area. This increases the Unity property in the near downtown section of Indianapolis, from 20,000 square feet to more than 35,500 square feet."

**Unity of Yorktown**, a satellite center of Indianapolis, under the direction of **Michael Cahall**, associate minister in Indianapolis, held its first Sunday morning service April 3, 1977. The attendance of some 70 Unity students overflowed the present quarters. One Dial-A-Prayer machine installed recently received so many calls that a second machine was hurriedly ordered. Michael is doing a tremendous job!

**Unity of Evansville**, also a satellite of Indianapolis, presently under the supervision of **Scott Sherman**, began a Sunday morning service April 3, 1977. **Sam Isaac**, a licensed teacher in Evansville, was the speaker. Scott Sherman is supplying the center with guest ministers for Sunday mornings beginning in May. The first Sunday morning attendance was almost double the former Sunday evening service attendance.



### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL NEWS with **Candida Wright**:

**Pinole Valley Unity Center, Rodeo, California**, held its first meeting February 13 in the multi-purpose room of Ellerhorst Elementary School. This pioneering work is being conducted by **Marion Collins**, who enjoys using music in her ministry. This center hosted the cast of the On Broadway Stage Show "Evolution of the Blues" on their second Sunday in existence. The attendance has moved from 30 to 60 in 10 Sundays. Easter Sunday following the regular 11:00 a.m. service, Pinole Valley Unity Center hosted "An Easter Musical Extravaganza!" Choirs from the Bay Area representing several demonimations were present. It was announced on the radio stations as well as the newspapers. Two hundred people were drawn for an afternoon of joy and music. The featured choir was "Voices of St. John." A gospel choir from St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Accompanists included two electric guitars, drums, an organ, piano, and electric piano. Marion tells us that she is endeavoring to blend the positive thinking philosophy with the joyous gospel music of the traditional Black Baptist Churches. "We encourage freedom of spirit and expression. Always emphasizing the tremendous potential of every person, the Spirit of God WITHIN every man."



### NORTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with **David McClure**:

On March 18, the **Northwest Unity ministers** met at the Seattle church. The meeting called by Regional Representative **David McClure**, was for the purpose of discussing the recent changes in the AUC office. **Phil Pierson**, a member of the Review Committee was on hand to explain the Committee's recommendations to the Executive Committee. The meeting was harmonious and constructive and the Northwest ministers gave their support and encouragement to the AUC and to **Bob Sikking** in his new adventure.

Over 2,400 people jammed the Spokane Opera House on Easter Sunday morning to attend the first annual "Easter at the Opera House" observances sponsored by **Unity Church of** (continued on page 12)



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**Truth in Spokane, Washington.** David McClure gave the Easter message entitled, "Chrysalis." Also on the program was a 30 voice Unity choir, a trumpet quartet, a string trio and dozens of other participants. A brunch, attended by some 350 of the crowd was held following the service in the Convention Center adjacent to the Opera House.

**Unity of Tacoma,** served by Jim Peterson, has inaugurated a new ministry called, "C.C." (Correspondence Counseling) Service. Beginning April 1, Unity of Tacoma's licensed Unity teacher and counselor, **Martha Gray Cole**, will initiate the program. Unity students with personal problems are invited to write a letter to Martha stating their problem. Martha will write an immediate reply, sharing some Unity concepts and giving a positive affirmation to use.

Seattle ministers **Grover Thornsberry** and **Susan Colombero** and Prayerline Director **Karen Johnston** appeared on Seattle television recently to tell about their highly successful Prayerline Ministry. The program received so many favorable comments, it had to be repeated another time.

The **Unity Church of Missoula** has purchased the former Church of God building at S. 8th W. and Catlin and the first service in the new Unity church was conducted by **Jeannie L. Horton** in March. Jeannie stated, "The Unity Church is a family church, trans-denominational and nonprofit, with Sunday school for ages two through 12, Youth of Unity for ages 13-18, and study class for adults on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m."



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

**Unity in Hot Springs, Arkansas,** Bill George, minister, has moved to new quarters in an attractive shopping center. Attendance has grown to 50 on Sundays and classes are growing too. "Two months

ago Bill talked with the Board about the church tithing and so of course they had some doubts because of the low finances. But when Bill told them what God can do when you tithe the program was started and as you know the miracles also soon started. By now the Board and the congregation are all seeing what God can do. The main reason for this seeming miracle is that we are now in a new brick store front, with central air and heat, all utilities paid, and for less money than we were spending in the old building."

We are also the first church to ever have Dial-A-Prayer in Hot Springs and this program has gone over very well. Bill and Lyla write all the Dial-A-Prayers (2 minutes each) which are changed daily and in our first two weeks there were over 500 calls a day."

Bill and Lyla drive over 400 miles a week to also serve the Unity Church in Pine Bluff. Classes and attendance are growing there also.



Bill with new Dial-A-Prayer machine.



**SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS** with **Loren Flickinger:**

**Unity Church of Christianity** in **Memphis, Tennessee,** Paul Stewart, minister, held a Dedication Service of its new Sanctuary on Sunday, May 8. **Elizabeth Sand Turner** and **Eleanor Marshall** were guests of honor. Each member of the AUC congratulates this fine church in Memphis.



Unity Church of Christianity, Memphis

**Unity on the Gulf, Venice, Florida,** served by **Mary H. Hinkle**, has created a "Tree of Eternal Life." Mary stated, "I wanted a memorial for those members and friends who had passed on since 1968." "In loving memory" read the small brass plate-leaves of the Tree which was unveiled on Easter Sunday. One of the small brass plate-leaves denotes, "In Loving Memory of May Rowland Bezio."



Mary H. Hinkle with the "Tree of Eternal Life."

**Mobile Unity** is a satellite of Unity Church of Christianity in Pensacola, Florida, served by **Charles Lelly**. At the time of its beginning demonstration it was under the leadership of **Dorothy Thomas**, now retired. **Carolyn Crane**, licensed teacher conducts the work.

Carolyn reports, "We had been meeting as a small study group for quite a few years. As we started to grow and had accumulated about \$2,000 in the bank, we felt the time had come to prove the teachings. Having \$2,000 in the bank gave us enough to fall back on for several months, so we found a room in an office complex for \$120 per month. We bought 30 chairs and a small chord organ for \$120, ordered 20 hymnals, and put up a coffee bar. We were in business, with our own Center. We started with a Vesper (continued on page 13)



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Service each Sunday at four o'clock, which we still have, and two study groups each week. One on Wednesday mornings, and one on Wednesday evenings.

"It is a great joy to serve the Father in a growing Unity Center. I can't begin to tell how great is the reward I reap from this work. As a licensed teacher, I teach 2 classes in Mobile, one in Fairhope, Alabama, and supervise one in Pascagoula, Mississippi, plus the Vesper Service each week. I also do the counselling and hospital ministry. The Father sees that I am kept very busy.

"I would certainly like to urge other teachers to start small outreach centers. The world is waiting for what you have to give. The one word of advice I would give would be as soon as possible get listed in the telephone directory, even if you have to put a phone in someone's home, and advertise in the paper each week. It is worth the expense."

The **Southeastern Regional Retreat** is being sponsored by the Unity ministries in the Southeast. **Hal and Lassie Rosenkrans**, ministers of **Unity of the Palm Beaches** are your hosts. The Southeast ministries will be participating in making this, the 15th Annual Retreat, your greatest spiritual experience. The guest speakers are **Sig and Jane Paulson**, **Ric Dickerson**, and astronaut, **Ed Mitchell**.

The Retreat will be conducted in the Breakers, Palm Beach's finest, and world renowned resort. Contact Hal and Lassie for more information.

## Did You Know...

that the AUC will mail at least 30 days in advance a notification of all major items to be brought before the Conference body in June and that the reports will include arguments both in favor and against any major items to be voted on?

that our current Youth Education material is a tremendous success in reaching young people with Truth ideas and constitutes the greatest sales item we have through AUC?

# Idea Exchange

Unity in Peoria, **David Monument**, minister, distributed prayer requests with the following introduction to that church's prayer ministry. They were reproduced on 8½ X 11 size paper, simply done and informative.

## THE PRAYER MINISTRY OF UNITY CHURCH OF PEORIA

### WHAT IS PRAYER AND HOW DOES IT HELP PEOPLE?

Prayer is the sincere attention of the mind and heart to the omnipresent activity of God. It is the activity of God through us when our minds and hearts are open and willing. We pray to God and God prays through us. Prayer creates a consciousness of Oneness from which spring forth healing, illumination, prosperity and All Good.

### WHO IS PART OF UNITY'S PRAYER MINISTRY?

All people who consciously agree with the principles of affirmative prayer are active participants in Unity's prayer ministry. All people everywhere are receivers of the Christ Light.

### HOW CAN I ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN UNITY'S PRAYER MINISTRY?

By attending the Tuesday morning class or attuning yourself in consciousness to the Christ at that time, you may join with others and pray for everyone in need of help. At this time we join with Silent Unity when the prayer meeting is in progress at Unity Village. The Silent Unity Prayer Service for each month is available for anyone desiring a copy. You may volunteer to join the Prayer Circle to pray each day for those requesting prayer. Prayer requests will be held for one month. Each week you will receive a list of names of people to pray for and with. You will receive instruction in Unity's way of praying. We keep in mind that each person is a spiritual being, that the Source of help is the Indwelling Christ. We lift everyone to a higher awareness of their good. You will choose your own time of day to pray with these people on the list and in your heart attuning yourself to the Love of Christ that heals and harmonizes all conditions.

### HOW DOES UNITY'S PRAYER MINISTRY WORK?

Unity is a ministry of prayer. Unity teachings are directly applicable to your life with practical principles to help you change your consciousness. All of Unity's services and classes, and personal counseling, Dial Peace of Mind, and the literature and cassette tapes are all designed to lift your consciousness to the activity of Spirit. In a very real way all activities in Unity are part of the prayer ministry.

More specifically, everyone requesting prayer may enter their own name or the name(s) of loved ones in the Prayer Box in the lobby. No one ever sees these names. Prayer request slips are retained for a period of one month. The Prayer Box is present every Tuesday morning at the class. Requests for prayer may be made by calling the church, the Prayer Circle Coordinator or the Minister. The Prayer Circle will pray with you for one month or longer if requested. All prayer requests are absolutely confidential. The Prayer Circle is coordinated by (insert Coordinator's name) in conjunction with the minister. (Coordinator's name) telephone number is...

### WELCOME RON AND BARRY!

Both Ronald Potter and Barry Montgomery have requested from our Association's Board of Trustees to be eligible for placement. Their requests were welcomed and they will be placed as soon as possible. If you desire to welcome them aboard, you can write them: **Ron Potter, 8415 Carrie Lane, Sarasota, Florida 33581; Barry Montgomery, 2754 Montrose Avenue, Apartment 6, Montrose, California 91020.**

### FEELINGS — "The Word"

Part of practicing the art of handling our feelings correctly is first of all to honestly admit to them. If we admit to pain, we are not a coward. If we admit to feeling tenderness or love, we are not a weakling. If we admit to feeling annoyance or irritation, we are only human, not a monster. To face our feelings and honestly admit them is the first step in properly handling them. The goal is not to stop feeling, but to express our feelings in constructive ways.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 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- U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.  
July 8

## 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
- 23 Post Graduate Program, Great Falls, Montana
- 22-26 YAU Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 27- Mid-Season Festival, Unity Village, Mo.  
Sept. 2

## 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- U.I.C.E. Study Program—Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.  
Nov. 11

## NOVEMBER

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

## DECEMBER

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

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