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EDITOR'S CORNER:

Our cover picture this month is one of the scenes of Unity Village done several years ago by Tony Kokimor. We are grateful to Unity School Art Department for the use of this picture as well as several others scheduled for future issues.

All systems are getting ready for Conference. Our President proposes deep considerations (opposite page) as do the Reorganization and Placement Committees (page 7 & 3). Spouses are going to be Master Minding (page 7). Reminder: Make your reservations early for this year's exciting banquet.

This issue contains much news about SMRS. Bill Fischer has resigned after 10 years of outstanding leadership (page 6). You can provide Bibles for Ordinands again this year; and SMRS students are available to you for guest speakers, so why not use them?

You'll be interested in the study of chaplains in ministry start-ups that reveals the importance of first impressions (page 3).

We are pleased to be able to share with you a broad view of divorce in marriages of ministers (page 5); and then there's Amalie up in the air over Battle Creek (page 9). Along with many other interesting items, we send our blessings for May, 1978.

God bless,

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AUC President's Letter

Dear Friend,

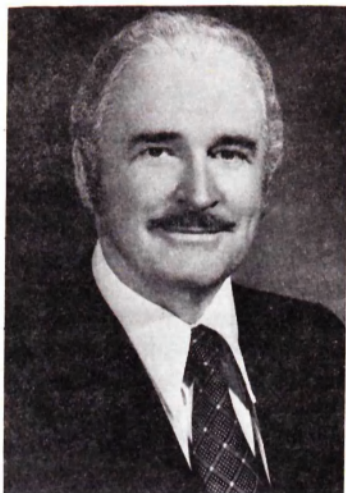
With the turning of the gavel over to the new President in June, my Presidential term and my terms of service on the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee will expire. In positive awareness I look forward to great years ahead for our Association, it's members, and Unity in general. How can it be otherwise with Spirit in charge?

As I move toward the end of this era of service, I invite your consideration of another proposal in addition to the one I presented in my letter last month. This one has to do with the ordination of ministers. I propose the following:

- 1) That all graduates of SMRS receive Licensed Minister recognition for one year upon graduation.
- 2) That all graduates of SMRS be required to have a minimum of eight months active, full time service in an AUC member ministry, or the recognized equivalent of such service, before being considered for ordination.
- 3) That a Board of Regents be formed to annually qualify candidates for ordination by (a) reviewing each candidate's credentials and record of field ministry service, and (b) making recommendations to the Board of Trustees as to whether or not the candidate be invited for ordination. Personal interviews with the Board of Regents would be required for all candidates whose records are questionable.
- 4) That ordinations be conferred at the annual AUC Conference (usually held in June).

Ordination is always conferred by invitation. To me, it is the most cherished recognition and honor AUC can bestow. Once given, it cannot be rescinded. Ordination carries with it a lifetime privilege of recognition as a Unity Minister. The ordination bespeaks to others that the one upon whom it has been conferred is representative of what Unity is as a teaching movement, a church, and/or a way of life.

There is one thing ordination does not do. I see this as the principle reason why it is given by invitation. It does not guarantee that all upon whom it is conferred will live up to the higher ideals of



Paul C. Barrett

Unity, both in their ministries and in their private lives as ministers. True, the large majority do, and they well deserve the recognition of ordination and all things attendant to it. But unfortunately, the testing and screening process incorporated into our ministerial program does not detect all who likely will not make the grade as a Unity minister. Thus, and speaking very frankly on the subject, on occasion we are confronted with incompetency in some who are ordained.

A flaw in our system is that ordination is conferred upon graduate candidates without giving them a reasonable opportunity to establish their credentials as a full time working Unity minister in the field. It is not illogical to me to think that a period of internship, or work in the field, should be a post-graduate requirement in order to be considered for ordination. To the best of my recollection, we had such a requirement in the old Unity School Ministerial Training Program before 1966.

Having served for several years on the Board and Executive Committee of AUC, I have observed that, among those whom we ordain upon graduation, there is usually a small percentage who end up being unplaceable in our ministries for one reason or another. For the most part those reasons are evidenced to some degree during their first few months in the field.

Some actual examples of things that make a minister ultimately unplaceable are as follows: violations of the Unity standards as required by the AUC By-

laws and Code of Standards and Ethics; an inability to develop harmonious working relationships with Boards and congregations; a lack of dedication to serve the ministerial needs of the people; problems of immorality; emphasizing other teaching approaches to the virtual exclusion of what Unity teaches (such as pentacostalism); the inability to communicate appropriately the Unity message; etc. We must be honest enough to recognize that there are some who become ordained that prove to be ineffective, and they reflect upon the Unity movement as such.

Referring to my proposal stated earlier, I do not see it as a panacea for all of the above stated ills and the many more that could be named, but I believe it, or a similar plan, will strengthen our movement and our field image in the public eye. The proposal allows for all graduates to function with the full authority of an ordained minister immediately upon placement. It allows for at least a two month placement period beyond graduation in August and still give time to serve the required eight months in the field to be eligible for ordination at Conference the following June.

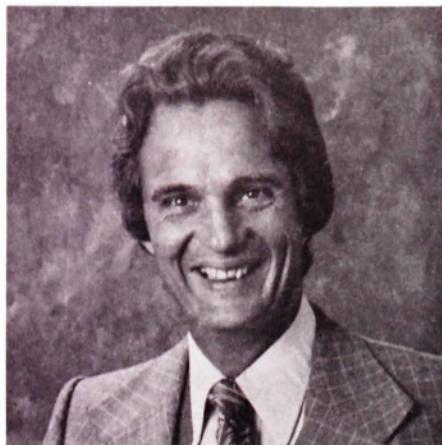
I do not propose that the above requirements be mandatory for any student currently enrolled in SMRS, but that they be put into effect next fall with the new SMRS class, and that all new students be informed of this plan when, and if adopted.

Surely any ministry truly dedicated to serving in the way our Unity standards and ideals dictate will not find this action prohibitive. I believe this plan will not only add stature to the gift of ordination, but it will serve as a means to help us upgrade the overall quality of our ministers and ministries.

Should you be lead to write me on this proposal, either pro or con, I would be delighted to have your thoughts. I will ensure them a fair hearing, if Spirit leads me to bring this proposal before our Board in June. My address is 707 West 47th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64112.

In His name,

Paul



"FIRST IMPRESSIONS"

by Stan Hampson

It's an old Truth: first impressions are often lasting. We can force ourselves to establish a new opinion about someone or something; not always do we put forth the effort. Likewise, other people often see you through the "eyes" of their first impression; and they may never put forth the effort to change it.

In the matter of placement of ministers, first impressions are of most importance. Since the congregation sees the minister only on certain occasions--not always every Sunday even--the first impression people receive of a new minister can often last for years! In a research on chaplaincy "start-ups" with the U.S. Army Chaplain's Board of both Fort Knox and Fort Bragg, some very clear evidence emerged that ministers need to take seriously the first impressions that their congregations have of them.

A large number of people came to some firm conclusions about their minister based on the way they perceived her/him conducting his/her first worship service. It seemed that the way a minister looked the person in the eye, the firmness of the handshake, the cut of the clothes, the sincerity of the smile, the use of Bible, the skill of public speaking--all of these contributed to give a first and frequently lasting impression. When Chaplains were interviewed it was found that most of them were unaware of how short a length of time it took people to form a definite opinion of them.

This same study of Army Chaplains would indicate there are two prime things that people look for in a minister. 1) they are looking to see whether their new minister is genuinely interested in them. 2) they are looking for authenticity--is the new minister an authentic person?

"Are you authentic?" and "Do you care?" are the two basic questions the people of your new congregation will ask. They won't necessarily use those questions, but they will be looking and thinking, maybe unconsciously, toward the answers of those two questions. Whatever things they say they want in a minister, whatever kinds of labels and definitions seem important, the real importance emerges basically as to your ability to impress others that you are a real, sincere, warm human being in addition to having basic skills.

Whenever you take on the opportunity of being a candidate speaker or becoming a new minister, obviously it will be important for you to think in terms of conveying those qualities which you are. Be yourself and show your love. In fact, it might be a good idea for all of us as ministers to commit ourselves to those two important dynamics wherever we are. We

don't need to start at a new ministry to begin establishing new first impressions of authenticity and greater caring. In fact, an amplified expression of those important qualities might preclude the necessity of starting anew someplace. Right where you are smile more, relax, be yourself--your God-self. In your eyes, from your face, with your gestures show forth your love. Make those lasting impressions first in your ministry!

PLACEMENT

THE NEW PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

During the past year or so, we have made many changes in our Association. One important change is in the function of the Placement Committee. You have only to compare the Placement Committee Policies as printed on Pages 165-166 of the Yearbook, with the current Placement Procedures printed in CONTACT (November, 1977, issue) and available separately through the Field Services Coordinator's Office to see how different things are today than they were a few years ago. The Placement Committee no longer initiates placement since the ministers do that through their own responses to the regular placement report sent out by the Field Services Coordinator. Each minister has equal opportunity to apply for every opening. However, the new Placement Procedures involve the Placement Committee in unique and important responsibilities. The current Placement Committee amplifies the expertise of the Field Services Coordinator by virtue of diversity of persons and their background in the field.

Currently there are ten positions on the Placement Committee. Seldom are all ten able to be there, but the wide range of input from that number of people is a great help to the Field Services Coordinator. The involvement of the faculty is an important dimension of understanding the background of recent candidates whom the Field Services Coordinator may not know. Other individuals from Unity School, the staff, and area ministers have had personal contact at one time or another with most of the ministers and ministries involved in placement.

The Placement Committee serves as a resource of ideas to insure that the Field Services Coordinator is impartial as possible in the placement procedure. Several new policies have evolved from the Board that utilize the Placement Committee as an important resource for counselling ministers who may be having professional or personal challenges. The larger committee is most valuable for the objectivity of these purposes.

The Placement Committee currently meets every two weeks. While it has been limited to ten members, we have no policy on the number for a quorum, nor is there any provision for terms of office. Perhaps a quorum of 7 could be established, and the maximum number of members on the Placement Committee could be expanded to include the

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QUOTABLE QUOTE--of special interest to sports fans, this article tells of the former coach of the Kansas City Chiefs and his faith through Unity. The article was taken from the January 9, 1978, edition of The Examiner, a local newspaper in the Lee's Summit, Missouri area. Since this article was published, Paul Wiggin has accepted the offer of the New Orleans Saints as Defense Coach.

WIGGIN CREDITS UNITY FOR HIS OUTLOOK ON LIFE

By Karen Brockmeyer, Lifestyles Editor

Sooner or later most of us must deal with the agony of defeat or the thrill of victory. However, probably no where is that thrill or agony felt so often as in sports. After each game someone must suffer defeat.

Kansas City fans watched this past season as their own Chiefs came up on the losing end and as coaches Paul Wiggin and Tom Bettis lost their jobs.

For Paul Wiggin, former head coach, however, there are no regrets about his decision to come to Kansas City. "I've learned a lot about life from Kansas City and the Chiefs," he said, speaking last Saturday to the Men of Unity at Unity Village.

"If someone asked me 'If you had it to do all over, would you?' I'd say 'Yes.' It has been the greatest experience of my life."

Probably the best thing that Kansas City has offered him, Wiggin said, is the chance to get involved with Unity and with Sig Paulson, minister at Unity Village Chapel. "This involvement," Wiggin said, "has transformed my thinking."

"I've really gotten close to Sig," Wiggin said later in an interview. "It's amazing. He and Unity are so ahead of their time. Everything with them is a plus. You get knocked off your feet in almost anything you do. I don't think anyone has the total control to handle all adversity. But that's where Unity comes in. When the dust clears, you can look back on it."

"About 10 weeks ago, a real shocker (his firing from the Chiefs) hit me. I thought my world was coming to an end. For a day I went totally away from everything I believe. But now I think it is all for the best."

Wiggin is not new to the thinking of Unity. His wife's mother is a minister in a church with very similar beliefs as Unity. "I've been involved with it all my married life," he said. That involvement is obvious in many of his personal beliefs or as he calls them "Wigginisms."

Unity teaches that we must all have a belief in ourselves, think of yourself in a positive way. Wiggin does. "Some of the things Paul Wiggin did in Kansas City

for the Chiefs," Wiggin said, "are good. I believe that. I'm not walking away with my head down."

However, Wiggin said, "the syndrome of failure" is still there a little. "I've considered going into other areas of work, but I need to coach. I believe I can coach."

Wiggin, also in line with Unity thinking, goes into life assuming people are good. Because of this he sees good that most people pass up. "I've learned a lot from our players," he said, "so many people think the pro players are killers, but the really great players have a capacity for gentleness."

"In my opinion, Jack Rudnay is one of the best players on the Kansas City Chiefs. He's a fierce competitor. He won't come off of the field no matter how badly he's hurt. But off the football field you see him rushing to pick up people who can't get up."

Wiggin also sees something in Kansas City, that most of us pass up. "There's a quality of life here, that you don't realize," he said. "You all live in a paradise here."

Leaving that paradise isn't going to be an easy task. "The next step in our (my family and I) life will probably be leaving Kansas City," Wiggin said, "that won't be easy."

As a coach, Wiggin senses trouble in professional sports. "The value structure," he said, "is getting all out of focus. Many of our players have a god of money. They chase things that don't mean anything." Speaking of the high salaries being demanded by many players, he said, "what we have here is a false god. People are getting away from where it's at. Life is experience--experience with people. You can't put life in terms of dollars."

He revealed yet another Wigginism when discussing the popularity of football. "It's a diversion from the routine of life," he said. "The players lay it on the line, everything they've got. People identify with you giving your all."

"That's really what it's all about. It's not whether you get your paycheck Monday, but whether you did something special on Sunday."

LICENSED TEACHER NEWS

SKILL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR COMING IN NOVEMBER ONLY

This seminar is **ONLY** for those students who complete the regular UICE program, and who wish to apply for licensing as a Unity teacher. The seminar will be conducted **Monday, November 13, through Saturday noon, November 18**. Therefore students should arrive Saturday or Sunday, November 11, or 12, and arrange to depart Saturday afternoon, November 18.

The 7 nights lodging will be in shared cottage rooms only, because of the incoming retreatants for the Thanksgiving Retreat on November 18, and the other accommodations will be held in readiness for them. Meals will begin with the Saturday evening meal, November 11, and end with the lunch on Saturday, November 18. The rate will be \$77 for meals and lodging, and \$13 for the registration fee, for a total of \$90 for the seminar.

Students who wish to attend the SDS must be recommended by the UICE faculty, and:

1. Must have completed the regular UICE program of 150 credits and graduated.
2. Must have passed the written test.
3. Must have taught 24 adult classroom hours in a Unity ministry. We require that the student teach these courses from Unity books on material from a selected list which is available from the Association of Unity Churches.
4. Must have been recommended by the minister with whom he is working, and make application for licensing through his Unity ministry to the Association of Unity Churches.

If you have completed the above requirements, and wish to make arrangements to attend the Skill Development Seminar, your written request must be in the UICE office no later than October 1, 1978. Please get your letter in early. A maximum of 30 students will be accepted. Late applicants will be scheduled for the SDS in 1979. Those of you who will be attending Sessions V and VI in 1978 should be aware that acceptance in the Skill Development Seminar will be contingent on your successfully completing UICE and passing the test with a satisfactory grade level.

YOU/YAU REPORTS..... Don Knight

Youth of Unity Report—It's that time again! It's the time when your sponsor agonizes over which YOUers to select as delegates to attend Conference '78 at Unity Village in August. The sponsor's decision in this matter is always difficult to make, as all YOUers want to go. Help them—let them feel your support—assist them as you recognize their need for it. Their decisions should be made by **May 15** which then gives the YOUer 3-4 weeks to get the registration information together for return mailing to the Village by the **June 14** deadline. We are truly grateful for any assistance that you can give to help make Conference registration an orderly, on time process.

Young Adults of Unity Report—A

good many young adults especially like the idea of attending a Retreat program that has been completely tailored to young adult needs. If you haven't as yet announced that "**Ventures in Awareness**" is a time for young adults to engage in a time of identifying their strengths, of experimenting in new attitudes, of formulating new Bible perspectives and planning new goals, then it is suggested that you do so soon. Young adults, like everyone else, need adequate time to plan and arrange their vacation schedule to make the trip to Unity Village. Reservation deposits of \$25 per person for **August 21-25** may be mailed in now. Additional "**Ventures in Awareness**" flyers may be obtained by writing AUC.



Divorce and the Clergy

All of us in Unity are naturally more aware of what goes on in our world of Unity than in other people's worlds. We therefore wonder why we see evidence of frequent divorce. Divorce is a common concern with ministers' marriages of every faith, even as it occurs within all marriages.

An article of interest in the February, 1978, issue of *Metro/Mica*, monthly newsletter of the Kansas City Metropolitan Church Agency, suggests however, that the ministry as a whole is a high-risk area for marital problems.

In the article, *Metro/Mica* Editor Teri Buchanan interviewed three divorced clergymen and the former spouse of a Protestant minister, who point to two major causes of divorce among ministers: stress, and lack of fulfillment for the spouse.

A retired rabbi cited the 24-hour duty involved in the ministry, as well as seductive counselees, the dependence of the congregation on the minister to provide answers to their problems, and the subtle

but powerful pressure on the minister and family to maintain an "image."

"Among problems a minister can experience (though not all experience every one) are pressure on the wife and children to be models of decorum, virtue, scholarship, thrift, and congregational service," the article pointed out. A Protestant minister cited the many evenings a week he had to spend away from home, but said the real problem he and his wife had was "that we both grew up. The contract we made earlier, even why we chose each other...15 years later those reasons and agreements didn't have much to do with the people we had become."

Of course most ministers find a great deal of fulfillment from their jobs, as do most professional persons. But those interviewed in the article said they now realize that the spouse cannot be expected to be fulfilled through the husband's job, and eventually will look elsewhere if some adjustments are not made within the marriage.

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IN MEMORIAM

K.O. Schmidt made his transition on December 21, 1977, in Reutlingen, Germany. K.O. Schmidt, or K.O.S. as he was affectionately known to countless of readers, was one of the most highly respected and certainly one of the most prolific contributors to the Truth movement.

Mr. Schmidt was the recognized New Thought leader in the European area. During the war in fact he was put into a concentration camp for two to three years because of his activities in the New Thought movement. He was a fine writer producing countless articles and more than 100 books which sold over two million copies. Some of his works were translated into French, Japanese, Dutch and English. One of his books, "A New Life for the Old," was published by Unity School in 1968.

Mr. Schmidt was Editor of *JA Magazine*, a Unity digest magazine which is published in German and is distributed with *Daily Word* in Germany and Switzerland. At the time of his death, he was considered the most widely read authority in the field of dynamic psychology and New Thought philosophy in Germany.

The Unity movement in Germany will certainly miss K.O. Schmidt and Unity followers everywhere will express their gratitude in tribute to the great contribution of this good friend of Unity.

Hassall Self, active minister of Whitehaven Unity Church, Memphis, Tennessee stepped into the next dimension on February 19, 1978. She continues on the eternal path with the love of many.

Hassall found Unity in 1932 when her husband became an invalid. Later as a licensed teacher she led the only Unity work in Memphis to great accomplishments. She was ordained in 1954 and served in Jackson, Mississippi, and Shreveport, Louisiana. In 1968, she founded Whitehaven Unity creating the third fine ministry in Memphis. God bless you, "Good Lady," on your way in love and life!

Martha Cole, licensed teacher, made her transition on March 23, while she and **George** were home in Tacoma. Martha has been such a blessing recently to the Unity work in Missoula while it has been seeking a minister. She had two B.A. *(continued on page 13)*

BILL FISCHER TO LEAVE SMRS

William L. (Bill) Fischer, Director of Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies since 1968, has resigned his position effective around the time of the 1978 AUC Annual Conference.

Bill first became associated professionally with Unity in 1948, when he entered the ministerial training for Unity and at the same time became the Executive Secretary of the International Youth of Unity. (This was when Unity headquarters was still located at 917 Tracy in Kansas City.

During the period of 1948 through 1951, while in training, he also served as a part-time assistant minister at Unity Temple in Kansas City. After graduation, he went to Detroit, Michigan, where he served as assistant minister for one year. He then went to Des Moines, Iowa, to serve the ministry there for two and a half years. He moved on to Akron, Ohio, where he remained as minister for fourteen years. In 1968, he came to the Association of Unity Churches as Director of Ministerial Education.

Bill served twelve years on the boards of the Unity Ministers' Association and the Association of Unity Churches as an elected member. From time to time since then he has been an ex-officio member



Bill Fischer

of the AUC board by virtue of his position. He also served as an elected member of the Executive Committee.

Bill was the last full-term president of the Unity Ministers' Association. He is also a past president of the Great Lakes Unity Regional Conference.

He has written extensively for the Unity publications, and his book THE MASTER CRAFT OF LIVING has been well-received by Unity readers. He has also done two cassette albums for Unity School.

Bill is now looking forward to serving once again as a Unity field minister.

GUEST SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

That time of year is approaching with vacations and Conference, so you will most likely be needing some guest speakers. One creative solution to that need is to contact the SMRS Office and arrange for a student minister to come and fill in for you. Such a time of guest speaking provides marvelous experience for our new ministers, and we have found that congregations are most receptive to meeting ministers soon to be ordained. It can open the consciousness of your congregation to feel a greater part of our expanding Unity ministry. When needing a guest speaker for any reason, please keep SMRS students in mind.

DIVORCE (cont'd from page 5)

The former rabbi said he is surprised that the divorce rate among clergymen is so low. The number of those "who would like to divorce but are afraid of the damage it would do professionally" is the real phenomenon, he said.

A former minister's wife said she had never considered divorce as a possibility, but once the idea occurred to her a great door was opened. She also cited the changing value toward personal growth and away from mere survival as contributing toward the rising divorce rate in the world as a whole.

"We have the time and energy to explore our inward selves. We then want to come up with answers that are best for us personally." She added that if there is no room in the marriage for these answers, then the marriage will soon be swept away.

In Unity, where we actively encourage self-growth as the goal of Practical Christianity, it would seem that making sure that goal is equally attainable by all members of a family, and not just the minister, is necessary. This would appear to be an on-going responsibility of every minister, his/her family, and the congregation. We all have much to learn. Important to that learning is the perspective that divorce is a national concern and increasingly evident in every faith. (Quotes used by permission, Teri Buchanan, Editor, Metro/Mica)

ORDINATION BIBLE PROJECT

An exciting project was started last year, which we thought you would want to know about and participate in this year.

The project gives the field ministries an opportunity to provide the Dickson Analytical Bibles which are presented to the graduating ordinands each year. This year there will be thirty-four (34) of these Bibles presented. If you are interested in participating, please send a check for \$50.00 to the SMRS office. Make the check payable to the AUC and note that it is for the Ordination Bible Project.

The inscription in the front of the Bible will note that it is being presented by your ministry. Also, if you would like your Bible to go to a particular student (perhaps one who originally came through your ministry), please let us know and it will be handled in that way, if at all possible.

If you would like to participate in this project, we would appreciate your prompt response. Please send your check in care of the SMRS office to the attention of Gladys Branscum, SMRS Secretary.

REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

By Charles Roth, Chairman

The Committee has completed the work of translating the suggestions of the membership as given in the Reorganization Questionnaire into proposed alternate Bylaw changes. The Bylaw proposals and also other changes suggested by the membership that do not involve a Bylaw change will be sent first class mail to the membership in May.

The following are areas in the Bylaws that the Committee, in its delving and research, felt needed to be brought to the attention of the membership:

1. It has been the practice of the Board to amend, change, and sometimes delete parts of a Standing Committee's report. A Standing Committee's full and original report is meant for the Conference Body as well as the Board. However, the Board may validly want to make changes or amendments or deletions to the report. Therefore it is suggested that under section 7.03, OTHER COMMITTEES, the following be stated:

"The Conference Body shall be given the Standing Committee's original report in addition to any amendments, changes, or deletions suggested by the Board of Trustees."

2. Although the Bylaws call for the Board of Trustees to appoint committees, in practice the President appoints the committees. This is a holdover from the UMA when the Field Department would help the President in selecting committees. If this practice, which has merit, is to be continued the Bylaws should be changed to give the President that authority.

3. Present Bylaws call for only four of the Standing Committees to report to the Board: Bylaws, Finance and Budget, Executive Committee, and the L and O Committee. Suggested Bylaw addition to Section 7:

"The duties and powers of all standing Committees be specified and published in the AUC Yearbook, and all Standing Committees report to the Board as well as the Conference Body."

4. Under SPECIAL INFORMATION, Placement Policies (page 165) it is suggested that the PLACEMENT COMMITTEE described in the words, "The other is a working committee made up almost entirely of ordained Unity ministers who are residents here at Unity School in the AUC and nearby Unity ministries. The President of Unity School and Director of Silent Unity are also members of this placement committee..." be changed to PLACEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

In the course of looking into Placement procedures, it was found that this committee's actual duties and real help were in an advisory capacity, rather than a committee that investigates, considers, and approves every placement.



PLACEMENT (cont'd. from page 3)

Field Services Coordinator, four full-time faculty positions from SMRS faculty, the Director of Silent Unity, the two or three other Executive Staff members (including the Director of SMRS), and three area ministers. The area ministers could be on three-year terms, one to expire annually, with the need to be off for one full year before renewed, with the idea to have new input each year. Naturally as our faculty increases then it would be necessary to rotate them also. It may be appropriate to have the chairman to be someone other than the Field Services Coordinator, appointed by the President every other year. Committee appointments could be made by the President to take effect June 30 annually.

PLACEMENT

Since our last issue, the following placements have occurred. Join us in giving your blessing to each new beginning!

FT. WAYNE, INDIANA—Roger Tiffany has been accepted and will begin June 1.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA—Ernie Milleur began as minister May 7.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN (Detroit Unity Temple)—Jeffrey Shumsky has resigned as associate minister in order to begin a traveling ministry of music and spiritual dancing. Catherine Knight will serve as interim associate minister.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Marina Sandoval accepted as associate, serving in such capacities as: administration, teaching classes in English, and developing a Spanish work.

MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA, WEST INDIES—Pearl Davis accepted as associate minister.

!!ATTENTION ALL SPOUSES!!

S.O.M.A. and S.O.S.

You are invited to attend this year's SOMA meeting held during the ministers' conference on Monday, June 19, from 3:30-11:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served by SOS. Your chairman, Karen Boland, will conduct a workshop on the Master Mind Principles—exciting and life-changing. Let's join together and share our strength and our hope—we have so much to give to each other.

Clearinghouse

Request—Jack Groverland, minister in San Angelo, Texas, would like a copy of Still Small Voice by Addison O'Neil for a member of his congregation. Anyone wishing to respond may write to Jack at: **Unity of San Angelo, P.O. Box 1221, San Angelo, Texas 76902.**

WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL

When the Unity Country Club swimming pool was constructed in 1922, it consisted of a concrete dam across a creek. That first summer, water was scarce, and a writer for the old Unity News declared that the pool was "muddy as Gable's coffee." (Francis J. Gable was a well-known Unity lecturer and editor of Unity's Good Business magazine.) Today, the concrete-lined pool is filled with filtered, treated water, and during the summer is a favorite attraction for the almost 500 members of Unity Country Club and their guests.

The Country Club was established in 1921, "to provide clean constructive amusements such as parties, dances, baseball, golf, tennis, hiking parties, nature study for the workers of Unity School of Christianity and their friends."

Along with Unity School workers and their families, members of local Unity centers and churches, ministerial students and employees of the AUC Office are eligible to join the Country Club, according to rules set by the Country Club Committee. UICE students and retreatants may swim free while residing at Unity Village, and can play golf by paying the \$2 greens fee.

Doris Rush, Country Club secretary, handles the paperwork involved in applying for membership. Doris has worked for Unity School eleven years, and has been Country Club secretary since 1975. She encourages workers and visitors alike to make use of the fine recreational facilities offered.

The Country Club actually has two clubhouses: one is the golf clubhouse; the other is the pool clubhouse. The golf clubhouse is operated by **Linda Pomeroy**, and her husband, **Greg**, who also teaches junior high school nine months out of the year. Golf balls and other small equipment are available for sale, and clubs, golf carts, and tennis rackets for rent.

The nine-hole course began with two holes in 1921, and has expanded to include a variety of terrain and hazards. Greens keeper **Max Yost** stays busy throughout the year preparing and maintaining the fairways and greens at their best for maximum use during fair-weather months. He describes the longer holes as "not-too-hard," but says the three par-3 holes are considered difficult by even experienced golfers. Max is a 1975 Kansas



The Unity Country Club staff includes: (left to right) Max Yost, Doris Rush, Helen Davis and Linda Pomeroy. (Photo by Tony LaTona.)

State University graduate in landscape horticulture, and knows his job well. His constant aim is to improve the course, and he is constantly on the lookout for ways to make it more interesting, such as planting groups of trees at strategic points. Max supervises a crew of four in their tasks of watering, mowing, and fertilizing.

The pool clubhouse, situated near the swimming pool, is a meeting place for worker, student, and Village Chapel organizations, as well as a place for private parties. According to clubhouse manager **Helen Davis**, there are an average of three functions a week at the clubhouse, except during the holiday season, when the facility is in almost constant demand.

Helen has an apartment in the pool clubhouse, and tries to make the whole facility as homey as possible. She has decorated the rooms, and with the help

and donations from the Village Chapel Ladies Auxiliary, provides almost complete kitchen facilities for parties and dinners.

The picnic area offers tables, benches, gas stoves for cooking food, and running water. Individual members or groups of up to several hundred can be accommodated for outdoor meals here. The picnic area is the scene of retreat picnics in the spring and summer, and families often come to eat a picnic lunch after swimming on weekends. Helen is also responsible for issuing permits for use of the picnic grounds.

Workers, students, Unity ministers, and guests at Unity Village are all invited and encouraged to make use of the fine Country Club facilities. As an article in Unity News, printed in December, 1921, said: "The Club is to use--let's use it."



Jack D. Kern, minister of Unity of Naples, Florida, would like to announce his recent marriage. Jack reports,

"Jane and I were married on the beach at sunset on January 27. **James Dillet Freeman** did the honors, very capably and beautifully. We were surrounded by our nine children, several of whom are professional musicians who provided the music."



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EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Alan Rowbotham:

About 30 Unity ministers from the Eastern Region will join forces to sponsor "The Simple Truth," a vacation retreat in Toronto, Canada, May 21-24. Guest speakers include **Ed Rabel**, associate minister in Toronto, and **Stan Hampson**, AUC Field Services Coordinator. The retreat will include workshops, discussion, prayer, and singing, and will emphasize the dynamic process of spiritual growth.

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with Robert Wasner:

The folks at **Unity of Battle Creek, Michigan**, have bought a new console piano for the center, to the complete surprise of minister **Amalie Frank**. The treasurer appeared one Saturday morning in January and asked Amalie if she would like to go look at pianos or organs or whatever she wanted. When she learned that the money had been given and was in hand, Amalie went off at once with Mary Lou Weddle and decided on a piano that would serve the center best. The instrument was dedicated January 22, by **Jean Grover**, minister in Unity Truth Centre, Montreal, Canada.

Amalie has also decided that the ground can hold her no longer, and has begun flying lessons. "I'm only doing this for fun. It's something I've always wanted to do." With Jonathan L. Seagull overhead, why not Amalie? A recent news item in the *Battle Creek Enquirer* stated:

*Sky Holds Contentment for Unity Minister
Learning to Fly at 67*
By Jim Leeke

About 50 years ago, Amalie Frank went flying.

"I was 16 or 17 years old, and a friend and I were on vacation in New England. We paid \$2 for a trip over Mount Washington in an open-cockpit plane," she remembers.

Now 67 and the minister of the store-front Unity Church in Battle Creek, Mrs. Frank again has taken to the air. Once a week, weather permitting, she climbs into a Cherokee Warrior single-engine plane for a lesson in the skies over southern Michigan.

In the sky she finds contentment.

"I just love it. It's beautiful up there and peaceful. The world looks so peaceful.

"When you are up in the air, you're just not concerned with things down here. I guess you can say it's a form of meditation

—it gets you out of yourself. Or maybe I should say, inside yourself. Except for the sound of the plane, it is very still." she says.

Amalie, you are an inspiration to us all!

Royal Oak Unity Temple, Royal Oak, Michigan, sponsored a Board/Member seminar for the Michigan ministers on February 11. **Stan Hampson** presented the Saturday workshop. "We had a fantastic weekend!" minister **Onita Meyer** reports. Everyone really appreciated and enjoyed all he had to share. There were 120 participants in the meeting, and almost everyone stayed right up to (and beyond) closing time. Over and over folks have told us how really helpful, informative, and altogether great the whole day was. Ministers and center folks came from as far away as Muskegon, Grand Rapids, and Bay City. All in all it was a fine sharing!"

On March second, eighteen members of **Unity Christ Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota**, returned from ten wonderful days in Israel, Rome, and Amsterdam. **Donald Clark**, minister of Unity Christ Church states, "In February we took off for Israel where we spent five days visiting Jerusalem, the Qunram Caves of the Dead Sea where the scrolls were discovered, The Masada, Jericho, West Bank, Bethlehem, and the Sea of Galilee. For one and a half days we dealt with Rome and we spent two days in Amsterdam. Everyone felt it was a worthwhile trip. The main impression received was how far the citizens of Israel have come in their short thirty year history. What a beautifully manicured country it is. Our Judeo-Christian heritage is in good hands."

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL NEWS with Donald Gates:

In a recent report to their TV family, **Phillip and Dorothy Pierson** shared how their audience is expanding:

"The Best Is Yet To Be" began as a regular weekly TV program February 6, 1977, on Channel 40, at 9:00 a.m., in Sacramento. According to the ARB ratings of May, our program was then in 3,000 homes in the Sacramento area. As this did not include any of their cable viewers, we were pleased after only three months' effort. The next ARB survey in November showed us to be in 8,000 homes. This again was pleasing as it equalled some of the long established religious programs in our area.

On July 31, 1977 we began our program in Los Angeles on Channel KHJ at 8:00 a.m. Our first ARB rating there showed us to be in 13,000 homes in just their primary viewing area. With only three months' exposure this was considered to be a great response. We rejoice in being able to reach so many homes and in knowing that so many people want this Unity message. We know that the "The Best Is Yet To Be" will continue to grow and to touch more and more lives with its message. We are giving thanks that more and more of you are feeling a part of this ministry and are sending your financial support along with your prayers. We look forward to being able (soon) to go into other areas of our country. Thank you for holding this vision with us!

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SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES



Pictured above are the five second-year students we wish to introduce you to this month in **CONTACT**. These are students scheduled for August graduation and ordination. They are (left to right): Marilyn Blessing-Hungerford, Kit Neagle, Marvin Anderson, Leila Fischer, and Robert Eagan.

Marilyn Blessing (Hungerford). Marilyn is married to **Bob Hungerford**, our Unity minister serving in Topeka, Kansas. She came to SMRS from the ministry in Indianapolis, Indiana, where **Charles Roth** is minister. She has taken some work at both Butler University and Indiana University. Marilyn has three children. While in Indianapolis, she served in many capacities in the ministry. She also taught the outreach group in Yorktown, Indiana.

Lorraine (Kit) Neagle. Kit's husband is **Dennis Neagle**, minister of Unity Northeast in Kansas City, Missouri. Prior to coming to SMRS, Kit was a school teacher. She has done extensive work with children who were educationally and emotionally handicapped and who had other learning disabilities. Kit holds her degree in Elementary Education from San Diego State College and has done some graduate work there.

Marvin Anderson. Prior to his enrollment in SMRS, Marvin was the manager of an art supply company. He has also been associated with an art gallery. He was associated with the ministry in Austin, Texas, at the time **Robert Marshall** was minister there. Marvin holds a degree from the University of Texas in Austin, where he majored in English. He is also a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Leila Fischer. Leila has been self-employed, but most recently has worked as the Director of Volunteers for a hospital in Quincy, Illinois. While she was not associated with a ministry (we have none in Quincy), she has been an avid reader of Unity literature for more than twenty years. She also had taken some of the Unity Correspondence work, before it was discontinued.

Robert Eagan. Bob's association with Unity prior to his enrollment in SMRS was with the ministry in Olympia, Washington. He was there during the time that **Millie Perdue** was the minister. He has attended the Aviation Electronics Tech School at Yuba College in Marysville, California. He worked in the Olympia ministry as platform chairman for some time. He has been a computer technician and a businessman. Bob is a licensed pilot.

DEGREE PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO SMRS STUDENTS

It is now possible for SMRS students to earn a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts during the time they are enrolled as ministerial students in Unity's School for Ministerial and Religious Studies. An arrangement has been made through **Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas**, to make this possible.

Ottawa University is an accredited university which is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, Inc. of the United States. It has established a College Without Campus in Kansas City, Missouri. It is through the College Without Campus that the program for SMRS students is made possible.

Dr. Polly Jaben-Meineke, Dean of the Kansas City activity, and another of her representatives met with **William L. Fischer** of SMRS. After examining our School and the nature of our program, it is decided that seventy of the ninety credits offered in SMRS would be transcribed as Ottawa University credits.

It takes one hundred and twenty-eight credits to earn the Bachelors Degree. Ottawa University requires taking the "Proseminar" and "Learning Contract" courses up front. This earns twenty-four credits. Added to this are seventy credits from SMRS upon graduation from our ministerial school. There remains thirty-four credits to be earned. These may be transferred from another university, or they may be earned at Ottawa University at the same time a student is attending SMRS.

Also, to the advantage of this program, is the fact that the Ottawa University classes can be conducted right at Unity Village. This is made possible through the "College Without Campus" status.

Although it will probably be next year before the full effect of this program is felt on the student body of SMRS, some students have already made application for the program. We anticipate that in future years this will be an asset to SMRS students, who desire to get an undergraduate degree while in training for the Unity ministry.

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In addition, Dorothy writes, "On March 11 **Jackie Buboltz** held her workshop on 'Creative Figure Conditioning' at Sacramento. It was very well received with almost 200 people in attendance. Jackie presented the workshop on the love offering basis. Her popular cassette album on the subject put out by Unity School was the source material used. The 3 hour workshop allowed Jackie to explain the principles involved, answer questions, and promote discussion. Jackie is very appealing as a speaker and was enthusiastically received. We surely would recommend this workshop to any who are interested in a special program for their center.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Loren Flickinger:

Unity - Clearwater, Florida, Nick Griffin, minister has just announced expansion plans. The plan outlined will add to the church's much needed facilities for educational and social activities. The Sunday School will also benefit, and the Ladies' Auxiliary will enjoy added space and comfort. In addition, the plans call for an adequate Library/Reading Room along with a pleasant adjacent patio. Office space will also be enhanced. Congratulations, Clearwater!

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Idea Exchange

Gary Redfern, Modesto, California, has started using a special building fund offering envelope which he says brought in \$220 the first week. On the front of the envelope are the name and address of the church; the words "Building Fund" above a picture of a church; and the affirmation: "The Unity Church is a magnet of love, helping to meet the Spiritual needs of this Community. Thank You, Father, for all that we have received." Then there is a seven-day calendar where the contributor writes in the amount contributed each day, and a space for his or her name. The weekly contribution is then placed in the envelope and turned in on Sunday.

Another prosperity idea, from **Duane E. Hardy**, minister of **Unity of Madison, Wisconsin**, uses the Prosperity Bank concept. The five-week plan uses a new drill and new affirmations every five weeks. A sample program began with a letter from Duane:

"Dear Friend, Unity has for many years used the Prosperity Bank Program to help its members and friends come to a deeper understanding of the prospering truth that is within the individual. This concept is awakened through the use of the Prosperity Bank because the mind is quickened by the Daily Affirmation and the giving of substance. Many have used it to build a consciousness of God's supply, healing, and harmonizing power and have experienced excellent results."

"Do you know and believe that you have within you the power to overcome and bring into perfect harmony every situation you experience? You do! It is not always easy to uncover. . . to remove the layers of negative concepts, beliefs and opinions that have accumulated."

"Consciously and consistently working with this drill each day will release and bring into activity God's perfect power of good within you."

Each plan is well written and would be valuable. Feel free to contact Duane direct for sample copies. Duane says: "Since initiating this program, active participation has increased 300 percent. Rather than our emphasis being on the income to the church, although that has increased, the emphasis has been placed on the attaining of personal goals and overcoming. This is one of the best consciousness-expanding tools available. Reports of answered prayer from participants have been most dramatic."

Bob Barth in McAllen, Texas, recently sent this letter to his congregation. It might give you an enjoyable prosperity idea:

"Dear Friend,

Have you ever gone out into a garden and planted seeds? Prior to the planting you first made the decision on what to plant and where. Then you prepared the ground; turning it over with your shovel, mixing in the nutrients, and then leveling the dirt out for good drainage. When you actually planted that seed, you did so expecting the seed to grow, mature and bloom. When you plant in faith, believing, you will manifest.

"Unity of the Valley has tilled the ground, and made the decision. Now that the membership has approved the purchase of the land we are ready to plant the seeds of our building fund program. On Friday evening, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m., we will be kicking off our fund raising drive with a \$25.00 a plate dinner. This dinner will be held in the beautiful facilities of the Athletic Club, located in McAllen. We know that the seeds planted from this activity will grow and expand until the new complex known as Unity of the Valley blossoms forth."

"Won't you join us in this wonderful activity? To make reservations for you and your friends please phone the center office (686-1854) as soon as possible. See you there!!!"

In faith,

Robert R. Barth

Phil Smedstad, minister of **Unity of New Port Richey, Florida**, wishes to share a Valentine Sunday idea used for getting people to become better acquainted and to express love. "On the Sunday before Valentine's Day, we ask each person to print his or her name on a slip of paper. Then we pass the slips in; at the end of the service we ask each person to pick a name out of the offering bag. This is his/her Valentine. Sometime during that week we express love to that person in some way--send a card or flowers, give a gift, take him or her to lunch, etc.

"It has gone over so well the last two years. Many new friendships developed out of this project." (Editor's note: Why wait till Valentine's Day?)

Bob Hungerford, minister of **Unity Church of Christianity in Topeka, Kansas**, has found that peel-off, stick-on labels with the name of the church and the "Moment of Inspiration" telephone number, make a great outreach tool. The labels are to be stuck to the receiver of the telephones, and Bob says he has found one on a pay phone recently. The cost is not high; he pays \$17 per 1,000.

From **Ginny Hinners**, minister of **Unity By The Side Of The Road, Cincinnati, Ohio**: "I use a visual aid called the 'Take Apart Adam,' which effectively illustrates the various phases of man so that many can understand about spirit-soul-body. It can be made very large for classroom use, and consists of a series of human shapes, each larger than the previous one. The smallest shape is colored a dark shade to represent the visible man as we see him. The next size is a lighter color, and so on to represent the expanding self, which is on a background of the same color. It can be used for the four horseman of the Apocalypse; for superconscious, conscious, sub-conscious; physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, etc.

"It helps to show how by 'the kingdom of heaven is within you,' we don't mean contained within the dense physical form but an expanding self. Of course I always add that the light body is in and through all the others, with illustrations such as; smog or muddy waters still have within them the water or the

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air or the light as the case may be. Then there is the steam-water-ice way of compressing the expanded into the denser, tangible thing. Also I use this for talking about vibration from slow to fast. . . too fast to see, etc.

"It also helps me to show that the mind (conscious-subconscious) stands between the invisible and the visible side of being. I also use it to show that 'My thoughts are not your thoughts' sayeth the Lord, meaning that Christ Consciousness versus mental concepts are two different levels of the thought realm.

"Another thing we use is the simple funnel with the small end being the circumscribed view and the sloping wide circle the ever-expanding horizons of Truth." ++

GOING TO INTA?

If you are planning to attend the annual **INTA Conference in New Orleans (July 10-14)** you might also be able to guest speak at either or both of our two Unity study groups in Louisiana. The group in Metairie is a suburb of New Orleans (a satellite of Pensacola, Florida) and our only Unity activity there. The second group is in Baton Rouge, a satellite of Shreveport. If you could meet and speak for either group, please contact **Scott Sherman**, Outreach Director or contact directly each group:

Unity of Metairie
Attn: Eunice Alberstadt
430 Bellaire Drive
New Orleans, LA 70124

Unity of Baton Rouge
Attn: Dr. Frank Ault
1806 Main Street
Baker, LA 70714

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The Women of **Unity of the Hollywoods, Florida**, have voted to establish the Sunday preceeding Thanksgiving Day as "Women of Unity Day," and have issued the following proclamation: "Be it resolved: This Sunday, preceeding the accepted day of National Thanksgiving, be designated as Women of Unity Day; be it further resolved: That on this day we join in lifting our hearts in praise, in love, and in thanksgiving to women everywhere who give so unstintingly of their time, their talents and their substance toward expanding the Light of Christ into an ever broadening circle; be it further resolved: That on this day we extend our hand to our sisters everywhere, that we may encircle the globe with the radiance of Christ Love."

An insignia was adopted showing a single glowing candle, and replicas were sent to all Unity centers around the world with the request that they be signed, blessed, and returned so they could be included in our great Circle of Light.

To date, almost a hundred insignias have been returned bringing love and blessings from such far away places as Australia, Hawaii, Germany, Canada and all over the United States as well as from our Island neighbors.

The letters that accompanied the insignias were all most heartwarming and consistant in their expressions of love and a desire to cooperate in the expansion of the Christ Light.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with Arthur Hammons:

More than 100 members and friends of **Unity Church of North Hollywood, California**, honored **Dr. Mildred Haggerty**, retired minister, in a surprise testimonial and birthday dinner celebrating her eighty-fourth birthday. Mildred and her husband, **Dr. Joseph Haggerty**, were cofounders of the Unity Church of North Hollywood and Burbank in 1946. She has served as a Unity minister for more than forty years. Sponsors of the party presented Mildred with a gold chain and garnet (her birthstone). Several Unity ministers attended the celebration, including **William and Arleen Aull**, Sacramento; **Mary Jo Cooper**, Seal Beach; **Donald O'Connor**, La Crescenta; and **Edna Margaret Sampson**, Montebello. Letters of tribute were received and read from former Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty; Unity School, and our AUC.

A very successful **Southwest Regional Conference** occurred at **Christ Church Unity of El Cajon, California**. Attending were AUC President **Paul Barrett**; Vice-President **Bernard Dozier**; Board members **Bob Stevens** and **Larry Swartz**; and AUC Director of Education **Bill Fischer**, who presented the extension course, "Mind Development." Business meetings were conducted in a very orderly fashion; delicious food was served and a chartered bus took everyone to one of San Diego's most beautiful restaurants overlooking San Diego Bay.

New officers for the region are: President, **Jim Parkinson**; Vice-President, **Lee Hannaford**; Secretary, **Dorothea Fowler**; Treasurer, **Mary Jo Cooper**; Prayer Chairman, **Sadye Thomas**; Member-at-large, **Edna LeSage**. The conference body was addressed by **Arthur Hammons** and **Jim Parkinson** who gave an accounting of the activities of the Outreach Committee; by **Bert Coffee**, who spoke of the activities of the Reorganization Committee; and by **Paul Barrett**. Appointments included **Greg Penn**, as Regional Youth Coordinator, and **Vincent LeSage** as Comptroller of the Treasury.

Edna LeSage, Whittier, California, has moved her church into new quarters. The new church address is: **15144 E. Leffingwell Road, La Mirada, California 90638**. The mailing address is: **P.O. Box 531, Whittier, California 90608**. Her new telephone number is: **947-2538**. According to Arthur Hammons, the new church is an A-frame building that holds over 100 persons, with beautiful landscaped gardens.

Members of **Unity Center of the Valley, Hemet, California**, **Leona Threadgill**, minister, joined with women from other area churches in the Hemet-San Jacinto Valley of Church Women United, in celebrating World Day of Prayer on March 3. The celebration centered around prayers for a 10,000-ton shipment of wheat sent to Vietnam to relieve the serious hunger problem there. The wheat was sent by Church World Service. Leona was guest speaker for the area celebration, with the theme: "Community Spirit in Modern Living."

DIAL-A-PRAYER MESSAGES!

Here are three Dial-A-Prayer messages from William George, Hot Springs, Arkansas. 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 for CONTACT to be shared with our ministers in a forthcoming issue.

Hello Wonderful Friend,

Always our good comes to us when we 'wait upon the Lord.' Waiting upon the Lord is waiting for 'inner guidance,' yes, the inner guidance of God's wonderful Spirit within us. This guidance always comes as an inner knowing, and it comes when our mind is quiet and serene. This is the very law of life, the law of our being. It is the Lord at work. Many people go through life waiting upon people and things to change so that their good will supposedly come when this takes place; but of course our good only comes when we truly 'wait upon the Lord'; the real giver of all gifts, the source of our being. As we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness or right-use-ness, which is within us according to Jesus as recorded in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 6 verse 33, then all things shall be added unto us. In other words awaken each day with the idea of doing good, thinking good, and living good. This means living in accord with the Truth you know and understand. Yes, my friend, the teachings of Jesus are utter simplicity if we but stop complicating them with intellectual reasoning. Today let us 'wait upon the Lord' by first loving ourselves, then loving our fellow-man, and knowing that in doing this we truly love God; for God is everywhere present and His Spirit abides even in the least likely places and in every person for indeed God is the invisible force in and through all life, that which sustains us all. As we serve in a spirit of love, the law of life will return to us full measure and will multiply this love, thus we are blessed many times over. God bless you as you wait upon your good by waiting upon the Lord. Have a wonderful day with our blessings from Unity.

Hello Wonderful Child of Light,

School with it's many phases of learning can be one of the most important events in the life of a teenager. For one thing it carries with it many set values and along with this discipline which brings forth its values, its principles. Did you know your spiritual life as developed

through your understanding also carries set values and principles which guide and direct you? Well any lesson worth learning has some principles and values behind it, so for today's lesson for the young people; let us take the idea of value and discipline into consideration. The value of saying yes and no to the experiences that come to us daily. As a teenager are you able to say "no" when the principles of Truth within you seem challenged? Do you feel you will be left out of the crowd if you stand up for this Truth? Are you disciplined enough to say "no"? Are you able to believe enough in God to have the faith that your decision is right? Dear Child of Light, always say "yes" to life and its good, but be willing to say "no" if within your mind you feel separated from your good. Discipline is required in life if we are to hold fast to high values and principles. Dear one, whether you are in school or involved in church activities, or at home doing physical work--remember God is ever present, blessing you with a wonderful mind. Use this mind aright and lovingly say, "yes" to life. You are a child of Light and Love, be proud to act like the beautiful person you are. Keep your body temple pure that God's work may manifest through you to touch the lives of all who may pass your way. God bless you and have a happy, love filled day with our blessings from Unity.

Hello Wonderful Friend,

Our word for today is love. In Unity we know the word 'love' to carry within itself a great healing, harmonizing power for good. We know love to be the activity that draws and attracts all that is of the nature of God, for in Truth, GOD IS LOVE. So for today let us enter into this time of prayer with the word love.

Let us pray... Infinite Spirit of all life, our loving Father God, we give thanks for this day and for the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We know that even now we are centered in a universe of love and we open our minds and hearts to this majestic power of love as we enter

the silence of the inner kingdom, the inner realm of all good... I am a child of Light... I am a child of love... I am at one with Thee... In this consciousness of truth... I am open and receptive to my world of all good.

And now as I go forth to meet this new day, I go in a consciousness of love... Thank you Father for blessing this dear one who has called to share in this time of prayer knowing we are ever one in Your Love and we give thanks for our every blessing in the name and through the power of Jesus the living Christ... amen.

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degrees in education, one earned in 1958 and a second in 1972. Martha was vitally involved in the Northwest ministries, especially in Tacoma. All of us join in blessing her with love even as we assure George of our oneness.

Zelpha Thompson, Unity minister since 1964, former Unity School worker, and long-time Unity student made her transition on March 24. Zelpha served as minister in St. Joseph, Missouri, from 1962 to 1968. She was formerly Sunday School superintendent at Unity on the Plaza. She retired in 1969 and her son, **Howard**, and his family still live in Lee's Summit. The Truth she taught so well undoubtedly serves her well on this next stage of her journey.

James C. Morgan, Unity minister, stepped into the next dimension after his morning walk on March 30. He and his wife, **Audre**, have been serving in an interim position in Albany, Georgia, a pioneer ministry. Jim left a career with Chevrolet to become a minister and was ordained in 1967. He has served ministries in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Ft. Collins, Colorado; Fresno, California; and Memphis, Tennessee. You can express your special love to Audre through our office for forwarding.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
- †21-24 "The Simple Truth" Unity Vacation Retreat in Toronto, Ontario, Canada at the new Hotel Toronto.
- 29 *Memorial Day*

JUNE

SEPTEMBER

- 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 - UICE Study Program - Session 3, Unity Village, MO
July 7

- 4 *Labor Day*
- 9-15 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 15-17 Sierra Retreat, Waystation, South Shore, Lake Tahoe, Calif.
- †17-20 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Decatur, Illinois, hosted by Unity of Decatur
- 23-29 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO

JULY

OCTOBER

- †2-8 Annual Unity Retreat at Cedar Crest College Allentown, PA. Presented by the Unity Center of New York City, Eric Butterworth, minister.
- 4 *Independence Day*
- 8-21 UICE Study Program - Session 4, Unity Village, MO
- 22-28 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, MO

- 2-3 *Jewish New Year*
- †2-5 Eastern Regional Conference, Pawling, New York,
- 7-13 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 9 *Columbus Day*
- 11 *Yom Kippur*
- 14-27 UICE Study Program-Session 5, Unity Village, MO
- †15-18 Southeastern Regional Ministers/Teachers Conference, Birmingham, Ala., hosted by Unity of Birmingham
- †19-20 Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of Unity of Birmingham
- 28- UICE Study Program-Session 6, Unity Village, MO
Nov. 10

AUGUST

- 5-11 August Festival, Unity Village, MO
- †11 SMRS Graduation
- 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
- †20-23 Northwest Regional Conference, Port Townsend, Washington, hosted by Harmony Hill Unity Church, Everett, Washington
- 21-25 YAU Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 26- Mid-Season Retreat, Unity Village, MO
Sept. 1

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

- 25 *Hanukkah/Christmas Day*

†Additions

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