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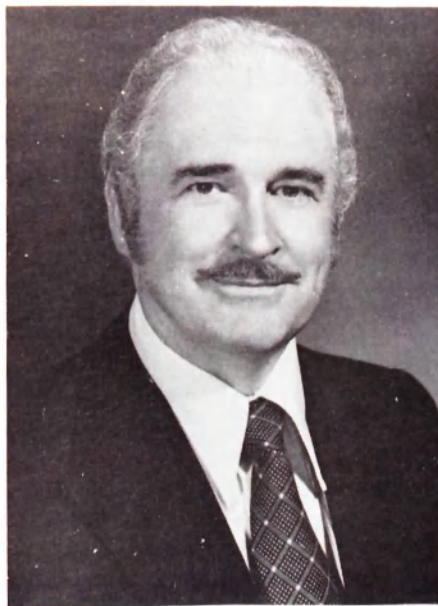


# AUC President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Positive Awareness! That came into my mind when I was flying home from the Eastern Regional Conference the other day. Having attended thus far three Unity Regional Conferences--Northwest, Great Lakes, and Eastern--I am conscious of the spirit of positive awareness prevailing among our ministers and teachers. There is a great sense of positive expectations sweeping through our AUC movement. This does not mean the answers to all of our future needs, of reorganization, outreach, and service have been clearly revealed. But there is a sense of expectation that hails the forthcoming of a right solution to every problem and every need.

As President, I have already entered the fourth month, out of twelve, of my term. I may appear late in trying to inaugurate an AUC theme for this Conference year, but on the other hand, is anything ever late in Spirit? I invite you to adopt with me a theme of positive awareness.



Paul C. Barrett

Positive awareness includes far more than just positive thinking. The awareness factor is the total product of that which expresses through the whole being of

man. It includes not only the mental, but the emotional and physical realms of being as well. I do not need to tell you this, but I simply seek to remind you as well as myself of how necessary it is for us to take control of our thoughts, emotions, and physical actions as they pertain to our future as an Association.

The awareness factor invisibly emanates from all of us. It will move our Association into what it is to be. As we become more positive in our expectations, and lend our constructive thoughts, emotions, and actions to the whole of the outworking of our Association's needs, there will be no doubt but that the results will be "good, and very good" by the time we reach Conference next June.

Let our watchword be: "POSITIVE AWARENESS!"

In His name,

Paul



Let Us

Give Thanks

# Happy Thanksgiving

## REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT – by Charles Roth, Chairman

During July and August each of the seven (7) Regional members of the Committee contacted the individual members of their regions. The following is a statistical view of the response:

Region	Inquiries	Replies	Percent
Southwest	94	29	30%
South Central	42	26	62%
Northwest	40	*30	75%
Northern California	29	10	35%
Eastern	34	17	50%
Southwest	59	21	36%
Great Lakes	61	25	41%

\* Jim Peterson from Northwest reported that out of 40 questionnaires mailed and handed out at the Regional Conference in August, 30 were received from a four-hour discussion.

*(The above figures were taken from the minutes of the September Committee meeting which were mailed to each voting member of the AUC)*

This was an excellent response considering the summer months of vacations and breaks in routine. It reflects the "grass root" interest in the AUC and its goals and purpose.

As each Regional Member of the Committee reported, the Committee agreed that the next step would be to work with the replies and the seven different questionnaires to formulate a uniform questionnaire embracing all of the questions and comments, and trying to make it as simple, yet as comprehensive, as possible. This was no easy task, but the Committee felt that having an opportunity to discuss the questionnaire at the upcoming Regional Conferences would make up for our limitations in trying to make the questions clear and helpful.

The Committee Chairman reported the progress of the Committee to the Executive Committee as called for in the Conference Motion. **Charles R. Fillmore** was also briefed on the action of the Committee.

Much work lies ahead. Approximately 340 packets containing the Questionnaire, Minutes, and a copy of the original Conference Motion establishing the Committee and its purpose were sent out, along with a self-addressed envelope to be returned to the Chairman of the Committee.

The next step will be to get this body of information to the Committee members before the January meetings so they will be prepared with suggestions for shaping alternate proposals to offer the membership.

Your spiritual strength is needed, your calm judgments are needed, your prayer-motivated action is needed as we work together in the unfoldment of the spiritual idea that is enfolded in the Movement called UNITY.

Following are the names, addresses, and phone numbers of your Regional Committee Member. Be assured they will be thrilled to hear from you and to offer any assistance in clarifying questions or passing your comments to the full Committee.

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# 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.

**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**—Dick Everts, newly ordained minister, began October 2.

**AUSTIN, TEXAS**—Jim Dawson accepted as new minister, effective October 2.

**NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK (Unity Universal)**—Bea Copeland, newly ordained minister, began in September.

**BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT**—This ministry to be served as an outreach of Carolyn Michael who serves in Huntington, New York.

**TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA**—Myrtle Dark is assuming leadership of this study group, effective October 2. Gladys Morris will devote full time to proofreading the material for Unity's new Braille lending library. This ministry will continue to function under the dispensation of our Association.

**AUGUSTA, GEORGIA**—Robert Preston is taking a sabbatical from the ministry to study for one year at the Swedenborg School for Continued Metaphysics, 48 Sargent Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02158. Scott Sherman has been working with the Board of this small ministry to give guidance for their future. Marge Kass will headquarter here for three months, effective October 15, as interim.

**FT. WAYNE, INDIANA**—Sune Richards serving as interim, effective in October.

**MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**—Thelma Hembroff accepted as minister, effective in October.

**LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA**—Larry Kendrick accepted as minister as of October 9.

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**—John Wingfield, newly ordained minister, began October 16.



## PLACEMENT EVOLUTION—V. Stanford Hampson

During the past year our placement procedure has changed considerably. The goal of many years was fulfilled by having a Field Services Coordinator who would devote a major portion of time to this important activity of our Association. Here is the step-by-step process as it now takes place. These steps, along with other related ideas, compose a new procedures publication that is available to anyone on request.

1. A call is received by the Field Services Coordinator from the minister who is leaving or from the President of the Board indicating that an opening has occurred.
2. At that same time, the person calling will be invited to prepare a short paragraph for the Placement Report indicating general facts about the ministry—average attendance, size of Sunday School, seating facility, whether building is owned or not, number of employees in addition to the minister, and whatever other relative facts would explain that ministry's situation.
3. The Placement Report is prepared usually two times per month to be sent to all of our active ministers, and to the Board Presidents of the vacant churches. This report will alert all ministers to the new opening and will likewise inform the Board Presidents involved that we are listing their church and how we have listed it. Should the Board prefer to have the listing changed in any way, they have only to let the Field Services Coordinator know.
4. The Church Vacancy Form is sent to each ministry seeking a new minister. This form is to be completed and returned to our office as soon as possible along with a current copy of the church's bylaws and most recent yearly financial statement. This information will give us a clear picture of the ministry and enable us to counsel ministers who express an interest in the ministry with accurate information.
5. A number of sources may be involved in obtaining a list of candidates. Various members of the congregation may suggest names to the Board who then relay to us possible candidates they have heard and are interested in. Also, after receiving the Placement Report, various ministers in the field will be contacting our office to request more information and to indicate a preference. The Placement Committee in its regular meeting may additionally suggest possible candidates for a specific ministry. Ideally, a change should provide both the minister and the open ministry the opportunity for new horizons and increased blessings. These considerations produce a list of possible candidates.
6. If a minister indicates that he/she would like to formally apply for an available ministry, he/she will be sent resume information and an application for placement. As soon as these materials are returned to our office, they will be reproduced and forwarded with a picture of the candidate to those ministries seeking new leadership.
7. The Church Board of Directors will review the resumes received from the Field Services Coordinator, and select candidates. The average number of candidates that a church should choose would be three with a maximum of four. This provides for a speedier process which is for the good of the ministry and the candidates. Usually these candidates would then speak on successive Sundays as soon as possible. The average cost of transportation and housing for each candidate speaker is \$400.00. No love offering is necessary but would be appreciated.
8. As soon as potential candidates have been selected, the Board will contact the Field Services Coordinator to arrange for those speakers to come as soon as possible.

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## PLACEMENT EVOLUTION

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9. After the candidates have been heard and everyone has done his prayer work, a decision is made by the church Board who notifies the Field Services Coordinator. He will then assist the Board and the minister in finalizing any detail arrangements. Upon reaching the agreement for succession of leadership, the Board is encouraged to submit a letter of confirmation regarding succession of leadership and the details of the agreement as understood by them with a carbon copy to the new minister. These will be held in the ministry file in the AUC.
10. The Field Services Coordinator will advise the candidate minister of his/her selection and notify all other candidates of the choice that has been made.
11. A new Placement Report will be issued indicating the finalized placement and that same information will be conveyed in CONTACT on its next publication.
12. The ministry will accept responsibility for moving its new minister, his family and his household possessions to his location. Should this requirement present a temporary problem regarding cash availability, the AUC has made arrangements through the Justus Credit Union, Unity Village, Missouri 64065 to make short term loans to our ministries.

We recognize in the creating of a placement structure of this kind that neither a Placement Committee, nor a minister, nor the Board of Directors of a ministry is responsible for placement. All placement in the Unity Movement occurs through the activity of Spirit based upon the consciousness of all concerned.



### QUARTERLY PLACEMENT REPORT

July – September 1977

Openings As of July 1 . . . . .	Senior Ministers-22	Associate Ministers-1
New Openings During Quarter. . .	Senior Ministers-15	Associate Ministers-2
Number of Ministers Retired . . . . .	5	
Number of Ministers on Sabbatical or Leave of Absence . . . . .	5	
Transitions . . . . .	6	
Number of Reinstatements . . . . .	Ministers-0	Ministries-2
Number of Ministers Ordained . . .	24	
Number of Placements Completed .	27	
Number of Open Ministries as of September 30, 1977 . . . . .	13	



# The Field Speaks

In the past I have been very outspoken on the need for the AUC to maintain its very strict requirements for ordination, believing the "Exception Clause" is indeed for exceptions and that they are few and far between. I have been very strong in believing that we should maintain our two-year program (and I still am), thinking that this is the only way in which the vast majority of Unity ministers should achieve ordination.

However, I have done just about a 180-degree turn. At the INTA Congress I saw many speakers, specifically from Religious Science, and others as well, who were no dummies; educated men and women who had something meaningful to say. In fact, I was speaking to one such individual and he indicated without actually becoming specific and using the word "Unity," that he would rather have gone into Unity except that it was just not possible for him to take two years and enter our SMRS program.

Now I find myself thinking that we should have a ministry-based option, taught or at least available for teaching in any Unity ministry; a specific course of study, which upon completion and perhaps testing, someone could receive Unity ordination. Now I find myself thinking that perhaps it isn't all that bad for a licensed teacher who has spent two, three, or four years in a center ministry to be ordained--making this an avenue available for ordination if this fits someone's needs and requirements within his personal life.

Now I find myself thinking that if we try to be all that exclusive, many who would rather have an association with Unity (and people who would certainly be in the field ministry lending their talents and abilities to the whole of the AUC and Unity) will be forced to go through one of Unity's cousins for training and ordination because their time schedule doesn't permit two years back at Unity Village. We certainly do not want to become an ordination mill, but perhaps to offer more options through and by which qualified people can enter into the Unity ministry without only going through our present requirements.

**Larry A. Swartz, Unity of Tucson, Arizona**

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Suggestions to new ministers: After serving many years in the Unity Field Ministry, it has been my observation that the success-

ful center is one where the minister stays put. Our business is one of consciousness and it is vitally important to remain in a place long enough to build the consciousness that ultimately builds the work. It is a joy to see the "fruits" of your "labors" as the seeds sown come into harvest.

It is my firm belief that in most cases it is important to work through the obvious opportunities in order to strengthen our own spiritual beliefs, as we not only teach, but put into practical application the word. I have watched our ministry grow, and without question, there were times when I wanted to walk out; and I'm not too sure there were not times when individuals in the group thought it might be a good idea. However, we have weathered the outer challenges and have built something that makes me rejoice in what seemed an impossible task eleven years ago.

I'm grateful that Spirit worked through me and held to the task of seeing a thing through. Remember, you build with people, not for them! They must play an important role in the development of ideas and seeing them carried out. We all need to learn to trust the gifts in others as we overcome the tendency to want to take the credit for the outer manifestation.

If you're experiencing a challenge, stick to it, see it through; and feel the added strength as well as spiritual understanding. Keep active in prayer and know the Truth, not only for your individual life, but the life of the ministry you serve. We have a great organization and we need the spiritual strength of all in order to keep us on the path of progressive expansion.

I have faith in the Unity movement, which has been established as a God Idea.

**Richard Billings, Unity of Oak Park, Illinois**

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Please have the Program Committee for the next Conference consider this: Let's set aside a time so that the ministers may minister to each other; so that the ministers may pray with and for each other; so that the ministers may have a time of quiet and be still and know. I think this is very important and I would like to see it happen.

**Rudy Nan, First Unity Center of Sarasota, Florida**

## Clearinghouse

**For Sale**—Autogenic model equipment including EEG, EMG, GSR, and Temp. trainer. All battery operated. For sale. Extremely good condition. Limited use. \$1,500.00 or make offer. Write **Unity In The Olympics, Rt. 5, Box 1842, Port Angeles, Washington 98362**, or call 206-457-3014.

## LAMSA BIBLES

Since the publishing of Lamsa Bibles has been temporarily discontinued, they are presently a hard-to-get item. We have had a request for copies from several SMRS students. If you have any you would like to make available, please notify Frank Giudici in the AUC office. Please do not forward the Bibles at this time, let Frank know they are available.

## Did You Know...

that 40% (100) of 260 ministries have never been involved in UICE extension courses? What about yours?

that no minister is ever encouraged to move to another ministry and is even discouraged if in current location less than two years?

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

**Youth of Unity Report**—The YOU SPONSOR is a very special person! Often the YOU sponsor extends himself or herself in helping the YOUer in ways that involves a lot of personal time. It is not unusual for sponsors to use their accrued vacation time to take the YOUers to regional rallies, retreats, and Conference, nor is it unusual for them to put other personal matters aside at any time during the week to give assistance in social functions, planning of activities or special help to the YOUer. They are truly ministers to the teenager, and in doing so are performing a valuable role in the life of the Unity center. The effective sponsor is a very capable person and the Unity center is extremely fortunate to have a sponsor who can be helpful in guiding the YOUer on all levels.

Accordingly, as with all other education departments within the center, the YOU sponsor requires the strong support and helpful assistance from the minister. It is the minister who can spark the sponsor with encouragement to be more effective in his sponsoring efforts.

How is your YOU Chapter progressing? When was the last time you expressed your gratitude to your YOU sponsor for the good

work that he is doing? The simple gesture of showing your concern to help and by openly showing your appreciation to your sponsor goes a long way, for your sincere concern will, in turn, be passed on to the YOUers. The vital, lasting stability of a strong functioning YOU always has the center leader in close rapport with the sponsor and YOUers.

If you have not been in touch with your YOU sponsor lately, why not make it a practice to get behind him or her and show your concern with your personal support. You will be amazed at the magic you can perform! You can be the shot in the arm that your YOU Chapter needs. Your reward will be in the increased vitality of your YOUers which in the overall will bring about a closer feeling of Unity throughout the center.

Be sure to give your sponsor and YOUers the support and encouragement they need.

**Young Adults of Unity Report**—Quite frequently I receive requests for material that will be helpful in starting a Young Adult activity. These requests stem from the fact that young adults do have some specific spiritual needs, and subsequently they require tailored forms of spiritual presentations and activities that are suitable for their spiritual growth. In complying with these requests, I am now happy to report that a YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY GUIDEBOOK will be mailed to all the ministries in the very near (continued on page 8)

*"God is our instant, constant, and abundant supply. As we prosper we grow in service; as we grow, we prosper."*

### ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Fund Operations Five Months Ended 8/31/77

	August	Year to Date
<b>INCOME — OPERATIONS:</b>		
Love Offerings	\$31,782.29	\$174,601.59
Other Income	<u>4,389.21</u>	<u>14,004.94</u>
	36,171.50	188,606.53
Less To the Transfer	<u>3,178.23</u>	<u>17,460.16</u>
	32,993.27	171,146.37
Gross Profit Materials	5,290.48	10,626.96
Total Income	<u>38,283.75</u>	<u>181,773.33</u>
<b>EXPENSES — OPERATIONS:</b>		
General Office	19,930.79	101,959.05
Education Department	<u>9,990.57</u>	<u>39,158.66</u>
Total Expenses	<u>29,921.36</u>	<u>141,117.71</u>
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b>	<u>\$ 8,362.39</u>	<u>\$ 40,655.62</u>

### REIMBURSEMENT OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

In order to meet current operating expenses it was necessary over a period of time to draw on AUC funds which had been restricted to specific uses. This inter-fund borrowing was carried on with the understanding that when sufficient general funds were available the restricted funds account would be reimbursed. Over this period of time \$54,798.77 was so transferred.

Over the past year the financial picture of the AUC has improved significantly, as attested to by the current Statement of General Fund Operations covering the year to date. In view of this the Executive Committee, during its September meetings, voted "paying back \$10,000 right now to the restricted fund, and paying back up to a maximum of \$2,000 per month thereafter at the discretion of the Office Administrator, with this action being reviewed at the quarterly meetings of the Board and/or Executive Committee." The \$10,000 transfer has been made and provision for a monthly evaluation of our cash position has also been made so that the monthly transfer may be effected.

We can all be grateful for the ever improving financial picture of the AUC. Thank you, God, for the abundance that is ours.



## STANDARDS AND ETHICS FOR LICENSED TEACHERS

Because of an apparent need for newly licensed Unity teachers to understand their privileges and responsibilities, as well as their relationship to their ministers, recently the Licensing Committee composed a list of such items to be given to all new teachers at the time of their licensing. This list was shared with the Executive Committee, and it was decided that a brief Code of Ethics for Licensed Teachers should be written.

The staff in the Association office went to work on this project. The result was then shared with AUC President **Paul Barrett**. Paul gave his approval of the finished product. At the instruction of the Executive Committee, this Code is printed below. It will also be printed in the next AUC Yearbook.

*As Licensed Unity Teachers "we dedicate ourselves to the principles of Truth as taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ, and interpreted by Unity School of Christianity and the Association of Unity Churches.*

*"We look to the indwelling Christ for inspiration, to guide, govern, and prosper us."*

*We will endeavor, to the best of our understanding and ability, to teach classes of a quality that will inspire our students to live the Truth that will make them free. We will do this always under the influence of Divine Guidance.*

*We will emphasize the importance of prayer in every person's life, and especially will we use prayer to make our lives an example of living Truth. Our own prayer consciousness will prove our dedication to God.*

*We will be mindful always of our proper relationship with our ministers. We will bear in mind that the minister is in charge of the ministry. We will not undertake any activity without the consent and complete cooperation of the minister. We will be supportive of the minister, as we know he/she is of us.*

*We will not undertake any activity however related to the ministry without the approval of the minister, knowing that all outreach activities must be sponsored by the parent ministry.*

*We will make sure that all classes taught under the sponsorship of the parent ministry for credit in the Unity Institute for Continuing Education will be conducted according to the standards and requirements of UICE.*

*In all our Unity Classes, we will teach the Unity teachings. In this, we will avoid teaching any subjects which may be deemed incompatible with basic Unity principles.*

*We will prepare our lessons well, knowing that students attracted to a Unity ministry expect excellence. Our lessons will be presented in a practical, yet beautiful and inspiring manner.*

*We will subscribe to all points in the CODE OF ETHICS FOR MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES, as presented in the AUC Yearbook, and which are applicable to us.*

## YOU/YAU REPORTS

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future. This Guidebook has been developed by the Young Adult Research Committee, chaired by David Monument. It is comprehensive in scope, i.e., from how to begin the formation of a Young Adults group, the minister's and Coordinator-Advisor's duties and relationships, group structure and meetings, to some suggested ideas for activities. We feel that the release of this Guidebook is an exciting step forward in providing young adults with some very helpful direction in fulfilling their spiritual needs. We encourage you to give your ablest assistance in either starting and/or sustaining Young Adult activities in your center. They need your help!

## THINKING EXPANSIVELY

**with R. Scott Sherman**

In lieu of Outreach's regular report, we have asked **Scott Sherman** to share with CONTACT readers the preliminary Outreach Report recently prepared for our Board of Trustees.

The report is being sent to ministers only as an insert with CONTACT. Copies are available upon request from anyone wishing a copy.



# Idea Exchange

## TREMENDOUS GROWTH ATTRIBUTED TO PRAYER

Unity Church of Pompano Beach, under the spiritual guidance of William R. Clark, has experienced a tremendous period of growth since the daily prayer period began recently.

Last November, at a Board-Staff meeting, it was decided that a Schulmerich MagnaBell Carillon be purchased, as soon as 1/3 of the cost was received. This came in various ways, and the carillon was purchased, installed, and played for the first time Christmas Eve. The music-message of the presence of God rings twice daily playing four hymns to the community. On Sunday the carillon rings at 10:00 AM, 10:40 AM, 11:00 AM (this is a one-minute bell peal), at 12:10 PM and vespers at 6:00 PM. The decision was made at the same meeting to remove four Black Olive trees to more practical and beautiful locations around the Church complex, and to replace these trees by planting six Sago Palms. Since the parking lot hadn't been coated in several years, this was wanted too, so these also were finished and paid for by the last of February.

During Holy Week Services Bill felt the guidance to begin daily prayers, which would be open to the public and advertised by flier and spot announcements on radio. "Since the first meeting, which is conducted at 12:15 weekdays," Bill reports, "things began happening."

At a meeting of the Board of Directors and the entire staff including interested members and friends, the following decisions were made. Move the organ from the stage to the floor; add another organ speaker; remove wall (which was the front of the stage and produced a psychological barrier) and add two steps across the front stage; install new carpeting; refinish to natural wood the pulpit and two pulpit chairs, and add a custom-built table to serve as an altar piece; purchase and install a Sohmer grand piano; add hearing aids for 8 chairs; recondition the air-conditioners for the entire building complex: over-haul P.A. system; add extra exterior flood lights and enclose the prayer garden. All this has been done and paid for. Now for the exciting news. "We have felt the need for a small chapel, which would be very practical for weddings, Prayer Ministry, etc. We have it now, and it is truly an answer to prayer. Our chapel came about as a wonderful demonstration of relying on principle. When the new sanctuary was being built, money was needed for the building program, so the newly formed Womens' Auxiliary began using a room for a re-sale shop. Individuals brought clothing, dishes, various articles which were usable, and the re-sale shop became a tremendous channel through which supply was manifested. After the years, however, it was decided to concentrate on God as the source of supply and to the re-sale shop as just one channel. Stepping out on faith, the Womens' Auxiliary decided to close the re-sale shop and give all the contents to the Christian Way Outreach, which is a charitable organization working in co-operation with the Pompano Beach Police Department. This done, the decision was made to use this area for a prayer and meditation chapel. (The Board of Directors and Bill recently decided to dedicate the chapel to "prayer, meditation, weddings, memorial services and silence only.) Spirit is already supplying

money through this chapel, for which we are grateful, for we know that principle will always work. Praise God."

The chapel seats 24 in very comfortable chairs, is carpeted and has two crystal chandeliers, an organ, an altar, and a hand painted mural of a woods scene with a path evident, though almost hidden. There is a speaker in the chapel connected to the P.A. system in the main church.

"Since January to the writing of this, we have spent over \$30,000 and it is paid," reports Bill. "This growth and the needed supply has come about simply by prayer and meditation, and most of all by practicing the presence of God by the members and friends of Pompano Beach. Jesus said, (according to the gospel of Bill) 'Seek as your first and most important realization, the presence of God which is within you, and all these outer good things will be added to you.' This ministry is proof of the prospering power of love."

Bill has appeared on TV several times over a Miami station, and speaks each Sunday morning over a local radio station. He is a member of the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce and is active in many city meetings. The church has a cassette ministry recording every "Unity Viewpoint" and each Sunday morning meditation and lesson. Here is a list of the "Opportunities of The Week" in Pompano Beach.

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	"Unity Viewpoint" W.L.O.D. 98 AM
	9:30 a.m.	Class, "Your Faith Is Your Fortune"
	10:15 a.m.	D/W Prayer in the Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Education
	11:00 a.m.	Devotional Service
Monday	11:00 a.m.	PRAYER MINISTRY
	12:00 Nn.	A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous)
	2:00 p.m.	Class, "Mind, The Master Power"
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Painting Class
	7:00 p.m.	"Revelation" (class in metaphysics)
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Card Party (every 1st & 3rd Wed.)
	11:00 a.m.	Womens' Auxiliary (every 2nd Wed.)
	7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Prayer and Healing
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Class, "Book of Acts"
	7:30 p.m.	YOU (Youth of Unity)
	7:30 p.m.	Coral Springs-Outreach
Friday	2:00 p.m.	Yoga
	7:30 p.m.	"Christian Healing
Anytime	942-1036	Dial-A-Prayer
Weekdays	12:15 p.m.	D/W Prayers in Chapel

Bill reports, "Most importantly, we are reaching people with the Truth, and many lives have been, and are being transformed. Many have found the healing power of Jesus Christ a reality in their lives and in the lives of their loved ones. Thank God, for this is the only purpose for being here."





## REGIONAL NEWS

### EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Alan Rowbotham:

Members and new seekers of Truth from **Unity Center of Baltimore, Maryland**, shared an enjoyable weekend recently at Coolfont Re-Creation, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. **John Tant**, minister gave a seminar entitled "Man The Spirit of God" Part III based on the "Twelve Powers of Man" by Charles Fillmore. It was an enlightening experience for one and all.



### GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with Robert Wasner:

The 1977 Great Lakes Regional Conference was hosted by **Randy and Leddy Schmelig** at **Unity of Mount Carmel at Bettendorf, Iowa**. The Conference had the joy of not only the meetings and seminars but also the magnificent views of the Mississippi River from the beautiful gardens of this former Carmelite Monastery. Among the business conducted was the discussion concerning the reorganization of AUC by the Committee Chairman, **Charles Roth**, Indianapolis, Indiana, and the GLURC representative, **David Williamson**, Detroit, Michigan. A panel of members of the AUC Board of Trustees spoke on the direction of AUC and answered questions for the Conference Body. This consisted of our outgoing Representative, **Jack Boland**, Detroit, Michigan; **Jack Barker**, Cincinnati, Ohio; **Ruth Mosley**, Detroit, Michigan; **Gene Sorensen**, Livonia, Michigan;

and AUC President, **Paul Barrett**, Kansas City, Missouri.

The Regional Outreach voted to provide assistance to three centers for this coming year and to provide Dial-A-Prayer equipment for another new center.

The new officers of GLURC are **Onita Meyer**, Royal Oak, Michigan, President; **Shirley Bring**, Flint, Michigan, Vice-President; **Richard Ammons**, Lansing, Michigan, Secretary; and **Richard Billings**, Oak Park, Illinois, Treasurer. **Robert Wasner**, Cincinnati, Ohio, is the Regional Representative and **Randy Schmelig**, Bettendorf, Iowa, is the Alternate Regional Representative.

The meetings were chaired by Jack Boland, who kept not only a good sense of order but also included everyone, so that the business was handled effectively and with the feeling of involvement and enlightenment by the entire Conference Body.

A program was given Monday evening by members of the Palmer Chiropractic College to show the philosophy of Chiropractics and their common roots with Unity.

Tuesday evening the Conference Body enjoyed a German buffet at Jurners Castle Lodge. A German Polka Band provided entertainment. We were privileged to have as guests of our Conference **Stan Hampson**, **Bill Fischer**, **Scott Sherman**, and **Paul Barrett**. Bill provided the ministers with an in-depth seminar on the Power of the Mind.

Next year's Regional Conference will be held in Decatur, Illinois, and Unity Church of Decatur, served by **Ross Tucker**, will be the host.



### NORTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with David McClure:

The Northwest (Unity) Ministerial Conference was held in Great Falls August 20-23. **Bill Fischer**, Director of the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies, spoke at an evening service on August 21, while **Paul Barrett**, AUC President and minister of Unity on the Plaza, Kansas City, spoke the following evening. **Betty White**, minister in Great Falls, re-

ports, "A banquet and panel discussion were held on the closing night of the Conference, with ministers, licensed teachers and other church leaders from the Northwest attending.

The Northwest Unity Ministers are planning a visit to the Holy Land, scheduled February 10-26, 1978. The excursion, called "Unity Soul Growth III," will cost \$1,650 per person based on double occupancy. For further information, contact the **Tacoma Travel Bureau, Inc., 751 Commerce, Tacoma, Washington 98402**.

Members of **Unity Center of Tacoma, Washington**, **Jim Peterson**, minister, were served a free breakfast at the center by Jim and his family. It was an exciting celebration of their first anniversary in Tacoma. Pre-registration was mandatory, and meal times were varied so everyone would not show up hungry at the same time. By pre-planning, everyone was served smoothly and the chefs were not run into the ground.

**Sandy Cousens** in **Everett, Washington**, is a chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol, making her the only woman chaplain in the country. With the rank of Captain, Sandy has gained a listing in "Who's Who in Washington State." Sandy has also been scheduling retreats in various parts of the country, with the most recent, a Women's October Harvest Retreat for **Gene Sorensen's** church in Livonia, Michigan, on October 14-15. The retreat theme was: "It's Great To Be Me!" Contact Sandy for details about this retreat if you would be interested in having her present this program at your center.



### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS with George Rieger:

**Unity Southeast Church of Kansas City, Missouri**, was hard hit by the recent flood in this area. **Rowland Jenkins**, minister, reports that damages could be in excess of \$10,000. The center's Dial-A-Prayer and telephone answering equipment (continued on page 11)



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ment as well as a great number of books were totally destroyed. Volunteers are still working on clean-up and attempting to dry a huge theatre rug used in the sanctuary. Several desks will need repair and refinishing and all the doors in the center have expanded to where they will no longer shut.

We know each member of the AUC will include this center in our prayers, and as replacement and repair of damaged items will be costly, any financial aid would undoubtedly, be greatly appreciated. The address there is, **Rowland Jenkins, Unity Southeast Church, P.O. Box 17364, Kansas City, Missouri 64130.**



### SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Loren Flickinger:

**Bill Clark**, minister in Pompano Beach, Florida, reports that positive feedback is coming in from persons who attended the fifteenth annual Southeast Regional Retreat at The Breakers resort hotel in Palm Beach, Florida, from August 15-19. Special speakers were **Sig Paulson** and **Ric Dickerson** who presented a dialogue: "The Dynamic Keys to the Inner Kingdom," on the parable of Jesus Christ. **Jane Paulson** and **Ann Dickerson** were also present and added greatly to the joy and loving atmosphere of the occasion. **Mary Kupferle** conducted some musical meditations, and there was an evening of music with Mary's musicians, who presented show tunes. **Charles King** and his wonderful talent of keeping things "up" had to be experienced to be understood.

The retreat will be held again at The Breakers next year, with **Jim Freeman** and **Billie** as special guests. The dates are August 16-20. For more information, contact **Lassie Rosencrans**, at **Unity of the Palm Beaches, 1957 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401.**

**Loren Flickinger** in Tallahassee, Florida, reports that a Sub-Regional Retreat held the first week in August in Hendersonville, North Carolina, was a success, and plans are being made for another get-

together next year. This was the first time the centers in the northern part of the region had planned an event such as this, and was a great opportunity to let Unity members from the various churches take part in activities with those from other centers. **Florence Allen**, minister in Asheville, N. Carolina; **Udolene Steeves**, of Charlotte, N. Carolina, and **Bob Preston**, formerly of Augusta, Georgia, participated.

Congratulations are in order for **Angelo Giordani**, minister at **Charlottesville, Virginia**. He was one of 90 persons who became naturalized citizens of the United States on July 4 of this year. He could have taken the step a few months earlier but wanted to do it July 4 at Monticello, the home built by President Thomas Jefferson just outside of Charlottesville. The Charlottesville "Daily Progress" carried a half page article about the event. Angelo's was one of two individual pictures in the article and one of three people quoted. The seventeen lines of comment about him contain this quote: "I feel I'm committing myself to this country without discrimination."

Regarding his ministry, Angelo reports, "We are growing and are enthusiastic about our future. The group enjoyed outdoor services at members' residences followed by potluck suppers during the summer."



### SOUTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with G. Arthur Hammons:

**Larry Swartz**, minister in Tucson, Arizona, is planning a trip to the Holy Land, and Cairo, Rome, and London, scheduled for April 26 to May 17, 1978. The 22-day trip will cost \$1,930 per person from Tucson. If you would like more information you may contact Larry at **Unity of Tucson, 1212 N. Sahuara, Tucson, Arizona 85712.**

**Leona Threadgill** in Hemet, California, reports that the Women of Unity group re-formed in September, after disbanding last spring. The event featured a luncheon meeting attended by 70 persons. Leona

says the meeting was a great way to get church members back together again to kick off a new year and a new ministry.



## MINISTRY ON TOUR

**Connie Haines**, associate minister for the past two years at Christ Unity Church of Sacramento, California, has taken her ministry on tour. Using her singing talents to spread Truth, Connie is traveling around the country, performing inspirational music, and weaving her "sermons" around the songs. Last summer, Connie released a single record, featuring her voice and that of exercise expert **Jack LaLanne**. Connie was also honored last summer by the VFW Auxiliary at the group's national convention. Connie was given the title of "Unsung Heroine of 1977."

## INFORMATION ON POST GRADUATE CREDITS

Some people have asked for a clarification on the number of Post Graduate credits they must have in order to be eligible to teach extension courses for UICE. Here is the correct information: There must be ten units of credit on each minister's and teacher's record for the past Post Graduate three-year period. Please note that the Post Graduate year runs from the time of the annual Conference in June until the Conference the following June. For example, to be currently eligible to teach extension courses, you must have taken two Post Graduate courses between June 1974 and June, 1977. Also, please be reminded that you receive five credits for each Post Graduate course taken. Only those who register and pay the \$15.00 registration fee for each course are given this credit.

## "UNI-TICKLES"

with David McClure

"To Do---Is to Be"--Albert Camus

"To Be---Is to Do"--Jean Paul Sartre

"Do Be Do Be Do"--Frank Sinatra



# DIAL-A-PRAYER MESSAGES!

Here are three Dial-A-Prayer messages from Amalia Frank, Battle Creek, Michigan. You are welcome to adapt or use them 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.

## ENTHUSIASM

The good word for today is *ENTHUSIASM*. One of the deepest causes for the situation of our world today is the lack of enthusiasm. We tend to think, "Let George do it." No one can live a life for us. No one can have our experiences for us. No one can know what is in our own heart. No one can know the joy of living that is the right of all except we, ourselves.

Today let enthusiasm enter into everything that you think and say and do. Become a little excited over each event, no matter how small it might seem to be. Any job that comes to hand to be done, do with enthusiasm. Any chance meeting of a friend, let enthusiasm come into your greeting. Any occurrence, however, trivial it may seem, can become an uplifting moment in your day if you meet it with enthusiasm.

Whatever your lot in life may be, whatever the challenges that may seem to beset you, think of the possible solution with enthusiasm. Know that for every problem there is a solution already within it. Know that you are the master of your life by the way in which you react to situations.

So today, be enthusiastic just in your thinking. Put some enthusiasm into your voice in talking with others. Act enthusiastic, and you'll be enthusiastic.

Try it. Remember this, the good word is enthusiasm.

## ENJOY

The good word for today is *ENJOY*. Do you realize that you have the power to live an enjoyable life? All you have to do is to change your attitude about everything that happens to you and everything that you have to do in your daily living. Sometimes it might not seem so easy to do, especially if there seem to be conditions that you think are overwhelming or are impossible to change. BUT, think carefully. No matter in what situation you may find yourself, someone else has already experienced that, sometime in life and somewhere in the world. So, if someone else was able to survive it, so can you. Also you can make a game out of almost anything. Look at the people who have overcome all sorts of physical handicaps and have become successful and have led worthwhile lives anyway. Look at the people who have been born in seemingly horrible situations and have moved ahead to become happy and successful. Books are filled with such examples. You, too, can enjoy a happy, successful, fulfilling life. All you need to do is to make up your mind to enjoy each experience as it occurs.

If it appears to want to be an unpleasant time, refuse to allow it to take over in you as being unpleasant. We can learn to be patient. We can acquire the ability to be compassionate. We can become loving. In the development of these qualities we are laying the groundwork for enjoying everything that happens to us all through every day.

Begin now to look at your life through the eyes of enjoyment. Whatever it is your responsibility to do today, make the effort to enjoy it. Tell yourself, "I want a happy life, and nothing has the power to stop me from enjoying everything I must do and anything that happens to me today."

## UNLIMITED

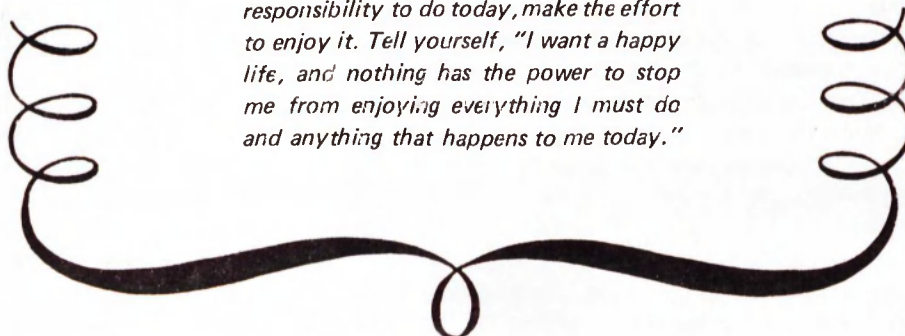
The good word for today is *UNLIMITED*. Do you know that you really are unlimited? Do you know that you can be whatever you choose to be? Do you know that you can accomplish whatever you desire to do? You are limited only by your own thinking. If you feel yourself to be unable to move out of a certain situation or condition, or if you feel bound to people or things, you can change it all by beginning now to develop a feeling for being free, for being unlimited.

Tell yourself many times over: Whatever I can dream of, I can do and I can become.

Goethe, the great German poet said, "Whatever the mind of man can conceive, and believe, that he can achieve."

Philosophers through the ages have said the same thing. But in order to prove you are unlimited it is necessary for you to act on your dreams.

Start today to tell yourself how great you are. See yourself acting out the desires of your heart. Move on them, and then live fully. It will not be necessary to be ruthless or unkind or impatient. As you take the steps you receive ideas about, doors will open into new and wonderful experiences and life will give to you as you give to life.





### 1977-1978 SMRS STUDENT BODY

Pictured below is the student body of the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies for the 1977-78 year. We thought perhaps you might be interested in how this particular student body was arrived at, and especially how the number of students came about.

Between October 1976, and October, 1977, the SMRS office sent out approximately 800 catalogs. These were catalogs that were requested by individuals and does not include the 10 copies that were sent to each ministry when the new catalog was printed.

By request we also sent out approximately 400 Applications for Admission. Of these 115 were returned. These applications were duplicated and distributed to the members of the Admissions Committee, made up basically of faculty members. Of the 115 applications received, there was sufficient reason indicated on the application that 56 of them were not tested and interviewed. This meant that 59 persons were tested and interviewed. Of these 59, 35 were accepted. However, eight of these persons asked to be delayed until next year. This means that the present first-year class started with 27 ministerial students.

There has been some inquiry about the testing procedure. The Personnel Department of Unity School does the testing for the Association of Unity Churches. For this there is a \$15.00 testing fee paid by the applicant. Betty Bolas in the Personnel Department has a degree in testing and does this work both for the AUC and Unity School.

Of the tests given, only one is a pass/fail test. This is one in English Grammar. If a person does not get a minimal grade of 60 on this test, he/she is asked to take a course in remedial English before reapplying. Three other language arts tests are given, which serves as tools for the faculty while the student is in residence. One personality-inventory type test is also given. An IQ test is administered, but no student is kept out of school on the basis of IQ alone. There is also an aptitude test, which deals with the people-with-people area. A Theological School Inventory is given, where comparisons are made with students who have previously applied to SMRS. This test gives good readings on a person's motivations for applying to the ministerial school.

More important than the tests are the interviews. Each applicant is interviewed individually, usually by six members of the Admissions Committee. These are scheduled one-half hour meetings. Following the interview, the interviewer writes his recommendation. Members of the Admissions Committee do not discuss an applicant until after the written recommendation is made. This is so they are not influenced by one another.

After the testing resume is back and the letters of recommendation are in, a meeting is held and vote taken. When a minister is indicated on the application, we write for his recommendation and comments. The feelings of the minister carry a great deal of weight in the decision. It is unlikely that a candidate will be accepted if the minister does not recommend him/her.



*Row 1 (L to R)* Marlene Wolford, Akron, OH; Marilyn Blessing, Indianapolis, IN; Stan Hampson, Faculty Member; Gary Jones, Faculty Member; Harold Whaley, Faculty Member; Frank Giudici, Faculty Member; Martha Giudici, Faculty Member; James D. Freeman, Director of Silent Unity; Phil White, Faculty Member; Margaret Conn, Faculty Member; William L. Fischer, Director of Ministerial Education; Lou Bass, Faculty Member; Pat Staples, Charlottesville, VA; Diane Sickler, St. Louis Park, MN; Ngaire Thomson, Sydney, Australia; Don Knight, Royal Oak, MI; Linda Spencer, Olympia, WA; Janet Bowser, Canton, OH.

*Row 2 (L to R)* Ronel Sinstead, Kitchener, Ont., Canada; Kent Kessinger, Millbrae, CA; John Davis, Gardnerville, NV; Marleen Davis, Gardnerville, NV; Robert Eagan, Tumwater, WA; Alec Evason, Surbiton, Surrey, England; June Fraser, Bridgeport, CT; Jo Foster, Greenwood, MO; Hope Taylor-Fries, San Diego, CA; Rebecca Lynne, Dallas, TX; Helen Glover, Springfield, MO; Alan Stanley, Bothell, WA; Wayne Manning, Nashville, TN; Barbara VandeVyvere, Kansas City, MO; Leila Fischer, Quincy, IL; Mark Yarnell, Springfield, MO; Glory Andersen, Tucker, GA; Kit Neagle, San Diego, CA; Sallye Taylor, Chicago, IL; Mick Dustin, Honolulu, HI.

*Row 3 (L to R)* Marvin Anderson, Austin, TX; Joan Gattuso, Akron, OH; Jim Gaither, Davenport, IA; Jeri Andersen, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Helmut Heidenreich, Immenstadt, Germany; Eddy Edwards, Port Angeles, WA; Linda Pendergrass, Kansas City, KS; Bill Modes, Newton, KS; Lee Stahl, Wichita KS; Augustine Njoku, Aba, Nigeria, W. Africa; Gerri Weeks, Laguna Beach, CA; Rod McCallum, Spokane, WA; Eunice Chagnon, Kendall Park, NJ; Alice Reynolds, Sacramento, CA; Edwene Copeland, Conroe, TX; David Durksen, Burnaby, BC, Canada; Kathryn Garton, St. Petersburg, FL; Jim Fisher, Walnut Creek, CA; Al Abdulkly, Lee's Summit, MO.

*Row 4 (L to R)* Earl Andersen, Oak Park, IL; Rene Pare, Independence, MO; Sherman Civen, Lee's Summit, MO; Aldwyn Jacq, Brooklyn, NY; Richard Andrews, Tucker, GA; Bill Newsom, Largs Bay, Australia; Ralph Seelig, Brighton, Sussex, England; Mike Matoin, Canton, OH; Yves Lafontant, New York, NY; Brian Eenigenburg, Austin, TX; Bill Kellar, Fresno, CA; Peter Bradley, Lee's Summit, MO; Toni Popp, Everett, WA; Sheila Banta, Pomona, CA; and Marc Glover, New York, NY.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## NOVEMBER

- 5 Youth Education Seminar, Oak Park, Ill., hosted by Unity Church of Oak Park, conducted by Judy Sherman
- 12 Youth Education Seminar, St. Louis, Mo., conducted by Judy Sherman
- †19 Northwest Regional Board Member/Minister Seminar, Seattle, Wash., conducted by Stan Hampson
- 19-25 Thanksgiving Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## DECEMBER

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

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## JANUARY

- † 3-5 Northern California Regional Retreat, Carmel, Calif.
- 16-20 AUC Mid-Year Council of Committee meetings, Unity Village, Mo.
- 21 Youth Education Seminar, Honolulu, Hawaii, hosted by Unity Church of Hawaii, conducted by Judy Sherman

## MARCH

- †25-31 Easter Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## APRIL

- † 1-14 UICE Study Program—Session 1, Unity Village, Mo.
- †15-28 UICE Study Program—Session 2, Unity Village, Mo.
- 24-26 South Central Unity Church Association (SCUCA) Regional Conference, Wichita, Kansas, hosted by Unity Church of Wichita

## MAY

- †20-26 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## JUNE

- † 3-9 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 11-16 AUC Pre-Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 19-22 AUC Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- †24- July 7 UICE Study Program—Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.

## JULY

- † 8-21 UICE Study Program—Session 4, Unity Village, Mo.
- †22-28 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## AUGUST

- † 5-11 August Festival, Unity Village, Mo.
- †14-20 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- †16-20 Southeastern Regional Retreat, The Breakers Resort Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida
- †21-25 YAU Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- †26- Sept. 1 Mid-Season Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## SEPTEMBER

- † 9-15 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- †23-29 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- †24-27 Great Lakes Unity Regional Conference, Decatur, Ill., hosted by Unity Church of Decatur

## OCTOBER

- † 7-13 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- †14-27 UICE Study Program—Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.
- †28- Nov. 10 UICE Study Program—Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.

## NOVEMBER

- †13-18 Skill Development Seminar, Unity Village, Mo.
- †18-24 Thanksgiving At Unity, Unity Village, Mo.

## DECEMBER

- †23-29 Christmas At Unity, Unity Village, Mo.

## † Additions

