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AUC President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I have recently been converted. Naturally, I would like to evangelize a bit so let me tell you how my conversion happened.

The first step began a few years ago when Andy Lucas, with a politician's fervor, started a campaign for Unity ministers to "stay put" and not move around so much. At that point his comments seemed to be falling on deaf ears, including my own. When Stan became Director of Field Services, he tried to help us see the value of staying in our ministries for longer periods of time. But again, I am not sure too many of us heard or wanted to hear Stan, and last fall I voted unenthusiastically for the policy of authorizing Stan to ask ministers who want to move more than once in a two-year period to appear before the Placement Committee. The third step in my conversion was when I came across a statement of Dr. Robert Schuller to the effect that churches are weakened by transient ministers who do not stay in one church long enough to plan and achieve long-range goals. Dr. Schuller was greatly influenced by a teacher in a seminar who advised against accepting a church unless one could see it as a long-range assignment.

Mobility, the freedom to move from church to church, has been very important to us Unity ministers. There was a great sigh of relief when placement policy



R. Bernard Dozier

was changed so that a minister could apply to any church needing a minister. I wonder if we haven't been guided and motivated by the "Plum Principle." According to the "Plum Principle," there is a handful of plums and that is desirable, prestigious, well-paying Unity churches around the country. Then there are many more medium sized churches with more modest facilities, staff, payrolls, etc. Then we have a considerable number of churches that are small and struggling. At times it must appear that most Unity ministers are standing in line waiting for the plum. The plums fall into fortunate hands and there is a ripple effect as minister after minister moves up the ladder of success.

I think it is time that we see Unity

ministers cultivating their own plum instead of waiting for a plum to ripen on a higher limb. In the past I have moved several times. I have enjoyed serving at different churches. I have championed our mobility, but I am beginning to see our movement non-flourish with so many of us moving every two, three, or five years. So the other day I met with my Board, and we made a covenant to move toward some long-range goals together because this church and every church could benefit from stability and the direction provided by developing and implementing five, ten, and twenty year growth plans. Remember how Rick Fillmore many years ago drew up a master plan for the campus of Unity School and how close the actuality is to his vision? Our churches need this kind of long-range architecturing. Not only in terms of buildings, but in terms of spiritual service. The church where you are can be blessed to this vision and your commitment. Wouldn't it be great to see 300 plums instead of a handful.

In Truth let us know, "The place where thou standeth is holy ground."

Blessings,

Bernard

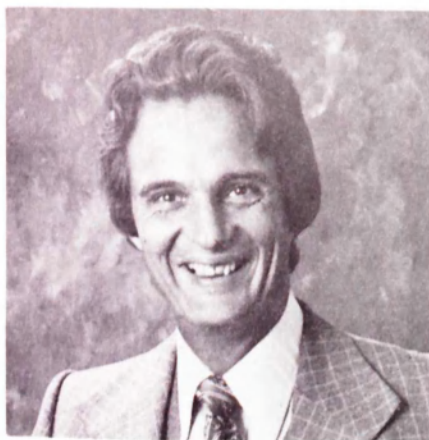
THE TAO

*Better stop short than fill to the brim.
Oversharpen the blade, and the edge will soon blunt.
Amass a store of gold and jade, and no one can protect it.
Claim wealth and titles, and disaster will follow.
Retire when the work is done.
This is the way of heaven.*

Lao-Tzu

YOUTH EDUCATION REMINDER

This fall your Youth Education Department should be using lesson materials for Year II, Quarter I. If you ordered this quarter for the first time two years ago, it should not be necessary to reorder the Teacher's Guides, unless they have been lost or damaged. You will probably need to reorder sets of the Take-Home Lessons for students. Please advise the person who orders your youth education materials.



**"WHEN IS
THE MINISTER'S
SABBATH?"**

by Stan Hampson

For most Christians, Sabbath is on Sunday. This is to be a day of rest. Obviously for ministers it is one of our hardest working days. Therefore, it is sometimes easy for ministers to forget the Sabbath. However we may interpret the ancient instructions, it is still necessary for ministers to take time off. If not on Sunday, then another day should be the Sabbath for the minister.

Most Unity ministers have one day a week off, and it seems that most of them have chosen Friday or Monday. There are many, however, who never observe the Sabbath. If they are not in the office, they are making hospital calls, performing weddings or funerals, or they may spend the day preparing a sermon.

The Sabbath means a time of rest. A minister should get away from his normal activities and do something else. Recently I came across a delightful chapter on this subject in a book entitled "How To Save Time In The Ministry" by Leslie B. Flynn. I would like to quote a number of excerpts from this fine article.

"Dr. Paul E. Adolph, medical examiner for several missionary societies and former medical instructor at Moody Bible Institute, tells of a minister who came to his office in nervous exhaustion, boasting that he had taken no vacation for ten years.

"He labored under the conviction that his work was of such importance that he could take no time off. But he had come to the place where he could neither relax nor sleep. Though modern treatment was prescribed, it took him almost a year (equivalent of a month's vacation for ten years) before he could actively participate in his work again.

"Because a person engages in the Lord's work doesn't grant immunity from the laws of health. Every minister should plan periods of relaxation. . . .

"This frenetic pace of our society today has permeated Christian work. One theological professor said, 'The communion of saints has become the commotion of saints, and Saint Peter has given way to Saint Vitus.' Meetings are multiplied ad infinitum. When someone remarked to a minister sentimentally that there would be no partings in heaven, he quickly replied that he hoped there would be no meetings.

"An anonymous piece asked, 'What Does A Pastor Do?' Then came the answer.

The pastor teaches, though he must solicit his own classes. He heals, though without pills or knife. He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, something of

an editor, a bit of philosopher and entertainer, a salesman, a decorative piece for public functions, and he is supposed to be a scholar. He visits the sick, marries people, buries the dead, labors to console those who sorrow, and to admonish those who sin, and tries to stay sweet when chided for not doing his duty. He plans programs, appoints committees when he can get them; spends considerable time in keeping people out of each other's hair; between times he prepares a sermon and preaches it on Sunday to those who don't happen to have any other engagement. Then on Monday he smiles when some jovial chap roars, 'What a job--one day a week!'

"Some ministers who never take a vacation point out that Satan never rests. Since when do we make Satan our example? Rather we should look to Jesus Christ who one day said to his busy disciples, 'Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat' (Mark 6:31). Someone commented on this command, 'It's either come apart and rest awhile, or rest awhile or you'll come apart'.

"C. H. Spurgeon points out,

Fishermen must mend their nets, and we must every now and then repair our mental waste and set our machinery in order for future service. To tug the oar from day to day, like a galley slave who knows no holidays, suits not mortal men. Millstreams go on and on forever, but we must have our pauses and our intervals. Who can help being out of breath when the race is continued without intermission? Even beasts of burden must be turned out to grass occasionally; the very sea pauses at ebb and flood; earth keeps the sabbath of the wintry months; and man, even when exalted to be God's ambassador, must rest or faint; must trim his lamp or let it burn low; must recruit his vigor or grow prematurely old ("Lectures To My Students").

"A painting in the Louvre shows a plowman kneeling in the sod. Behind the praying workman is an angel at the plow. Our plowing never suffers from time spent with Him. Did it ever occur to you that the recurrence of mealtime three times daily might be nature's way of giving a break from your work? . . . Lying down for a few minutes after lunch gives recuperative refreshment. One preacher has rested after the noon meal for over twenty five years. . . . The perennial problem with clergymen is how to find time for their families. Partial answer would be to devote a period after the evening meal to children, which would also furnish welcome diversion before resuming the responsibilities of the evening.

"Spurgeon adds,

It is wisdom to take occasional furlough. In the long run, we shall do more by sometimes doing less. On, on, on, forever, without recreation, may suit spirits emancipated from the 'heavy clay', but while we are in this tabernacle, we must every now and then cry halt, and serve the Lord by holy inaction and consecrated leisure. Let no tender conscience doubt the lawfulness of going out of harness for a while, but learn from the experience of others the necessity and duty of taking timely rest.

"Every preacher should loaf one day a week. Most rest
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WHEN IS THE MINISTER'S SABBATH?

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Monday after the hectic duties of the previous day. Some store up energy for Sunday by taking off Saturday, which also enables them to spend time with the children who are out of school. Others take a half-Saturday and a half-Monday. The busier a pastor is the more imperative this weekly change becomes.

"Some pastors try to take off an extra day or two every few months. Doctors tell us that to get full value out of time off we need a minimum of two days, for it takes the first day to unwind. Pastors rarely get two days in a row, so they should arrange for periodic breaks. A doctor told a nervous pastor 'Arrange to get away to a convention every now and then'. A minister who hadn't bothered to attend annual national conventions or semiannual state meetings found his dizziness and high blood pressure appreciably lessened by attendance at these functions. In fact, some ministers do not take their full month vacation at once in summer, but divide it into three parts, two weeks in the summer, then one in the fall, and one in the winter or spring.

"A lawyer who later became a supreme court justice was a tireless worker. Taking a few days off before an important trial, he was chided by a colleague for loafing at a crucial time. Replied the lawyer, 'I need the rest. I find that I can do a year's work in eleven months, but I can't do it in twelve.'

"When Leonardo da Vinci was doing his famous painting, The Last Supper, observers were critical of the long periods he would just sit in the cloister and meditate. When they remonstrated about his failure to be about his work, he replied, 'When I pause the longest, I make the most telling strokes.'

"Pauses for intensive periods of hard work will refresh, cultivate radiance, help us laugh at self, free us from oversensitivity, fill us with gratitude, renew us for our daily work, and enable us to make our most telling strokes."



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For further information write Justus Credit Union, Unity Village, Missouri 64065, or call (816) 524-3750.

!!!SEMINARS AVAILABLE!!!

John D. Rankin, Houston, Texas, is offering several six-hour seminar courses. His rich variety of seminars includes: *Mystical Message of Emma Curtis Hopkins*: A soul-deepening course illuminating such basic concepts of the Hopkins work as the distinctions between mental science and mystical science, keeping the High Watch, error and unreality, healing treatment, the secret Name, and the daily practice of the mystical view.

Prosperity Refreshes! An original presentation of the six principles (substance, alignment, goal-setting, circulation, conservation and self-awareness) of prosperity which have precipitated amazing demonstrations wherever presented.

Pyramid Power and the Light of Egypt: Discussion of the true nature of pyramid power as consciousness; and the resurrection of the "body of Hermes," the seven hermetic laws discussed in Dr. Rankin's book, *Mystic Keys of Hermes*.

Also available is John's book *What Unity Teaches* (A Survey Course in Fundamentals). In summarizing the book, John explains, "It meets a need not met by our other publications, as it not only treats of our basic teachings on God, man, the Bible, Jesus Christ, prosperity, healing and eternal life; but also deals with recurring questions such as the difference between ourselves and the Unitarians, the reasons why we interpret the Bible metaphysically, etc."

"It has been used in various ways by many of our ministers, as well as for general 'outreach information' distribution. I would be happy to send a complimentary copy to any of our ministers who wish to consider stocking it in their book departments, or presenting it to new members. It retails at \$2.50; with 30% discount for 5-9 copies, and 40% discount for orders of ten copies or more."

If you would like to order copies of this book, or more information on John's seminars, please write to: **John Rankin, Shekinah House, 16502 Kuykendahl Road, Houston, Texas 77068.**

SPARKPLUGS--A Summary of a Story from WEE WISDOM

Just mention the word "secret" and most children are interested because they love secrets. "Sam's Secret," by Pamela Yearsley in the August/September issue of WEE WISDOM, is a story that could be used as a Sunday School lesson. Many Youth Education teachers use WEE WISDOM stories and poems to illustrate a point, as supplemental material, or to develop an entire lesson.

One interpretation of "Sam's Secret" is that we can find God's good in everything, even something that appears to be a problem. In this story, Sam, a sunbeam, shares a secret with Jeff, a boy entering kindergarten, concerning Jeff's newly-discovered and distressing freckles. Sam's secret is that he shines his friendly light on Jeff's nose and causes the freckles. When Jeff shares this secret with his classmates his embarrassing freckles become a symbol of his friendship with Sam. Jeff's newfound school chums name the freckles "friend spots." Jeff realizes that what he thought was bad is really good.

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The Field Speaks

Can you help us? An idea has been given to us; we've put this idea into action with love and creative energy; and now we're asking you to help "pass it on" to others.

Of course, you know how beautiful, inspiring and heart-warming the "Peace Song" is. The singing of it is an integral part of most Unity services. It is a song of Truth--and it opens people's hearts! This inspired song is now being sung the world over. Recently, in England, over 20,000 people joined hands and encircled a large sports stadium and sang this song of peace and brotherhood.

The idea we're sharing with others... is that the "Peace Song" should be our National Anthem--and one day, the World Anthem.

This idea came to me in the form of a dream. When I wrote to Jill Jackson, the song's composer, about this dream and my plan to act on it, she said that many others have had the same dream except that this is the first time anyone has really implemented it.

Jill said that she has spent over 30 hours a week for many years, just answering mail about this song, and that churches of many denominations are now using the song in their services.

Wouldn't you like to see our whole nation joining hands and singing the "Peace Song"?

You can help. Please read the pamphlet (each ministry should have received one) and then share it with others. The idea is for each person to get 5 pamphlets, keep 1 and mail 4 to others. It is designed to fit into personal sized stationary envelopes.

If you would like to order larger quantities of the pamphlet, to share with your congregation, the cost including postage is \$7.00 per hundred.

This is an idea whose time has come. You can help make it happen.

Please. pass it on.

Lari Todd

Unity Church of Maui, Puunene, Hawaii

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your (Lari Todd) letter of July 4 with the copies of "The Star Spangled Blooper."

I too love the Peace song and my people do too. We sing it every Sunday morning, and if in the interests of time it is necessary to omit it, we hear about it! I also agree that we need a new National Anthem, but in my view the most suitable candidate would be AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL. I realize that I am not likely to dissuade you from your very laudable project, so I will not press this view.

However, if you really and sincerely want to enlist widespread national support in your crusade, I believe you will find it necessary to reword your pamphlet. There are a number of references that I am confident many so-called red blooded Americans will find offensive. The Star Spangled Banner did serve a purpose as you state--a very valuable purpose. Then be generous in your references to it and to its place in our history. But to refer to it as a "tired, worn out old battle hymn" and as a "blooper" runs a risk of it being regarded by patriotic groups as the American Legion and the Daughters of the American

Revolution as being insulting expressions of a subversive nature, masking a desire to overthrow the Republic. This will automatically align these and other powerful groups against your proposal. I doubt whether many will read on to discover the admirable reasons you advance for making a change. I believe you will stand a better chance of attaining your objective by remaining consistently positive and not knocking the cherished ideas of others. For these reasons I do not feel I can support your campaign as it now stands.

Since the pamphlet bears the name of the Unity Church, I am sending a copy of this to CONTACT as an open letter for publication.

Charles Neal

Unity Center of Practical Christianity, Miami, Florida

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I enjoyed reading the article in the October 1977 UNITY Magazine by Phil Smedstad, "The First Year." Phil's thoughts cast me back to my pleasantly active days in S.M.R.S. It is the recollection of my preparation for the ministry and an eye to the future that is the motivation for this article.

I recall being told that S.M.R.S. was not training me but preparing me, that the training would come from actual experience. Of course, nobody learns to swim until they jump in and get wet but a good swimming coach teaches water accustomation and that is what the ministerial program needs to provide. Therefore, this philosophy is not totally consistent with a student minister's needs.

Ministers are leaders, leaders of their own lives and leaders of other people who are devoting their energies to the practice of Truth and to the growth of Unity. A leader in the ministry is not just a teacher, not just a counselor, not just a Board member and not just an administrator. A leader in the ministry is not just the sum of these duties added together. A leader is responsible, totally responsible, for the direction of consciousness in his life, in the Board, and in the ministry he or she serves. If our duties, routine or not, do not relate to this purpose they serve no constructive purpose.

You may say, "So what. What's so new about this?" Look at it from this point of view. If attendance is dropping off, if income is low, if there are problems in obtaining volunteers, if there are Board difficulties, what will save you--your particular knowledge in a specific area? No. Your identity, your God-consciousness, your powerful acceptance of the Truth, "I AM a leader" applied to your knowledge. This means that you see the road ahead, you have a vision of your ministry's direction, you see the full scope of the ministry and the interrelationship of all its facets, and you express empathy to those who may be stuck in their vision of things and at the same time you encourage them to grow.

Let's consider one aspect of leadership that is vital: planning. A minister must be a knowledgeable and capable planner in terms of time, money, energy, and other resources. The word "professional" is used in terms of the way ministers desire to function and desire to see themselves and to be seen by others. Professional does not mean "expert" but simply planned and
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MEET GREG BARRETTE—NEW YOU COORDINATOR

Greg Barrette, a first-year ministerial student, has been a Unity member all his life. He has been active in the YOU serving in such capacities as: Regional Representative, International First Vice-President, and an Executive Committee member. He has attended four YOU Conferences and has planned dozens of YOU activities and workshops. Greg has been the organist for Unity ministries in Walnut Creek, Modesto, and San Francisco, California.



In 1977, Greg graduated from California State College in Turlock, with a BA in Pre-Ministerial Studies. Prior to coming to Unity Village, Greg worked in the hardware sales and management business. He is also a free-lance writer on music and religion and has been published in several magazines.

Greg and his wife, Janet, were married this June by Mabel Carlin, minister in Stockton, California.

We bless Greg for serving in this vital and important position.

YOU/YAU Greg Barrette

We greet you and bless you all in this first CONTACT report of the YOU/YAU year. One short note in preface: if you ever need any service or assistance in YOU/YAU matters, please feel free to call on this office at any time.

Youth of Unity Report—This year's YOU Conference, "Our Season To Blossom," was held August 14–20 at Unity Village. Each year, 300 delegates attend this powerful experience of idealism, sharing, and oneness with God.

This year, we participated in workshops led by Stan Hampson, James Sherman, David McClure, and Jeff Shumsky, and shared the consciousness of James Dillet Freeman and Billie Freeman in poetry and prayer. Chris Jackson, Unity Village Visitors' Center manager, organized the talent show on a carnival theme.

The consciousness of YOU Conference is electric with vigor and enthusiasm. We encourage ministers to have their young people share their conference experience with the center congregation, for this spirit communicates well.

The YOU thanks the AUC for providing a conference that many YOU'ers call the most beautiful experience of their lives.

Young Adults of Unity Report—The joy of young adults spread throughout Unity Village August 21–25 at the 1978 YAU Retreat, "Ventures In Awareness."

This year's workshops included: "Know Your Strengths" with Maya Grace, "The Joy of Spiritual Dancing" with Jeff Shumsky, "Insights" with Lani Jones, "Awareness" with Jane Witherspoon, and "Bible Tools and Perspectives" with Gary Jones.

We wish to thank Unity School for the use of its facilities for this retreat, which serves the needs of those aged 18–35.

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SCHOOL FOR MINISTERIAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES



The 1978-79 SMRS Student Body Officers are (left to right): Marleen Davis, Secretary; Alice Reynolds, Treasurer; Joan Gattuso, Chaplain; Sallye Taylor, Vice-President; and Edwene Copeland, President.

Edwene Copeland, president of SMRS, moved to this area from Conroe, Texas, near Houston. She holds a BS in journalism from the University of Houston. Her background includes teaching high school, public relations, news reporting and editing, and owning her own business of teaching success motivation courses. Her husband, Noel, is a UICE student.

Sallye Taylor, vice-president, is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. She lived for ten years in Chicago, Illinois, prior to entering SMRS. Sallye is a former teacher of emotionally and educationally handicapped children. She holds a BS in psychology from Tennessee State University. Sallye is single.

Alice Reynolds is the treasurer of the SMRS Student Body and a MA candidate at the University of California-Davis. Before entering ministerial school, Alice taught at the senior high and the community college level in Sacramento, California. She is a widow and has a son, Jim, who is eight years old.

Marleen Davis, secretary, and John Davis, newly ordained minister, are married and have three children. Prior to coming to Unity Village, the Davises lived in northern Nevada, just south of Carson City. Marleen has worked as a legal secretary and as a court transcriber. Marleen became a licensed Unity Teacher prior to her enrollment into SMRS.

Joan Gattuso, chaplain, came to the Village from Akron, Ohio, and was associated with the Unity ministry in Canton/Massillon. She holds a BFA from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and is busily at work restoring the frescoes in the Silent Unity Visitors' Chapel. Before entering the program, she owned a gift shop in Akron. Joan is single.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

Matutolytea

Getting up on the wrong side of the bed.



REGIONAL NEWS

EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Alan Rowbotham:

Unity of Cape Cod, West Harwich, Massachusetts, held their Dedication Service on November 20, 1977. Pictured below are **Hugh Farrington**, acting president of the Advisory Board of Trustees, who acted as platform assistant, **Reverend Grace Dickhaut**, retired Unity minister, who lead the meditation and conducted the dedication ceremony, and **Reverend Robert Preston**, minister, who gave the Thanksgiving inaugural lesson for Unity of Cape Cod.



Printed invitations and a news story drew more than fifty friends and well-wishers to the self-sponsoring study group's initial service at St. Barnabas Chapel, Falmouth.

In addition to Sunday services, continuing activities have included covered-dish dinner/discussions on biblical passages and Richard Bach's "Illusions," Saturday organizational development retreat/seminars, a candlelight dinner, a Sunday

service and picnic with opportunities for swimming, tennis, and canoeing at a lake-side facility, generously provided by the President of the Cape Cod Synagogue. The Unity group has developed an extensive lending library at its office in West Harwich and is issuing its first bookstore catalog with approximately 200 personal growth and New Thought titles.

In June the group moved its services to the new Seventh Day Adventist Church complex in Osterville, closer to the Cape's population center. Time of services was established at 10 a.m. beginning July 2. Cape Cod encompasses 400 square miles and 125,000 residents, and hosts several hundred thousand visitors yearly.

A unique logo design with the silhouette of Cape Cod and Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard Islands was Hugh Farrington's conception and was executed by a personal friend of Bob's who heads the graphic arts department of a major Boston computer firm. The design is used on all advertising, stationery, and service programs. Monthly newsletters were begun in the spring, and news articles are distributed regularly to the Cape's several village newspapers.

Bob reports that summer midweek classes at the Church will be augmented by social activities geared to meet the needs and interests of "native" and guest alike. An Indian Summer weekend retreat is being planned for the end of September utilizing the theme of Gail Sheehy's "Passages."

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL NEWS with Miki Bowen:

John Wingfield, minister of **Unity Christ Church** in **San Luis Obispo** reports that they recently received a most welcome bequest of \$21,500, part of which will be applied toward the existing mortgage and part invested for future expansion.

To follow up on the recommendations and suggestions made by the Research Committee on Regional Representatives in June, 1977, the regional board is conducting a pilot program of funding my activities as regional rep in order to greatly expand our services and assistance in the region. Serving as an associate minister in

Warren Meyer's church in San Jose allows me free time to work with other ministers who want to avail themselves of my experience and expertise, and to serve on the various regional committees. We also plan to publish a quarterly newsletter, appropriately titled "Miki's Love Notes," to draw our region closer together.

At a recent meeting the regional board voted to give a gift of \$4,000 to "The Best is yet to Be," the TV program that is presented and financed by Christ Unity Church in Sacramento. This is an excellent half-hour Sunday service that is reaching thousands of persons with the Unity message whom we could not possibly serve in any other way. The Piersons receive heartwarming letters every day from people whose lives are touched and enriched by this outstanding presentation of Truth. It is the hope of our region that this program may eventually be broadcast nationally, but it does take much financing, even in the area it now covers! Phillip and Dorothy welcome and give grateful thanks for all offerings sent to "The Best," in care of the church: 1415 L Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with David McClure:

We in the Pacific Northwest are privileged to have a unique resource speaker in our region. **Lila Proby**, associate minister to the Bellevue, Washington center in the Outreach Program, has been assisting this past year as a guest speaker and teacher in whatever center has needed her. This need has been filled in nearly every center in the NW region. The resident ministers enjoy the assurance that she is always available and ready to serve at a moment's notice.

Lila was ordained in 1975 and served as the Assistant Minister to Andrew Carlson in Escondido, California before coming to Seattle. In addition to guest speaking, she also travels in Washington, Oregon, and California, and gives seminars on assertiveness training and human sexuality. Both seminars are well attended and enthusiastically received.

Lila is now in the planning stages of her late fall lecture tour. Her "Assertiveness Training" Seminars are not, she says, crash courses on how to put other
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THE FIELD SPEAKS

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coordinated effort toward achieving a desired goal. The minister who plans takes command of his consciousness. This is prayer. The minister who plans and determines specific objectives and remains open and receptive to intuitive guidance is carrying out Jesus' words, "I work, and my Father is working still." The minister who prays in this way is a leader and attracts to him or herself all the resources required to accomplish the desired results.

As you do, I have a special interest in the quality of our ministerial program. S.M.R.S. does not guarantee ministers of quality; that is a commitment and a dedication that comes from the individual, ordained or not, but S.M.R.S. can provide the right framework in which that continuing commitment can be made.

S.M.R.S. has produced people who are good public speakers, effective teachers and counselors, and efficient administrators, but these skills do not guarantee that the person is a leader. Leadership provides the right motive for doing what we do with excellence and provides the motive for developing an interest in those areas of the ministry in which our skills are weakest.

This article was written late last year when I was very concerned about the philosophy and direction of S.M.R.S. For various reasons printing of this was delayed, but I submit it now as an affirmation of the activity of Spirit. Let us reinforce Spirit's work by supporting and aiding our new Director, Paul Barrett, with constructive thinking.

David Monument
Unity Church of Peoria, Illinois

MAILING PERMITS

If you would like to have complete and current information about permit mailing, there is a government publication available to you without cost.

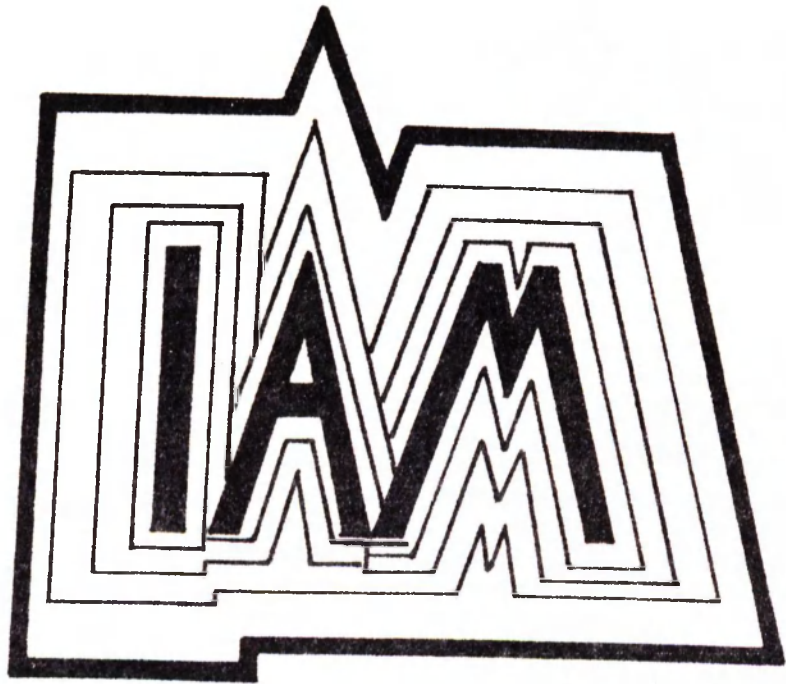
Contact your main Post Office and ask for the pamphlet called "Mailing Permits." It is excerpts from chapter one of the Postal Service Manual.

It is called: Publication 13/July, 1977. Section 134.5 contains information for nonprofit organizations.

You should find this information most helpful in your ministry.

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Thomas Coates, minister in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, had one of their local artists design the artwork below for their bulletin cover. He thought you may like to reproduce this for your bulletin.



YOU/YAU REPORTS

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FAREWELL TO DON KNIGHT: Don has been a skillful and able YOU/YAU coordinator for the past two years, while enrolled in the SMRS program. He has been an excellent tutor, patiently teaching the coordinator's responsibilities with caring and consideration. We bless him as he joins his wife, Catherine, in David Williamson's Detroit ministry, and thank him for his service to youth.

"OVER THE HILL?"

When Jack Benny was 71, a Hollywood agent turned down the chance to represent him. The agent figured Benny was just about washed up. So Jack found another agent and fulfilled \$12,000,000 more in bookings before he died at the age of 80.

PLACEMENT

Placement occurs through the activity of Spirit. Your Director of Ministry Services notifies all active Unity ministers of churches seeking leadership through his placement report published separately. Ministers interested in placement notify the Director of Ministry Services who forward their resumes to churches requesting leadership. Your Director of Ministry Services is directly responsible to the Board of Trustees of the Association of Unity Churches and utilizes the resources of the Placement Committee, Regional Representatives, and the Executive Committee in facilitating placements. Since the last issue of CONTACT, the following activity of Spirit has been accomplished in placement:

RESEDA, CALIFORNIA—Paul Stewart began serving this ministry on June 25, 1978.

LAKELAND, FLORIDA—Bob & Marilyn Hungerford accepted as ministers. Bob began July 9. Marilyn, an Ordinand, joined him following ordination.

TEMPE, ARIZONA—Sune Richards was accepted as minister of this new pioneer work.

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA—Much loved Sue Sikking is involved in shifting gears to do more guest lecturing and writing. The Board of Trustees unanimously invited Bob Sikking to become the new minister effective the end of July.

UNITY VILLAGE, MISSOURI—Linda Babbish announced her sabbatical which began August 1. Linda Pendergrass began as Associate minister following ordination.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA—This ministry has informed us that they will withdraw from seeking a minister at this time. Howard Bradford, retired minister, is serving here as interim.

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA—This small ministry is working closely with Max Lafser in Vancouver and has decided to withdraw from actively seeking a minister for the time being.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN—Catherine Knight has been working as interim Associate for several months. She and Don Knight, Ordinand, have been selected as permanent Associates with David Williamson.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA—Ed Hoge was accepted as minister.

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

Statement of General Fund Operations

Three Months Ended 6/30/78

	April	May	June	Year to Date
INCOME—OPERATIONS:				
General Love Offering	\$33,702.58	\$33,458.44	\$31,736.58	\$ 98,897.60
Other Income	<u>2,844.40</u>	<u>5,573.32</u>	<u>3,271.27</u>	<u>11,688.99</u>
	36,546.98	39,031.76	35,007.85	110,586.59
Less: Tithe Transfer	<u>3,370.26</u>	<u>3,345.84</u>	<u>3,173.66</u>	<u>9,889.76</u>
	33,176.72	35,685.92	31,834.19	100,696.83
Gross Profit Materials	<u>1,433.45</u>	<u>1,114.15</u>	<u>829.33</u>	<u>3,376.93</u>
Total Income	<u>34,610.17</u>	<u>36,800.07</u>	<u>32,663.52</u>	<u>104,073.76</u>
EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:				
General Office	20,664.37	22,042.84	23,742.76	66,449.97
Education Department	<u>9,317.26</u>	<u>8,862.66</u>	<u>13,337.53</u>	<u>31,517.45</u>
Total Expenses	<u>29,981.63</u>	<u>30,905.50</u>	<u>37,080.29</u>	<u>97,967.42</u>
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 4,628.54</u>	<u>\$ 5,894.57</u>	<u>\$ (4,416.77)</u>	<u>\$ 6,106.34</u>

REGIONAL NEWS

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people down, not how to threaten or manipulate others to get a point across. The objectives of her seminars are to teach others to recognize and understand the difference between assertiveness and aggressiveness, and how to define and acquire winning attitudes. These seminars have been enthusiastically received and well attended. The ministers say that one of the important aspects of these seminars is that they bring "outside" people in to take the courses, thereby introducing them to Unity and the Unity center. This is truly a positive, productive, Unity outreach program!

The other seminar she teaches is "Human Sexuality--For Women Only." This seminar is for women who are serious about questioning and reevaluating the sexual ethics of today in these changing times. Her seminars ask these questions: What is the sexual revolution? What does the Bible say? Where did we get our sexual ethics? Are our past teachings relevant and functional in our lives today?

Lila blends both the spiritual and the practical approaches for today's challenges; she provides guidelines for reducing stresses in our lives and helping to explore new and rewarding attitudes. For information about her services and availability, write to her in care of **Bellevue Center, Bellevue, Washington (Kay Arndt, Minister)**.

Joseph and Helen Stiegler, retired ministers, celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary in July of this year. Center members and friends of the Stieglers were invited to attend the renewal of vows at Harmony Hill Unity Church in Everett, Washington. We know you join with us in giving blessing to Joe and Helen for this happy occasion.

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

Our thanks to **Bill and Suzanne Cameron**, Unity of Wichita, (Bill has recently been accepted as minister of Unity Temple, Kansas City, Missouri) for hosting a very hospitable regional conference April 24-28.

Thirty-six ministers and teachers attended the business meetings held at September 1978

the lovely Wichita Royale Hotel. Among the highlights were the adoption of new regional bylaws, as well as a proposal for the restructuring of the AUC headquarters personnel. We also welcomed our new Youth Education Facilitators, **Lani Jones**, and **Joy Powell** who are planning some great workshops to help our centers. We were all especially pleased to have **Louvilla Fielder** with us after her splendid recovery from a health challenge! Bless you, Lou!

On Tuesday evening we saw an exciting slide show on the beauty of Snow Mountain Ranch where we will be holding our Laymans' Retreat August 6-12.

We especially wish to thank the members of the congregation of Unity of Wichita who treated us all to a delicious banquet buffet supper Wednesday evening.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with **William Cameron**:

News from **Montego Bay, Jamaica, West Indies**: On behalf of Unity of Montego Bay, we wish to inform both Outreach and Field Services Directors of the progress we are making.

Among our many successes, however, we are experiencing some difficulties with foreign exchange.

On February 15, 1978, we hired a minister, the Reverend **Pearl Davis**.

In April 1978, we secured a property, consisting of a small parcel of land and a lovely old stone building. We are now in the process of expanding a sanctuary to the side of the house to facilitate our growing group.

Pearl is also working with two large groups of children. Saturday at 4:30 p.m. is "Happy Hour" for the kids (45 to 60) from the age of three to eighteen years. -- On Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. a group of High School kids, ages fifteen to eighteen. These efforts are done by having to improvise tools to work with. We have absolutely no material with which to serve these youngsters effectively.

The foreign exchange situation presents quite a challenge as we are unable to send for books, Sunday School material, etc. For this reason, we are reaching out for help, and would appreciate having this information put into circulation for us.

Anyone having surplus hymnals, Unity books for library use, Sunday School material, etc., and desiring to share with Unity of Montego Bay, please contact us at: **Unity of Montego Bay, 12 Dome Street, Montego Bay 1, Jamaica, West Indies; Telephone 952-1668.**

Thank you very much and God bless you for this and any other help you can give us.

Remember, this is your home away from home, so come and visit us when you can.

AUSTRALIAN WALKABOUT

Headquarters of Unity in Australia sponsored seminars in Perth, Adelaide, and Melbourne during July. Entitled "Steps to Greater Awareness" and based on Emily Cady's "How I Used Truth," this enabled those who are aspiring toward Licensed Teacher status to acquire more of the necessary credits.

Unity is growing in each of these cities. Perth is fast approaching its own ministry. **Beth Whitters** of the Adelaide Group is currently taking training at Unity School. Melbourne continues to grow under the dedicated directorship of **Hugh Wilson**.

In Sydney, the Reverend **Elva Holcombe** reports the growing excitement in anticipation of **Ngaire Thomson's** return after ordination in August. Many of the plans for expansion in Sydney will then be in full operation.

Unity in Brisbane is enjoying a new lunch-hour class using the "Think-Tank" in conjunction with "Discover the Power Within You." A Wee Wisdom School on Saturdays is proving more rewarding than the traditional Sunday School.

("Walkabout" is a term used by aborigines when they want to escape from civilization and return to the primal strength of oneness with the spirit world of the dreamtime. They literally walk about.)

SPECIAL ARRIVAL

We wish to welcome **Sarahanne Melin** to our Unity family. Sarahanne made her entrance into this life expression on July 17, 1978, weighing 6 lbs., 12 oz.

We rejoice with **Gerald**, minister in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and **Linda** in this special blessing of joy.

Idea Exchange

GIFT TO ORDINANDS

Unity of the Hollywoods, Hollywood, Florida, sent each 1978 Ordinand \$5 with the following letter:

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Dear (Ordinand),

Congratulations! "We love you, we bless you, we appreciate you," is a Unity blessing for new members. We hasten to speak these same words to you in your new ministry. We bless you and all of your class, and know the tremendous good you will do to lift up the hearts and minds of the people you serve.

Let the enclosed "seed money" be your first offering of good will and peace toward all men. May its substance be increased and multiplied wherever you go!

Our thoughts and prayers go with you, as you enter into this new adventure of love.

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We thought you might enjoy sharing this unique idea with us.

EFFECTIVE ADVERTISING

Floyd Howard, minister in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, successfully utilizes an article written by Ralph Rhea, co-director of the Radio & Television Department at Unity School, to acquaint new people with Unity's unique style of meditation. Floyd writes: "In Daily Word some time ago Ralph Rhea wrote the following article about ways to use Daily Word lessons, in order to have it become more meaningful in daily usage.

"Since Daily Word often becomes the open door to Unity teachings, we feel that these suggestions are a big help in acquainting new people with affirmations and meditation especially.

"We now have this flyer on our book table in Hamilton, and give it to all who buy Daily Word for the first time, and also to the ever-enthusiastic present subscribers."

WAYS TO ENJOY DAILY WORD

Daily Word can help you to better understand yourself and your world and to deal positively with whatever life brings to you. The consistent application of spiritual ideas can make each day an adventure and deepen your awareness of the powers and potentials within you. The following suggestions should be helpful to you in using Daily Word effectively:

SPARKPLUGS

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Using the interpretation that God's good can be found in everything, the opening prayer can be, "I know God's good is everywhere. Have a secret box (a decorated shoe box) in the classroom

to get the children's attention. The children will be curious about what is inside. Later in the lesson, maybe after a Bible story, you can tell them God is in the box. They will want to look inside. Ask the children to keep the secret of what they see. (The box contains a

mirror.) The point, of course, is that they see themselves and God's good in themselves.

When preparing this lesson, gather pictures, poems, and articles to go along with the lesson idea. Discuss with the (Continued on page 12)

1. Turn to the lesson for the day and read the affirmative prayer at the top of the page. Repeat it several times, even though it seems to be only a surface statement to you. You will find that this helps you change your attitude for the better.

2. Read the lesson all the way through. Read it again and underline those thoughts that especially appeal to you or seem helpful. Then begin to live with the lesson. Remember you have a deep well of feeling that must be tapped. Intellectual knowing is never enough. When your intellect is keyed to your feelings, you draw on the creative power that was implanted in you by the divine Creator.

It will help you to ask yourself some questions. "What rests most heavily on my heart at this moment?" "What do I have to do this day that is more important than anything else?" "Am I willing to change my mind?" "Am I really using my creative power?" "How does this lesson apply to me?"

3. Read the Scripture at the bottom of the page. At first it may not seem meaningful, but remember that the Bible continues to be the greatest source of inspiration available to those who really try to understand it.

4. Daily Word is prepared in a size that can be carried in a pocket or purse. Keep it with you so you may reread it or refer to it through the day as you have the opportunity. Many business people have two subscriptions--one for the office and one for the home, so that the daily lessons are always available.

5. Use the lesson and prayers for others--those who are in your heart and thoughts, those who have special needs. Prayer should be shared. Many letters that come to Silent Unity, the Prayer Department of Unity, say, "In praying for others I found deeper meaning in life for myself."

Daily Word is a magazine designed for you to live by. Every lesson is written with the prayerful motivation of helping you find answers to your needs and the fulfillment of your most cherished aspirations. The many letters received by the editors of Daily Word give proof that lives are being changed and tremendous progress is being made in the spiritual growth of those who are faithful to the use and discipline of Daily Word.

WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL



James (Jim) Sproul, Data Processing manager, and Virginia Wilson, Data Entry superintendent. (Photo by Tony LaTona.)

Responsive, capable, and dedicated people conduct the efficient computer center at Unity School. Two of these are **James (Jim) Sproul**, Data Processing manager, and **Virginia Wilson**, Data Entry superintendent.

"The objective of the computer programs at Unity School," says Jim, "is to provide better and faster service for more than two million individuals whose names and addresses comprise eleven reels of magnetic tape. With the assistance of the IBM 370-135 computer system, response to requests takes just a day or two.

"The need for an automatic electronic system for clerical functions and record keeping became apparent in the late 1960's when the number of people requesting information or literature grew rapidly. The computer allowed this increased volume to be handled efficiently," states Jim.

Jim came to Unity School during the summer of 1967 as a systems analyst to help design the present system. He says programs are reviewed and modified periodically for increased efficiency and changing need. Two recent changes are on line data entry (direct input to the computer) and

installation of an optical character reader (OCR).

Jim and his wife **Gay** have raised two sons and a daughter and recently moved to a new home in Lee's Summit. They are avid golfers on Unity's golf course when they can spare time between home projects. Jim likes fishing but admits he has not been able to schedule hook-and-line time lately. Jim and Gay are interested in dog shows because Gay is a dog-obedience trainer.

To show how the computer works, let us follow placement of a new UNITY Magazine subscription request into the computer. The names and addresses of all subscribers to Unity periodicals are on magnetic tape. We begin as the name and address reach the Data Entry department, the area supervised by Virginia Wilson.

Virginia Wilson has conscientiously served in this area since 1968, although she first came to work at Unity in 1951. She and her husband **Tom** are residents of Lee's Summit, and have two sons and a daughter. When she can spare the time she likes sewing, toile painting, and playing or listening to classical music. Virginia just completed a sewing project, a double wedding ring quilt for her second son's recent wedding.

The example UNITY Magazine subscription request would enter the system through one of twenty CRT (cathode ray tube) machines in Virginia's department. Coded information is keyed, or fed into these machines (which look like television sets with typewriter keyboards) by data entry operators. The subscription, now translated into machine language, becomes part of a program.

Computer room operators set up the computers for each program run and load programs into the Central Processing Unit. The CPU is the heart of the system; all information processed must first go through the CPU where it can be modified if need be, and routed to one of the output devices attached to the computer. These output devices include the magnetic tape unit on which our example subscription is now included. The new subscriber will automatically receive the magazine the next time that particular program is run once the name and address become part of the record system.

As it is directed by Jim and Virginia and their staffs, this massive rapid clerical and record keeping system is a great benefit to Unity School and the two and a half million people who rely on communication from Unity.

SPARKPLUGS

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children how Jeff felt his freckles were a problem and how he found the good in them. Encourage the children to talk about what they might think is a problem and what good can be found for them in their situation.

Use a Bible story in which something seemed bad but turned out good such as the story of Joseph being sold into slavery by his brothers. Perhaps you can present the story with cutout figures on a flannel

board. The Bible verse could be Genesis: 50:20, "As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good..."

After the Bible story is an appropriate time to introduce the secret box. The children will see themselves in the mirror and God's good in themselves in a new way. A good take-home project would be pictures of the children drawn or pasted on paper with what they thought were their problems written down and the good they now find, such as, "freckles--friend spots." The closing prayer can be, "Thank

you, God, for helping me always find Your good."

Subjects often come up in a class situation that have nothing to do with the lesson, such as the death of a family member or friend. Many teachers collect stories from WEE WISDOM for a classroom file on major life events such as death, a new baby, moving, etc. Sometimes it is more important to move from the planned lesson into the unexpected problem and stories collected from WEE WISDOM can help.

DIAL-A-PRAYER MESSAGES!

Here are five Dial-A-Prayer messages from Phillip & Dorothy Pierson, co-ministers of Christ Unity Church, Sacramento, 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 for CONTACT to be shared with our ministers in a forthcoming issue.

Blessed one—

God is love. Not God is loving, but God is love. Since there is only the one presence and one power, God, and God is love, how can man abide in any unloving condition such as fear? Perhaps we forget that we abide in God, in love, but God never forgets man.

When you hold to the thought of God as love, when you hold to the thought of yourself abiding in God, you find repose and rest. No longer are you bound to any distorted picture of yourself, your place, or your purpose. No longer are you limited by named or unnamed conditions. Mental distress is relieved. Your mind is now fearless, and you are at ease. God is love and you have your being in God—

God bless you!

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Blessed one—

God has given you the amazing gift of creating your own life through your thoughts and words. His creative power is being directed by your thoughts and words to create in your life.

Let us therefore be sure we are creating a happy, healthy, joy-filled, successful life. Fill your mind with happy things! Fill your mind with thoughts of life, health, abundance, harmony, order—all things that are good. Realize that in so doing you are assuring yourself of being

free from the negative things in your life. As you think and speak God's good you create good and destroy the negative. Fill your mind with happy thoughts today and see God's good brought forth. "For as he thinketh within himself, so is he."

God bless you!

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Blessed one—

Relaxation is the key to many doors. Relaxation is the key to health. When we are relaxed God's healing life can flow freely through us to restore us. Relaxation is the key to beauty. When we are relaxed, peace and serenely take the place of lines of anxiety and tenseness in our face. Relaxation is the key to prosperity and many other doors of good.

The question then is how to relax. When we pray rightly we find we always relax. When we pray knowing the Truth of God's love, it is like being warmed by the sun. As we pray in the consciousness of God's love we gain a peace and warmth that relaxes mind and body. Take time to pray—take time to relax. God bless you!

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Dear one—

The Spirit of God in you is mighty to

heal, to uplift, and to bless you! Never underestimate the Spirit of God in you!

Whatever your need right now, whatever your desire, the Spirit breathed into you in the beginning the life, love, intelligence, power, and substance to fill your every need, to bring forth the fulfillment of your desired good. It is not outside of you. It is within you. The answer begins in the conviction of faith. Be still. Listen within and let this word do its perfect work: "The Spirit of God in me is mighty!"

God bless you!

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Dear one—

So much depends on our viewpoint in life. If we remember that we are Spiritual beings and that we live, move, and have our being in God, then we see with eyes that see good, or God, in everything. Take your stand in faith. Like the Psalmist who tells us, "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I" let us climb to that level of faith where we may see as God sees. Let us view ourselves as perfect in essence, capable of bringing forth perfection in mind, body, and affairs. Let us see our fellow man with eyes that see the God-self within. Let us see our world as the good world God created. Join this ministry in the prayer: "I see myself as God sees me; strong, whole, and free."

God bless you!

IN MEMORIAM

Eve Anne Edeen made her transition in June 1978. Eve began studying Unity in 1934 and was employed at Unity School from 1936 until 1942. She was ordained in 1948 and served in Pontiac, Michigan, and in Detroit Unity Temple from 1950 to 1955. She was minister of Lakeside Unity Center in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, from 1956 until her retirement in 1963.

On July 27 we received word that **Gertrude Crossar** made her transition. Gertrude, a Unity licensed teacher, served as teacher and counselor for our Unity work in San Gabriel, California, before her retirement.

As Eve and Gertrude continue on the eternal voyage of life, our prayers and blessings are with them.

In August AUC received word that **Kathy Dawson**, twenty-one year old daughter of **Carolyn** and **Jim Dawson**, Austin, Texas, made her transition.

She had been ill for some time and was receiving treatment when her soul chose to leave this expression.

Let your love enfold her and her family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 2-5 Eastern Regional Conference, Pawling, New York
- 7 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, conducted by Lani Jones
- 7 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity of Denver, Colorado, conducted by Joy Powell
- 7-13 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- 14 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity on the Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri, conducted by Lani Jones
- 14 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Church of Christianity, Houston, Texas, conducted by Joy Powell
- 14-27 UICE-Session 5, Unity Village, Missouri
- 17-20 Southeastern Regional Minister/Teacher Conference, Birmingham, Ala., hosted by Unity of Birmingham
- 19-20 Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of Unity of Birmingham, Ala.
- 21 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Church of Omaha, Neb., conducted by Lani Jones
- 28- Nov. 10 UICE-Session 6, Unity Village, MO

NOVEMBER

- 13-18 Skill Development Seminar, Unity Village, Missouri
- 18-24 Thanksgiving at Unity, Unity Village, Missouri
- 23 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 25 Christmas

SEPTEMBER

- 9-5 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 15-17 Sierra Retreat, Waystation, South Shore, Lake Tahoe, California
- 17-20 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Decatur, Illinois, hosted by Unity of Decatur
- 23 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Christ Church Unity, San Jose, California, conducted by Shirley Bonham
- 23-29 Harvest Festival Retreat Unity Village, Missouri
- 24 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Church of Truth, Spokane, Washington, conducted by Margaret Skidmore
- 25-28 Executive Committee meetings, Unity Village, Missouri
- 30 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Church of Truth, Seattle, Washington, conducted by Karen Johnston
- 30 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Village Chapel, conducted by Lani Jones
- 30 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity of Denver, conducted by Joy Powell

**Plan
Ahead
1979**

JANUARY

- 3-5 Northern California Regional Retreat, Carmel, California
- 14-18 AUC Mid-Year Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

APRIL

- 23-26 SCUCA Regional Conference, Denver, Colo., hosted by Unity Church of Denver

JUNE

- 10-21 AUC Pre-Conference & Conference Unity Village, Missouri

AUGUST

- 12-18 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- 19-24 YAU Retreat, Unity Village, MO