

# CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



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*Season's  
Greetings*

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

All of us here in your Association Office wish you the best of holidays and hope you enjoy our special cover with all of our pictures. We're proud of this issue, and we call to your attention the complete list of Permanent Committees in our *President's Letter*...My article on moving, it should be noted, is taken in part from *The Restless Pastor* by Gerald W. Gillaspie...You'll enjoy Charles Roth's report (In favor\_\_\_; Not in favor\_\_\_)...And you'll rejoice in the good news about Polly and Scott in *Thinking Expansively*... Bill Fischer's report on percentage of SMRS graduates still with us in our movement is good news and so is the expansion of the Braille department which is a service your ministry could make available to your community...There are some good thoughts in *The Field Speaks*, and we have a new feature called *Spit Polish*, to test your grammar. All tied up in red wrapping, this CONTACT is our Christmas gift to you from all of us.

PEACE

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*"When  
To  
Make  
A  
Change"*

by Stan Hampson

There can come a time even in the happiest ministry when a minister should move. How can one know if that time has arrived? The answers are not simple, and they are not always easily ascertained. Even when they can be identified, the reasons often combine, overlap, and compliment each other.

#### **DISAPPOINTMENT**

A minister may become disappointed in the church, and perhaps the church in him. The feeling may be that the two are ill-suited to each other. Both minister and church should be careful not to react too quickly and completely to such a state of mind. It is possible to grapple with the situation, seek help, adapt to the people's real needs, and win the church through a spirit of cooperation. But if there is no reconciling of the situation, a change should be made.

#### **DISCOURAGEMENT**

It sometimes can seem to a minister that the people no longer respond and that he is making no progress. If these conditions cannot be overcome, the minister may well ask if he himself is not at fault and seek a change in order to remove himself from the picture. Perhaps the minister's main objectives have been measurably accomplished, and he feels that his work there is done. This may give the appearance that he's gone stale. However loyal the church, however faithful the minister, and however satisfactory the past successes, the time may have come for a change. Nevertheless, it should be recognized that such discouragement may be a short halt in a forward march.

#### **OPPOSITION**

Even in Unity there will be some personal opposition to the minister from within the church, often leaving the minister feeling discouraged. A layman once remarked in the form of a rebuke to his minister, "What unutterable conceit! To think that you had the ability to satisfy everybody!" Certainly no minister can please all of his or her congregation all of the time. However, if the opposition is justifiable, and the hostile elements constitutes more than ten percent of the membership--especially if they include the leaders of the church--it is often wise to consider a change.

There is a natural human tendency on the part of most of us to feel that when some serious problem arises, it is time to make a move.

However, there are many other alternatives. I have known several situations when it was imperative for the health of the

church that the hostile element be released and the minister stay.

From a distance the grass always looks greener in the next field; up close, it has just as many weeds as any other. Problems, we know, are seldom solved by running from them. One prominent church man of another faith said, "The church is not in existence that does not have a problem. As long as churches are made up of human beings, even though enlightened, there will be problems arising from such imperfect human nature. There are no ideal churches."

#### **INSUFFICIENT SALARY**

A growing family and the rise in the cost of living does require an increase in salary, just as much for a minister as for any other breadwinner. Some churches fail to recognize this, and it is not uncommon for a minister to find it absolutely necessary to move simply because of economic reasons. Such a problem should be faced honestly with the church Board. If nothing can be (or is) done, a change is probably necessary--a change of ministers or a change of Board, or both.

#### **DIMINISHING RETURNS**

Sometimes a minister feels dissatisfied with the lack of response from a congregation. On the other hand, the people may be dissatisfied with their minister. When finances are diminishing and the attendance at services is dropping, generally the feeling is that a change is necessary. When the situation seems to be steadily going down hill, it is time to make a change. As a rule of thumb, in any inharmony, if attendance and offerings are dropping then the minister should move or if attendance and offerings are up, then the dissentients should move on.

#### **SUCCESS**

The time to move may also come with and because of success. A minister's achievement in one field often opens doors to a larger opportunity. Precisely because a minister had done well, a larger ministry invites him or her to be their minister. Here again motives should be carefully checked. Should such a minister accept a call to a larger church, bigger responsibility, and at an increased salary? The answer depends on many factors. Is it really time to leave? Has the minister finished a chapter in his life so that he is leaving good foundations for the next minister to build on? Does the work he has been doing need time and effort? No minister wants his work to collapse the moment he leaves. Success can draw an invitation that must be turned down.

#### **CHALLENGE**

Success does not always lead a minister into greater experiences of success. Sometimes a minister would feel the guidance to use his ability and experience in meeting needs in other ministries. There are ministers who feel called to the ministry of starting churches, or healing churches, or strengthening churches. They often have opportunities to make more money and have an easier life with an adequate staff at a large church but have caught a glimpse of an ability to use their gifts to strengthen smaller works. Such a minister would want to have the credentials of success behind him.

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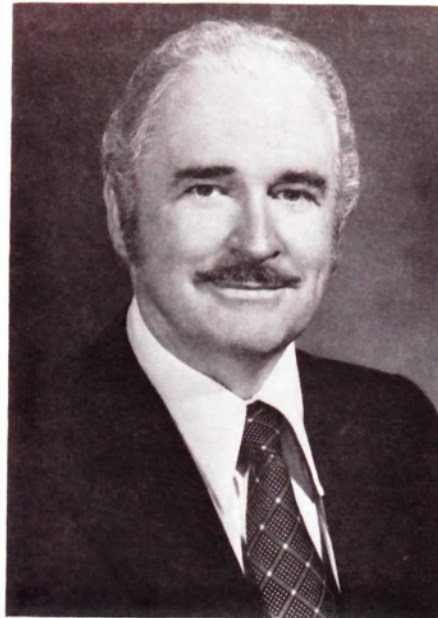
# AUC President's Letter

Dear Friends,

In the present governmental structure of AUC, a Board of Trustees is elected to manage the affairs of the Association. Vested in the Board is the power "to make rules and regulations not inconsistent with the ideals and principles of Unity and the Charter of the Association...(and) to determine policies of the Association." (AUC Bylaws, Article V, Section 3.01)

The efficiency and success with which the Board responsibilities can be carried out are greatly dependent upon the work of our Standing Committees. These Committees are composed of active and dedicated ministers who voluntarily give of their time, their substance, their consciousness, and their talents. They research new ideas; help devise rules, regulations, and policy in specific areas of endeavor; and perform other vital functions assigned to them by the Board.

Last April a survey questionnaire was mailed to all active ministers in our field movement. It gave each person the opportunity to express his desires for Committee service. I am gratified at the tremendous response received. Nevertheless, I am frustrated because all of those who so graciously volunteered to serve cannot be



Paul C. Barrett

placed. The number of volunteers far exceeded the number of vacancies. In some cases there were ten or more volunteers for a given Committee opening.

If you are one who volunteered for Committee service and was not assigned, I hope you will continue to keep yourself open to future possibilities of service. I know from personal experience that the

Father will open the right door at the right time in the right way, if you but stand at the door and knock.

If you have been given an assignment on a Standing Committee for this present year of AUC activity, I am confident that you will take seriously your responsibility to be present when your Committee convenes for business and that you will work diligently to carry out the designated assignments of your Committee.

It might be added that in June, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution that Board members not serve on Standing Committees (except for special needs). Though this removes the Board from direct representation on Committees, it gives the advantage of allowing the full Board to meet for the full time in January and June. Not having Board members on Standing Committees also enables more people to serve at the national level of our AUC movement.

I share with you now the Standing Committee assignments for the coming year:

In His name,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Paul C. Barrett in dark ink.

## PERMANENT COMMITTEES

### LICENSING AND ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Thomas Sikking, Chairman, 1980

Onita Meyer, Co-Chairperson, 1979

Leslie Saunders, Co-Chairman, 1978

Richard Billings, 1981

William Clark, 1978

Gene Connor, 1980

Donald Curtis, 1979

Martha Giudici, 1982

William Hines, 1982

Ginny Hinnens, 1978

Phyllis Jamison, 1981

Gary Jones, 1982

Louise Lawrence, 1978

Lillian Matthews, 1981

Carolyn Michael, 1979

Jane Paulson, 1982

Gregory Penn, 1979

Marilyn Rieger, 1980

Kathryn Rowbotham, 1980

Mary Rowe, 1981

Sue Sikking, 1980

Eugene Sorensen, 1982

Marlyn White, 1978

Philip White, 1981

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Richard Billings, Chairman

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Marilyn Rieger

Kathryn Rowbotham

Roger Tiffany

### BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Thomas Coates, Chairman, 1980

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Mary Hinkle, 1979

Marlowe Kline, 1978

David Williamson, 1978

Jim Rosemergy, 1981

David Schumacher, 1979

David Travis, 1980

### FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Michael Murphy, Chairman, 1979

Jack Barker, 1982

Charles Korfhage, 1978

Max Lafser, 1981

James Sherman, 1980

### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

William Cameron, Chairman, 1982

Ross Goodman, Co-Chairman, 1980

Maryellen Bowe, 1979

Sandy Cousens, 1982

James Heinecamp, 1980

George Hilbert, 1978

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Lester McClelland, 1979

David Monument, 1978

Tom Skalitzyk, 1981

Phil Smedstad, 1981



# REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT — by Charles Roth, Chairman

The following is the count of Questionnaires received up to and including November 1, 1977:

Northern California	15
South Central	9
Southeast	5
Great Lakes	12
Southwest	5
Eastern	13
Northwest	5
	64

There are 328 "voting ministers" so this makes a 20% return to date. You are reading this report in December and you have probably mailed your questionnaire to me in Indianapolis. Send a "good thought" to me in December as we tabulate the 328 returns and get the statistics plus the written comments to the nine committee members in sufficient time for them to formulate suggested proposals to be considered at the Committee meeting January 16.

On the light side--I have handled so many questionnaires to date that I almost started my Sunday talk by stating: "God is your help in every need." In favor \_\_\_\_\_  
Not in favor \_\_\_\_\_!

There is a "good" feeling about each questionnaire that is opened. I can't help but intuitively feel that whatever the outcome next June, it will be something that makes a definite contribution to the forward movement of the Movement that each of us has dedicated his life to.

As soon as final statistics are available on the "in favor--Not in favor" questions they will be sent to all voting members by First Class mail and then published in the very next issue of CONTACT.

The name, address, and phone number of your Regional Committee Member is given below. If you have any question, or wish to channel special thoughts or suggestions to the Reorganization Committee--don't hesitate to call him or her, or write.

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## ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Fund Operations Six Months Ended 9/30/77

	September	Year to Date
<b>INCOME--OPERATIONS:</b>		
Love Offerings	\$29,579.67	\$204,181.26
Other Income	734.92	14,739.86
	<u>30,314.59</u>	<u>218,921.12</u>
Less Tithe Transfer	2,957.97	20,418.13
	<u>27,356.62</u>	<u>198,502.99</u>
Gross Profit Materials	1,216.84	11,843.80
Total Income	<u>28,573.46</u>	<u>210,346.79</u>
<b>EXPENSES--OPERATIONS:</b>		
General Office	19,073.92	121,032.97
Education Department	7,289.58	46,448.24
Total Expenses	<u>26,363.50</u>	<u>167,481.21</u>
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b>	<u>\$ 2,209.96</u>	<u>\$ 42,865.58</u>

## WHEN TO MAKE A CHANGE (Continued from page 2) APTITUDE

A minister may realize that he can accomplish more in one kind of situation than in another. He honestly may feel that a church in a college town would provide him with opportunity to employ his intellectual ability, or that a rural church would set him free to use his farm background to a greater advantage. A minister needs a great deal of experience in the ministry to be able to make such a judgment. Otherwise he could be inflating or minimizing his own God-given abilities.

## HEALTH AND FAMILY NEEDS

When a medical doctor advises that the minister or a member of his family should move to a different climate for health reasons, a change is in order. Sometimes a minister or member of his family may

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# THINKING EXPANSIVELY

with **R. Scott Sherman**

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

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## Unity Church of Chicago, Ill.

Our minister in the newly developing ministry on Chicago's near northside, **Polly Dozier**, announced that her recent meetings featuring **Charles Roth** resulted in excellent attendance and a good feeling among all those present. Over 150 persons attended a Saturday seminar and workshop which used Charles' unique concepts of T.A.B.ing, a concept of Totally Accepting the Belief of a new attitude or result in one's life. In addition, Polly reports that over 150

persons attended the Sunday service on the following day, at which Charles presented another aspect of his Unity teaching.

More importantly, she reports, that since this time her attendance has increased an average of 30 percent for Sunday services. She is now regularly having 120 persons each Sunday at her meeting place at the Ambassador West Hotel. Polly also has found and recently occupied a new office and classroom space immediately adjacent to the Ambassador Hotels. The address, **20 E. Goethe**, provides her with a beautiful first floor front office and small classroom space that can handle classes to 25 persons. Because of the size of one of her week night classes, Polly continues to use the Ambassador Hotel, but other classes and prayer circle groups are meeting regularly at the Goethe Street office suite.

## Crystal Lake, Ill

An outstanding response from both

local and distance friends of Unity Church of Crystal Lake has resulted in a successful meeting of the first payment on a permanent church building for Unity Church of Crystal Lake. The group, which is being served on an interim basis by **Judy** and myself, has been meeting since September 25 in the former **Twilight Ridge Playhouse** in Crystal Lake. On that day the congregation voted to purchase the building with the understanding that \$11,500 would be needed by early November. Even though the congregation is small (an average of 50 adults and 20 Youth Education age children), the \$11,500 was presented to the owner of the building at the closing date in early November. So in barely six weeks the congregation was able to stretch its consciousness and make the initial down payment. Another \$13,000 is due the owner by December 31st of this year, so it is hoped that continuing assistance and the attitude of success will prevail. I would like to especially thank the many ministers who have sent their good wishes and gifts to help support this newly developing ministry in its building project.



## SPIT-POLISH

Good use of our language is imperative to every minister. Each month CONTACT will share with you a short exercise to polish your English. Get out your pencil and begin. (Answers on page 13 ).

### I. Use of who and whom:

1. Wh \_\_\_ did you say had borrowed your typewriter?
2. All of us girls wondered wh \_\_\_ Elaine's new friend was.
3. It was so dark, none of us could see wh \_\_\_ was there.
4. Paul hasn't learned wh \_\_\_ it was that started the rumor.
5. The new secretary picked up the phone and said, "This is she speaking. Wh \_\_\_ may I say is calling?"
6. The only person in the bank wh \_\_\_ you can really trust is Mr. Gold.
7. Wh \_\_\_ do you think Ms. Brown will invite to her reception?
8. Have you found out wh \_\_\_ you and I will be rooming with?
9. The artist wh \_\_\_ she loved has gone away.
10. The song was dedicated to wh \_\_\_ ?





As we have done previously through CONTACT, we are continuing to introduce you to the senior ministerial students at the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. Each month several students will be featured. This month, we present to you (from left to right): Alan Stanley, Diane Sickler, William Kellar, Sheila Banta, and Augustine Njoku.

Alan Stanley has come to SMRS from Bothell, Washington. He was associated with the ministries in both Seattle and Everett, Washington, where he served as both platform assistant and soloist. Also he holds a degree in music from the University of

Washington. As well as being a businessman, he has also been a professional musician.

Diane Sickler lived most recently in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, prior to coming to Unity Village. While there she was associated with the ministry in Minneapolis, where she served in the Sunday School and Youth of Unity work. Diane holds a degree in mathematics from Florida State University. She has worked as a computer programmer/analyst.

William Kellar began his Unity Study in San Diego, but was living in Campbell, California, immediately before attending SMRS. While there he was associated with the ministry in San Jose. He is a retired naval officer, former movie actor with Paramount Studios, and corporate president. His college work was at the University of Southern California.

Sheila Banta is a native of Great Britain, but was living in Pomona, California. Her education was all acquired in England, except while working in the banking business; she attended Escrow School in Los Angeles, where she graduated first in her class. She has also taken courses in the principles of Banking.

Augustine Njoku is one of our international students, having come from Aba, Imo, Nigeria. Augustine was a successful businessman in Nigeria and owned and operated a business college. For many years he was deeply involved in the Anglican Church. He attended Unity at the Unity Centre in Umuahia Ibeku in Nigeria. All of his previous education was in Nigeria. He is eagerly looking forward to returning to Nigeria to spread the message of Truth through the Nigerian Unity Movement.

## The Field Speaks

As a long-time Unity student, I have become quite upset since receiving a letter from my minister practically begging for money.

The letter plays on feelings of guilt and shame in an attempt to raise enough money to cover debts.

I have always believed in the power of prayer in meeting financial needs, whether incurred by an individual or an organization. For a Unity minister to feel he has to stoop to begging members for money is an indication that he never should have been made a minister in the first place. Why wasn't he taught how to pray and to teach others to do the same?

The Father is the source of our supply. When we ask Him, believing, He supplies our every need. There is no need to rely on man when we have Faith in Principle, is there? I don't believe so.

If the minister had stood up in church on Sunday morning and asked for all our prayers in helping to meet this need, he would have had his answer in the form of cash and checks by noon. As it is two weeks have gone by since I received this letter, and the money is still not there. Have we given up on Truth in Unity? I hope not.

Name withheld as requested

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You may be interested in an interesting experience we are having. I have been giving a series of seven Sunday workshops on

"The New Science of Prayer." This was motivated by the oft-repeated desire of Sunday attenders to have a chance to participate in the workshops and other experiences that we normally have through the week, and which they are unable to attend--just getting into the city on Sundays. So we suspended the Sunday service format entirely. We have the organist play before the hour just to set a tone. But no soloist, no hymn-singing, etc. I walk out and introduce the hour with a few comments, introduce Olga who gives a meditation, and then I launch into a classroom style lecture--without notes--with a lavalier mike permitting free movement. A full hour workshop presentation. Then an offering and we close with a prayer.

The response has been fantastic...doubling attendance (which pretty nearly fills the great hall seating 2800). Now as the series nears completion, people are saying, "Don't go back to the service format. This approach puts Unity and you in the best possible light."

So we are going to continue with the informal presentation for a few months before re-evaluating it again. Many persons say, "This is where Christianity began, with Jesus on the hillsides. Why does Unity have to follow the formal traditions of church worship, when it claims to be a return to 'first-century Christianity?'" Touche.

Eric Butterworth, Unity Center, New York City, New York



**Youth of Unity Report** — Currently being printed and soon to be mailed is the new **YOUTH OF UNITY RESOURCE MANUAL**. This comprehensive compilation of ideas for guiding and steering young people has been a much needed tool for a long time. Bob Marshall, associate minister of Unity Center of Practical Christianity in Miami, Florida, who chaired the YOU Resource Committee, has brought into focus in this manual all the important areas of concern in which teenagers of YOU age levels are involved. It is clearly written and easily understood. It is divided into seven sections--The YOU Chapter, Teaching Methods, Teaching Materials, Group Consciousness, Social Growth, Leadership, and YOU Challenges.

Those who have received this manual, have been deeply impressed with its contents. We are very grateful to you, Bob, for all that you have given in making this manual a really valuable YOU tool. It will be mailed to all centers having an active YOU. Centers that do not have an active YOU, will need to submit a written request for a copy.

I am happy to report that there has been a sudden upswing in the number of new YOU groups formed. This is very heartening from my point of observation and from the regional level. It indicates that an impulse of spiritual energy is being felt and is being responded to in a constructive manner. It is also fortunate that the publication of the new Resource Manual coincides with this upswing, and that it will soon be available as an aid to help the new chapters get

started. I cannot foresee a more advantageous time to start a YOU Chapter in your center.

To give you a delightful insight in knowing the importance of the invaluable part that YOU plays in a YOUer's life, and what a YOU activity can also mean for the life of your center, please read this revealing letter from **Kathy Herold**, International YOU President:

"A new year in the Youth of Unity has begun, and with it there is an explosion of enthusiasm and growth, all directed toward the good. All over the country YOUers have been holding elections and making their plans for the year. These plans include so many different areas, each a vital part in the growth of a young person. I would like to share with you some of the things that go on in a YOU Chapter, making it the special and unique group that it is.

"The Youth of Unity forms a family circle composed of one's peers. Here a young person has the opportunity to explore higher spiritual dimensions and express himself in an atmosphere of love and friendship. A YOUer learns how to face challenges, make decisions, take a fall and pick himself up without the fear of being put down. He learns leadership and strength by organizing projects and carrying them out. He learns Unity truths and their practical application--through classes, rap sessions, and various activities. He learns the power of love by sharing with friends, giving and helping others with compassion and understanding rather than pity. A young person involved with

the Youth of Unity finds himself involved with people, God, service, fun, prayer, the church, life, serious times, and joyful positive activities. The Youth of Unity helps a young person grow into adult with a spiritual, positive outlook, and provides him with tools to make spiritual principles work in his life.

"A Unity Center that supports and shares with the YOU not only helps the YOUers, but in turn the YOU activity adds a freshness and vitality to the life of the center.

"After four years in YOU, I have experienced and seen so much growth. For me and many others YOU has added a lot to our lives.

"I invite you to share in the love and enthusiasm of the Youth of Unity. Is there a YOU in your church? If not, how about starting one? Do you know the YOUers in your church? How about getting to know them and share some ideas? With your support the Youth of Unity can grow even more. The involvement between the church and YOU is indeed rewarding.

"If I can answer any questions or help you in any way--let me know. I would be happy to help you and the YOU in your center in any way I can. Thank you for your love and support--

**HAPPY SHARING!!!**

**Kathy Herold**  
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Let me know how I can help you start a YOU group in your center. Best wishes for Joyous, Happy Holidays!

## **WHEN TO MAKE A CHANGE**

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require special education or rehabilitation facilities that are not available near his present church.

## **CONSIDERATION OF ALL FACTORS**

Obviously there are many factors involved in any sort of change. Any reason can become an excuse, and every reason can be balanced with an opposite reason to stay. It all boils down to guidance and prayer, intuition and the

knowingness of love. Many times a minister may choose not to move simply because that minister knows that he or she is doing a good work and is feeling the presence of love right where he is. Better a small church and a less conspicuous position accompanied by love and loyalty, than a more conspicuous and remunerative post at the price of contention, jealousy, or indifference.

One man said, "If a minister wishes to leave his church, the best way to do it is to fill the place where he is so full of fine

service that it cannot hold him. His congregation will have sufficient regard for the conservation of energy to see that this waste does not continue. They will not long persist in pouring a ten gallon minister into a two gallon place." Even if you do not wish to leave a place, the best advise is still to fill the place where you are with the best that you are. For every church and minister in our rapidly growing movement, let us affirm: "God in charge and we know it. Each one of us is in his right place NOW!"



# Idea Exchange

## "DRINKERS DIAL-A-THOUGHT"

Jim Heinecamp, minister in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, has begun a new program for helping people manage their lives. Jim reports, "The Drinker's Dial-A-Thought works much like Dial-A-Prayer. It is an 'outgoing' message for people with a drinking problem, or men and women who think they have or might have a problem.

"There is much resource material put out by A.A. that can be helpful. I used such material for about a year. About a year ago, a reformed alcoholic started putting the message on tape. Further help was referred to the A.A. district office. The closing tag is... 'This message is brought to you by...'

"I have received letters on how helpful the message is in getting further help, and how it has saved families. We now have two A.A. groups that meet weekly at the church, and many do attend church services. Their comments run... 'Unity and the A.A. steps or philosophy run together...'"



## LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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### PERMANENT COMMITTEES (Continued)

#### OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*Outreach Committee consists of one member from each region and three members-at-large.*

Dorothy Pierson, Chairperson (at-large, 1979)

Jean Grover, Chairperson (E)

Robert E. Barth (NW)

James Parkinson III (SW)

Carlton Buboltz (NC)

Roger Tiffany (SC)

Mauritz Erhard (GL)

Paul Carrithers (at-large, 1980)

Charles Lilly (SE)

Marjorie Kass (at-large, 1978)

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

### BANQUET COMMITTEE

Jane Weber, Chairperson,

Rowland Jenkins

Harry Newman

Ed Myler

Marie Paben

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

John Tant, Chairman

Dick Ammons

Roy Fox

Howard Caesar

Hypatia Hasbrouck

Susan Downs

Larry Kendrick

Chad O'Shea

## DIAL-A-THOUGHT ADVERTISING

Unity of Greater Lansing, Michigan, served by Dick Ammons, has found a unique way for advertising Dial-A-Thought for their center. Dick explains, "We placed 42 show cards inside buses with the message: 'Are You Downcast? Keep Your Sunny Side Up! Phone Dial-A-Thought,' and 10 signs on the exterior of buses.

"We kept the message simple and the sign uncluttered with words. This helps to put across the message. At the end of our Dial-A-Thought, we include an invitation to attend our Sunday worship service and the time. The cost of the signs was \$1.50 each for the interior sign and \$9.00 each for the exterior sign. The space was donated under P.S.I.

"Although we do not have a counter on our Dial-A-Thought equipment, we know from observation that the number of incoming calls has increased. The personal comments have also increased from people who have attended for the first time."

## !! ANNOUNCEMENT !!

Next May the Eastern Region will be sponsoring its first **UNITY RETREAT** at the Hotel Toronto in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. About 30 ministers from the Region are expected to participate in the program of activities. Their featured speaker will be Ed Rabel, who will share his unique metaphysical insights into Unity's teaching. The theme will be "Back to Basics" and will emphasize practical approaches to meeting life's ordinary problems.

They are planning to have about 500 Unity students in attendance and are hoping to interest people from both the Eastern and Great Lakes regions of AUC. The dates of the **RETREAT** are **May 21-24, 1978**, and more information will be forwarded to anyone who would desire it. Please write to **UNITY RETREAT, c/o Unity Church of Truth, 173 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto, Canada M4R 1A8.**

## FAITH-BOND REQUEST

Calling all churches that have used bonds of faith!

We have had frequent requests for samples of bonds. Since each state has different laws, we have recommended that ministers wanting samples contact other ministers in their own state. Periodically, we have had samples and sent them to someone requesting them--never to see those samples again. When we have photostated samples to share with any request, we have found such copies not to be satisfactory.

Please send samples of your bonds and related material to your Field Services Coordinator.

Here's what we'd like to do for you. We'll gather samples of successful faith-bonds and create a simple book explaining bond usage. This book could include clear reproductions of sample bonds. Without a great deal of work, we can provide a good resource item for anyone wanting to utilize this means of prosperity. Please send to Stan Hampson, before January 1, all material you have on hand regarding bond programs (publicity, promotional brochures, bond samples). Thank you!

## WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL

Every day thousands of persons write letters to Unity School of Christianity. Most of them request prayer assistance from Silent Unity; others tell of answered prayer. A large part of Unity's mail concerns subscriptions for publications and orders for books, pamphlets, and cassettes. Writers often combine requests for prayer with their orders, but whatever the message, every letter that arrives at Unity receives individual, personal handling and is blessed many times.

Reading, analyzing, and answering each piece of mail is the responsibility of the Letter Analyst Department of Silent Unity. Here, trained faith-filled employees determine how to answer each individual request, and then see that the answer is provided.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the department's work is in maintaining an attitude of prayer at all times. Each morning begins with reading the DAILY WORD lesson for the day as workers join in prayer with DAILY WORD readers throughout the world. Workers also pray for themselves--that they may be guided and inspired. There are other times of group prayer each day at Healing and Prosperity meetings, and each employee takes a turn in the Prayer Room as part of Silent Unity's 24-hour-a-day vigil of prayer.

After the morning prayer time, workers are given letters and telephone prayer requests to answer. Department supervisors feel that the analysts draw the requests they are most capable of handling, according to the spiritual law of attraction. Exceptions are made for letters written in foreign languages or in Braille. These are handled by persons skilled in these special areas.

The workers give prayerful consideration to all requests, carefully determining what the specific prayer need is, or which publications or cassettes are desired. The analyst then selects the proper prayer and pamphlet, and answers the request in the

way that best meets the needs of the correspondent. When answers to prayer requests and orders have been completed, the requests remain in the Prayer Room for at least thirty days.

The Letter Analyst Department employs about 50 workers. Each is thoroughly trained and deeply committed to Unity's approach to prayer. One of the department's daily prayers is for the right employees--that "spiritually minded, capable employees are attracted to us; ones who will be a blessing to our correspondents."

Once hired, new analysts go through an intensive period of classroom training with an experienced instructor for three weeks or longer. Employees are taught how to pray effectively, and how to maintain an attitude of prayer while they are working. This is especially important so that the analyst can see the Truth about a person, even though the prayer request may indicate a seemingly insurmountable challenge.

Employees are made familiar with all Unity pamphlets, prayer cards, books and magazines, and are kept up to date on all new publications. After the initial training period, new workers are supervised closely for another five weeks until they are completely familiar and at ease with this service.

All this attention to detail results in a department that is both effective and efficient. The large volume of mail and telephone calls that come to Unity School are handled quickly, yet all correspondents are given the attention they deserve.

"People write to Unity knowing we will pray with them," says one of the department supervisors, "and that is exactly what we do."

Because of the confidential nature of their work, the supervisors and workers in the Letter Analyst Department must remain anonymous, but they all deserve a vote of thanks from everyone in the AUC and from all the Unity correspondents in the field.



## REQUIRED COURSE CHECK LIST - 1978 FOR UNITY INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

A student may earn a total of 25 credits in a two-week session at Unity Village. Please notice that they have dropped the part 1 and part 2 designations for many of these courses.

### Biblical Studies and Skills

### Credits

Study of the New Testament . . . . .	10
Study of the Old Testament . . . . .	10
Bible Interpretation New Testament . . . . .	8
Bible Interpretation Old Testament . . . . .	8
Discover the Power within You . . . . .	6

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### Historical Studies and Skills

History of Christian Thought . . . . .	4
Background of New Thought . . . . .	6
Development of the Unity Movement . . . . .	5
(Formerly Life and Ideas of the Fillmores)	

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### Metaphysical Studies and Skills

Adventure in Truth . . . . .	6
Life of Prayer . . . . .	6
Lessons in Truth . . . . .	8
Christian Healing . . . . .	8
Prosperity . . . . .	6
Twelve Powers of Man . . . . .	6

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### Interpersonal Studies and Skills

Counseling Theory . . . . .	6
Counseling Experience . . . . .	4
Communications (formerly Speech) . . . . .	4
Unity and Contemporary Issues . . . . .	3
Leadership Training . . . . .	6

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Total Credits for required courses 120

Total Credits for elective courses 30

Total credits for UICE graduation 150



# DIAL-A-PRAYER MESSAGES!

Here are three Dial-A-Prayer messages from Jack Boland, Detroit, 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.

Hello. This is Jack Boland with the Unity Moment of Meditation.

The act of forgiveness is one of the most meaningful things that any person can do in this life. So today, right now, forgive yourself, and forgive all other people. Great happiness is in store for that person whose feelings of guilt have been lifted through an act of forgiveness, and great relief is available for every person who has released all past feelings of past mistakes that they have made, into the loving and forgiving care of God. Who told you you could not be forgiven for those things that you have done? Oh yes, you can; but you need to forgive yourself. You can forgive yourself, you can release the past by admitting it, forgiving yourself and all other persons and see yourself and that other person as a strong and wise loving child of God, poised and at peace. Shed your old fears and your old regrets, and burden of yesterday, all the things that have occurred therein, things that you have done, or things that have been done to you. There's no hope of a proper relationship with any other person, whether it be a spouse, a child, a parent, a co-worker until forgiveness has taken place. Until we forgive, everything that occurs will somehow remind us that there's a grievance and that the other person is probably wrong and at fault. So, today, let yourself emerge out of doubt and out of the darkness of that sense of judgement. As you forgive every other person on this earth, see them as a radiating, loving, spirited child of God just as you yourself are. And in your mind, pause for a moment now and think of that person or those persons--and silently say to them, "I love you. I forgive you. I accept you just as you are, and I know that you, like I, have been doing the very best that you possibly can." Beloved, we are God's children now, so forgive yourself and all other persons. As you do, you will have a great day and this will be the beginning of marvelous new life because God will respond to you, and to your forgiveness, right now. God bless you.

Hello, this is Jack Boland with the Unity Moment of Meditation.

You have a partner. You have with you a companion, a mighty one, a great power, a presence within you that will help you to take charge of every matter that concerns you and each situation you are responsible for--In Him, we live and move and have our being. We are indeed His offspring--His children. Today, these next twenty-four hours, and for the week that follows, make a decision to live and be aware of God's presence in you and around you, and make a decision to be at peace.

Now, as you enter into the activities that are naturally yours, and into those responsibilities that you have accepted in your life, be aware of God as your partner; your loving partner, and companion. Do not go through these next twenty-four hours or through this week alone. Do not bear that problem or burden alone. Do not be alone, for God is with you in all things. Pause, as you are now pausing, and become aware of His presence and let that presence become real and meaningful and powerful to you. Admit that of yourself--by yourself--by your own limited resources, you can do nothing. But...having found God within yourself, and having become aware of His Presence all around you, there is nothing that you cannot achieve or accomplish. In every situation, in every responsibility, remember that the presence of God is with you and within everyone and everything else around you. Believe that all the adjustments necessary are being made. Changes have already started happening. You can begin now to feel good and rejoice because you see in advance the things that are being brought forth to your advantage and the advantage of all those concerned. You have a partner, a mighty partner, a loving and responsible partner, one whose power is fulfilling your own responsibilities. Keep this thought upper-most in your mind. Let your heart be filled with peace. Ignore the worries and fears and know that God is with you wherever you are, dwelling with you and responding to your every need--beginning right now! And so it is. God bless you.

Hello. This is Jack Boland with the Unity Moment of Meditation.

The psalmist sang "Then they were glad because they had quiet, and He brought them to their desired haven."

Right where you are, become quiet. This doesn't just mean to still your voice to be quiet and not to speak, it means to still the mind. It means to still the mind, and to begin to trust in God's love, and to flow with the current of good that is the power, the strength, the movement of His great activity flowing from within you. Be still. Let all tension leave your mind and tell your body to relax and rest in God's love. Now release all your concerns. Release them into God's keeping now. Know that before you called, before you dialed the number, before you have asked, God has already answered every need that you can possibly have. Your answer already exists. In this special moment, nothing has the power to disturb the calm and peace of your mind. Just feel surrounded and enfolded by the great love of God and know that His will for you is good--complete and perfect good. The things that may have seemed difficult become easy. Trustingly place yourself in God's care. God is in charge of your life. You are in harmony with God's great plan of good and you're letting it flow freely into expression through you. You're God's child--He loves you. This is all that you need to remember today and for this beautiful weekend. Trust in Him, knowing that He is blessing you with greater good than you can even imagine! You cannot imagine all the good that is coming to you at this moment. Just trust in God's love--flow with His current of good.

"Then they were glad because they had quiet. And He brought them to their desired haven."

In this moment of the quietness of your mind, God has already brought you to your desired haven and in the days and hours that lie ahead, your good will unfold in a magnificent way because He has already responded to your needs, right now. God loves you. Go in peace. And so it is.





## REGIONAL NEWS

### EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Alan Rowbotham:

Here are the Conference "highlights": At the **Eastern Unity Conference**, held at Niagara Falls, Ontario, in October, the following were elected as officers of the Eastern Region: **Tom Coates**, President (Pittsburg, Pennsylvania); **Kathryn Rowbotham**, Vice-President (Roanoke, Virginia); **Chad O'Shea**, Treasurer (Richmond, Virginia); **Jean Grover**, Secretary (Montreal, Canada); **Mary Rowe**, Chaplain (Asbury Park, New Jersey); **Alan Rowbotham**, Regional Representative (Roanoke, Virginia); and **Rebecca Clark Connell**, Alternate Regional Representative (Lynchburg, Virginia).

In addition to a very productive conference, members of the Region were able to enjoy some "free time" at Niagara Falls. Some of the group took a boat ride on the "Maid of the Mist" which takes its passengers right into the center of the famous "Horseshoe Falls"—a thrilling experience for all concerned! Hardly surprising that a bunch of Unity ministers would reflect on this experience with the quote from Malachi: "...if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."



### GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with Robert Wasner:

Unity Church of Decatur, Illinois, has been the scene of lots of activity this fall,

says **Ross Tucker**, minister. In mid-September, **Phil White**, UICE Director taught a class in "The Background and History of New Thought," for UICE credit or personal growth, with more than 70 attending. In late October, **Thomas Witherspoon**, Editor for Unity School, spoke twice and autographed copies of his book, Myrtle Fillmore: Mother of Unity. On November 19-20, **Rosemary** and **Ralph Rhea**, co-directors of Unity's Radio and Television Department, were featured at a program observing the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of the church. Lowell Fillmore, Rosemary's uncle, dedicated the building in 1957. Decatur will host the 1978 Great Lakes Regional Unity Conference in September.

Members of **Unity Church of Crystal Lake, Illinois**, voted to purchase a building for services and classes. The facility, formerly the Twilight Ridge Playhouse, is a chalet-like, brick building with over 2,400 square feet of space plus a full, partially-finished basement for classes. The building and two acres of land will serve as an excellent starting facility for the new group, says **R. Scott Sherman**, minister and AUC Outreach Director.



### NORTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with David McClure:

**Don Jennings** in **Anchorage, Alaska**, writes, "As of September 1, the church office will have a new address separate from the minister's! The new address is: **Unity of Anchorage, Inc., 921 W. 6th Avenue, Suite 2, Anchorage, Alaska 99501**. In divine order, we are moving out of the house that has served as our personal home and church office for this first year into a condominium. This means that the church will be immediately seeking office space to continue our uninterrupted service to the Unity community. Since we have need of counseling, Biofeedback and class space, we will need a minimum of 300 square feet of space in at least 2 rooms, centrally located, and economically feasible for a temporary church office. We know that with all of us looking, the proper location will be

found prior to the move. Let's work together for Unity!" The ministry in Anchorage also had a recent retreat with **Sig Paulson** and **Ric Dickerson** as leaders. It was a great success!



### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS with George Rieger:

**Jack Hamilton**, minister of **Unity Way, Dallas, Texas**, recently spoke before a class at the First Baptist Academy in Dallas, a part of the Southern Baptist Association of Churches. A week had been set aside for studying Unity, and Jack was asked to take some of the Unity books and answer questions about Unity and the Bible. "Unity was very well received and I was asked to return again next September for a new class," Jack reports. This was the first time the First Baptist Academy had brought in people from other churches to discuss their beliefs.

**Unity-in-the-Rockies, in Colorado Springs, Colorado**, held a graduation ceremony on September 11, 1977, for the eight members of their first UNITY-FRIEND class. The second class of 27 members began on September 27, according to **Andres D. Lucas**, minister.

Having filed its incorporation papers, **Unity of the Valley, McAllen, Texas**, **Robert R. Barth**, minister, held its first membership installation on Sunday, September 25, with a special worship service entitled: "The End... And The Beginning." After sharing some thoughts on the goals and purposes of Unity of the Valley, Bob installed 114 charter members. The service was followed by a celebration in which all the members were welcomed into membership.

On September 10, Unity of the Valley sponsored a special one-day retreat for its members at the Sea-Island Hilton on the Gulf of Mexico. There were 45 adults and children in attendance, taking full advantage of "Sun, Surf & Spirit," which was the theme of the meeting.

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Besides a shared luncheon and a crab-walk competition, there was an opportunity for meditation and an in-depth look at the concept of growth. Each person began the retreat as a seed and then according to their own uniqueness and creativity, planted themselves and began to grow. The retreat ended with a drawing of prayer partners and a silent blessing being sent to all of those in attendance.



### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL NEWS with Donald Gates:

Phil and Dorothy Pierson want to express their deepest gratitude to the ministers and teachers of California-Northern and Southern--for the tremendous show of support of their television outreach, **THE BEST IS YET TO BE**. "Our fellow ministers have written, contributed with love offerings, announced the program from their pulpits and in their bulletins, and in every way shown love, interest, and support. We are grateful and truly heartened by their display of 'unity' in this effort. We want to go on record: **THANKS!!**"



### SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Loren Flickinger:

**Unity Center of Vero Beach, Florida**, is now holding morning and evening Sunday services, **Adelaide A. Dibblee**, minister, says. There are currently 50 members of the center, with three classes being taught each week. The center has a licensed teacher, **Marjorie Sorokowski**. The offices are located at **65 Royal Palm Boulevard, Vero Beach, Florida 32960**.

An appreciation banquet was held in September for **Mabel Butts**, Unity minister in **Atlanta, Georgia**, honoring her

years of service to the Unity Movement. Along with tributes from local ministers and officials, Mrs. Butts received letters of appreciation from President Jimmy Carter, Georgia Governor George Busbee, U.S. Senator Herman Talmadge, and others. Unity School and the AUC were represented by **Bob Means**, minister of **Unity Church of Christianity in Atlanta**.

**Unity-in-the-Grove, Lakeland, Florida**, has moved into a newly completed building at **6230 Lakeland Highlands Road**, reports **Grace G. Hunt**, minister. The church moved into the new facility in mid-September after a busy summer of planning and building.



**Unity-in-the-Grove, Lakeland, Florida.**



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

**Unity Church of Santa Barbara**, where **William W. Helmbold** serves as minister, received an award given by the community for "remodeling or restoration of buildings by which a neighborhood is upgraded."

In 1971 Unity Church purchased the old Tudor Estate of one acre. At the time of the purchase, the lot was a ten room, two story house, built in 1907, a large barn, used as a carriage house, a tennis court and several fine old trees were on the property. In the past the estate must have made a beautiful home and been an ornament to the neighborhood but by 1971 the old house and grounds had been neglected.

In 1976 plans for a meditation and wedding garden were completed. This garden is adjacent to the present church property.

"Santa Barbara Beautiful" presented its October award to the church for the remodeling of the old house and the landscaping and maintenance of the grounds. **Congratulations!**



## IN MEMORIAM

A Memorial Service was held for **Robert Saling, Sr.**, on September 18, 1977 by **Jack Hamilton**, minister of Unity Way Church in Dallas, Texas, and **Marie Conine**, minister in Irving, Texas. Robert was licensed as a Unity teacher in 1975 and had served in both Unity centers since that time.

We all join in blessing Robert in his soul's ongoing, knowing that his new experience in life is one of fulfillment.

**Dr. William Quinn** made his transition October 4, 1977. He was ordained by Charles Fillmore on June 13, 1944. He has had successful ministries in Omaha, Nebraska, and Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio. His wife, **Polly Ann**, was recently ordained as a Unity minister, and her center in Cincinnati has been accepted for membership by AUC.

As Dr. Quinn continues on the eternal voyage of life, our prayers and blessings are with him.



## SMRS APPLICATIONS FOR 1978-79

Please remember that the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies is eager to receive applications for September 1978 admission to SMRS. However, please do not encourage anyone to go through the admission procedure whom you personally, as the minister, would not recommend to become a Unity minister. Anyone who is a *serious* candidate may receive an Application for Admission by writing to: **William L. Fischer, SMRS, Unity Village, Missouri 64065**.



More than 3,000 visually handicapped persons are currently receiving monthly copies of Unity publications in Braille free of charge, thanks to the Braille Literature program, a part of the Silent-70 department of Unity School of Christianity.

Under the program, a person without sight who reads Grade 2 Braille can request a free subscription for UNITY Magazine, DAILY WORD, or WEE WISDOM; or anyone can make such a request for a blind friend.

Another part of the Braille program is a Braille Lending Library. As with all material for the blind, each book (one volume at a time) is both sent and returned postage-free. There are currently eleven titles available, including:

Finding the Christ (1 volume booklet) by H. Emilie Cady; God a Present Help (2 volumes) by H. Emilie Cady; Lessons in Truth (1 volume) by H. Emilie Cady; How to Let God Help You (4 volumes) by Myrtle Fillmore; Dynamics for Living (6 volumes) writings of Charles Fillmore compiled by Warren Meyer; How to Love Your Neighbor (4 volumes) by J. Sig Paulson; Bel (2 volumes) by James Dillet Freeman; Mind: the Master Power (3 volumes) by Charles Roth; Unity--A Quest for Truth (2 volumes) by Eric Butterworth; Dare to Believe! (3 volumes) by May Rowland; and The Twelve Powers of Man (3 volumes) by Charles Fillmore.

The magazines are rendered in Braille by the residents of Clover-nook Home and School for the blind in Ohio. The books are Brailled by volunteer workers at Unity School, and are proof-read by Gladys Morris, Unity minister formerly in Titusville, Florida.

The Braille Literature program, like all the Silent-70 work, is supported entirely through contributions. If you would like to help support the UNITY BRAILLE FUND or the BRAILLE LENDING LIBRARY, your love offerings would be appreciated. If you know of a visually handicapped person or an institution for the blind that could use these services, send the complete name and address of the individual, or have the officials at the institution request the appropriate publication.

Write: UNITY BRAILLE, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.

(SPIT-POLISH ANSWERS)  
If you filled in the first five sentences with "who" and the last five with "whom" give yourself 100!  
Score:  
All 10 - Bravo!  
8-9 - Very Good!  
6-7 - Well Now!  
0-5 - Oops!  
If you missed any, remember to use "who" for the subject and always "whom" for the object. In the first sentence, the phrase "did you say" does not affect the use of "who" as the subject of "had borrowed." In sentence 4, "who" is equal to "it" as a "subjective complement." In sentence 6 "whom" is the object of the phrase "you can really trust." The principle is simple; it's sometimes difficult to tell who is doing what to whom.

# SMRS NEWS



## WHAT HAPPENS TO SMRS GRADUATES?

by William L. Fischer

From time to time we are asked about the number of SMRS graduates that has left the ministry and the number that continue. With this request in mind, we have made a survey of all of the graduates since April, 1969--the time when the Association of Unity Churches had the first graduating class under its responsibility. Some of these were not ordained, but did graduate, and are therefore included in these statistics.

Since that first graduating class, SMRS has graduated 220 ministers. Out of this number, 27 have left the ministry for some reason. Three have retired. Three are deceased. Nine are now asking for placement, and nine have taken either a leave-of-absence or a sabbatical. This latter nine all have indicated an intent to return to the ministry.

This means that of the 220 graduates, 187 of them are either still involved in the ministry actively, or have intentions of becoming involved in the future. This means that our "drop out" rate for ministers is about 12%. Excluding the three who are retired and the three who are deceased, the percentage remaining in the ministry is 85%. That means that this percentage of our graduates is still involved with the Unity ministry in some way.

In order to get a comparison figure on this matter, I have checked with a prominent local seminary, St. Paul's School of Theology (Methodist) in Kansas City. According to the office of the Dean, St. Paul's breakdown for the past five years on what they call "change of vocation" is: 47%, 50%, 53%, 56%, and 20%. These percentages represent the number of graduates who have dropped out each year from the ministry, choosing another vocation. This averages out to approximately 45% over the five-year period. Note that this compares with our drop-out average over the past 9 years of 12%. St. Paul's also indicates that they have a loss of student body of 38% to 49% in some years. SMRS has a loss of one, two, or three students a year.

We felt that you would like to have this information so that you may know that your investment in the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies is producing a school of some stability and quality, with a good student body and graduate minister record.

*Prayer is asking for rain  
and Faith is carrying the umbrella.*



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DECEMBER

21-27 Christmas Retreat, Unity Village, MO.



*Merry Christmas*

1978

### JANUARY

- 3-5 Northern California Regional Retreat, Carmel, CA
- 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
- 30-31 Southwest Regional Conference, El Cajon, CA, hosted by Christ Church Unity

### FEBRUARY

- † 4 Youth Education Seminar, Colorado Springs, CO, hosted by Unity-in-the-Rockies, conducted by Helen Nairn

### 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, KS, hosted by Unity Church of Wichita

### MAY

- 13-5 Northern California Regional Conference, San Luis Obispo, CA, hosted by Unity Christ Church
- 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, FL
- 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, IL, 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

