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## AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The AUC Reorganization Committee will hold their first set of meetings beginning September 18—19. The Committee was formed by action of the AUC Conference body in June. It is made up of ten members, one elected by each of our seven regions, two elected by the AUC Board of Trustees, and a Chairman elected by the Conference body. The members are as follows:

**Charles Roth**, Chairman

### REGIONAL ELECTEES:

**Alan Rowbotham**, East

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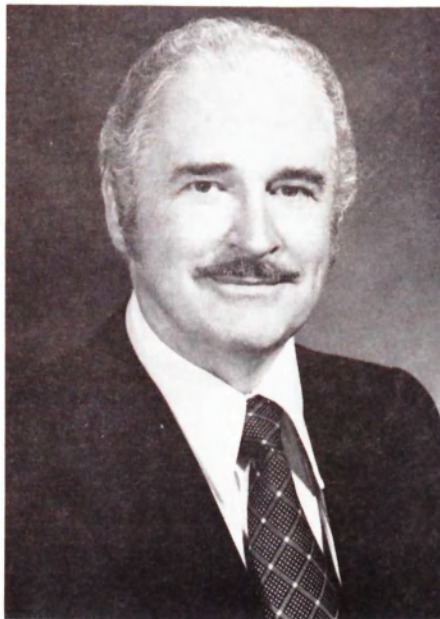
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### BOARD ELECTEES:

**Miki Bowen**

**Jay Dishman**

These people have undertaken a tremendous and responsible task. In order to do their best work they will need an input of the best ideas we can generate, both individually and regionally. So let the ideas flow to your regional committee representative. What are your up-to-date



Paul Barrett

thoughts about reorganization of our AUC office structure and operational procedures, our AUC Bylaws and governmental structure, and the constitution and function of our Board and Executive Committee?

We have the right to point out the wrongs of our Association, or aspects of its operation that can be improved upon, or things that have outlived their usefulness. But with that right goes the moral responsibility to follow through with a

counterbalancing effort to come up with positive, fulfilling answers to the needs we have exposed. The Reorganization Committee is an instrument through which many of those fulfilling answers can and, I am confident, will be found. The Committee will represent the consciousness of our field movement to the degree that we support it in prayer, and share with it our positive observations and ideas born of wisdom and love.

A final observation: In our eagerness to rebuild aright, let us be ever mindful of that which has served our Association well in the past, and which may still be valuable to our future. In this regard, we can highlight in our comments to the Committee those things we have felt to be our strengths, as well as those things observed to be our weaknesses.

God bless you all!

In His name,

*Paul*

If you need to contact Paul for any reason and cannot reach him during office hours, you may call him at this private home number: 816-753-2985.

## WHO'S WHO IN AUC

**Marilyn Helvey** serves as secretary for both **Stan Hampson** and **Frank Giudici**. She helps keep all the ministers informed of the placement activities, keeps our permanent records up to date, handles the moving arrangements for ministers and assists Frank in many of our AUC business contacts. Marilyn's pleasant personality and efficiency are a great asset to our office.

Marilyn got interested in Unity several years ago and **Mauritz Erhard** married her and her husband, **John**, five years ago. Marilyn and John have one child, **Jennifer**, and they live now in Lee's Summit.

Prior to working at AUC, Marilyn worked with her husband and several friends in the development of their corporation which manufactures and distributes air support bedding. In her spare time she enjoys backgammon, hydroponics, and boating, with special attention to Jennifer (3 years old) and **Rounder** (her Saint Bernard).



**Ruth Hill** has been affiliated with AUC since May of this year. At present, she is responsible for preparing the majority of correspondence for **Stan Hampson**, **Bill Fischer**, and **Frank Giudici**. Of course, there are special projects also, such as minutes of Board and Executive Committee meetings, report of **Bill Fischer's** trip to Puerto Rico, etc.

Ruth says that she and her family have been a part of Unity since 1970, becoming acquainted with Unity in Atlanta, Georgia, where **Jay Dishman** was minister. "Our oldest child, **Vicki**, who is now 7, was only a few months old at the time. We also have another daughter, **Debbie**, age 5. My husband, **Don**, and I have been members of Unity Village Chapel for four years where we have taught Sunday School and were Advisors for a couples' group. I am also the accompanist for the Unity Village Holiday Choir."

Ruth has many hobbies and she and her family enjoy doing many things together.





# 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.

**RICHMOND, VIRGINIA** — Chad O'Shea, Ordinand, will begin August 14, 1977.

**GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN** — David Drew, Ordinand, will begin August 21, 1977.

**CANTON, OHIO** — Barbara Provost, Ordinand, will begin September 4, 1977.

**ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS** — Jane Waddington, Ordinand, will begin September 4, 1977.

**MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN** — Lester McClelland will begin September 4, 1977.

**NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., CANADA** — Don Bould will begin September 4, 1977.

**ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO** — Viola Williamson, Ordinand, will begin here as soon as her Canadian visa is clear for work in the United States.

**CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA** — Bob Hill, Ordinand, will begin September 18, 1977.

**ORLANDO, FLORIDA** — Christ Church Unity has applied and is now reinstated as a member of our Association. After 40 dedicated years of service, Carolyn Reithinger has resigned and Ronald Potter is serving as the interim minister. You will want to welcome Ron back into the ministry and Christ Church Unity. The address is 503 South Orange, Orlando, Florida 32801.

**CARACAS, VENEZUELA** — Julian Vazquez has been serving as consultant and minister to this ministry. While living in Puerto Rico he has made frequent trips to Caracas and on August 15 is moving there permanently. Our blessings go with him and to the many fine truth students in his ministry.

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH** — Pierre Gallardo was accepted to begin July 31, 1977.

**BOISE, IDAHO** — Lora McAfee was accepted to begin August 1, 1977.

**HEMET, CALIFORNIA** — Leona Threadgill was accepted to begin immediately.

**SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN** — Gerald Melin was accepted to begin upon Ordination.

**SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA** — Pauline Beauregard was accepted as associate minister of Christ Church, Unity upon Ordination.

## "A CHALLENGE TO WANDERLUST" — V. Stanford Hampson

Recently I picked up a book entitled "The Restless Pastor" by Gerald W. Gillaspie. His interest is in the area of ministers moving, and his research leads him to this conclusion, "We are suffering today the tragic consequences of short pastorates. Local churches too often remain small and weak because they lack the long-term care of a concerned shepherd who will stay by the staff." His words apply to the growth and expansion of our Unity work.

Certainly change and variety seem to be an inherent part of our modern lives, and hence will also have an influence on many ministers. Sometimes it might appear easier to change congregations than to prepare new sermons. Often the zeal of the first several years in a ministry begins to soften and ministers may well get restless after a couple of years in one location. However, a minister's effectiveness increases with each year of involvement in a ministry and sacred ties are established that cannot be easily broken without some hurting effect. If a minister is also an educator, he will be building into his church new foundations and ongoing programs that need years for productivity. If a minister regards his or her people as a group of persons building a collective consciousness, then the longer he remains in a church, he knows the more effective his plans and ministry will become.

There are definite disadvantages to short-term ministries. When it is expected by the church and the minister that he will stay with them only a few years, then the question of when he will be leaving enters the mind of everyone involved. The dignity of the ministry in general is lowered by short-term assignments. Such tenures encourage the members to think of the minister as a hired man, rather than one called of God to serve with them. Short tenures also create financial and emotional hardships on everyone involved, and ultimately the efficiency of a ministry is definitely hampered.

How long should a ministry be? Obviously, circumstances will differ in every instance, but one church authority had said, "Experience proves that about five years are needed to do any lasting work." The business world recognizes this, and no enterprising company would think of changing executive heads every few years. Another author says, "It is no accident that, practically without exception, the most successful churches are those that have had long pastorates."

Perhaps what we need more than anything else is a greater emphasis on the idea of placement being an activity of Spirit with the commitment being "for life." Every minister's assignment should be for an indefinite period of service. He should not allow himself to think of his present ministry as a stepping stone to something better. You see, some research establishes that short tenures generally create weak ministers as well as ill-conditioned churches. The same book I quoted previously continues "running from trouble develops a weak character in the ministry and may produce a divided church. The minister running from a problem simply leaves the situation for another minister who has less knowledge about it. This can only complicate the possibility of a meaningful solution.

"The minister who feels he is becoming stale in the job usually will be better off psychologically if he wins out where he is instead of moving away. His church, too, will be stronger in the long run. Often a short vacation, involvement in special classes, a stimulating ministers' conference, or even a half-dozen good books read thoroughly and mastered will open up to him new

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## "A CHALLENGE TO WANDERLUST"

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vistas on the great call God has given him as a minister of Truth and a shepherd of His people."

Since short tenures greatly hamper the growth of our Unity work, it is time we evaluate such moves more carefully and commit ourselves as ministers to the awareness that as we are efficient, faithful and loved, and the longer we remain in a specific place, the greater will be our ministry and influence.



## YOUTH EDUCATION MATERIAL REPORT

A part of the report of the Director of Ministerial Education to the 1977 Conference Body included some information on the continuing development of Youth Education Material. It was asked from the floor of the Conference if that information could be put forth in CONTACT. Pursuant to that request, the following is the information from the report.

*We are, of course, continuing with the development of Youth Education study material. At present, we have completed the following levels: Three quarters of the 2nd year have been completed; quarters 1, 2, and 3. Quarter 4, or the summer quarter, has been skipped over so that Quarter 1 of Year 1 would be completed. We now have a portion of Quarter 1, Year 1 (Fall), and are processing it for printing. Lani Jones reports that the target date for the completion of the entire project for both years is June 1978. As of April 30, we have spent \$38,372.50 on production costs for this material, and the sales have amounted to \$23,128.89. As of April 30, salaries to Lani, artists and authors have totaled \$28,530.00, not including incidentals. If you have need for more detailed information on this subject, Lani Jones would be pleased to meet with you.*

All figures above are fairly accurate, but must be regarded as approximate.

# 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.





## REGIONAL NEWS

EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with  
Marlowe Kline:

**Becky Clark-Connell**, our Unity minister in Lynchburg, Virginia, has had her first book published by Unity School, entitled, *Breakthrough*. It leads the reader through the steps to spiritual awareness, with chapters on faith, mental energy, Truth, healthy thinking, meditation, mystical breathing and prayer.

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, "Post-Gazette" carried a 3-column picture and article about the new Unity center location in April. The occasion was the move of **Unity Center of Pittsburgh** to a 24-room mansion in the suburbs to which had been added a sanctuary to seat about 250 people. **Thomas Coates**, minister, is very happy with all the special work being done by members which will make the new sanctuary extra special.

Tom's wife, **Helen**, says everyone is eager to do any work necessary to re-decorate the mansion so it can be fully used for church activities.

**Unity Church of Christianity in Valley Stream, New York**, served by **Pat Filiault**, has purchased a new building and is now preparing it for use as classrooms and offices. The property adjoins the present church property at the back so the lot will run from one street to the other. Pat reports, "We are planning a meditation garden, and a walkway between the buildings."

**Carolyn Michael**, minister of **Unity Church in Huntington, New York**, presented a weekend Retreat (July 22-24) in Litchfield, Connecticut. This time of prayer, reflection, revelation and purpose was based on a comparative study of the

Gospels, Charles Fillmore's teachings and Bach's Jonathan Livingston Seagull...to give each one present an opportunity to free himself from some limitation in thought or belief and thus fly higher than ever before...in Spirit, soul, and body!

In May, a **Sub-Regional Board/Minister** seminar was conducted in Rochester, New York (**Gerard Belanger**, minister). **Scott Sherman** was invited to head the seminar; ministers and Board members attended from the centers in Montreal, Quebec; Syracuse and Rochester, New York. Everyone enjoyed the sharing of ideas and felt better prepared to serve their ministries.

**Ed Myler**, minister in **Flushing, New York**, presented a "Being More O.K." seminar at his center on July 23 and is planning a weekend retreat September 31 through October 2 to be held at the Manresa Retreat House in Richfield, Connecticut. Ed also reports that Unity Center of Flushing has started Spanish-speaking services at 12:30 on Sunday. **Lourdes Maleki**, a bilingual Licensed Teacher-Counselor from the center is in charge of the work. They are also proud of the recent purchase of 100 new seats for the sanctuary.



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

**Connie Haines** gave a public concert the evening of July 29 at the Pioneer Theatre Auditorium in Reno. On July 31, she was guest speaker at the Sunday services and gave a musical meditation at Reno Unity in Nevada, where **Carlton** and **Jacklyn Buboltz** serve as ministers.

Jackie also reported that **Unity of Reno** has scheduled **James Dillet Freeman** and his wife **Billie**, **Dr. Sue Sikking**, and **Charles King** for its Second Annual Sierra Retreat, to be held September 9-11 at Lake Tahoe. The program will feature times of sharing by the Freemans and Dr. Sikking and singing led by Charles King. There will also be a Lake Tahoe boat trip and other activities.

The Young Adult group at **Unity of Stockton, California**, sponsored a happiness project in the form of an old-fashioned ice cream social at the home of **Alzada Hensley** on Atherton Island, according to **Mabel Carlin**, minister at Stockton.

While ministers **John** and **Connie Strickland**, **Unity of Santa Rosa, California**, are vacationing in Hawaii, **Carl** and **Shirley Bonham**, licensed teachers from **Christ Church Unity, San Jose** (**Warren** and **Marguerite Meyer**, ministers) were their guest speakers.

Also, on August 7 Unity of Santa Rosa took two chartered buses to a special afternoon service in Sacramento at Christ Unity Church, where **Phil** and **Dorothy Pierson** are ministers. John was a guest speaker and the Santa Rosa choir sang for the large gathering.

**Kenneth Brabeau**, minister of **Unity Church of Merced, California**, is planning a very joyous get together to celebrate the burning of their mortgage with thanksgiving and plans for new expansion.



GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with  
**Jack Boland**:

Some 60 persons participated in **Unity of Battle Creek's** Christmas in July Retreat last month at the Michigan Educational Association Conference Center on St. Mary's Lake. Battle Creek minister **Amalie Frank** said cooperation from nearby Unity ministers and staff helped make the retreat a success. **Dick Ammons** of Lansing, Michigan and **Roy Fox** of Jackson were among the guest speakers.



NORTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with  
**David McClure**:

**Unity of Vancouver, Washington**, has  
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purchased a new building, according to minister **Terri Burkett**. She calls it a "quaint colonial-style church" with 3,700 square feet on two levels, a sanctuary seating capacity of 106, a fellowship hall, kitchen, nursery, Sunday School rooms, and other required facilities. The total cost of the new building was \$69,000, with the congregation pledging \$28,000 to the building fund in the form of love offerings and bond pledges.



### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS with **George Rieger**:

**Louvilla Fielder**, formerly minister in **Topoka, Kansas** is in the **Holmesdale Convalescent Center, 8039 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri**.

We all include Louvilla in our prayers for God's healing energy to be flowing through her. We know she would appreciate cards and letters at the above address.

**Unity of Independence**, served by **George and Marilyn Rieger**, held a very delightful and successful "Unity with a European flair" retreat featuring **Peter and Carolyn Wenzel**, Unity leaders from Germany. George and Marilyn report that the retreat was held from 9:30-4:30 and included a covered-dish lunch. Peter and Carolyn shared many special European meditation techniques. The Wenzels are currently on a U.S. tour heading from a number of Unity centers in California.

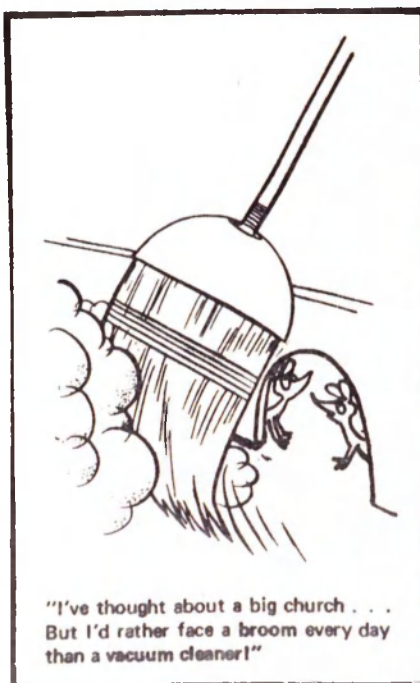
**Jim Lewis**, Unity of Denver, held the **Snow Mountain Retreat** the week of July 17th. It was highly successful with 130 in attendance. **Suzanne Cameron** was present as a SCUCA representative to evaluate the retreat with the idea that next year it could be held as a SCUCA region retreat inviting people from every SCUCA congregation to attend. Her findings will be evaluated and a decision made in the Fall. Suzanne's impressions were highly optimistic and enthusiastic. She feels it would be a perfect place for the retreat.



### SOUTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with **Arthur Hammons**:

Friends and members of **Pomona Unity Church, Pomona, California**, honored the **Reverend Gertrude L. Tuntland** for her 22 years of service at a "Day of Celebration" last month. The day was actually a double celebration--it was also Gertrude's birthday. The decorations, refreshments, and entertainment all reflected a Hawaiian motif, and the party was highlighted by the presentation of a "very fruitful" money tree for Gertrude's vacation fund.

**Susan Colombero**, minister of Unity Church of Maui, Hawaii, reports things are coming along well in "paradise." She and her husband, **Lari**, have found a house and will be moving in come September. Average attendance on Sundays is around 45, with love offerings increasing steadily. Plans are afoot to open a Unity bookstore at the Kahului shopping mart and Susan will begin her first class after Labor Day. She stated, "islanders in their 20's and 30's are finding Unity a real treat--one said, 'And I had to go all the way to India to get what you people are teaching.'"



## TELEVISION BREAKTHROUGH

Christ Church Unity, served by **Phil and Dorothy Pierson**, launched a one-half hour weekly television program in February of this year that is entitled "The Best Is Yet To Be." They report, "To accomplish this the church installed television lighting and purchased camera equipment. The program has been showing each Sunday on Channel 40 of Sacramento. The regular broadcast pattern covers a large area of northern California and on cable goes into a number of other states. After three months of broadcasting the report of the ARB Survey showed that not counting cable viewing the program was in 3000 homes. This was exciting news as the same survey showed that Schuller, who has been on for years, had a rating of only 9000 homes. Rex Humbard had 5000 homes.

"With this encouragement the program has been expanded to include Los Angeles where it is being broadcast weekly each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Channel 9. This large independent station reaches a population area of some 8 million or more people and has cable affiliates as far east as El Paso, Texas."

The format of the program varies from week to week. Every other week it is done in the church with the Piersons and the church soloists. A good part of the program is given to a dialogue between Phil and Dorothy. Then on alternate weeks the program is filmed outside at different locations: for example at the Redwoods, or the Ocean at Santa Cruz, or as recently in the vineyards in Napa Valley. These programs always include a ten minute interview with a guest spiritual leader, doctor, scientists, or other interesting persons. Those interviewed recently have been **Dr. Evarts Loomis, Jack Schwarz, Rosemary Rhea, Dr. Arthur Gladman, Dr. Irving Oyle** and our Unity minister in Santa Rosa, **John Strickland**. In the future it is planned that these interviews will bring many other exciting personalities to the Unity setting of this program.

The Piersons continue, "This is a major undertaking and the prayer support of AUC will be greatly appreciated. We are grateful for the immediate response to this work and feel confident of a growing and more meaningful outreach that will bless more people with the Unity message and the view that 'The best is yet to be!'"

## 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

Beginning this fall four new Unity ministries are being developed towards full-time status. Each of them have already begun a savings account which should enable them to have a full-time minister by August of 1978. Area ministers from Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana, are cooperating in helping these

ministries develop.

**CRYSTAL LAKE, IL** — The Unity group in Crystal Lake have begun serious exploration for its own building. Regular Sunday services are scheduled to begin on September 25. Since this ministry is in our "home town," Judy will coordinate the group. A Steering Committee is active and a fund of over \$1,500 has already been established.

**CHAMPAIGN/URBANA, IL** — The Unity group in Champaign/Urbana began meeting late this spring and is now continuing Sunday services and Thursday evening classes assisted by area ministers and teachers. This group is meeting at the First Methodist Church of Urbana. Its "Project Unity Fund" is now over \$600.

**SOUTH BEND, IN** — This newly formed ministry begins Sunday evening services on September 11. It has already met for several months for class work conducted by **Amalie Frank**. It has developed a hard working Steering Committee and an interested group of persons. Class work will also continue this fall on Wednesday evenings.

**MUSKEGON, MI** — The newest of the four groups is the developing ministry in Muskegon. It had its informal start with visits by **Amalie Frank**, **Richard Billings**, and **Wilma Williams**. The group has decided to begin Sunday services and will be setting a schedule of regular services and classes beginning in late September. The enthusiasm of the Steering Committee and the group is remarkable for such a new ministry.

In addition, groups in Quincy, Joliet, and Hinsdale, Illinois, are continuing to meet in hopes of developing towards full time ministry status.

### ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

#### Statement of General Fund Operations

Three Months Ended 6/30/77

INCOME — OPERATIONS:	June	Year to Date
Love Offerings	\$34,444.00	\$108,423.19
Other Income	3,769.28	8,312.64
	<u>38,213.28</u>	<u>116,735.83</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	3,444.40	10,842.32
Gross Profit Materials	<u>779.72</u>	<u>4,374.08</u>
Total Income	<u>35,548.60</u>	<u>110,267.59</u>
EXPENSES — OPERATIONS:		
General Office	16,995.42	57,981.58
Education Department	<u>5,025.94</u>	<u>21,651.70</u>
Total Expenses	<u>22,021.36</u>	<u>79,633.28</u>
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$13,527.24</u>	<u>\$ 30,634.31</u>

### UNITY LIBRARY REQUEST

The Unity Library invites ministers in radio work to send on reel to reel or cassette tape sample selections of their radio programs. In this way our documentation of the field outreach methods would be greatly enhanced. Such a resource would be made available to the public and would be of particular value to SMRS students wishing to develop radio speech expertise.

## Did You Know...

that the Regional Representatives are being advised and consulted in each placement activity and frequently used in liaison work?

that Post Graduate courses are being offered for those in and around the Kansas City area at Unity Village? These will provide an avenue for those in the field to earn extra credits if needed. Courses will be offered twice during the UICE sessions.



# DIAL-A-PRAYER MESSAGES!

Here are three Dial-A-Prayer messages from Bob Barth, McAllen, Texas. 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,*

*Have you ever wanted to take your life and begin again with it? You can! Today is a new day, a day of new beginnings, a day in which you can go forth without worrying about past mistakes or limitations.*

*As you move forth into this day, let go of your yesterdays. They have been stepping stones to the now. Your past mistakes were for learning. If you made a mistake in the past, learn from it, grow from it, then release it.*

*Friend, enter into this new day with a new song in your heart. Today...this moment...right now...is the time for your new beginnings. Grab hold of the opportunity and start your life anew.*

*Hold this thought:*

*I release the past, I grab hold of the present, I begin again."*

*"Hello Friend,*

*Do you realize that there is a healing process going on within you right now?*

*That's right, there is a presence and power within you right now bringing health and wholeness to any diseased area of your body. The healing power of God is mightily at work in you.*

*We spend too much of our time concentrating on sickness and its contagiousness. Our thought for today, friend, is that healing is also contagious. It requires a shifting of our attention from the sickness to the healing, in order that healing be accomplished.*

*Become aware of the presence of God within you; healing you, strengthening you, revitalizing you. Know that you can have perfect health and you can have it today. Healing is contagious, go forth today and catch a healing.*

*Hold this thought:*

*Healing is contagious, I go forth today and catch a healing."*

*"Hello Friend,*

*Today is a special day, for it is a day created just for your use. It is a day for*

*you to learn, and grow, and love, and smile. Yesterday is gone, it disappeared just as the darkness of the night disappeared with the coming of the morning sun. Tomorrow is yet to come, there need be no anxiousness about its arrival, it will be here in its right time.*

*Friend, take this day that God created and make it a good day. All those things you need to do can be done by you, and they can be done in joy and gladness. God is with you, giving you strength and guidance, health and prosperity. Together you and God can make this day a blessing, a blessing to you and a blessing to those near you.*

*As you move through this day, share it with others, share your smile, your laugh, a small gift of love. Give a rose to a neighbor, a letter to a friend, a happy thought to a passerby.*

*Today is your day, make it a good day.*

*Hold this thought:*

*This is my day, a day for living, loving, and sharing."*

## YOU REPORT ..... Don Knight

There was only one word for the 40th Annual YOU Conference, "ODYSSEY, The Mystical Journey"; it was EXPERIENCE! It was a highly spiritual celebration! The Village atmosphere tingled with joy, love and the excitement of fun and fellowship. Two hundred and ninety YOUers were spirited by the thought provoking spiritual subjects from **Stan Hampson, Jim Sherran, Paul Barrett, David McClure, and James Freeman** which were then carried into the workshop activities where the ideas were evaluated, discussed and massaged so that the spiritual ideas became relevant to the respective needs in the YOUer's personal lives. Spirits soared in the variety of three distinctive dances, the talent show, the banquet and the picnic. Observing and sharing in the bubbling enthusiasm of that wonderful assembly of young minds and hearts, was a tremendously joyful experience, and we heartily thank and truly appreciate the many helpful, supportive hands that contributed toward making Conference '77 such an outstanding event in the lives of the YOUers who attended.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Ella K. Peterson**, Unity minister, who was ordained in 1969, made her transition in early July. Her memorial service was conducted by **Grover Thornsberry**. She was minister of Lake City Unity, a study group sponsored by Unity Church of Truth, Seattle.

She was a much loved teacher of Truth and is blessed by us all in her on-going.

**Violet Goetchius**, Unity minister, made her transition on June 9, after several months of hospitalization. She was a minister for 32 years and well-known for her dedication to the hospital ministry. In fact, she was known throughout the Los Angeles area as the "bedside minister." This important work will be continued by her dear friend, **Kay Haiskey**.

Both **Dr. Ernest C. Wilson** and **Dr. William Hornaday** conducted her service with 400 friends in attendance. Our love enfolds her always.





David and Doreen Davenport

This August **David Davenport** returned to England with his wife **Doreen** and their two children, **Andrea**, 13 and **Jeremy**, 16, to take over the Unity work in Great Britain. In the seven years since David left Britain to answer the call to the ministry at Unity of Fairfax in Virginia, many changes have taken place. Unity House in Bourne End has been sold and the Headquarters has recently been established in an office building at 23 York Road in Maidenhead. Daily Word has almost doubled its distribution from 4,000 to over 7,000 subscribers. Study groups, which are called Fellowships, are flourishing in London, Brighton, Manchester, and Liverpool. The office and printing equipment has been completely modernized.

When David left England, **Douglas Morton** became the Director of Unity of Great Britain Ltd., and since Douglas' transition two years ago **Norman Slade** has ably carried on as Acting Director. Under their fine leadership a firm basis for the expansion of the Movement had been established and the time seemed right to move the Headquarters from the spacious, though somewhat inaccessible country-estate property at Bourne End, to a more modern functional site in Maidenhead, which is on direct access routes from London and other parts of the country. Now David has returned and we know that the work in Britain is about to enter a glorious new phase of expansion.

David will be the Director of Unity of Great Britain. Doreen will assist him. Together they will supervise the Silent Unity prayer ministry, the distribution of literature, the handling of correspondence, the conduct of Retreats and the direction of the fellowships. This will be an interesting challenge for them, but we are confident they are admirably suited to the task. We know everyone in the Unity movement congratulates them on their appointment and wishes them well in their new venture. And we know we will witness an exciting new growth of Unity's outreach in Britain.

#### EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT — UNITY SCHOOL

Two members of the editorial staff of Unity School of Christianity, Unity Village, Missouri, have been promoted. **Charles R. Fillmore**, president of Unity School, recently announced that **Mrs. Colleen Zuck** has been named editor of Wee Wisdom Magazine and **Ms. Janna Russell** has been named editor of Unity Books. Both Mrs. Zuck and Ms. Russell previously served as associate editors of Unity School. In addition to the promotions, the editorial offices of Wee Wisdom Magazine and Unity Books have been centralized under the direction of the **Reverend Thomas E. Witherspoon**, editor of Unity School of Christianity.



Mrs. Colleen Zuck



Ms. Janna Russell

Mrs. Zuck has been actively engaged in the publishing operation of Unity School of Christianity for the past eight years. Prior to being named associate editor of Wee Wisdom Magazine in 1972, Mrs. Zuck worked in the printing and graphic arts departments. She now assumes responsibility for publication of the oldest children's magazine in the United States. Wee Wisdom is currently celebrating its 84th anniversary.

Mrs. Zuck and her husband, **Bill**, and son, **John**, reside in Belton, Missouri.

Ms. Russell has been a member of the editorial staff of Unity School of Christianity since 1971. She served as assistant to the editor of Unity Magazine and Unity Books for two years and, in 1973, was promoted to associate editor of Unity Magazine.

Ms. Russell's editorial background includes manuscript and photograph evaluation, copy editing, layout and design, and production. She has written numerous articles for Unity publications, and has served as editor of The Unity Book Club Newsletter since 1976.

A resident of Blue Springs, Missouri, Ms. Russell has two children, a son, **Troy**, and a daughter, **Kristina**.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- 9-11 Sierra Retreat, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., sponsored by Unity of Reno, Nevada
- †10 Youth Education Seminar, Dayton, Ohio, hosted by Unity of Dayton, conducted by Judy Sherman
- 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

- †1 Youth Education Seminar, Lansing, Mich., hosted by Unity of Greater Lansing, conducted by Judy Sherman
- 2-6 Eastern Regional Conference, Sheraton Beach, Niagara Falls, Ontario
- 4 Post Graduate Program, Niagara Falls, Ontario
- †8 Youth Education Seminar, Pontiac, Mich., hosted by Unity in Pontiac, conducted by Judy Sherman
- 14-16 Northern California Unity Students Annual Retreat, Asilomar, California
- †15 Youth Education Seminar, Indianapolis, Ind., hosted by Unity Truth Center, conducted by Judy Sherman
- 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
- †22 Youth Education Seminar, Livonia, Mich., hosted by Unity of Livonia, conducted by Judy Sherman
- †24-26 Southwest Regional Retreat, Palm Springs Spa Hotel, Palm Springs, California
- 29- Nov. 11 UICE Study Program—Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.

## NOVEMBER

- †5 Youth Education Seminar, Oak Park, Ill., hosted by Unity Church of Oak Park, conducted by Judy Sherman
- 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.