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REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT – by Charles Roth, Chairman

(Results of the questionnaire have been included in CONTACT as an insert.)

As you begin reading this report, orient your thinking to January 3, 1978; for that is the date it was written.

On January 3rd 65% or 205 of the 315 voting members of the AUC have responded. This would probably be considered an exceptionally good response in an ordinary national organization. However, I feel a bit disappointed.

The questionnaires were sent out early in October. In November the Regional Committee members were sent a listing of their Region with check marks after those who had responded. Each Committee member made an attempt to contact those who had not replied. Then in December a postcard was sent to ALL voting members reminding them to return the questionnaires.

I would estimate that about 5% or possibly 10% of the voting ministers didn't answer because of physical challenges, moving from one center to another, and other extenuating

circumstances. That still leaves about 25% to 30% who for one reason or another didn't send back their questionnaire.

No doubt some, or perhaps many, are genuinely interested in the affairs of the AUC but for personal reasons didn't go along with the "questionnaire approach" that the Committee took. Two of such ministers were thoughtful enough to reply stating their interest but did not submit the filled-in questionnaire.

The Reorganization Committee will be meeting on January 16 and 17 to study the results of the "grassroots survey" and to begin to formulate proposals that reflect the thinking of the ministers who responded to the questionnaire.

As per your motion at Conference, you will receive a copy of the minutes of the January meeting. These minutes will, of course, inform you of the next step in the Committee's attempt to carry out your directive.

The following are the returns by Region as of January 3, 1978.

REGION	MINISTERS	REPLIES	PERCENT
South Central	45	30 (1)	.688
Southwest	53	26 (1)	.509
Northern California	31	22	.709
Southeastern	58	35	.603
Northwest	28	17	.607
Eastern	33	29	.818
Great Lakes	67	44	.656
TOTAL	315	203 (2)	65%



*"ON
RESIGNING
A
MINISTRY"*

by Stan Hampson

There are many questions concerning how to resign and when to resign a ministry. There are many important considerations about resignation however it is caused: duress, retirement, call to progress, or personal growth.

Sometimes when things are going badly a minister is tempted to just resign and hope for the best. However, many ministers and many congregations have found over a period of time that this is not the most productive way. A minister can find a new church more easily while currently employed. Also, since a church can go for a period of time without a minister much more easily than most ministers can be without employment, it is best to not resign until another position is secured.

If there is a large faction within a congregation wanting the minister to resign, it is often wise to go ahead and do so. To fight such a request will usually do the minister and the ministry a great disservice. Usually it is better to realize that time and consciousness will heal the wounds, and it is more orderly for the minister to move on rather than marring the image of the church in the eyes of the community by fighting for his rights. However, there are also other times when obviously the best interest of the church is to keep the minister and to invite some people within the congregation to back off, change their consciousness, or to move on themselves. Because you are so close to the situation it is often impossible to determine which course of action is most appropriate without someone from the outside giving you his perspective. Of course, this is when liaison serves everyone involved best.

Whenever a minister decides to resign, he should do so in a normal length of time. Usually, 30 to 60 days is an adequate time to alert a Board and congregation. Any less time seems abrupt and suggests foul play. Also, it is not wise to use the threat of resignation as a means of control or to try to secure a raise in salary. Manipulative types of resignations most often backfire.

After securing a new position and deciding to resign, do everything possible to get the church and its records in order. To leave an orderly organization behind is not only helpful to the person who follows you, but good for consciousness to create smooth transitions. You can graciously leave and gently close the door behind you rather than burning bridges.

Once you have resigned it is necessary to keep your word. There is no way you can retract a resignation once it has been established. Otherwise, it is apparently a manipulative type of thing and will be detrimental to your creditability. Once you have resigned, it is also necessary to leave that ministry behind. Ideally it would be best to sever connections in every way

possible to allow people to look to the new minister. When close friendships have been established, some of those may justifiably take longer to wean. You see, you can do everyone a disservice by cutting close ties abruptly. The majority of congregational ties can be severed immediately.

When a minister retires, it is ideal that he should even leave the community so as to enable the new minister to really take over the reins of leadership. In some cases it is not practical to leave, but certainly the retiring minister can stay away from the church for up to six months to allow the new minister to get established; then he can return only if the current minister is comfortable with his attendance or participation. No minister should ever return to a former ministry for weddings or funerals unless the current minister personally invites him to do so. If for any reason you return to a former community, it is only ethical to notify the present minister of your plans, even if they do not involve any participation with the ministry.

As the resigning minister, you want to be most careful not to use your influence in getting a minister of your choice selected for your church. Particularly a retiring minister often feels a certain maternal or paternal responsibility for the ministry: wanting very much to create in his own image a minister to take his place. Such paternalism only breeds confusion and sometimes really blocks the orderly flow of Spirit in drawing that right minister. If, as a resigning minister, you try to use your influence with the Board or congregation in their selection, you will find that if the new minister does not do well you then will be blamed. Also, people who are unhappy with you will automatically resist your choice, regardless of its appropriateness. It is better to let the Board work directly with the Field Services Coordinator and evolve its own selections. Then when the candidates are there, they should meet privately with the Board without your presence so that the decision is made without your influence.

When it comes to presenting your resignation, there are many ways to do it. Some ministers have had the Board President read the resignation, or they themselves have verbalized their resignation at some point in the services. Different ministers have different opinions about whether it should be read at the beginning or ending of the service. Experience has shown that whenever a resignation is given during a church service, the therapeutic and beneficial activity of that service is destroyed. People do not come to church to get bad news; they come to get the good news. Therefore, it is best for the resignation to be in letter form and mailed to the entire congregation after the minister has consulted personally with the Board of Directors and key lay leaders. Then, all of the congregation get the news in the privacy of their own hearts and are over their reactions by the time they are gathered in a group. Never underestimate the importance of a minister in the lives of the congregation. The resignation is a difficult time for many members.

Following the announcement of resignation, the congregation goes through definite stages of grief. These grief feelings need to be acknowledged and gently handled. Within four to six weeks, most of the people have gotten through those feelings and are really in tune with the idea of hearing a new candidate and appreciating the value in a new minister. Resignation is not a casual activity in the lives of anyone involved in the ministry. Give it serious thought and let it unfold only in a very love-full manner. ++

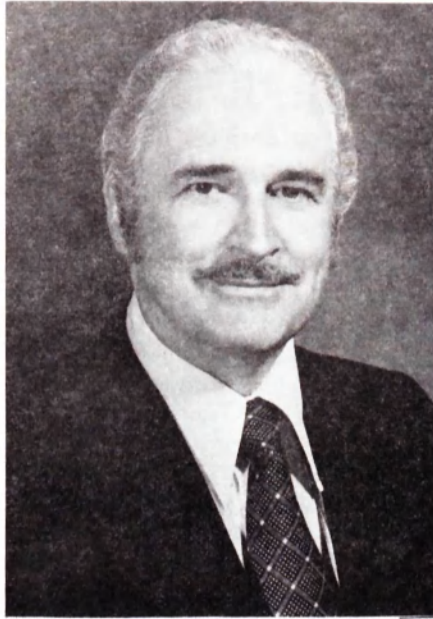
AUC President's Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write this message, the AUC Mid-Year Council of Committee meetings, including the January meeting of the Board of Trustees, has not yet convened. Major decisions relating to AUC and its future manner of operation have yet to be made. But isn't it marvelous to know that there is a divine plan unfolding. Perhaps its final design is obscure, in that we can see only bits and pieces of the plan now. However, because we have faith in that which is in the realm of the Invisible, we can remain secure. We can be sure!

We will be approaching the Lenten season by the time you receive this issue of CONTACT. In keeping with Unity's beautiful approach to Lent, let's all make it a real plus-time for AUC.

From a New-Thought perspective, Lent is most often looked upon as a time



Paul C. Barrett



of spiritual fasting and prayer, a time of preparation for a resurrection experience. Life is full of resurrection experiences for the one who prepares. We prepare for a resurrection in the soul of our AUC movement when we individually and collectively fast from doubt, fear, error, and negative thought; and feast in prayer upon the positive, the good, and the true.

Positive Awareness! That is our chosen theme for this AUC year. I invite you to heighten that state of awareness in your life, your ministry, and your AUC; as together we move onward and upward through Lent to make everything great in '78!

In His name,

Paul

NEWS FROM THE EDITORIAL AND PROMOTION DEPARTMENTS OF UNITY SCHOOL

The Promotion and Editorial Department 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.

SPARKPLUGS—A Summary of UNITY Magazine

If you are like most Unity field ministers, you are interested in material you can use in sermons or lessons to illustrate Truth principles.

You will want to read an article in the **March, 1978**, issue of **UNITY Magazine**, entitled "Never Be Ashamed," by Mildred M. Fredricks. This article contains two good examples of the way Truth principles can be used by individuals.

The first illustration involves a fledgling minister. People are gathered to hear this young man speak. After he gives a few words of greeting it is obvious he has a terrible cold. But, because the minister has some insight, knowledge, and a great deal of candor he doesn't ignore these embarrassingly apparent symptoms. He says, "Now don't attempt to be polite and pretend you hadn't noticed I have a cold. It is evident now, but tomorrow it will be gone--and I know what caused it." He shared with his audience the angry feelings he had experienced two days earlier when two vocal adversaries showed up at a talk he had given.

Belatedly he realized that these feelings had disrupted his internal harmony. He consciously rectified the situation, but

the incident took its toll--his cold.

The author believes this illustrated that the more one knows of the law the greater is one's responsibility to act in accordance with it. She says such incidents happen, maybe most often, to those acquainted with this truth than to those who are unaware of it. And she believes that a person of a more simple nature, who does not know the law, may sometimes better demonstrate faith than a more sophisticated person, such as the minister in the first example.

She uses, as an illustration of the latter idea, a story about a domestic worker who left her employ to take care of her grandchildren left alone because of the hospitalization of her daughter. When the author reprimanded the domestic for neither visiting the daughter nor even thinking about her, the domestic voiced her faith. She said, "There's no time to run to the hospital....so I just put her in God's hands. He's taking care of her and I'm not about to go worrying, and poking around to see how He's doing." That's real faith at work.

Look for this article on Page 19 of **UNITY Magazine**, **March, 1978**.

YOU/YAU REPORTS. Don Knight

Youth of Unity Report—I believe that where credit is due credit should be given. This credit belongs to each and everyone who made it possible for YOUers to attend Conference '77 last summer; for out of that wonderful body of 300 teenagers that attended, three very superb International Officers were elected for '77-78. These officers were here at Unity Village for a few days right after Christmas for planning Conference '78, and it was an extremely harmonious three day session. A superb YOU Conference was the outcome of their efforts, and they are to be saluted for their outstanding creativity. The '78 Conference theme will be "**Our Season To Blossom**"—the magic dates are **August 14–20, 1978**. So, take a bow for seeing to it that truly earnest, deserving YOUers get to attend Conference. Your controlling influence is an important part of the unfolding progress in YOU activities, Chapter-wise, Regionally, and Internationally.

As you read this, your sponsor should either be about to return or have already

returned your respective Activity Status Form, showing the number of active YOUers in your Chapter. This information is used for determining your Chapter's quota of delegates that will be eligible to attend Conference next August. The request was made to return the completed form by February, 1978, to allow ample time to compile and ready Conference information packets for mailing. Your help to speed the return of this form is appreciated.

Young Adults Report—VENTURES IN AWARENESS will be the theme of the Young Adult Retreat at Unity Village, **August 21–25, 1978**. The Retreat will offer opportunities to enter a state of Higher Awareness through a variety of workshop experiences. Young Adults will discover "Ventures in Awareness" to be exciting, overflowing in fellowship and most of all spiritually rewarding. Announce to your young adults to plan now for a great retreat at Unity Village, August 21–25.

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**.



IN MEMORIAM

Allene Mixson, wife of **Wendell Mixson**, Unity minister, made her transition on November 27, 1977.

As Allene continues on the eternal voyage of life, our prayers and blessings are with her. Anyone wishing to write to Wendell may do so at **P.O. Box 3276, San Diego, California 92103**.

Leon Miller made his transition on December 25, 1977, at age 91. He first served in East Lansing, Michigan, supplying for Roxie Miller. He also did supply work for Ida Best in Lansing. From there he became assistant minister to Ida Bailey in Grand Rapids. Upon Ida's transition in 1951, Leon became minister. He continued in service there for ten years. Ernest Milleur performed the funeral service on December 28. Unity of Grand Rapids has established a **Leon I. Miller Scholarship Fund** in his memory and friends are encouraged to direct any donations to the fund.

We all join in blessing Leon in his eternal ongoing.

Janet Beaudry, minister of Unity Christ Way, Chicago, Illinois, made her transition December 12, 1977. James Dillet Freeman conducted the funeral service. Janet was ordained in 1948 and has served in Chicago since that time.

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

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Fund Operations Eight Months Ended 11/30/77

INCOME—OPERATIONS:	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Love Offerings	\$36,103.83	\$270,573.11
Other Income	2,688.34	24,454.46
	<u>38,792.17</u>	<u>295,027.57</u>
Less Tithe Transfer	<u>3,610.38</u>	<u>27,057.31</u>
	35,181.79	267,970.26
Gross Profit Materials	2,626.62	16,108.38
Total Income	<u>37,808.41</u>	<u>284,078.64</u>
EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:		
General Office	18,542.74	158,155.50
Education Department	<u>8,336.96</u>	<u>65,692.11</u>
Total Expenses	<u>26,879.70</u>	<u>223,847.61</u>
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$10,928.71</u>	<u>\$ 60,231.03</u>

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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Crystal Lake, IL 60014

I have been asked by both Stan Hampson and Bill Fischer to include the information that I sent to them and Charles Roth recently concerning my findings in a very quick study I did using recent AUC Yearbooks. I think what I found will be of interest to you.

Here is a synopsis of the quick study I did using 1976 and 1977 Yearbooks. My goal was in response to the excellent article by Bill Fischer in the December CONTACT, simply to see what happens to our ministers. Why do we seem to be constantly short of ministers? What are they doing?

The results were quite interesting, so I thought I would pass them on to you. All of my figures are as of the 9th of December, 1977. My topic statement would be "In the last two years the following changes have occurred in the status of ministries or ministers which have affected their availability to accept leadership."

- 34 ministers filling new ministries
- 4 ministers filling new associate positions
- 2 left North America for overseas ministries
- 1 took new AUC position
- 20 retirements
- 14 left ministry
- 5 deceased while "active"
- 7 sabbaticals (may be available for placement later)
- 13 long-term "sabbaticals" (may not be available later)
- 99

Summary: 41 new positions
58 ministers "lost" to placement system at this time

- 7 seriously seeking placement (as of December 1977)
 - 3 ministries closed during this period
- (Note: Husband/wife teams count as "one minister" unless they fill more than one ministry.)

I was both surprised and a bit shocked by these figures. It is incredible to me that in a two-year period there have been 41 new positions created for ministers in our movement, while there have been 58 ministers, for one reason or another, not available for field work at this time. In short, it appears that our growth and loss rates run approximately 50 ministers per year. Even with three centers having closed during this period, we still would need 48 ministers per year to stay even with our growth and loss rate. While it is likely that some of the ministers on sabbatical will return for placement, it seems clear to me that we are in great need of more ministries as our field work is obviously growing much more rapidly than even those of us involved had anticipated.

These figures are provided to give you something to think about in your own evaluation of the rapid changes that are occurring within our field movement.

NEW ARRIVAL

A very special welcome into the Unity family goes forth to **Kristin Nicole Barth**, newborn daughter of **Bob** and **Aleta Barth**. "Krissy" made her entrance into this life expression on November 14, 1977, weighing in at 6 lbs., 2½ oz.

We rejoice with Bob, who is minister of Unity of the Valley, McAllen, Texas, and Aleta, and know that the Barth family is being especially blessed.

Krissy Barth held by her proud brother, Scotty.



Did You Know...

...that Executive Office salaries are determined by the full Board of Trustees of the AUC? Any member of AUC requesting specific information will find that information available through the AUC office.

... that there is a Committee on Committees composed of all Committee Chairpersons? This Committee meets twice a year and meets with the Board of Trustees to keep open communication lines between Committees and the Board.

(SPIT-POLISH ANSWERS)

us--you and me--register.
and me register" is really "(you) let
case you missed number 8, "Let's you
"We--americans--do not, etc." In
tions. They can be tricky.
apposition and in compound construc-
Take special care with pronouns in
1. she
2. he
3. me
4. us
5. We
6. she
7. them
8. me
9. us
10. me
10-9 Excellent!
8-7 O.K.
6-5 Hmmm.
4-0 No comment



REGIONAL NEWS

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

Nearly 200 Unity students and friends attended the **Thanksgiving Joyfest** sponsored jointly by **Unity Church of Dallas** and **Unity Church of Fort Worth** at Lake Murray Lodge, Oklahoma, November 24, 25, and 26, 1977.

Robert P. Sikking, minister in **Fort Worth**, and **Donald Curtis**, minister of **Unity Church of Dallas**, were co-chairmen for the 3-day event, which opened with Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday evening, and concluded with Saturday lunch. **Sig Paulson**, minister of **Unity Village Chapel** at Unity School, was featured guest speaker and **Charles King** led the group in songs throughout the 3-day period.

Sig opened the meeting and spoke on "The Joy of Thanksgiving" on Thursday evening, followed by "The Joy of Meditation" with **Dorothy** and **Donald Curtis**. A leisure period of fellowship—"The Joy of Togetherness"—concluded each day's activities.

Each day began with a half-hour of yoga with **Dorothy Curtis**, followed by Group Meditation with **Helen Nairn**. The Friday morning workshop was opened by a lesson on "The Joy of Healing" by **Donald Curtis**, followed by discussion group sessions moderated by ten Unity ministers and teachers who attended: **Jack** and **Corinne Hamilton**, Unity Way Church, Dallas; **Marie Conine**, Unity of Irving; **Mary Katherine MacDougall**, Center of Positive Prayer, Austin; **Barry Knowles**, Unity Church of Houston; **Carol Marie Guental**, Oklahoma City; **Glen Robinson**, Fort Worth; **Bette Robinson** and **Helen Nairn**, Unity Church of Fort Worth; and **Dorothy Curtis**, Unity Church of Dallas.

Saturday morning was taken up with reports given by representatives from each of the ten discussion groups.

The Friday afternoon workshop featured "The Joy of One Another" by **Robert Sikking**, again followed by discussion group sessions. Sig spoke Friday evening on "The Joy of Opulence."

A social hour of dancing followed the Friday evening meeting, and the evening concluded with a November Full Moon Meditation outdoors on the shore of Lake Murray, with the entire group participating. Small meditation groups met from time to time in the beautiful intimate nondenominational Lake Murray Chapel. A transcendent spiritual consciousness was sustained throughout the entire Joyfest.

Thanksgiving Joyfest, 1978 has been scheduled for **November 23, 24, and 25, 1978**. **Charles King** will again be part of the program; and **Robert Sikking** and **Donald Curtis** will be co-chairmen. All Unity ministers, teachers, students, and friends throughout the movement are invited to attend.



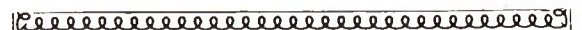
Participating in the "Thanksgiving Joyfest" activities were: (seated left to right) **Robert P. Sikking**, **Charles King**, **Bette Robinson**, and **Barry Knowles**. (standing left to right) **Dorothy Curtis**, **Jack Hamilton**, **Corinne Hamilton**, **Marie Paben Conine**, **Mary Katherine MacDougall**, **Helen Nairn**, **Glen Robinson**, and **Donald Curtis**.

Donald Curtis, minister of **Unity Church of Dallas, Texas**, writes: "Considerable outreach among the college students of Dallas has been accomplished during the past several months." Dr. Curtis participated in Religious Awareness Week at Richland College in Dallas, along with ministers from fifteen traditional churches.

Unity staffed a booth to answer questions and distribute Unity literature during the week, contacting several thousand college students. Many of the students from the 12,000-enrollment college are now attending services and participating in activities at Unity of Dallas.

On Wednesday, December 14, **Donald** lectured at four classes in the Religion Department of Richland College and has been invited to return for further discussion. The classes were in the Philosophy of Religion and in American World Religions classes. Donald was warmly received by the students.

Earlier in December, **Donald** presented a seminar on "Reincarnation" all day, attracting a large enrollment from this area. As a result, he was invited to discuss reincarnation on several of the Dallas radio stations. This has also resulted in a great deal of interest in Unity through the area.



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

Catherine Ponder, minister of **Unity Church Worldwide, Palm Desert, California**, writes that she and her husband, **Dr. Robert Stearns**, have been listed among the one hundred "Distinguished Citizens of the Desert" for 1977-1978. Others on the list include **Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hope**, former President and **Mrs. Gerald R. Ford**, **Mr. and Mrs. Danny Thomas**, **Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Rogers (Mary Pickford)**, and **Congresswoman Shirley Pettis**. The listing is made in the Social Register of the (continued on page 8)

REGIONAL NEWS

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Desert, and those on it are considered to have made outstanding contributions to the community and the world through civic, cultural, or community involvement.

Catherine also says her continuing series on "The Millionaires of the Bible" includes two new ones: "The Millionaire Moses," and "The Millionaire Joshua." These are available through DeVorss & Co., publishers.

Late in October, 1977, **Unity Church of Palm Springs, California**, served by **Dale Batesole**, hosted the annual Layman's Retreat for the Southwest Region. The theme of the Retreat was, "Unity, The Success Lifestyle."

Ideas and proven techniques for experiencing a healthy, prosperous, happy life at all age levels were presented during the Retreat.

Dale and **Paul C. Barrett**, minister of **Unity on the Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri**, were the featured speakers. Various ministers throughout the region were also guest speakers.



NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

Graeme Johnson writes: "I have accepted the position of Director with **Unity of New Zealand**, commencing in February, 1978. This came about when I was invited to do a speaking tour in Auckland in November. The climax of the tour was an offer to be the minister in charge of New Zealand. Thank You, Father!

"My time as co-minister in Melbourne was well spent and gave many opportunities such as teaching a weekly class which grew to the point where we had to introduce an afternoon class to decrease the load on our facilities. Also during this time we began Dial-A-Daily-Word telephone line, plus Wings-of-Prayer phone ministry, a special Wings-of-Prayer Healing Service, and a daily public Daily Word meditation. All of these are continuing and growing."

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Alan and Kathryn Rowbotham, co-ministers in Roanoke, Virginia, would like to share the following article which was run in a local newspaper:

Most Pastors Must Accept Great Burdens

By **The Rev. Dr. Owen G. Stultz**
Virginia District Director
Church of the Brethren

"I just can't understand what our pastor does with all his time. I certainly don't see him very often."

Have you ever made or heard such a statement? It's hard to understand what many professional persons do because what is seen is just the "tip of the iceberg" of the total job.

How much time the minister spends in professional work depends on many factors: the size of the church, where people live, the availability of employed and volunteer assistance, the expectations of the congregation, work efficiency and the compulsion of the minister to work long hours.

Studies indicate ministers work from 54 to 66 hours a week. They often work seven days a week and are on call 24 hours a day. The Minister's Life and Casualty Union concluded from a recent study, "Your minister puts in the same long hours as a corporate chief executive... The average salaries of these executives are above \$200,000 a year. The average pastoral stipend—about \$10,000.

Long hours, however, do not guarantee a job will be done well or that the more important things will be done. Churches tend to place preaching, pastoral calling and counseling near the top as functions of the ministry. Administration is usually placed much lower in importance. Yet the average pastor spends fully

half of the work week in meetings and with administrative duties.

Why? Sometimes it is because the pastor is expected to be at every meeting, or the congregation says, "Let the pastor do it." Or it may be the minister feels nobody else can do the job as well as he or she can. It is amazing (sometimes shocking) how well members of the parish get along in administrative meetings without the minister. The congregation and the minister alike need to recognize the pastor cannot be everywhere at once and cannot do everything.

Both need to work at freeing time for the most essential work. What can be delegated to others should be, not to get out of work, but to improve the total service of the congregation.

How you can help? Before asking the pastor to attend every church committee meeting, ask yourself if his presence is essential. Perhaps he can present an item or issue and then leave. Help guard his or her time so there can be concentration on the more pastoral functions.

Doing bulletins and keeping membership or stewardship records should not occupy the time of the minister. This can be done well by volunteers or secretarial personnel.

The minister needs time for professional growth and spiritual renewal. If not, the congregation is robbed of quality of ministry. Time and money need to be provided by the congregation.

Remember, the minister is human. Time is needed for family and friends. Vacations are essential. Insist on your minister's taking adequate vacation time. No one can be at his best without getting away from the job. Jesus frequently went away from the crowds to find rest and renewal.

Ask your minister how you can help lighten the administration and organizational tasks. You will be loved for it!

Idea Exchange

UNITY PROSPERITY BANK

The following idea is from **John Tant**, minister of Unity in Baltimore, Maryland. John explains, "We encourage members to use the Unity Prosperity Bank with the following explanation:"

A Communication: PROSPERITY BANKS (Giving One's Self to God—the Good). Unity of Baltimore sponsors prosperity banks as part of its spiritual ministry. What is the purpose of prosperity banks in our ministry? Many new Truth students come into Unity with the desire to be prospered and the prosperity bank is "a method" whereby they break down the poverty consciousness within themselves. Poverty is but the fear of giving.

When the student seeks prosperity the soul is filled with fear of lack and limitation and, therefore, giving is a difficult thing to do. But the prosperity bank is designed with a prayer printed on its side and a small slot to accept a coin. Someone once asked why the prosperity bank did not have a larger slot to accept bills and checks without having to fold them. It was explained the purpose of the small opening was to assure the student the coin is just as effective in the beginning, and therefore will free him from the fear God will not answer his prayers because he has not given a large donation. Many Truth students break themselves free from the habit of poverty by the use of the prosperity bank. They ask the Father, in prayer, to provide them with sufficient coins and have them on hand for their daily prayer periods as a practice of giving.

The prosperity bank and its prayers on the side may seem a mechanical technique at first, not having any spiritual value. But if the student puts his faith in this simple act, demonstrated so successfully in the lives of others, he will rise out of the valley of poverty and start to grow in the consciousness of prosperity.

The prosperity bank gives you an opportunity to train your soul EVERY DAY, to remind it God is its supply and cannot fail. As you silently or audibly Speak The Word found printed on the side of the prosperity bank, you set into action the most dynamic power in the universe, The Spoken Word. The activity of giving the coin and Speaking The Word moves you into a conscious awareness of inner prosperity, where you enter into the financial security of life as success and prosperity through true tithing.

The students who tithe find many blessings pouring into their lives and their hearts well up in True Praise and Gratitude to The Father. Those who experience this testify they have a very strong desire to immediately give in some tangible way, in addition to their tithes. Therefore, they keep a prosperity bank on hand at home. No matter where they are, they take a coin in their hand, bless it, Speak The Word of Praise, and give the coin spiritually and mentally to The Father. They may have to get home and place the coin in the bank to complete this act of giving. But, having responded immediately to the desire to praise God, the conscious feeling of good remains with them and they experience improved health, greater success in their affairs and harmony in their relations within their world. ++

PRINTED BOOKMARKERS

Unity of San Antonio, served by **Norman Olsson**, has printed bookmarkers that were mailed with the January bulletin. On one side the bookmarkers include the name, address, and phone number of the church, the minister's name, office hours, and services schedule; a list of what is offered at the church; a Dial-A-Prayer promotion; and the message: "Unity Church is a spiritual center for prayer, learning and fellowship. We teach inner awareness for outer fulfillment." The other side of the bookmarker is called a "Put-Yourself-Together Check-List," with the theme, "I AM a Whole Being." The check-list includes: "Creativity, Begin at the beginning. God did!"; "Future Outlook, You have a self-starting spirit and eternal life guarantee."; Faith Formula, Consult the mustard seed for its secret. Talk to the flowers," and others. ++

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DIAL-A-STORY SERVICE

Gerald Melin, minister of Unity Christian Fellowship in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, reports "We have begun a Dial-A-Story service for the youngsters in the community. Each week two stories from Wee Wisdom Magazine are recorded. Children can dial "45-STORY" and hear the stories day or night.

"At first we will use only short stories. Later on we will have longer stories in serial form. We may have Dial-A-Story writing contests and the children can hear their own stories. Another plan is to mail copies of stories to children in advance so they can read along." ++

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MUSIC AVAILABLE

Unity Church of Santa Barbara, California, served by **William W. Helmbold**, is making available to the field ministries a piece of music which has been copyrighted by their organist, **Vera Richardson**. The music was adapted to the words of, "My Hand in God's," by **Florence Scripps Kellogg**.

In commenting on the music, Bill states, "This is a most beautiful piece of music, and, certainly lends itself to the kind of music we use in our centers."

The music sells for \$1.50 and may be ordered directly through **Unity Church of Santa Barbara, 227 E. Arrellaga Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101.**

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CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Unity Church of the Desert in Las Vegas, Nevada, provides a Circle of Prayer on a twenty-four-hour-a-day basis, which has proven a tremendous power for healing. Minister **Marie Kapp** says that the names and telephone numbers of the members of the prayer circle are written and given to each (continued on page 10)

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other member, with perhaps sixteen names on the list. When a person calls the minister or assistant for prayer, the prayer is given to the person. Then the minister calls the first person on the list and reads the prayer, repeating it slowly so it can be copied. The prayer is then read back, completing the "three-time reading" for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each person on the list calls the next, skipping one if there is no answer and going on to the next. So that the circle of Prayer can be completed quickly, members of the circle are encouraged not to visit. The last person on the list calls the minister back, completing the circle.

Each member of the circle includes the names called in when they have their prayer times. This unbroken chain of prayer can accomplish marvelous results, Marie says.

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CREDIT CARDS FOR LITERATURE

James Lewis, minister of Unity Church of Denver, Colorado, takes the credit for the idea of accepting nationally recognized credit cards in his literature sales department.

Representatives of VISA and Mastercharge at the bank where Jim's church has its checking account handled the paperwork. Both bank card companies charge three per cent of the sales total, which means the church makes less from each sale, but Jim is waiting to see if the plan will increase overall sales.

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STAR WARS--TELL A FRIEND

Jane Weber, minister of Unity on the High Plains, Amarillo, Texas, offers this creative idea in her recent bulletin. You may

want to adapt it for your next issue; titled: "Star Wars--Tell A Friend."

"So many have seen the movie 'Star Wars,' which is a beautiful fantasy trip with a deeper metaphysical meaning. The expression used in the movie, 'May the force be with you,' is exactly what Unity teaches! Why not tell a friend that Unity is a place where they can explore more of the possibilities of the future within and without. They don't have to go to outer space to find Truth!"

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NEW LAW

Sig Paulson, minister of Unity Village Chapel would like to share the following: "The Missouri State Legislature recently changed the law regarding the necessity for ministers to testify in court regarding information given them in confidence during counseling. The new law, which went into effect in September, 1977, states: 'The following persons shall be incompetent to testify: Any person acting as a minister of the gospel, priest, rabbi or other person serving in a similar capacity for any organized religion concerning a communication made to him in his professional capacity for the purpose of obtaining spiritual counseling, or absolution in accordance with a religious requirement. Any minister of the gospel, priest or rabbi: concerning a communication made to him in his professional capacity as a spiritual advisor, confessor, counselor or comforter.'"

Since laws regarding court testimony vary from state to state, it would be advisable for a Unity minister to become familiar with his legal responsibility before finding himself in a situation where he might be asked to testify.

SEMINAR FOR MINISTERS

Christ Church Unity in San Diego, California, served by **Robert Stevens**, is presenting a Seminar for ministers entitled, "Church Management and Successful Ministerial Attitudes" on February 16-19, 1978. The four-day seminar is filled with fine speakers from the San Diego area.

The panel of speakers include: Bob Stevens, Pauline J. Beauregard, associate minister of Christ Church Unity; Virginia Graham, Public Relations and Editorial Director, and Editor of FAITH FOR TODAY; Paul E. Parker, M.D., Chairman, UnityFriend Program, and Counselor. Dr. Parker is a psychiatrist practicing in San Diego County. Leota Poole, Chairman of the Prayer Ministry; Fred Pena, Business Administrator of Christ Church Unity; Gary Wilson, Music Director; Fred Shipp, Financial Adviser; Al Stevens, Attorney; and Peter Kuhn, Church Accountant, CPA.

Subjects to be included are: Ministerial Attitudes, Church

Development, Congregational Growth, Prayer Ministry, UnityFriend Program, Communications, the Youth Church and Sunday School, Church Accounting, Legal Considerations, Financial Counseling, Counseling Principles, Business Administration, Music Ministry, Community Relations, and the Singles Ministry.

Christ Church Unity is now accepting reservations. A \$25 deposit is required (non-refundable). Please send your deposit to **Reverend Robert L. Stevens at Christ Church Unity, 3700 Altadena Avenue, San Diego, California 92105.**

The total price of the seminar is \$200 per person, including meals shown on the brochure, and double-occupancy hotel accommodations. Add \$45 for individual hotel room. Plan to make your own travel arrangements or contact the **ALOHA World Travel Agency, 5700 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego, California 92115.**

SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES



For this issue of **CONTACT**, we are pleased once again to present five second-year students. These are students who will graduate and be ordained in the August class. From left to right they are: Barbara Van De Vyvere, Michael Dustin, Linda Pendergrass, Rod McCallum, and Pat Staples.

Barbara Van De Vyvere came to SMRS from the Kansas City area. She has been (and is) associated with Unity Village Chapel, where **Sig** and **Jane Paulson** are ministers. She helps occasionally with Youth of Unity activities. She has attended Kansas City Junior College, and Longview Junior College, both in the Kansas City area. She has been a model, but basically has been employed at office work. Barbara has four children.

Michael (Mick) Dustin had his center ministry association in Honolulu, Hawaii, during the time **Stan Hampson** was minister. After moving to the Lee's Summit area, he became associated with Unity Village Chapel. While in Honolulu he assisted Stan in various ways, as well as being a Uniteen and Youth of Unity teacher. He has taken work at McCook Junior College and Longview Junior College. Mick and his wife, **Sharon**, have one daughter.

Linda Pendergrass also comes from the Kansas City area, living on the Kansas side. She is associated with Unity in Overland Park, Kansas, where **Hypatia Hasbrouck** is minister. In that ministry she has been a Board member and Director of Youth Education. She holds an associate degree from Kansas City, Kansas Community College. She has also attended the University of Missouri in Kansas City. She and her husband, **Terry**, have two children.

Rod McCallum came to SMRS from Spokane, Washington. **Scott Sherman** and **David McClure** were his ministers. With an editorial background, he assisted with the publications put out by that ministry. He was also platform assistant and helped with the youth education work. Rod holds a B.A. in Journalism from Stanford University. He and his wife, **Adele**, have one son.

Mae (Pat) Staples came immediately to SMRS from Charlottesville, Virginia, but her association with a Unity ministry was in Roanoke, Virginia, where **Alan** and **Kathryn Rowbotham** are ministers. She served as a Board member, platform assistant, and occasional Sunday speaker. Pat is a graduate of UICE; At the present time, she is manager of the Student Gift Shop. Pat has three grown children.



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. (*Exercises from Harbrace College Handbook.*) (Answers on page)

1. Both George and (she, her) have read Updike's *Bech: A Book*.
2. Both men--Mr. Adams and (he, him)--still insist upon controlling education with computers.
3. Study in Europe did not appeal to Tim or (I, me).
4. Several of (we, us) freshmen actively support the governor.
5. (We, us) Americans do not have a monopoly on freedom.
6. The newly elected officers--Ted, Pat, and (she, her)--have little experience but a great deal of enthusiasm.
7. Research on DNA continues under Dr. Bell and (they, them).
8. Let's you and (I, me) register for a course in world literature.
9. The new import shop offered jobs to (we, us) students taking merchandising.
10. In the Follies try-outs, Kit mimicked Joy and (I, me).

WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL

Almost everyone who has visited, worked, or studied at Unity Village has remarked about how impressed they were with the acres of lawn, the rows of stately trees, the miles of hedges, and of course, the Rose Garden. The grounds at Unity Village are immaculate--the lawns are healthy and green, the trees are strong and well-shaped--the whole place exudes the feeling that somebody cares.

And somebody does care. Unity Village's 1400 acres are beautiful not by chance, but through planning and dedicated effort. One of the leaders of this team effort is **Bill Evans**, a man who has worked at Unity School for more than thirty years. Bill is supervisor of the Landscaping department, and with his crew of ten in winter and fourteen in summer, keeps to a never-ending schedule of mowing, pruning, cleaning, planting, harvesting, and snow removal.

It would be easy to take Bill's work for granted--you could just assume that the grass is not going to grow waist high in the summer, or that the sidewalks will not be covered with leaves in the fall and snow in the winter. You might think that the hedges simply stop growing at a certain height, that the roses bloom from March or April through October without any help, and that the potted geraniums mysteriously turn into Christmas lights right after Thanksgiving all by themselves.

All these things, and more, are the work of Bill's crew. His men work outside all year--through the hot, humid summers and cold, snowy winters, so that visitors and workers can enjoy one of the most beautiful environments in the Midwest.

Bill's work at Unity School began in the thirties, when he joined the "Unity Farm" crew for a time. After World War II, he worked in the Orchard department as assistant manager, and then became supervisor of the Landscaping department in the sixties. Bill and his wife, **Nadine**, live on the Village grounds. Their son and daughter are both married with one child each, and live in nearby communities. When they come to visit Bill and Nadine, the grandchildren have a huge yard to play in, and except for the golf course and orchard, it is all Bill's to tend.

One area that receives special attention is the Rose Garden, a favorite place for spring, summer, and autumn weddings. Almost everyone who has been to the Village has seen **Leo McCall**, who spends his day pouring out love on the 700 rose bushes, watering and tending them so that their blooms remain beautiful as long as possible.

Then there is the Lowell Fillmore Memorial Garden, dedicated last spring to the memory of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore's second son. The garden and the landscaping around



Bill Evans (right), supervisor of the Landscaping department, discusses a current project with **David Ackerman**, landscape architect. (Photo by Tony LaTona.)

the new Activities Center are the handiwork of landscape architect **David Ackerman**. David has combined his knowledge of horticulture and architecture to produce two areas of functional and artistic beauty. Few persons realize the painstaking attention to detail with which David has selected and placed the many varieties of plants, trees, and shrubs, but the overall effect is appreciated by everyone who sees the garden.

Still another special area of Unity Village--one that few persons actually see, but many enjoy--is the vegetable garden. Totalling fifteen acres, the garden produces tomatoes, sweet corn, squash, peppers, green beans, and eggplant which are sold at the produce stand. Bill Evans' crew plows, plants, cultivates and harvests the bounty each year, maintaining Unity's traditional farming operation.

Bill's department also is responsible for a good-sized nursery, where replacement trees are grown. When any of the original trees have to be removed, they are replaced with hardy maples, oaks, hackberries, ashes, or gums that have been raised from seedlings at the nursery.

To list all the duties that the Landscaping department handles would fill many columns, and added to that, when any other maintenance department at Unity School needs extra help, men from Bill's crew often are called to fill in.

All in all, Bill's department stays busy year-round keeping the Village grounds looking its best, and that is a job which deserves a round of applause.

MENNINGER FOUNDATION WORKSHOPS

The Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, has several counseling workshops and seminars scheduled for 1978 that may be of interest to Unity ministers. A list of activities from their Division of Continuing Education includes: Caring for Therapists Workshop; several Family Therapy Workshops; Introductory Workshop on Hypnoanalysis: Featuring Erika From, PhD; A Workshop on Ethical Issues of Psychological Treatment; A Workshop on Psychodrama: Featuring Zerka Moreno; Individual Psychotherapy Workshop; A Partial Hospitalization Workshop: Its Unique Place in Psychiatric Treatment; A Workshop on Supervision and Consultation

in Working Relationships (applied to context of ministry); Divorce and The Children; Now and In The Future; Family Therapy--Distinguished Visitor: Featuring Richard Bandler, M.A., and John Grinder, PhD; Psychopharmacotherapy update: Featuring Frank Ayd, M.D.; A Workshop on Hospital-Residential Treatment for Children/Adolescents; Group Psychotherapy Workshop; Mental Health and the Law; A Workshop on Sex Education for Troubled Adolescents; and A Workshop on Learning Disabilities.

For further information on any of these programs, contact **June Householder**, Division of Continuing Education, Menninger Foundation, P.O. Box 829, Topeka, Kansas 66601.

DIAL-A-PRAYER MESSAGES!

Here are three Dial-A-Prayer messages from **Bert Coffey, Vista, California**. 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.

DEAR FRIEND, God loves you, and it is His love at work in your life that caused you to call this number, this DIAL-A-PRAYER of Unity Truth Church in Vista. As you accept this Truth, you take the most important step of acknowledging that GOD is ALREADY at work in your life, and that you are ready for, and responding to, the works that He is working.

The next step is an easy one. It is to accept, and repeat, this statement of Truth: THE GOOD THAT I WANT AND EXPECT ALWAYS COMES TO ME: EASILY, QUICKLY, ASSUREDLY!

So many of us have been far too ready to repeat endlessly that old cliché of Job's, that "what I feared has come upon me." It's time now, however, to give this a really positive direction, knowing that when we get positive we are flowing with God and with His good will for us. To flow with God and His good will for us means to be in tune with God, letting our thoughts flow and our heart know and our feet go... side by side with God's will for good. When we do this, all things are possible; for one... just one, remember (and that one includes YOU)--just ONE, with God, is a majority, to move all the universe.

That may seem to be quite a faith to lay hold of. But there was one, named Jesus, who laid hold of that faith, and proved it to be infallibly true. And there have been millions of others since Jesus' time who have also laid hold of it, and proved it to be true.

So let's take our simply yet overwhelmingly powerful thought again: THE GOOD THAT I WANT AND EXPECT ALWAYS COMES TO ME! The key words here are good, want, and expect. So know what it is you want. Know that it is good for you, and for everyone. Then want it even more than you would want some special food that you hadn't had for ages. Want it more than anything else, with a very real longing. Then, expect it! Really expect it! When? Easily! Quickly! Assuredly!

EASILY means smoothly and pleasantly. QUICKLY, means as fast as fast can be. and ASSUREDLY means that nothing else is possible; for you are WITH God. And WITH God, all things are possible, for even one-with-God is a majority. And, dear friend, you have MORE than ONE, for we love you, and we are praying with you. God bless you!

NOTE: This was a special, responding to news bulletins about heavy blizzard conditions "back East" during the early months of 1977.

Thank you, friend, for joining with us as a partner in Unity Truth Church of Vista's DIAL-A-PRAYER, as we pray together for our friends in the eastern and mid-western states, and for all people everywhere.

As we pray, let us do so remembering that even before we call, God is answering; that while we are yet speaking, He hears us, and help is on the way, right now.

Almighty God, we thank you for using our prayerful minds and hearts as instruments of your love: as channels for your peace and order, warmth and energizing power, in the lives and affairs of these our fellow men and women, and all creatures.

We believe that when we turn to You, and pray in faith...believing... You turn to us. With all our heart and mind and soul and strength we believe that Your Presence is everywhere; in every individual, in the waters of the sea, the winds of the sky, the land and soil, the plants, the forces of nature. We believe that as we turn now to You, acknowledging and believing in your presence in people, in all of nature and the forces of nature, Your Spirit is turning to us, moving into line with the stream of our prayers.

We believe, and give thanks, that as we pray, and your Spirit responds to our prayers, your Divine Wisdom is releasing a flood of new ideas, right ideas, into the minds of governmental and industrial leaders and other individuals, revealing the right steps to be taken for the release of all the energy necessary for home and industrial uses, the continuation and expansion of employment, and the good of all people. We believe and give thanks that as we pray, and your Everywhere-Presence responds to our prayers, the very forces of nature are responding, are changing in their expression, so as to establish and maintain order, harmony, comfort, and well-being, in homes and businesses, on the streets and highways, in the rivers, and on land and sea.

We believe, Father, and we give thanks for this, your revelation of your great love and power. Amen.

DEAR FRIEND, we thank you for calling Unity Truth Church of Vista's DIAL-A-PRAYER, for by so doing you are acting as a partner in the greatest activity in which any group of individuals can join together. For this is love; love of those whom we would see blessed, and love of the All-power that is God. And this is faith: faith in God, in ourselves as pipe-lines through which God pours His goodness, and faith in prayer as an instrument through which we keep the lines open, with one end firmly attached to the Source, and the other concentrated at the point of need. This is what we are doing right now, as we pray together, for each other, for your dear ones, for all whom we would see blessed this day.

Universal power, right this very moment, is pouring new life currents through the body to heal and strengthen, new light and understanding into the mind to show the perfect way. Peace; be still, and know! God, right this very moment, is pouring new love and forgiveness into relationships, to make them things of joy and peace; pouring forth new streams of that rich substance out of which all things are made, to manifest as new prosperity.

Relax, now. Take a deep breath...as you let it out, say to yourself, I CAN RELAX. THE GREAT HELPER IS HERE, STRAIGHTENING EVERYTHING OUT.

Now join with us in knowing that God's great love and power are inspiring each individual to take any steps necessary to finish the job of straightening things out. And remember this: if there are steps for YOU to take, you will be inspired to take them, almost without thinking.

Bear this in mind constantly, pausing now and then to take a deep breath; and say to yourself, I CAN RELAX. THE GREAT HELPER IS HERE, STRAIGHTENING EVERYTHING OUT. If there should come to your mind the name of someone else whom you feel could use a real blessing, send a message from the quiet confidence of your heart, YOU CAN RELAX NOW. THE GREAT HELPER IS WITH YOU, STRAIGHTENING EVERYTHING OUT. And know always that we are praying with you, because we love you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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*
†24-25 Northern California Minister/Board Meeting, San
Jose, California, hosted by Christ Church Unity

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.
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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.*