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EDITOR'S CORNER:

With this issue (85th) **CONTACT** begins its 9th year. We think you'll enjoy this issue which includes several new aspects. **The Editorial Department of Unity School** begins now to highlight books and articles, with reviews aimed at your interest. You'll also appreciate the **Statement To A Prospective Board Member**...then, too, our recently-begun series called **Spit Polish** continues with a good exercise (all suggestions welcome).

The Placement procedure takes another important step forward with 40 questions for a minister to find out about a new ministry...**Howard Caesar's** creative definition of Unity may also be something on which you can find good use.

President Paul invites us into "Positive Awareness" for the new year--an attitude involved with responsibility. That "responsibility" starts by sharing ideas with our Committees and by returning your questionnaire to **Charles Roth**. (*Notice the Northern California Region is way ahead in responses with 74%--three cheers!!*)

The top of the year is an appropriate time to plan ahead. Be sure to take notice of the **Mid-Year Committee schedule on page 3**. Also, you'll see the **Calendar of Events** has been augmented to include annual holidays and special events. This is in response to several requests--interesting, Christmas and Hanukkah are both December 25 this year. Whatever that does for your year, set yourself to make it your best--to date!

CHEERS!!

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AUC President's Letter

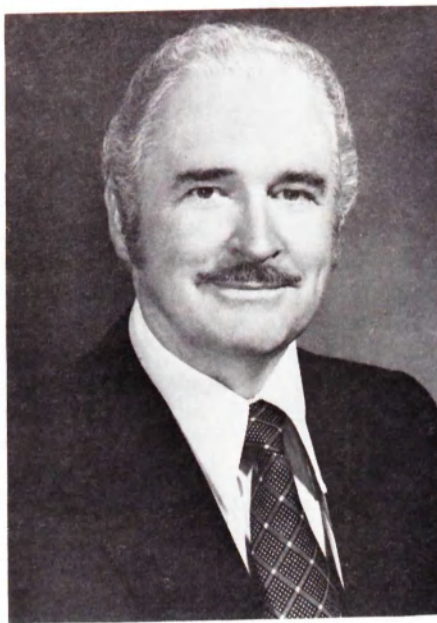
Dear Friends,

As I think into the new year, I project a sense of positive awareness! I am aware of a great positive activity in and through our Association. Our AUC Movement is growing into something always more wonderful. Isn't it grand how we are unfolding!

The Mid-Year Council of Committees is fast coming upon us. We will begin Monday, January 16. Traditionally, this is a week in which numerous major decisions are made. In this year of transition these decisions will be more important than ever before. The Board of Trustees will meet and so will most of the Standing Committees of our Association.

So, too, will the Research Committee on Special Exceptions for Ordination be meeting. This is a temporary Committee, formed by the Board, which has the function of researching whether or not we should broaden our policies to make special exceptions for ordination. If so, what should they be? There is mounting evidence that such action might be justified for the good of our Movement; however, we would also want to maintain high standards. Thus, we want to take a serious look at this proposal.

Positive awareness! I know you will be functioning from that state of mind, whether you are directly or indirectly involved in the meetings of this special week. Perhaps you can share with us your



Paul C. Barrett

positive thoughts in writing on the issues that will be considered by the various committees in session. Address your comments to the appropriate committee chairperson as listed in the December issue of CONTACT. Of particular interest would be your observations, comments, and suggestions relating to our Ministerial Education Program (Ministerial Education Advisory Committee, William Cameron, Chairman); our Post Graduate Program (Post-Graduate Course Development Committee, Richard Billings,

Chairman); our Outreach Program (Outreach Development Committee, Dorothy Pierson, Chairperson); and our 1978 Conference Program (Conference Program Committee, John Tant, Chairman). Of course, I would be happy to receive any correspondence you would like for the Board to consider.

Additionally, your thoughts pertaining to special exceptions on ordination (Research Committee on Ordination, Art Hammons, Chairman) will be appreciated also. Though I hope most of you have sent the Reorganization Committee your completed questionnaires, any new ideas concerning our reorganization activity would be appreciated by your Regional Representative on that Committee, or by Charles Roth, its Chairman.

Someone has said, "The only thing changeless in the Universe is change itself." In positive awareness we bless the changes that have taken place and are in the making. We approach them not with anxiety, but with supreme confidence that everything is working for the good, and we are working with it in the wisdom, love, and power of Spirit.

In His name,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Paul".

INTRODUCING THE NEW YEAR

"I am the New Year. I come to you pure and unstained, fresh from the hand of God.

Each day, a precious pearl to you is given that you must string upon the silver thread of life. Once strung, it can never be unthreaded, but it stays an undying record of your faith and skill.

Each golden minute link you then must weld into the chains of hours that is no stronger than its weakest link.

Into your hands is given all the wealth and power to make your life just what you will.

I give to you, free and unstinted, twelve glorious months of soothing rain and sunshine golden. The days for work and play, and nights for peaceful slumber.

All that I have, I give with love unspoken. All that I ask— you keep the faith unbroken."

— Anon.

REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT – by Charles Roth, Chairman

December 1, 1977, the count of Questionnaires received was 145. This represents a response of 47%. Following is a breakdown according to the 7 Regions.

Region	Returned	Total Voting Ministers	Percentage
Eastern	20	33	60%
Great Lakes	28	63	44%
Southeast	25	57	43%
Northwest	15	27	55%
N. California	23	31	74%
Southwestern	16	53	30%
South Central	18	45	40%

Each Regional Committee member turned in a list of the voting ministers in his/her Region. On November 15th, I informed each Regional Committee member of those in his/her Region who have not returned a questionnaire, so that they might contact them.

In addition to this we have sent out a post card reminder

to all members. This mailing took place about December 6, 1977.

The Conference voted this Reorganization Committee into being last June. We are taking the directive of the Conference seriously and giving much time and prayer-oriented thought to the job you asked us to do.

Whether you were at the Conference or not, and whether you voted for the establishment of the Committee or not, it would be but a small token of your love and loyalty to the Unity Movement through the AUC to return your Questionnaire, or send a note saying something to the effect that you are with us in spirit but don't feel led to fill out the Questionnaire.

There are some who, because of illness or other extenuating circumstances, cannot return a questionnaire; however, I still hope to see a 95% return by January 1st of the new year.

As soon as possible after the January meeting of the Reorganization Committee you will receive, by First Class mail the final tabulation of the Questionnaires in addition to the minutes of the January meeting.

AUC MID-YEAR COUNCIL OF COMMITTEES JANUARY 16–20, 1978

Monday – January 16

8:30 a.m. – Welcome to Unity Village (Informal) – Coffee & Donuts – AUC Offices

9:00 a.m. – COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

<i>Board of Trustees</i>	<i>Conference Room A – 4th Floor</i>
<i>Ministerial Education Advisory Committee.</i>	<i>Bill Fischer's Office</i>
<i>Licensing & Ordination Committees:</i>	
<i>Committee A</i>	<i>Classroom 4 – 2nd Floor, Administration Building</i>
<i>Committee B.</i>	<i>Classroom 2 – 2nd Floor, Administration Building</i>
<i>Outreach Development Committee.</i>	<i>Lani Jones' Office</i>
<i>Banquet Committee.</i>	<i>Martha Giudici's Office</i>
<i>Program Committee.</i>	<i>Gary Jones' Office</i>
<i>Reorganization Committee</i>	<i>AUC Conference Room A</i>

12:00 noon – LUNCHEON IN BANQUET ROOM – UNITY INN
GUESTS OF JUSTUS CREDIT UNION

4:00 p.m. – Council of Committee Chairmen. Stan Hampson's Office

7:00 p.m. – Dinner & Entertainment – Hosted by Ministerial Students – Unity Inn

Tuesday, January 17

8:30 a.m. – COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS SHOWN ABOVE (Except for Council of Committee Chairmen)

7:00 p.m. – Post Graduate Committee AUC Conference Room A

7:00 p.m. – Regional Representatives. Stan Hampson's Office

Wednesday – January 18

8:30 a.m. – Board of Trustees. Conference Room A – 4th Floor

8:30 a.m. – Licensing & Ordination Committees A & B. Classroom 2 & 4 – 2nd Floor

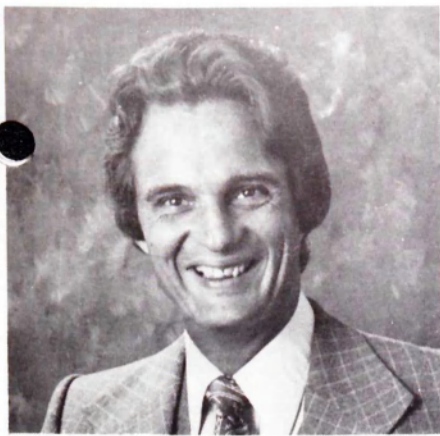
Thursday – Friday, January 19–20

8:30 a.m. – Board of Trustees. Conference Room A – 4th Floor

NOTE:

The following Committees will meet **Saturday, January 14** and **Sunday, January 15**, prior to the regular week of Committee Meetings:

- Finance & Budget Committee
- Research Committee on Exceptions to Ordination



*"A
CHECKLIST
FOR
A
CANDIDATE"*

by Stan Hampson

When you are a candidate for being the minister of a church, there are not only many things that the congregation wants to know about you; you also want to know about the congregation. Some of your questions could be answered before ever going to guest speak. Other ideas you will need to find out by your visit. Here is a checklist of things to know about your next church:

1. General type of people making up the congregation--lower class, middle class, or upper class
2. The general cultural and educational background of the congregation
3. The type of neighborhood in which the church is located; this often indicates a church's potential and program
4. The average attendance at the various services
5. Statistics showing decrease or increase of church membership, attendance, and finances over the past few years
6. The present financial condition of the church, including any indebtedness
7. The immediate or future building plans
8. The church's bylaws
9. The policy of the church concerning paid musicians such as soloist, choir director, and organist
10. The provision for secretaries, assistant ministers, and other church staff; what are their duties? To whom are they responsible?
11. The provision of a manse
12. The esteem (or lack of it) for the previous minister, and his/her reasons for leaving
13. Is the church integrated, or is there evidence of racial prejudice?
14. Is there potential for future growth and room for expansion?
15. Is there evidence that the church is run by one person or by a strong dictatorial board or group of members?
16. Does the church tithe?
17. Is there an adequate church study for the minister?
18. Is the manse suitable for the minister's family?
19. Is the church in good repair, or is it in need of much interior decorating and modernizing?
20. How is the heating system, air-conditioning, ventilation, and lighting of the present church building?
21. Are the Youth Education facilities adequate?
22. What is the quality of work done by the church staff, such as the secretary? The neatness of the church bulletin is often an indication here.

23. Is there an atmosphere of friendliness? Were the greeters at the door acting mechanically, or was there a genuine attitude of welcome?
24. What musical ability is evident? Is this a strong, weak, or sore point to the church? Is the musical staff adequate?
25. Is the Sunday School up to date in its methods? Are the teachers trained? Is there adequate space and equipment?
26. Does the church provide a nursery?
27. What youth meetings and program does the church have?
28. What are the programs for young couples, college age, and adults?
29. What is the church's policy towards the use of the church building for weddings and funerals of nonmembers?
30. What is the church's attitude toward building usage: renting to other groups, drinking, smoking, dancing, church bazaars, bingo, and potluck suppers?
31. What is the provision for the annual vacation of the minister. How long?
32. Is there any provision for the minister's car expenses?
33. Is there a provision in the salary agreement for annual cost-of-living adjustments?
34. Does the church provide health and medical insurance?
35. Does the church pay the social security payments and provide other retirement benefits?
36. Does the church encourage the minister to take off one day a week?
37. How much time per year is granted to the minister to be away for special meetings and speaking engagements in addition to national and regional conferences?
38. What allowance in time and/or money is provided for educational opportunities?
39. With the exception of emergencies, is it acceptable that the minister designate hours explicitly for study?
40. What duties are expected of the minister's spouse?

When you are a candidate, you will surely find this checklist a valuable tool to begin your discussion with a prospective Board. Church Board members could benefit from reviewing the checklist even when no change is anticipated, so they can be aware of what thinking will be necessary if they should be seeking a minister. Additionally, an improved situation now may well eliminate the need for a change of leadership. May this checklist help in several ways.

(SPIT-POLISH ANSWERS)

- Remember the rule:
- lie, lay, lain, lying (intransitive--takes no object).
lay, laid, laid, laying (transitive--takes object)
- Score:
- All 10 - Perfection is lying within you.
8 - 9 - You are laying up Treasure in heaven.
6 - 7 - Is your mind lying dormant?
0 - 5 - Thou shalt be laid low!
1. lying, laid
 2. laid, lain
 3. lying, laid
 4. laying, lying
 5. laying, lie

The Field Speaks

In the November issue of CONTACT an article authored by Larry Swartz, minister of Unity of Tucson, caught my attention. While I was in ministerial training at the Village, Larry was chairman of the Licensing & Ordination Committee. With these credentials I was interested to hear his opinion on ordination procedures as practiced by the Association of Unity Churches.

His first paragraph established his continuing support of our two year residency program in SMRS. Exceptional exceptions should be considered.

What has prompted my desire to communicate my opinion in this matter was his next statement. "However, I have done just about a 180 degree turn." Now how can this be? Larry goes on to say he was greatly impressed with some of the speakers at the INTA conference who were not Unity ministers. He referred specifically to one Religious Science minister who hinted broadly he would have preferred to be ordained by Unity "except that it was just not possible for him to take two years and enter our SMRS program." It isn't easy for anyone.

I have been in the field exactly 15 months so my two years experience at the Village remains vivid in my mind. Here in the Twin Cities I have a wonderful relationship with the Divine Science minister, Dr. Vernon Shields, and the Religious Science minister, The Rev. Glenn Chaffin. These two gentlemen are wonderful Truth teachers. The three of us have a mutual respect, but I am the only Unity minister in the Twin Cities. What I gained at SMRS those two gentlemen have not experienced and for me I needed the two years. (If in doubt ask my instructors if that is correct). Rev David King, a classmate of

mine, gave the best description of SMRS when he called the experience "Spiritual Bootcamp". Being a minister is more than just saying, "I wish to be a minister." It takes time and a degree of conditioning to not only think as a minister but to also feel as a minister.

Religious Science has its program; Divine Science has its program. Unity has its program. Each serves its unique purpose in training those who have Divine Appointment to serve where they are attracted.

Donald Clark, Unity Christ Church, Minneapolis, MN

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There is no doubt that Larry Swartz has some good reasoning about making ordination easier in Unity. ("The Field Speaks", November, 1977 Contact).

We all know folks "who are no dummies; educated men and women who have something wonderful to say." The country is full of wonderful people, and we all know licensed teachers who would be ministerial potential.

However, I feel that if someone chose Religious Science instead of Unity, just because it is easier, that should tell it all. If a person really wants to become a Unity minister and works with the principles we teach, the way will open.

Could we dare say that of all the wonderful people we know, our Unity ministers are just a little above "wonderful," because they cared enough to desire the very best!

George Hausmann, Unity Center Church, Cleveland Hghts., OH

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 4)

1. This morning Martha found her Bible _____ on the hall table where she had apparently _____ it yesterday.
2. Last night our lecturer _____ great stress on the fact that the responsibility for good health has always _____ with the individual.
3. A good Samaritan, seeing the injured man _____ on the pavement, obtained a blanket and _____ it over him.
4. A workman who was _____ new carpet discovered an old coin _____ in a corner behind the lecturn.
5. After we had finished _____ the foundation for the new church, we decided to _____ down and take a short nap.

Request—Unity of the Valley, McAllen, Texas, served by Robert R. Barth, would like to obtain a copy of The Renewal of the Body by Annie Rix Miletz. Anyone wishing to respond to this request may contact Bob at P.O. Box 3867, McAllen, Texas 78501.

YEARBOOK COMING!

Yes, friends, in the very near future your 1978 AUC Yearbook will be in your hands. Some of you will notice that the name listed in the Yearbook is different from the one you sent us. We are required by the IRS to list your ministry as it is officially registered with them. If you have had an official name change, it would be necessary for you to notify us of that change. Even though you indicated a different name on your registration card, if our records show your church to be a prior name, that is what is listed in the Yearbook.

THINKING EXPANSIVELY

with R. Scott Sherman

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

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

We are printing this unsolicited letter received here in early December as it shows how, when we work together, we can truly be of help to one another. This ministry was established just over one year ago.

Dear Scott,

On behalf of everyone in "Unity of San Angelo" I want to thank you for setting up the Silent Unity Mailing and also for contacting Dr. Ernest Wilson on our behalf.

As you know Dr. Wilson was our first guest speaker at our new facilities. We scheduled Ernest for two sessions Saturday evening (Nov. 19) and the Sunday Morning worship service, which was followed by a question and answer period and an early Thanksgiving Banquet. All but 10 or 15 of the 150 seats were taken and that is a large crowd for us

whose average Sunday attendance is 60 people.

Dr. Wilson's visit was a tremendous success, not only in numbers but in affect. You see, our main concern was how to introduce Unity to the San Angelo Community, where everyone, with few exceptions, attends a more traditional church each Sunday. Not that we haven't advertised until now, but our congregation placed all resources into finding our own facilities rather than the Ramada Inn.

Anyway, our prayer and purpose, led to the marvelous church facility we have at 333 West Avenue C. It once was a Shrine Temple and the sanctuary seats comfortably 200 people. The building also has several Sunday School rooms, a large fellowship hall, small kitchen, bookstore and Minister's office.

As I said, our main objective was to introduce Unity to the San Angelo Community and we couldn't have found a more gently loving representative than Ernest. He is what this fair-minded Texas Community needed and his message touched hearts and minds alike.

It's difficult to evaluate just which factors were the most responsible for our success with Ernest Wilson's visit. Besides the Silent Unity mailing we also did some extensive advertising on radio, T.V., and in the newspaper. Ernest Wilson is easy to

promote because of his credentials. So its difficult to say why it all worked out. But if I had to guess I would say word of mouth was still the biggest contributing factor. In the end it really doesn't matter, as long as the Word gets out.

We arranged to give everyone attending the service a copy of October UNITY Magazine thanks to our man in the home office, Frank Giudici. It happened that the October issue had an article by Ernest Wilson and one by Jack Groverland (that's me). With the magazine we enclosed our monthly newsletter and a pamphlet "The Adventure Called Unity." Besides all of the free literature our bookstore did a large volume of business, the best seller being Dr. Wilson's book The Emerging Self.

Perhaps the biggest blessing of all was the enthusiasm generated within our fellowship. Almost every single member had a hand in making it all happen, from the parking lot attendants and greeters at the doors Saturday night, to the clean-up crew following the Sunday Thanksgiving Banquet.

You know, Scott, that's what Unity really is...people doing good things together. Our heartfelt thanks to you and all of those who helped us put it all together in San Angelo.

Love & blessings,

JACK GROVERLAND
Unity of San Angelo, TX

P.S. I am submitting a copy of this letter to CONTACT magazine and Silent Unity to share the good news.

LICENSED TEACHER RECOGNITION

In November, 1977, the Licensing Committee met with and approved 24 applicants for Licensed Teacher Recognition. The Board of Trustees ratified such recognitions and we are pleased to welcome into the AUC: Bonnie Beam, 3426 Palmer Street, Sacramento, CA 95815; Hermes Bernard, 92-11 173rd Street, Jamaica, NY 11433; Ruth Bruner, 677 G Street, Space 149, Chula Vista, CA 92010; Myrtle Casselman, 165 Country-side Drive, Enon, OH 45323; Belsie Chinnia, Palm Avenue, Coconut Drive, San Fernando, Trinidad, West Indies; Shirley DeVries, Rt. 2, Box 365, Delta, CO 81416; Laura Dillard, 610 Edgelawn Drive, Aurora, IL 60506; Shay Ellsworth, 5588 Highfields Road, SW, Roanoke, VA 24018; Betty Fleming, 14125 Shadywood Drive, Apt. E-74, Plymouth, MI 48170; Marion Glaser, 8781 Sturbridge Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45236; Jeanne Haaswyk, 3566 Papineau, Apt. 801,

Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2K 4K1; Betty Hicks, 97 Matthews Avenue, Enon, OH 45323; Dorothy Landwehr, 109 Hillcrest, Collinsville, IL 62234; Johnnie M. Leonard, 8419 Carbondale, Detroit, MI 48204; Charles Murphy, 1000 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93109; Juanita Peery, 6341 43rd Avenue, N., St. Petersburg, FL 33709; Ann R. Poole, 1976 Clairmount, Detroit, MI 43206; Jane H. Priest, 1104 Bahama Bend, Apt. F-2, Coconut Creek, FL 33066; Grace E. Richardson, 9225 W. Floyd Street, Tucson, AZ 85706; Bonita Steele, 1044 N. Elizabeth, Dearborn, MI 48128; Elisabeth Stewart, 3000 Clifton Drive, Springfield, IL 62704; Ruth White, 48 Buttonwood Lane, Naples, FL 33942; Virginia Wolford, 633 Skyview Drive, West Carrollton, OH 45449; Hilde Wolstenholme, 3656 N.E. Wasco Street, Portland, OR 97232.

With the thought that you might want to write a letter of congratulations to each of these new Licensed Teachers, we have listed the mailing addresses for you.

NEWS FROM THE EDITORIAL AND PROMOTION DEPARTMENTS OF UNITY SCHOOL

Dear Friends in the Field:

The Promotion and Editorial Departments of Unity School are working together to bring a new kind of service to you--a preview into upcoming literature that may be helpful to your center ministry. We will use this space to point out articles in our three periodicals and books that we feel are of particular interest to you.

YOUR GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL by Winifred Wilkinson Hausmann will be arriving at your center this month. How can it be useful to you?

Mrs. Hausmann, well-known Unity minister, author, and teacher, prepared this book for use as a text for class work. Portions of it originally appeared in UNITY Magazine as a series on the development of the twelve powers. Your God-Given Potential is a book of twelve lessons that gives good insight to Charles Fillmore's, The Twelve Powers.

Your God-Given Potential contains countless Bible quotations and extractions from the writings of Charles Fillmore, all of which are referenced throughout the book for easy verification, to support your teaching, and to guide your students into deeper study and awareness. This book can be

used as the main text for classroom study, or it can be used to prelude and amplify a study of The Twelve Powers.

When your complimentary copy of Your God-Given Potential arrives, take a few moments to study it and determine for yourself how you may best use it. You will readily see that Winifred has made a valuable contribution to our Unity literature through the fresh approach of this book, the subject of which is a timeless and fundamental Unity study. It is a book for you to read for yourself, for you to use as a teaching aid, and for you to share with others who are interested in understanding the twelve powers. We are proud to present to you this new teaching idea to begin your new year. Happy Days Ahead!!

Janna Russell --Editor of Unity Books

UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENTS HEADS

Printed below is a list of the members of the Board of Directors and the department heads of Unity School. This list is being shared with you as a result of numerous inquiries as to the availability of such information. Each of these persons may be contacted through Unity School's switchboard number, Area Code 816, 524-3550.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Charles R. Fillmore, Chairman of the Board and President
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		Colleen Zuck	Wee Wisdom Magazine

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.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA—John Cuddeback is serving as interim in this re-developing ministry.

HAMILTON, OHIO—Dan Douglas began as minister in November.

ALBANY, GEORGIA—Jim Morgan working here as interim for three or more months.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA—John Strickland accepted as leader to begin January 15, 1978.

VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA—This pioneer ministry plans to continue now as an outreach of San Jose, California, (Warren & Marguerite Meyer) with Carl Bonham teaching classes.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO—Marlowe Kline accepted as new minister to begin around February 1, 1978.



WHAT TO DO WITH LEFT-OVERS! SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIAL

The following appears in the Introduction section of the Sunday School curriculum for the quarter beginning December 1. It is possible that ministers will want to discuss these various uses of left-over Take-Home lessons with their Youth Education staffs.

Using the Take-Home Lessons

Many churches have expressed concern that there are odd numbers of various Youth Education Take-Home Lessons left over at the end of every quarter. It can provide a problem with storage and to some people represents a "waste" of resources.

The only way to avoid having "left-overs" is to be sure the students receive all of the lessons for each quarter in which they are registered in your Sunday School. It is always wise to order one or two extra sets of Take-Home Lessons for visitors to class. But used effectively, the Take-Home Lesson can help build a more consistent attendance among your regular and semi-regular students.

Following are suggestions to help you reduce your collection of left-over Take-Home Lessons, and increase consistent attendance in your classes. If you have found other effective ways to use the Take-Home Lesson, please share your ideas.

Send them to: Lani Jones, Association of Unity Churches, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.

—Give each student an inexpensive notebook or folder for his Take-Home Lessons the first Sunday of the quarter. Let the student decorate the notebook, and encourage him to bring it to class each week. Make a special activity of inserting the Take-Home Lesson into the folder each week. Encourage the student to feel pride as he makes his own book. Soon, students will not want to miss lessons!

—Use the Take-Home Lesson in class, but always save something to be done at home. Then, each week, follow up on the previous lesson by having students show you their completed Take-Home Lessons from the week before. Give stars, or make a chart to mark each student's completion of the Take-Home Lesson. Show that you feel it is important, and the student will not want to miss one.

—Send a student his Take-Home Lesson each time he is absent from class. Share a little note, telling him what the class has done during his absence and encourage him to complete one or two of the fun activities on the Take-Home Lesson to show you when he returns to class. It will further the student's spiritual education even when he is now able to attend Sunday School, and it will show the student and his parents that you feel these lessons are very important.

—Send home occasional suggestions for use of the Take-Home Lesson during family worship times. One idea which has been used in some Sunday Schools, is to have the family decorate a box and place it in a prominent place at home. All children in the family will deposit their Take-Home Lessons there each week. Then, the families will gather several evenings a week to discuss the ideas in the lessons. Children can teach parents, and their siblings. Parents can help the children with projects and lead family Bible study. Possibilities are unlimited.

—Left-over Take-Home Lessons from previous quarters can also be used for various promotional activities. Place them on the free literature tables in the church—with an invitation for people to share them with young friends. Or, send them out in welcome letters to visiting or new families that sign the church guest book. There is no need to hide Truth under a bushel basket, or in a Sunday School storage room—reach out to the children in your community and GROW!

—Finally, if you do end up with left-over lessons, just save them for a year. The IMAGE for LIVING Curriculum will be re-used every two years. Share your odds and ends at that time with guests to the Sunday School classes. Or, cut out, color and mount illustrations from Take-Home Lessons for visual aids.

ALL MONEY WELCOME, BUT...

Of course, all your checks are welcome at our Association office, but those that specify their intentions are most welcome. Our bookkeeping procedure is expedited when you specify on your checks what that money is for: tithe, love offering, health plan payment, Partnership, purchase of literature, or Sunday School material.

When we get your check and don't know if you are being generous or paying a bill, we are delayed. Thanks for your help!

Idea Exchange

Howard Caesar, minister in Olympia, Washington, has found newspaper advertising to be very effective.

Howard reports, "I ran this article (below) in one of the local newspapers columns and received a very good response.

"For many people in the community who were misinformed about Unity or had made vague, erroneous assumptions, this article seemed to clarify things in a positive way.

"Some people in the congregation bought extra papers so they would have extra copies of the article to put in their

purse or wallet. They said when someone asks about Unity, now they can pull this article out and give it to them because they never knew how to go about explaining Unity.

"As a result, we ran copies of the article and put a stack out the next Sunday for people who had seen it and wanted more copies. In one day the stack was gone. We also now make it available for guests to pick up a copy when they sign our Guest Book.

"We have found this idea to be very effective."

Pastor's Perspective Unity: A Christian Organization

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What Is Unity?

This is a question that has been asked of me recently. Let me explain.

Unity is a worldwide Christian organization nearly a century old. Because of similarity in names, Unity has on occasion been confused with other organizations. However there is no connection between Unity and Unitarianism or the Unification Church.

Millions of people have been introduced to Unity through its periodicals Daily Word, Unity Magazine and Wee Wisdom, published at Unity World Headquarters in Lees Summit, Mo. Millions of others are familiar with Unity through its prayer ministry, known as Silent Unity which has maintained a round-the-clock vigilance of prayer for more than 80 years. Thousands of people around the world call Silent Unity via the toll free number (800-821-2935) and receive prayer help.

Obviously, one cannot cover the whole of the Unity teachings in a single article; however, here are some particulars regarding Unity:

Unity is an extremely positive approach to life, seeking to accent the good in people and all of life. God is seen as having many attributes, but most important that God is LOVE. Unity stresses that God is not a physical man in the sky, for this limits Him. God's Spirit, everywhere present, the one and only Spirit behind, in and through all things, visible and invisible.

Unity denies the existence of any power or presence opposed to God. It sees that there are evil appearances and suffering in the world, but ascribes these to man's ignorance and erroneous use of God's laws of life.

Unity proclaims the divinity of Jesus, but goes further and assures that you, too, are a child of God and therefore divine in nature. Jesus expressed his divine potential and sought to show man how to express his as

well. Salvation is then the expanding understanding of one's innate divinity and perfectibility through living the life demonstrated by Jesus.

Unity explains the mind as your connecting link with God or Divine Mind and shows how the action of your mind affects your body and circumstances. Much emphasis is placed on the effective power that every thought, feeling, word, and act has upon your life.

Prayer is not seen as a technique for changing God, but for expanding and transforming your mind, and thus changing you.

Unity seeks to relate religion to daily needs, affirming that for every need there is God's perfect answer. Its main textbook is the Bible and it relates its lessons to your life and everyday experiences.

UNITY DOES break from tradition some in that it has no creedal requirements, dogma, ritual or ecclesiastical garb. Unity chooses to believe that there is good in every religion. Different religions are like spokes on a wheel with the hub being God. They may be set apart by a variance of beliefs and approaches, but they are all seeking the one God at the hub of all life. Consequently, Unity does not deny anyone the right to have their own beliefs.

Unity sees worship as serving God by uplifting and glorifying God's spirit in man, in positive, joyous ways. It seeks not to emphasize one's sins of the past, but instead give attention to the good that exists in every person and what can be done with the now to transform one's self and his life.

Its main concern is not so much with a "future life" but with teaching people how to live fully in the present, seeing the good in all things. Unity also believes in eternal life and views the present moment as part of eternal life.

Unity does not impose any financial burdens or pressure on its adherents.

It believes the desire for giving should be initiated from within the giver to reap the joys of sharing. Consequently, all support is by freewill offerings.

Unity is non-denominational and welcomes in dignity and love, people of all races, colors, religions, social background and economic levels.

In summation, Unity emphasizes the divine potential within every child of God and teaches that through a practical understanding and application of what Jesus taught, every person can realize and express their divine potential for a happier, fuller and more successful life.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
- 30-31 Southwest Regional Conference, El Cajon, Calif., hosted by Christ Church Unity

FEBRUARY

- 4 Youth Education Seminar, Colorado Springs, Colo., hosted by Unity-in-the-Rockies, conducted by Helen Nairn
- 8 *Ash Wednesday*
- 12 *Lincoln's Birthday*
- 20 *Washington's Birthday*
- 22 *Traditional Washington's Birthday*

MARCH

- 17 *St. Patrick's Day*
- 19 *Palm Sunday*
- 24 *Good Friday*
- 25-31 Easter Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 26 *Easter Sunday*

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, Kans., hosted by Unity Church of Wichita
- †25 Post Graduate Program, Wichita, Kansas

MAY

- 3-5 Northern California Regional Conference, San Luis Obispo, Calif., hosted by Unity Christ Church
- 14 *Mother's Day*
- 20-26 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 29 *Memorial Day*

JUNE

- 3-9 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 11-16 AUC Pre-Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 14 *Flag Day*
- 18 *Father's Day*
- 19-22 AUC Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 24- July 7 UICE Study Program—Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.

JULY

- 4 *Independence Day*
- 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.
- † 6-12 SCUCA Laymen's Regional Retreat, Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colo.
- 14-20 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 16-20 Southeastern Regional Retreat, The Breakers Resort Hotel, Palm Beach, Fla.
- 21-25 YAU Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 26- Sept. 1 Mid-Season Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 *Labor Day*
- 9-15 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- †15-17 Sierra Retreat, Waystation, South Shore, Lake Tahoe, Calif.
- 23-29 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 24-27 Great Lakes Unity Regional Conference, Decatur, Ill., hosted by Unity Church of Decatur

OCTOBER

- 2-3 *Jewish New Year*
- 7-13 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 9 *Columbus Day*
- 11 *Yom Kippur*
- 14-27 UICE Study Program—Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.
- 28- Nov. 10 UICE Study Program—Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.

NOVEMBER

- 11 *Veteran's Day*
- 13-18 Skill Development Seminar, Unity Village, Mo.
- 18-24 Thanksgiving at Unity, Unity Village, Mo.
- 23 *Thanksgiving Day*

DECEMBER

- 23-29 Christmas at Unity, Unity Village, Mo.
- 25 *Hanukkah/Christmas Day*

† Additions

Italicized dates are yearly holidays and events which may be of interest to you.