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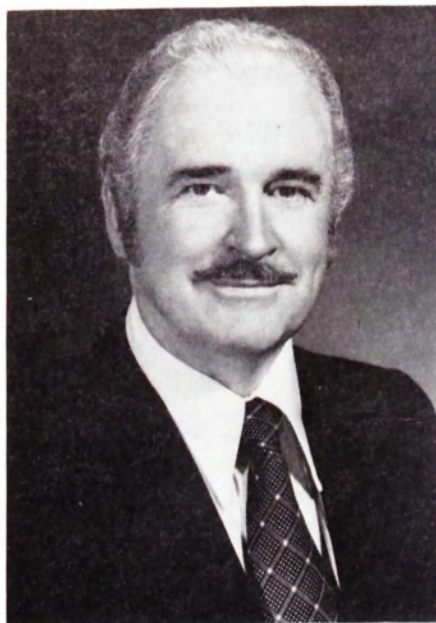
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AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We have just come through a new birth experience in our Association. The pains of this birth have been felt in many quarters, but the child that emerged at our 1977 AUC Conference is a healthy and beautiful infant. However, it is an infant. It needs our total love and care and positive concern. We can rejoice in its great possibilities, for it is a child of God. It is born of the Spirit of Christ that has prevailed in the minds and hearts of our AUC membership.

No matter where we have stood on past causes, no matter what our individual viewpoints have been that have brought us to this place in our Association's unfoldment, I call for your continued prayers, your faith in the great possibilities of our future as a movement, and your unbounded love! Let these be poured out into this new year of re-formation activity.



Paul Barrett

We are entering our 12th year as an Association. Perhaps it is significant that the number "12" is a metaphysical symbol of fulfillment. It is our 11 years of growth experience that the new birth has come. As a moral obligation

to our future of good, we need to look back upon the AUC of our past and see only the blessings it has wrought--the blessing of the people who have made it function, the blessing of its numerous accomplishments of good, the blessings that have brought us to this point, however rough or smooth the road.

There is not one person in AUC who deserves anything less than our compassion and love, and our sincere prayers for success. There is not one worker in our employ who deserves anything less than our faith in him or her doing a spiritually right job.

I love you all! I am confident that I can say on behalf of your Board of Trustees, and the staff of AUC, "We seek to serve you, and the needs of Unity everywhere, the highest and best way possible this coming year--our year of fulfillment!"

In His name,

Paul

Important Announcement

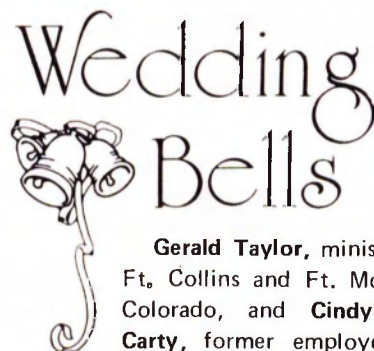
A PROJECT WORTH PARTICIPATING IN!

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, **please do so immediately.** Please send your check in care of the SMRS office to the attention of William L. Fischer.



Gerald Taylor, minister in Ft. Collins and Ft. Morgan, Colorado, and **Cindy McCarty**, former employee of the Editorial Department of Unity School were married April 30 in Denver. **John Salunek**, minister in Philadelphia, performed the ceremony.

We know each member of the AUC joins in sending best wishes to Jerry and Cindy.

Did You Know...

that information regarding promotion of "The Word" and film clips can be obtained from the Unity Radio Department?

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

A motion was passed that all minutes of the Conference meetings will be printed and mailed to each minister prior to Conference next year. Therefore, this annual report in **CONTACT** can be brief and will touch only the highlights. **Paul Barrett** was elected President and **Bernard Dozier** was elected Vice-President. Three new people elected to the Executive Committee are **Joyce Kramer**, **Jack Boland**, and **Arthur Hammons**. The Conference Body elected **Jack Barker** and **Jack Boland** to the Board of Trustees and the Board elected **Max Lafser**, **Bernard Dozier**, and **Doris Caldwell**. **Charles Neal** resigned from the Board and **Jim Lewis** was elected to fill his unexpired term.

Notification of four important items were sent to you prior to Conference. The recommendations regarding the Regional Representatives were approved so that as we continue to move toward increased responsibility in the regions, the Regional Representatives will have specific qualifications and responsibilities. The Doctorate Program, even with revisions, was defeated. **Gary Jones** was appointed to fill the faculty position vacated by **Ed Rabel**.

Regarding the reorganization of our Association, a Committee of ten was formed and exclusively charged with the responsibility of developing specific proposals relating to the reorganization. This Committee will present specific proposals to our Conference Body in 1978. It will meet four times this coming year and their minutes and proposals will be shared directly with members of our Association. Direct feedback from all us will be solicited and encouraged. The Chairman for the Committee is **Charles Roth** who was elected by the Conference Body. The Board of Trustees was to elect two representatives to the Committee and they elected **Jay Dishman** and **Miki Bowen**. Also, each region will elect one representative to this Committee. The Bylaw Committee will work in concert with the Reorganizational Committee so that if Bylaw changes are necessary to implement the recommendations of this Committee we can act on them at the same time at our next Conference. The sole authority for the implementation of a reorganization will be exclusively vested in our AUC Conference Body. In other words, nothing can be implemented until after it is ratified by the general membership in 1978, notwithstanding anything in the Bylaws to the contrary.

The membership decided that for this coming year we would continue with three directors--**Bill Fischer**, Education Director; **Stan Hampson**, Field Services Coordinator; and **Frank Giudici**, to be Office Administrator in addition to his SMRS teaching. Since we have been aware for some time of a need for more faculty positions, it was decided to hire an additional faculty person and notification of that position has already been sent to all of our ministers. **Scott Sherman** will be continuing Outreach development from Chicago and was asked by the Conference Body to concentrate on liaison activities and seek to work to develop a cadre of ministers in the field specialized in this work.

A significant policy change was made by the Board of Trustees that none of their Board members would be on a committee except for Finance and Budget. The full Board will sit in session in January and June. The Executive Committee will not meet during these months unless specifically requested to do so by the Board.

The evening guest speakers were excellent and the Banquet was delightful. A great many differences of opinion were expressed during Conference on many issues and on that last day we forgave each other and expressed our appreciation of one another. The gavel was turned over to our new President and we gave plaques of appreciation to **Bob Sikking**, **Ernest Wilson**, and **Viola Siemen**. Our conclusion was a prayer circle where we exchanged names and agreed to send a special gift anonymously to the name drawn. Truly we were receptive to the Spirit of God mighty in the midst of us to create through us the best Conference to date and to

move us into important and wise decisions. Let us continue to give thanks to ourselves, each other, and for the greater good through for our Association that we shall unfold together.

NEW AUC MEMBERS

Our Association is proud to welcome into our fellowship the following three new ministries:

Unity Center of Huntsville
218 B Queensbury Drive, No. 3
Huntsville, AL 35802
Minister: Dana Voght

Unity of Vancouver
P.O. Box 1384
Vancouver, WA 98660
Minister: Terri Burkett

Christ Church Unity
YWCA-75 MacNab Street, S.
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8P 3C1
Minister: Floyd Howard

WELCOME BACK MEN

Three of our fellow Unity ministers who have been on leave of absence from the ministry recently made application for reinstatement and were accepted by our Board of Trustees. All three of them are now seeking placement. We rejoice with them that they are back with us in ministering and will be drawn to themselves perfect ministries right away. Welcome aboard **David Rogers**, **John Sherman**, and **Ron Johnson**. Their current addresses are:

David Rogers
217 W. Adams
Alhambra, CA
91801

John Sherman
P.O. Box 7054
Seattle, WA
98133

Ron Johnson
4617 71st St., N.
St. Petersburg, FL
33709

NEWLY ORDAINED

Our Association is proud to announce the ordination of three fine Unity ministers. One June 15, **Shirley Byrns** was ordained in a private ceremony in Silent Unity. She is currently awaiting placement and is residing at **11318 Kendale, Delta, B.C., Canada**.

In a special ordination service on June 22 **Polly Ann Quinn** and **Shirley Richetti** were ordained. Polly has been affiliated with Unity in the past and along with her husband, **Bill** conducts an independent ministry in Cincinnati. She can be reached at: **Masonic Temple, 317 E. Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202**.

Shirley Richetti has been accepted as the minister in Shreveport, Louisiana, where she began her ministry on June 26. Her address there is **Unity Church, 721 College Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104**.

All of us in our Association join in welcoming these three fine Unity ministers into our fellowship. God's Spirit of love and wisdom blesses them and their ministries.

LOST AND FOUND — A pair of eye glasses and prescribed sunglasses, and a folder filled with notes. If any of these items belong to you, please contact our AUC receptionist, **Sara Watson**.

Idea Exchange

Leslie D. Saunders, minister of First Unity Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, sent out a letter of invitation to the surrounding community upon moving the church to a new neighborhood. This first step of openness and welcome was met with great success.

Here is a copy of his letter:

Dear Friend,

We of First Unity Church welcome you. We would like to invite you to attend our services at 10:45 a.m. some Sunday at your convenience. May you come here and not only find out about God, but find God.

It is our desire that there may be beauty in this place, but especially may it be a place where all men and women become aware of the beauty in themselves. Our services are simple, but this is always a place of worship. May this be a place of instruction for you and may this also be a place of singing, but most of all, may this be a place of prayer for you. May you find this to always be a place of inner stillness, where you may listen and hear when God speaks from within.

First Unity Church welcomes all people of all races and all ages. May everyone come into this house of God in expectation and go with thanksgiving. May anyone who comes needing help leave feeling blessed. May this be such a house that Jesus or any stranger, even one of the least, would feel He was with friends.

Welcome to First Unity Church,

WITHOUT LOVE THERE'S NOTHING

Charles Roth, minister in Indianapolis, would like to share the following article found in a local newspaper:

"Though I may be able to speak French, Spanish, and Japanese and even rap with the angels, if I haven't Love my speech isn't more than a broken guitar or a scratched record.

"I may preach like Billy Graham, have the brains of Einstein, I may have all the faith needed to put a Volkswagen into a phone booth but if I haven't Love I'm nothing.

"Love is tolerant and tender. Love isn't stuck up or uptight. Love isn't facetious, snooty or touchy. Love's not pessimistic. Love doesn't dig in the gutter or hunt for gossip but it's happy with the truth.

"Love never cops out...it's faith, hope and patience never fail--can outlast life and the universe.

"People will talk forever, but never get things done. The Beatles may shake the walls, but even they can't last forever. Money may buy the world but it's soon spent.

"When perfect truth comes, life begins to take on meaning and when Love comes, the meaning of life is complete. When I was a dumb kid my whole life was wrapped up in immature selfishness and egotism but now I've grown up, matured, I'm embarrassed and ashamed of vain self-centeredness.

"Looking at life now is like looking in mirrors at the carnival. Things are twisted, distorted, fuzzy but someday God'll really open our eyes and then we'll be able to see life as God intended it to be.

"Meanwhile our survival kit must be supplied with faith, hope and Love. Love is the greatest--So put Love first."—Harold Kelsey

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Fund Operations Two Months Ended 5/31/77

INCOME—OPERATIONS:	April	May	Year to Date
Love Offerings	\$35,378.06	\$38,601.13	\$73,979.19
Other Income	533.32	4,010.04	4,543.36
	<u>35,911.38</u>	<u>42,611.17</u>	<u>78,522.55</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	3,537.81	3,860.11	7,397.92
Gross Profit Materials	<u>2,159.96</u>	<u>1,434.40</u>	<u>3,594.36</u>
Total Income	<u>34,533.53</u>	<u>40,185.46</u>	<u>74,718.99</u>
EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:			
General Office	23,474.88	17,511.28	40,986.16
Education Department	<u>8,894.08</u>	<u>7,731.68</u>	<u>16,625.76</u>
Total Expenses	<u>32,368.96</u>	<u>25,242.96</u>	<u>57,611.92</u>
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 2,164.57</u>	<u>\$14,942.50</u>	<u>\$17,107.07</u>



To Succeed...
AIM HIGHER

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:

Decatur, Illinois
then continue full time.

Ross Tucker, Ordinand, to do Sundays until ordination and

Ft. Worth, Texas
Directors and began June 1.

Bob Sikking was unanimously accepted by this Board of

Newport Beach, California

Barry Montgomery began around June 1.

Overland, Missouri

Lowell Turner started here right after Conference.

Fairfax, Virginia

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Clearwater, Florida

who is retiring. He will begin September 1.

Naples, Florida

ister with **Jack Kern**.

Amarillo, Texas

Bozeman & Livingston, Montana

St. Joseph, Missouri

then full time.

Topeka, Kansas

ministry has been accepted as permanent minister following the recent retirement of **Louvilla Fielder**.

Boulder, Colorado

Larry Miller was invited to this ministry and began July

Nick Griffin was selected to succeed **Howard Bradford**

Marilou Smith accepted the position as associate min-

Jane Weber began here June 26.

S. Colleen Graham, Ordinand, to begin after ordination.

Jack Fries, Ordinand, will continue until ordination and

Bob Hungerford, Ordinand, who has been assisting in this

Elayne Decker will begin here September 1.

THINKING EXPANSIVELY

with **R. Scott Sherman**

This column indicates not only the expansion efforts of the AUC Outreach Program led by its author in the Chicago area, but will regularly report other expansion projects by any member ministry. If you have an expansion project or idea, please write:

R. Scott Sherman
AUC Outreach Director
622 Cress Creek Drive
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT GUIDEBOOK

The AUC-produced "Outreach Development Guidebook" has been completed. The guidebook is primarily devoted to information concerning newly developing full-time ministries. However, it is of value to study group leaders as well. Copies were given to those attending the "Expanding the Field Ministry" Post Graduate course I conducted in June. Copies have also been mailed to all ministers who are presently listed as

conducting study groups or satellite ministries. If you have not received a copy or would like another for study group coordinators or teachers, the initial printing of 500 copies is available for the asking until supplies are exhausted. Thereafter a nominal (.25) postage and handling fee will be charged.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES SEEK MINISTERS

Outreach-assisted ministries in **Salt Lake City, Utah; Boise, Idaho; and Evansville, Indiana**, are now interviewing prospective ministers to lead them. Decisions are expected by mid-August.

OUTREACH ASSISTANCE TO NEW MINISTRIES

Approval for mailings announcing speakers and the formation of new ministries has been recommended by the Outreach Development Committee and granted by the Unity School board. Ministries to be assisted are:

Unity Church of Chicago (Illinois) for **Reverend Polly Dozier**

Unity Center of Truth (Chicago, Illinois) for **Reverend Clara Epps**

Unity Church of Battle Creek (Michigan) for **Reverend Amalie Frank**

Unity Church of Huntsville (Alabama) for **Reverend Dana Voght**

In addition, announcements of new Spanish-speaking ministries in **New York City (Luis Perez)** and **Tampa, Florida (Marina Sandoval)** have been approved.

LIAISON ASSISTANCE

During the forthcoming year, I will be assisting Association members in the area of field liaison as an additional responsibility. Situations requiring help, however, will not usually mean a personal visit by me. The consensus of the Board of Trustees and Conference Body during the June meetings revealed a greater thrust toward using Regional Representatives or experienced ministers nearby the troubled ministry. This decision will save transportation costs and still provide experienced liaison assistance when it is needed. I see my role as coordinator of activity so that little additional travel will be required.

UNITY SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUC AND SMRS

During **Charles R. Fillmore's** welcoming address to the 1977 AUC Conference, he reiterated to the Conference Body Unity School's support of the field ministries. The following are excerpts from his message:

"I want to take this opportunity to tell you personally what the directors of Unity School communicated to you by letter earlier this year. That is, we at Unity School feel very close to you—we share your cares and concerns, and we want the field ministries to flourish. We have always felt this way. . . .

"You are aware of the spiritual support Unity School extends to you through our thoughts and prayers. You may not, however, be fully aware of the financial support Unity School provides the AUC.

"For the 12 months ending this April, as in past fiscal years, Unity School's contributions to the AUC were in excess of \$175,000.

"These contributions represent an average of more than \$600 for each AUC ministry.

"Our total contribution included more than \$100,000 in cash and materials; more than \$10,000 in discounts; and more than \$65,000 in office and space facilities for which there was no charge.

"Unity School this year, as we have for the past five years, made a cash contribution of \$7,500 to the AUC for ministry development.

"More than \$45,000 of our cash contribution was made for the benefit of SMRS and was expended for teachers, utilities, travel, supplies, and miscellaneous items.

"Half a million pieces of free literature were given to the AUC at a cost to Unity School of some \$48,000.

"In regard to the support of SMRS, I would like to point out that no charge is made to the AUC for the office facilities for the Director and his secretary, nor for any of the SMRS classroom areas. Unity School does receive sixty percent of the SMRS tuition, however, the amount received falls far short of covering the actual out-of-treasury expenses incurred by Unity School for this area. Unity School absorbs more than \$50,000 annually in costs for SMRS.

"The discounts I mentioned previously were granted to AUC employees and SMRS students at the Country Club and the Unity Inn. All AUC employees and ministerial students are granted the same discounts available to full-time Unity School workers.

"Unity School provides some five thousand square feet of office facilities for the AUC executive offices and shipping department. The AUC is charged .15 per square foot per month for this office space. This charge barely covers the actual out-of-treasury expense which Unity School pays to Missouri Public Service Company and the Gas Service Company for utilities to serve that area. Practically no charge is made to the AUC for actual use of the space. Based upon a most conservative figure for rent per square foot for office facilities, Unity School's absorption of costs in this area amounts to more than \$45,000 annually.

"In addition, and this will come, I trust, as a pleasant surprise especially to your Finance and Budget Committee, the School will extend as a special love offering to the AUC the free use of the Activities Center during this year's Conference.

"I know that I have related a number of figures to you this morning, but I have done so in an effort to communicate to you a sincere and earnest desire on the part of Unity School to support your efforts in the field ministries. . . ."

WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL



Jo Beougher, Principal of Wee Wisdom School

The time between the end of the regular school year and the beginning of the summer session of Wee Wisdom School is a good time to visit with **Jo Beougher**, Principal. For this brief period, at least, there is quiet while plans are being made for a new term.

Jo is an attractive woman whose face lights with animation when she speaks of the children and the role she feels Wee Wisdom School plays in their lives. Her background is in education and she has a degree from Kansas State College in Pittsburg. She has taught in high school, but she says early childhood education is her great love.

Wee Wisdom School was begun in 1952, and is a department of Unity School of Christianity. The basic Unity philosophy of encouraging the discovery and development of one's own inner potential is exemplified by Wee Wisdom School. Jo says, "Children are encouraged to develop their maximum powers—emotional, mental, social, and physical. There is special emphasis on helping them to learn to reason and gain information—rather than confining them to a defined curriculum. We believe children need a pleasant atmosphere where they can feel successful and valued; a program that responds to individual needs; a faculty concerned with developing the finest in children; and we feel children need reassurance—not over-protection; guidance—not interference. This is the school's fundamental approach."

Regular classes are from September through May with between 75 to 110 children attending. Wee Wisdom serves pre-schoolers from age three through kindergarten. Enrollment is restricted to keep classes small, permitting teachers and students to cultivate close personal relationships. Highly individualized attention is provided for each child. Wee Wisdom School utilizes the integrative approach, combining Montessori and other current educational methods. Classrooms are bright, airy, and spacious, and contain colorful and intriguing equipment for activities that stimulate sequential, logical, and creative thinking in children.

Wee Wisdom School also has a summer enrichment program—the summer session—which runs from late June through July. The location of the school on the beautiful Unity grounds gives easy access to hundreds of acres of woodland which provide natural art forms and materials. Here the children can discover the joys of nature in a supervised setting. Swimming lessons and nature walks give vital physical activity while providing new learning

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opportunities within a context of having fun. The summer session also has classes in art, music, dancing, science, and reading readiness. Video tape equipment is used in creative dramatics and realistic self-image development is part of the regular school session.

Wee Wisdom has a qualified, loving staff which has a demonstrated competency in working with children. Teachers include **Wanda Bass, Helen Brotemarkle, Barbara Criswell, Judy Gehrlein, Gretchen Leftwich, Martha Weddington, and Margaret Whaley.**

Jo says of Wee Wisdom School: "It is a place designed to prepare children for future successful learning experiences by promoting open, inquiring, and curious minds, and the self-assurance that they can be successful!"

Joe Beougher's direct involvement with Wee Wisdom School came in 1966, when she had all three of her sons (**Von, Vern, and Kevin**) enrolled in the school at the same time. She began as a classroom assistant and the following year returned to teach her own class. In 1970, she became principal of Wee Wisdom School. Jo and her husband, **Dr. Loren Beougher**, live in nearby Raytown with their sons.

We at AUC bless these dedicated people at Wee Wisdom School for their work in offering to children, and thus to the community, a very special place where Unity principles can be seen in the faces of involved, expressive, and happy children.

YOU/YAU REPORTS. Don Knight

Youth of Unity Report — The 1977 International Youth Conference is about to be underway! The welcome mat is rolled out for the arrival of 300 delegates who will enjoy a wonderful Conference experience, and they in turn will carry the vitality of their experience to their respective chapters. So, for all your efforts in making it possible for your YOUers to have the opportunity to have a truly memorable and spiritually rewarding experience, I am grateful and wish to thank you for your cooperation and your prayers.

Young Adults of Unity Report — We would like to remind you once again to encourage your young adults to attend "*Stepping Stones*," the Young Adult Retreat, **August 22-26, 1977 at Unity Village.** They will enjoy a balanced program of super-fine activities that have been tailored to their exact needs. Their attendance at this retreat will prove to be stimulating to the young adult activities in your center. They can register by sending their registration fee of \$70.00 (check) to:

**Reservations Office
Unity Village, MO 64065**



FALL MATERIAL READY! — Report from Lani Jones

New Sunday School materials for use this fall, September through November, are now available in the AUC office. The new unit is Year I, Quarter I, and is based on a general unit theme: "The Nature of God."

Each age level will study "The Nature of God" at the area of understanding most appropriate to the developmental needs of the children.

Please advise your Youth Education staff that Part 12 is a Thanksgiving lesson to be used the Sunday before Thanksgiving. If your Sunday School program does not begin the first week in September, or for some reason skips a Sunday of regular lessons, the Thanksgiving lesson will have to be used out of sequence. Please alert your staff members to evaluate their Sunday School calendar at the beginning of the quarter, and then place the Thanksgiving Lesson, Part 12, in the correct place in the lesson sequence for use the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Please remind your Youth Education Coordinator (or whoever orders Sunday School Materials) that new materials must be ordered each quarter. Because the size of classes varies from quarter to quarter, it is no longer practical to order Sunday School materials on a subscription basis for an entire year. No standing orders are maintained in the AUC office, so materials must be reordered for each quarter.

The new price for Youth Education materials (due to an increase in production costs) is \$5.00 per teacher's guide and \$1.50 per set of Take-Home Lessons.

The Field Speaks

This column is reserved for you! Your ideas, concerns, and appreciation are invited to share with your fellow ministers and interested lay leaders. Let's hear from you.



TO MOVE OR NOT TO MOVE

The following is part of an article found in the May 1977 issue of Mainliner, which we thought you might enjoy:

"A move every few years for people between eighteen and thirty undoubtedly is constructive. Such moves broaden perspective, add zest to life, help one escape frustrating situations, create challenges of adaptation, enhance job opportunities. And a move every several years during one's thirties can often help one's career and, for some, add stimulation to life. Moves after forty, however, if made at all, should be well-spaced. Children of corporate nomads--especially teenagers--often bitterly resent being uprooted from their friends. School grades often are affected. Children subjected to frequent moves over a period of years tend to become either recluses, mavericks, or super-cool youngsters.

"And after thirty-five or forty years of age, wives of chronic movers start feeling the wear and tear of constant reestablishment in strange surroundings. Just when

they are getting deeply involved in community programs they are told it is moving time. Breadwinning husbands, too, after they have made five or six moves, often find themselves yearning to settle down.

"A community whose most talented residents move in and out every two or three years perhaps suffers most. It has a hard time getting good leaders on town boards, raising funds for long-term projects such as YMCAs, and keeping sustained programs going.

"Our organizations, business and governmental, need to give more thought to personal problems created by a highly mobile life-style often imposed on employees. Corporations that have a pattern of frequently moving their managers and professionals should take the responsibility, as good corporate citizens, of easing transfer problems of its personnel.

"And the companies should, as some companies such as IBM are doing, re-examine transfer policies. They should let the employee and his family decide whether they want to make the move or

not, give them a chance to inspect the new location and give them plenty of time to decide, with assurance that a negative decision will not adversely affect the company's attitude toward the employee.

"Movement can be fun and stimulating. But chronic movement deprives people of emotional satisfactions that can only come with a chance to get to know people well. According to a Harvard psychiatrist, people without roots have a hard time developing four kinds of relationships needed for a sense of well being.

1. Having a few close friends they can see frequently.
2. Having shared concerns with a number of people they know.
3. Having people know them well enough to recognize and appreciate their special competencies.
4. Having a few people they can depend on in a pinch.

"In a fast-moving world, most people still need to have a sense of continuity and a sense of community."



Book Rack

"How To Break The Ten Commandments" by Eric Butterworth—Harper & Row, \$5.95.

In keeping with Unity's tradition, this novel and very revealing approach to an age-old subject breaks through the cliché-ridden surface treatment of the Ten Commandments to outline ten very significant steps in personal unfoldment in Truth.

The book has already had wide distribution. A Jewish Rabbi writes that he sees this as a superlative treatment of the decalogue and the finest Christian-oriented book he has come across. A New York psychiatrist has written that he is giving this book to some of his patients. He says that it presents the most balanced God-concept he has found, which, he says, is a needed therapy for many confused people.

Comments from some of the Unity ministers who have read the book and have written to express appreciation:

"I have already planned to teach a course on the book this fall."

"It is more than a study of the Commandments. It is one of the best textbooks on metaphysics I have come across."

"I must admit that I was shocked by the title, but reading the book was a break-through for me, and now I am certain that I would have given it that title myself."

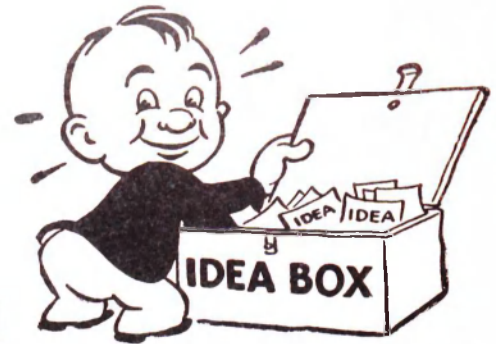
The book may be ordered direct from the publisher, **Harper & Row**. However, **Devorss & Co.**, in Los Angeles, will give the same discount to centers and churches (40%) and provides much faster service.

IN MEMORIAM

Reverend Ann B. Monson, minister of Education for Christ Church Unity, Kansas City North, Missouri, made her transition Saturday, May 28, 1977. She served the congregation of Christ Church for nine years. Prior to that she was employed by Silent Unity for twenty-eight years.

A memorial service was held in the church on Wednesday June 1, by **Dr. George E. Hilbert**.

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As Ann continues on the eternal voyage of life, our prayers and blessings are with her.

Reverend Evelyn Diederich, made her transition on June 8, 1977.

Evelyn shared her love and Truth through 25 years of service at the Davenport center in Iowa, before retiring seven years ago.

We extend special blessings of love and God-speed to Evelyn in her eternal ongoing.

"UNI-TICKLES"

with David McClure

Send your humorous items for sermons and bulletins to David who edits this column for **CONTACT**.

Minister to congregation: "My job today is to talk to you. Yours is to listen. If you finish before I do, just hold up your hand."

A minister's job is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.



REGIONAL NEWS

EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with
Marlowe Kline:

Ann Sandefer of Hyattsville, Maryland is making you an offer you can't refuse. She has done the research and foot-work involved in writing outlines for 31 Unity classes. Ann has lovingly offered these to anyone who can use them. You can receive any or all of the following titles by writing to **Ann Sandefer, 7002-22nd Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland 20783.**

Bible in the Light of Today—Teaching (T)
Christian Healing—(T)
Consent—Blackboard (B)
Dynamic Laws of Prosperity—(T)
Dynamic Life Series—(T)
Dynamic Prayer—(B)
Effectual Prayer—(T)
Elements of Love—(B)
Essentials of Demonstration—(T) (4 Lsns)
Game of Life & How to Play It—(T)
How I Used Truth—(T)
Jesus Christ Heals—(B)
Keep a True Lent—(B)
Lessons in Truth—(T & B)
Lessons in Truth Week—(B)
Life Is For Living—(B)
Living Word, The—(T) (Bible)
Metaphysical Bible Study—(B)
New Testament Bible—(T)
Prayer Therapy—(T)
Prosperity—(B)
Psycho-Cybernetics—(B)
Pursuit of Happiness—(T) (12 Lsns)
Revelation, The—(B)
Science of Prayer—(T & B)
Synoptic Study-Intro. to Unity—(T)
Talks on Truth—(T)
Teachings of Jesus—(T) (14 Lsns)
Twelve Powers of Man—(T)
Unity Fundamentals—(B)
What Are You—(T)



GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with
Jack Boland:

The recent celebration of Earth Day and Easter Sunday provided an opportunity for members—particularly youngsters—of **Unity Church of Christianity, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, William Fletcher**, minister, to share their joy with people from all over the country.

For Earth Day, a special day set aside to celebrate living in harmony with God, nature, and each other, Unity children sent out over 300 letters to other Unity Sunday schools and to government officials, asking them to join the celebration by returning a letter with a poem, drawing or message about Earth Day.

President Carter, Governor Lucey and Senator Gaylord Nelson were among those who replied. Other responses came from as far away as Florida, California, Virginia, Kansas, Nebraska, Washington, Jamaica and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

While the children were still enjoying their responses from Earth Day, they got busy on an Easter project, making over 200 Easter baskets for each member of the congregation.

On Easter Sunday morning, the group met to fill the baskets. Balloons were filled with Biblical blessings and helium and stamped with the church address. Each church member was given an Easter basket and balloon, and all the balloons were released.

Bill reported, "One of the balloons we sent up landed in Wyoming, Michigan, and a woman sent us a letter telling us she had found the balloon at her home."

The **Rochester, Michigan, Study Class** as of January 1, 1977, was officially made a Satellite Ministry under the sponsorship of **Royal Oak Unity Temple**. It is flourishing beautifully! It is now Unity of Rochester. The group meets every Wednesday evening at the **American Legion Hall** in downtown Rochester.

The Study Class that was Livingston County Unity Study Class meeting in Hartland, and later Unity Study Class meeting in Brighton is now—as of late March this year—**Unity of Livingston**

County and is under the sponsorship of **Royal Oak Unity Temple**. This also is now a Satellite Ministry. The Unity of Livingston County group began meeting April 5, 1977, and meets every Tuesday evening in the **Howell Recreation Center** in Howell, Michigan.

David Monument and group leaders **Tom Young** and **Christie Ricketts** of **Unity of Peoria** conducted a program from June 18—July 23 entitled, "The Many Faces of Creative Meditation." The program was geared to young folks 6 through 18.

Children participated in yoga, role playing, story telling, meditation, and creative arts for six consecutive Saturdays. The themes for these fun and enlightening days were—"You Mean I Can Like Myself?" "I'm OK, You're OK!" "I Am, I Can!" "The Choice is Yours!" "Shine In, Shine On!" "Color Your World!"

The objectives of the program were to have the participants focus on positive things and learn to relax but most of all to have a good time.

This creative program received good newspaper publicity. For more details to enrich your Youth Program contact Dave in Peoria.



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

Unity of Reno, where **Carlton** and **Jacklyn Buboltz** serve as co-ministers, has started a new program for youth education:

Jackie reports, "Hatha Yoga and beginning meditation for children are included in a new experimental Sunday School at Unity Ministry of Reno. The yoga is being taught by a yoga teacher from the local YWCA and an assistant. They have selected yoga positions which are suitable for children between the 1st and 5th grades. To stimulate learning of these positions they have assigned 'fun and easy' names and are using simple drawings and posters. The Sunday School got special mats from a local moving company and these are placed in the fellowship hall or outside when the
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weather permits.

"Beginning meditation includes how to still the body (which is relatively easy after the yoga), how to concentrate, a discussion as to what is happening during meditation and special guided meditations for children. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn the "natural-ness" of meditation.

"The third aspect of the program is creative arts instructed by an art teacher from the local high school. He is providing insight as to new ways of expressing and helping the students find their own avenue of sharing.

"We are discovering that the program which integrates oneself spiritually, physically and mentally is being very well received, especially by the students. Many children who resisted formal lessons are eagerly insisting on attending this new program. The entire program is being developed by our Youth Learning Center coordinator who is studying to become a licensed teacher through the Unity Institute for Continuing Education.



NORTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with David McClure:

Marnie Stewart, minister of Unity of the North Shore in Vancouver, B.C., is happy to announce the new location for meetings of Unity of the North Shore. Meetings are now held in the Coach House Inn.

David Travis, minister in Yakima, Washington, tells of a new club formed at his church, called the M & M Club. What's an M & M club? Something sweet? Yes! Something that doesn't get messy in your hands? Yes! It's the "Meet 'N Meditate" Club. They meet on the last Tuesday of the month and meditate about sticky situations.

Unity of Bellevue, Kay Arndt, minister, also used the "Parable Project" as part of their building fund drive. Kay reports, "Many other churches have done so, or are doing it--so far we think we've come up with the greatest return--\$20,000

received on our \$2,000 'investment.'

"Last November we got 2,000 silver dollars from the federal mint in Denver and packaged them ten to a see-thru baggie, and gave them away 'no strings attached.' Project was to end on Palm Sunday at which time we expected an increase of \$20,000 in our fund. To the day, and almost to the penny, we had the \$20,000."



SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Loren Flickinger:

Unity In The Pines Retreat Center, Paul Funk, minister, was honored and blessed with the presence of a group from First Unity Society of Tampa, with their leaders, Ross and Joan Goodman, and Marina Sandoval, who held a Holy Week Retreat at the Pines. The Tennebrae Candle light service was held and many other activities in spiritual fellowship culminating in Campfire singing on the last night.

Also in April, Unity of the Holly-woods, Florida, led a weekend Retreat at Unity In The Pines.

Paul announces the installation of new swimming pool at the Retreat center and also the completion of the nature trails in the adjoining woods.

This Retreat Center is open all year round for Unity groups to use for seminars and retreats.

Unity of Atlanta, Robert T. Means, minister is finalizing their move to their new home, 4146 Chamblee-Dunwoody Road. The offices and bookstore are already functioning at the new location. As soon as additional parking space and public address systems are completed the Sunday services will be held there.

Grace Hunt, minister of Unity Christ Church in Lakeland, Florida, was assisted in groundbreaking ceremonies for a new church by Leslie Saunders and family of St. Petersburg and Ross Goodman with his wife, Joan, from Tampa. Turning of the shovel took place on a five-acre tract in the highlands on Cruse Road. The building will cost \$112,000 and is the first of a planned three-phase program.

Occupancy is expected this month.

REPORT ON UNITY CARIBLUE RETREAT—Jacqueline Neal, co-minister of Unity of Jamaica, West Indies, reports "The official opening of 'Caribblue' was given by the Governor General of Jamaica, The Most Honourable Florizel Glasspole. For local residents and overseas visitors the address was an invitation to join hands in a spiritual bond of brotherhood and help. The Governor General requested overseas visitors to become Ambassadors of Goodwill for Jamaica, and the Reverend Hal Rosencrans heartily accepted this role on the behalf of visitors.

"A most unifying and healing factor which charged the Retreat was the soul invigorating and moving love consciousness of the Music Master, Charles King. There was not time for any dull moments as the early birds took in yoga and the sea in the morning and the night owls rocked to the caribbean beat 'til the wee hours. All in all a holistic Retreat emerged, and from the Light filled faces of the Retreatants we know this is so."

Are you aware of Jack Kern's special talents in leading a "Eyesight Workshop?"

Jack's exciting leadership utilizes the following techniques to work toward the perfect eyesight that is our divine right: Prayer, Affirmation, Meditation, Relaxation, Diet, Attitude, Eye Exercise, Healing Energy, Acupressure, Reflexology, Imagery, and Letting go of crutches.

Jack has several tapes available that may be purchased from Unity of Naples, Inc., P.O. Box 7369, Naples, Florida 33941. You might consider contacting Jack for a creative workshop in your ministry.



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS with George Rieger:

A joyous fellowship was shared by 11 SMRS students and the congregation of Unity of Wichita, Kansas, where William Cameron serves as minister, in April. Because of its great success, this is planned to be an annual event.

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The participating students, **Bill Modes, Jeff Shumsky, Bill Williams, Mark Glover, Lee Stahl, Yves LaFountant, Linda Spencer, Alec Evason, Michael Dustin, Marlene Wolford, and Linda Pennergrass** and the congregation joined together in a weiner roast, volleyball, singing, meditation, and Sufi dancing. Members of Unity opened their homes to the students for the weekend.

Students planned and conducted both services on Sunday, leading joy singing, meditation and giving mini talks on the topic, "Truth to Me Is..."

Bill comments, "The people of Wichita now feel a new closeness and sense of belonging to the Village and to the Unity movement. As a whole, the students were delighted with the love and acceptance shown them, as well as the practical experience gained."

Martha Smock, in her book *Turning Points*, writes of a friend who viewed retirement in the light of re-tiring a car. Old tires are replaced with new ones to increase the performance! In this spirit, we celebrate the retirement of **Ruth Johnston** of **Unity of Fort Worth**.



Blessings to Ruth Johnston and her husband, Sherman, upon her retirement after 30 great years in Fort Worth.

Robert R. Barth, minister of **Unity of the Valley, McAllen, Texas**, has come up with an idea to encourage a feeling of belonging and openness in the congregation and the community. It is shared in a letter from Bob, sent to friends of Unity of the Valley.

After news about the prospering, healing growth of the church, he writes:

"I would like to know what needs you have that are not currently being met. The purpose of Unity of the Valley is to be of service to you, and to help you with your spiritual growth and development. I need to know what you are looking for as an individual, what you are looking for as a member of a congregation, and what you are looking for as a member of life. Your insight into Unity of the Valley and its growth is needed. This is your church and with your help and support it will continue to be a center of Light for the entire Valley region."

Bob enclosed paper and a self-addressed envelope to encourage replies.



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with **Arthur Hammons**:

In **Ernest Wilson's**, *The Other Half of the Rainbow*, he writes that the number six is the number of wisdom. This is certainly true for **June Jones** and **Unity of Santa Maria** as they joyfully celebrated their "Mortgage Burning Ceremony" on Palm Sunday after "six short beautiful years."



Unity Church of Santa Maria, served by June Jones.

Reverend M. Whipple Bishop, retired, of **Leisure World** was chosen Man of the Month by Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce. Whipple's dedication to the Chamber and the community won him this honor. He was an official representative of the Chamber for the Bicentennial Committee and submitted seeds from which "The Heritage Tree" was planted in Seal Beach. The seeds were from the Tulip Poplar planted at Mt. Vernon by George Washington in 1785.

You are cordially invited to attend

Graduation and Ordination Services

Held at the Activities Center, Unity Village

Friday, August 12, 1977 – 7:30 p.m.

This year's graduating class of the Unity School for Ministerial and Religious Studies will deeply appreciate your attendance.

Thank You

SMRS OFFICERS ELECTED

Recently the student body of the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies elected officers to serve throughout the coming year. The new officers were installed April 12, 1977. Pictured at right are the new officers. They are: (back row left to right) **Wayne Manning**, President; **Yves LaFontant**, Chaplain; and **Bill Modes**, Vice President. In the front row (left to right) are: **Glory Andersen**, Treasurer; and **Linda Spencer**, Secretary.

President Manning came to SMRS from Nashville, Tennessee. Vice-President Modes is from Wichita, Kansas. Secretary Linda Spencer came to Unity Village from Olympia, Washington. Treasurer Glory Andersen is through the ministry in Atlanta, Georgia. And Yves LaFontant is from Haiti by way of New York City.



DIAL—A—PRAYER MESSAGES!

You are always looking for ideas to use on your Dial—A—Prayer here are three from **Charles Roth**, Indianapolis. You are welcome to adapt or use as they are. One catch, if you enjoy the concept--send at least three of your own messages to CONTACT to be shared with our ministers in a forthcoming issue.

"Hello Friend,

Nobody is a loser until he gives up! The going may get tough, help may seem so very slow in coming, you may ache with physical pain and emotional strain--but it is impossible for you to lose--unless you give up!

When you look back on the challenge that sapped your energy and severely tested your faith...you will be proud of yourself for standing firm in spite of overwhelming odds...and proving your faith in the ultimate victory of spiritual laws and forces over the powers and principalities of the world.

'Fill the earth.' God said to man, 'and subdue it!' God created a race of winners! Of spiritual giants. You are a winner... just don't try to do it all yourself--be humble enough to stand back and say, 'God, you're the Boss. What's our next move?' And you can be sure that move will NOT be to give up!

Affirm: 'GOD CREATED ME TO BE A WINNER AND I WILL LIVE UP TO HIS FAITH IN ME.'

Unity is praying with you; God is blessing you, friend."

"Hello Friend,

Have you ever been in love? That evokes a happy response in you, doesn't it! Yes, the 'in love' that has to do with a boy-girl relationship is an exciting 'high!' But--you can 'fall' in love at any time you want to, you know...all you have to do is remember that IN God you live and move and have your being...and God is LOVE! Therefore, you live and move, and ARE 'in' Love right now...

Say to yourself, 'I am in Love!'...and you will feel the soft, caressing touch of the Spirit of Love in which you live and move and have your being. The glow of that love will strengthen you, will lift the curtain of depression, will give you the courage to face life victoriously...

Affirm: 'GOD IS LOVE. GOD IS SINGING HIS LOVE SONG IN ME AND FOR ME NOW!'

Unity is praying with you; God is blessing you, friend."

"Hello Friend,

Have you ever driven down a street only to find that it is a 'dead end?' It is frustrating, isn't it. Emotions of impatience, anger, (at yourself) and irritation flood the mind.

However, there is nothing to do but turn around and go back to where you made the wrong turn, is there?

So in life when you seem to reach a 'dead end' in working out a problem and no matter where you turn the way is blocked...the wise move is to remain calm and go back to where you let go of God's Hand and started trying to work things out on your own. As you acknow-

ledge God's Love and Wisdom guiding you, you find the open avenue to your good.

Affirm: 'GOD'S LOVE AND WISDOM GUIDE ME UNERRINGLY TOWARD THAT WHICH IS BEST FOR ME AND FOR ALL CONCERNED.'

Unity is praying with you; God is blessing you, friend."



ON THIS DAY

*Mend a quarrel,
Search out a forgotten friend,*

Dismiss a suspicion and replace it with trust,

Write a letter to someone who misses you,

Encourage a youth who has lost faith,

*Keep a promise,
Forget an old grudge,
Examine your demands on others and vow to reduce them,
Fight for a principle,
Overcome an old fear,
Take two minutes to appreciate the beauty of nature,*

*Tell someone you love him.
Tell him again,
And again,
And again.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- 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.
- †18-23 Research Committee/Executive Committee meetings, 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

- † 2-6 Eastern Regional Conference, Sheraton Beach, Niagara Falls, Ontario
- † 4 Post Graduate Program, Niagara Falls, Ontario
- 14-16 Northern California Unity Students Annual Retreat, Asilomar, California
- 15-28 UICE 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 UICE Study Program—Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

Looking Ahead

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JANUARY

- †16-20 AUC Mid-Year Council of Committee meetings, Unity Village, Mo.

APRIL

- †24-26 South Central Unity Churches Association (SCUCA) Regional Conference, Wichita, Kansas, hosted by Unity Church of Wichita

JUNE

- †11-22 AUC Pre-Conference & Conference, Unity Village, Mo.