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AUC President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I would like to have you think with me about Committee service. Specifically, I have in mind the following:

Project '82

First of all, there are still opportunities for service on the Project '82 Committee. This important committee will be working under chairman **Jim Lewis** to draft a five-year growth plan for our Association. I have asked Jim to expand the scope of this committee to include a master growth plan for the next two decades, which will bring us up to the 21st century.

Hymn Book Committee

In June, Paul Barrett appointed a small Hymn Book Committee to coordinate with Unity School. As we come closer to developing a joint hymnal, we may need to enlarge this committee. We may also need advisors to the committee. If you have expertise in the area of musical composition—words and music—or in judging hymns suitable for Unity congregations, or if you have outstanding lay people in your church whose musical knowledge would be useful, please let me know. It would also be very helpful if you would send me, for my file, a brief resume of the person with the musical experience.

Group Services Committee

Also in June, Paul appointed a Board Committee (**Joyce Kramer, Robert Wasner, and David McClure**) to investigate hospital and medical plans other than Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Subsequently, in a conversation with Stan, he suggested having a standing committee for Group Services for the purpose of reviewing hospital, medical and dental insurance; retirement plans; investment plans, etc. Should your interests lie in this area, please let me hear from you regarding your willingness to serve on this committee.

Guidelines for Committees

Now I would like to share with you



R. Bernard Dozier

three points which will, hopefully, clarify the relationship between the Board and Board Committees. Through the years we have all heard complaints from committee members that their committee lacks authority, that they cannot do anything, that they feel frustrated by lack of accomplishment.

According to Robert's Rules of Order:

1. *Committees are extensions of the Board.*

Committees are not autonomous bodies with power of decision and action.

2. *Board Committees report to the appointing body, i.e., the Board of Directors.*

In keeping with this procedure, committee reports will no longer be presented to the conference body by committee chairpersons. Instead, we will follow the parliamentary procedure which calls for action taken on committee reports to be presented by the President in his Board report to the conference body. Copies of each committee report will, however, be available upon request by any voting member of the committee.

3. *Reports of Committees will be the property of the Board.*

In the past, when the Board has made certain alterations in committee reports there have been some who have

felt that the Board was trying to squelch or ride rough-shod over the committee. Again, may I remind you that our committees are extensions of the Board, and we should never get into a position where the tail wags the dog. Every member of every committee should be aware that, when a committee report is given to the Board, the Board may either modify or delete any portion thereof. It may agree or disagree, accept or reject, act or take no action.

Awareness of these points can prevent misunderstanding about the way that a committee functions.

Committee Reports

The Board has determined that it would be desirable to have more uniformity in committee reports. **Jim Sherman** has volunteered to mail all committee chairpersons guidelines from Robert's Rules of Order relating to committee reports.

Following up on what I have previously written about ministerial commitments to long-term ministries, I want to do an article soon on how churches and church boards need to make corresponding commitments to church ministries. I will be depending on your response to some questions, since there are many church boards needing to hear what you have to share. The questions are: What is your church doing to make your ministry so attractive that you would not want to leave? Are there special incentives, bonuses and benefits which you receive and which you would like to see other ministries receiving?

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernard".

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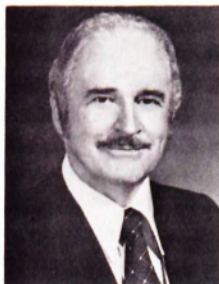
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First and second-year Ministers-in-Training meet together for Monday morning Chapel Services; for bi-weekly Silent Unity Healing Meetings; for a one-hour weekly session on Center Operations; for Integratives; for MT/Faculty Meetings.

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	Communications Skills	(Paul Barrett)
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AVAILABLE. . . .

for special programs on Biblical Archaeology, to be presented by the Reverend Tom Newman and the Reverend Louise Newman, Christ Church Unity, Brookline, Massachusetts; the subjects are as follows:

A Reappraisal of the Origins of Yahwaism in the Light of Archaeological Discoveries at Qurrayah

A Reinterpretation of John 4 in the Light of Archaeological Evidence at Tell-er-Ras

A Recent Sight Survey of Ancient Ebla. The Importance of Eblaite Materials for Biblical Students

Palestinian Ceramic Chronology as a Guide to Biblical History. Household Lamps Throughout the Biblical Period

New Evidence of Pauline Influence at Caesarea Maritima

Tom and Louise have expressed their willingness to present any of these programs to any interested Unity center, without charge.

For further information, write: The Reverend Thomas D. Newman or The Reverend Louise J. Newman, Christ Church Unity, Colchester and Chapel Streets, Brookline, Massachusetts 02146.

SMRS GRADUATION AND ORDINATION

Pictured below is the Graduation and Ordination Class of 1978. Services were held in the Unity Village Activities Center on the evening of August 11. Next to each person's name is his or her placement. This list is given so that you may send a note to each of these new Ministers, extending to each a warm welcome into the family of Unity Field Ministers. We hope that you will take a minute to do this, for it is sure to mean a great deal to them.



FRONT ROW, left to right: **Sheila Banta** (*awaiting placement*); **Linda Pendergrass**, Unity Village, Missouri; **Barbara Van De Vyvere**, Lynchburg, Virginia; **Marilyn Blessing-Hungerford**, Lakeland, Florida (*co-minister with husband, Bob*); **Kathryn Garton**, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; **Marlene Wolford**, Joplin, Missouri; **Lee Byrns**, Evansville, Indiana (*co-minister with husband, John*); **Ngaire Thomson**, Sydney, Australia; **Kit Neagle**, Kansas City, Missouri (*co-minister with husband, Dennis*); and **Diane Sickler** (*awaiting placement*).

SECOND ROW, left to right: **Paul C. Barrett**, Director of Ministerial Education; **John Davis** (*awaiting placement*); **Mick Dustin**, Unity School of Christianity; **Janet Bowser**, Unity School of Christianity; **Linda Spencer**, Springfield, Illinois; **Pat Staples**, Montclair, New Jersey; **Bernard Dozier**, AUC President; **Glory Andersen**, Pensacola, Florida; **Jeri Andersen** (*awaiting*

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THIRD ROW, left to right: **Augustine Njoku**, taking further college training at Northwestern University, Macomb, Illinois; **Don Knight**, Detroit, Michigan; **Wayne Manning**, Unity School of Christianity; **Alec Evason**, Crystal Lake, Illinois; **Rod McCallum**, Missoula, Montana; **Robert Eagan**, Jackson, Mississippi; **Bill Newsom** (*awaiting placement*); **William Kellar**, Chula Vista, California; **Brian Eenigenburg**, Holly Hill, Florida; **Marvin Anderson**, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; **Marc Glover**, Salt Lake City, Utah; **Yves LaFontant**, Allentown, Pennsylvania; **Alan Stanley**, Fairfax, Virginia; and **William Modes**, Billings, Montana.

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offer some programs which will keep these men interested.

Marie Pare and **Chris Anderson** are our group coordinators. They are doing a fantastic job.

The purpose of our group is, of course, growth. But more than that, its purpose is that of support, involvement, and development of our own

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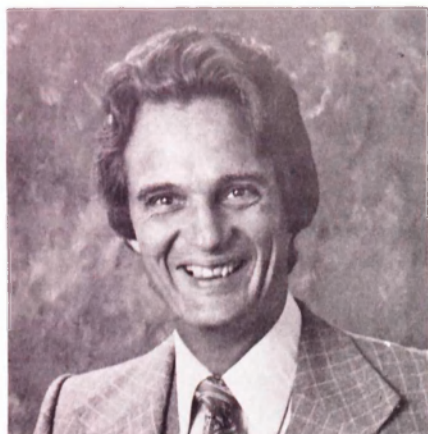
The first meeting of the year was held in late September, at which time we considered a new name for our group. Too many people have felt that S.O.S. sounds like a "distress signal"... and we certainly are not in distress! When the new name is selected, we'll let you know. We feel that this will provide a real face-lift for our group. The faculty members are very supportive

and have offered their services to us in the form of seminars, workshops, and classes on subjects of our own choosing. We've also discovered a wealth of talent among our members, many of whom have already volunteered their special contributions.

It looks like a great year ahead for the other-half-of-the-Ministers-in-Training.

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	Credo Preparation	(Phil White)

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First and second-year Ministers-in-Training meet together for Monday morning Chapel Services; for bi-weekly Silent Unity Healing Meetings; for a one-hour weekly session on Center Operations; for Integratives; for MT/Faculty Meetings.

AVAILABLE . . .

for special programs on Biblical Archaeology, to be presented by the Reverend Tom Newman and the Reverend Louise Newman, Christ Church Unity, Brookline, Massachusetts; the subjects are as follows:

A Reappraisal of the Origins of Yahwaism in the Light of Archaeological Discoveries at Qurrayah

A Reinterpretation of John 4 in the Light of Archaeological Evidence at Tell-er-Ras

A Recent Sight Survey of Ancient Ebla. The Importance of Eblaite Materials for Biblical Students

Palestinian Ceramic Chronology as a Guide to Biblical History. Household Lamps Throughout the Biblical Period

New Evidence of Pauline Influence at Caesarea Maritima

Tom and Louise have expressed their willingness to present any of these programs to any interested Unity center, without charge.

For further information, write: The Reverend Thomas D. Newman or The Reverend Louise J. Newman, Christ Church Unity, Colchester and Chapel Streets, Brookline, Massachusetts 02146.

SMRS GRADUATION AND ORDINATION

Pictured below is the Graduation and Ordination Class of 1978. Services were held in the Unity Village Activities Center on the evening of August 11. Next to each person's name is his or her placement. This list is given so that you may send a note to each of these new Ministers, extending to each a warm welcome into the family of Unity Field Ministers. We hope that you will take a minute to do this, for it is sure to mean a great deal to them.



FRONT ROW, left to right: **Sheila Banta** (*awaiting placement*); **Linda Pendergrass**, Unity Village, Missouri; **Barbara Van De Vyvere**, Lynchburg, Virginia; **Marilyn Blessing-Hungerford**, Lakeland, Florida (*co-minister with husband, Bob*); **Kathryn Garton**, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; **Marlene Wolford**, Joplin, Missouri; **Lee Byrns**, Evansville, Indiana (*co-minister with husband, John*); **Ngaire Thomson**, Sydney, Australia; **Kit Neagle**, Kansas City, Missouri (*co-minister with husband, Dennis*); and **Diane Sickler** (*awaiting placement*).

SECOND ROW, left to right: **Paul C. Barrett**, Director of Ministerial Education; **John Davis** (*awaiting placement*); **Mick Dustin**, Unity School of Christianity; **Janet Bowser**, Unity School of Christianity; **Linda Spencer**, Springfield, Illinois; **Pat Staples**, Montclair, New Jersey; **Bernard Dozier**, AUC President; **Glory Andersen**, Pensacola, Florida; **Jeri Andersen** (*awaiting*

placement); **Antoinette Popp** (*awaiting placement*); **Leila Fischer**, St. Louis, Missouri; **Ralph Seelig**, Brighton, England; and **William L. Fischer**, Former Director of Ministerial Education, Delray Beach, Florida.

THIRD ROW, left to right: **Augustine Njoku**, taking further college training at Northwestern University, Macomb, Illinois; **Don Knight**, Detroit, Michigan; **Wayne Manning**, Unity School of Christianity; **Alec Evason**, Crystal Lake, Illinois; **Rod McCallum**, Missoula, Montana; **Robert Eagan**, Jackson, Mississippi; **Bill Newsom** (*awaiting placement*); **William Kellar**, Chula Vista, California; **Brian Eenigenburg**, Holly Hill, Florida; **Marvin Anderson**, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; **Marc Glover**, Salt Lake City, Utah; **Yves LaFontant**, Allentown, Pennsylvania; **Alan Stanley**, Fairfax, Virginia; and **William Modes**, Billings, Montana.

S.O.S. REPORT

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offer some programs which will keep these men interested.

Marie Pare and **Chris Anderson** are our group coordinators. They are doing a fantastic job.

The purpose of our group is, of course, growth. But more than that, its purpose is that of support, involvement, and development of our own

potential.

The first meeting of the year was held in late September, at which time we considered a new name for our group. Too many people have felt that S.O.S. sounds like a "distress signal"... and we certainly are not in distress! When the new name is selected, we'll let you know. We feel that this will provide a real face-lift for our group. The faculty members are very supportive

and have offered their services to us in the form of seminars, workshops, and classes on subjects of our own choosing. We've also discovered a wealth of talent among our members, many of whom have already volunteered their special contributions.

It looks like a great year ahead for the other-half-of-the-Ministers-in-Training.

Blessings,

Patty Edwards

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:

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA—Kathryn Garton, Ordinand, began her service in this center on September 24. She is a graduate of Vassar College, with a BA in Philosophy, and holds a Master's Degree in the Philosophy of Education from the University of Kentucky. While at Unity Village, Kate expressed her literary, musical, and dramatic talents by writing and participating in a number of dramatic productions. She believes in the Unity message of wholeness, which encourages us to embrace life rather than retreat from it.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA—Jim Sims will begin serving this ministry on September 20, having previously served as Senior Minister in Unity centers in North Hollywood and Burbank, California, and at Unity of Sedona, Arizona. His ministry embodies the ideal of personal expansion, conveying a clear perception of our true estate as Spiritual Beings, and what this means in joy, wealth, health, personal fulfillment and love. Jim will be accompanied to his new post by his wife, Elizabeth, and his two sons, Mike, age 16, and Joel, age 5.

BOULDER, COLORADO—Jack Groverland will arrive to take over this ministry on September 10, coming from San Angelo, Texas, where he started with a study group of thirty-five and, in two years, built up a thriving center which occupies its own facilities and has a growing building fund reflecting a fine Prosperity Consciousness. Prior to entering the ministry, Jack was a professional TV, advertising, drama and film writer. Besides being a dedicated minister, he is a devoted husband and the father of three children, ages 8, 4, and 2.

JOPLIN, MISSOURI—Marlene Wolford, Ordinand, has been accepted into this ministry effective September 10. For the three years immediately preceding her entry into SMRS, Marlene worked with the Unity Study Group in Warren-Youngstown, Ohio, a satellite of Akron Unity Center of Truth; under her guidance and tutelage, this fine group has come to full center status, ready for an ordained Unity minister, after having struggled for 29 years to get off the ground. Marlene's husband, Ted Conner, has a background of 30 years experience in radio and TV broadcasting, a profession which he plans to follow while also providing loving, spiritual support for his wife's new ministry.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—Marc Glover, Ordinand, assumed the duties of minister to this growing unfolding Outreach Ministry on September 3. Marc, a graduate of the University of Kansas with a degree in Petroleum Engineering, devoted fifteen years to a most successful career in international sales of petroleum products, during the course of which he resided in Maracaibo, Venezuela; Paris, France; and Singapore. For the four years before his entrance into SMRS he was active in the Unity Center of Practical Christianity, New York City, where he studied under Eric Butterworth; here he started the "Overcomer's Forum," to which he taught the practical application of spiritual principles in overcoming personal challenges. Under his guidance and direction this group grew to a regular weekly attendance of 50 and became so popular that it continued as one of the regular center activities after his departure. Marc's expertise in administrative matters, added to his warm, loving, and enthusiastic expression of the Unity teaching, should make the development of this center an exciting Spiritual experience.

DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA—Word has just been received that William L. Fischer, former Administrative Director of SMRS, will be serving as co-minister with Mary Kupefurle at this center, effective immediately. In response to the warm and loving invitation extended to him by the membership of Unity of Delray Beach, Bill has agreed to remain in this position through next Easter, after which he will make the decision on his permanent status. We know that Bill, Mary, and the entire congregation will all be blessed by this wonderful association which is evidence of the beautiful movement of Spirit.

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI—Robert K. Eagan, Ordinand, has accepted the invitation of this enthusiastic, growing, prospering group. Bob's background and experience in working with the Unity Chapel Sunday School, his service as sponsor of the Young Adults of Unity at Unity Village (a group which increased from a membership of six to over sixty under his sponsorship), plus his wonderful contribution to the Spiritual unfoldment of members of Unity centers in Florida, Tennessee, Kansas, Washington State, and Canada to whom he carried his seminars on Interpersonal Relationships, indicate the scope of the talents and abilities which Bob brings to his new ministry. He began in his new post on August 27.

SANTA DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—Maria and Luis Molinary have, through the guidance of Spirit, been led to accept the co-ministry of this large Spanish-speaking ministry. Since 1972, the Molinarys have served as leaders of Unity Panamericano in New York. We bless them in their decision to bring their high consciousness and their love into this center and anticipate with joy the progressive unfoldment which is sure to take place.

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA—Glory Andersen, Ordinand, began her ministry in this rapidly growing Gulf Coast Community on or about the 17th of September. Glory has been deeply involved with Unity since the age of 6, having received her early indoctrination in Unity of Detroit's Sunday School. During her years as Minister-in-Training, she was active at Unity Temple in Kansas City, serving as Assistant Superin-

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SPARKPLUGS—A Summary of a Story from UNITY Magazine

Adults generally accept Halloween as an evening set aside for youngsters to dress in costume, travel from house to house, and beg treats or threaten possible tricks. However, Halloween has metaphysical implications for adults, believes **Margaret Pounders**, who wrote "Trick or Treat!" which appears in the October issue of UNITY Magazine.

Field ministers may want to incorporate some of her ideas regarding the symbolism of Halloween and its meaning and uses into the Sunday service or sermon closest to Halloween.

The author describes three costumed children, a witch, a ghost, and a monster, who come to her door one dark Halloween night. She considers what these characterizations could mean in our lives. The witch could symbolize fears regarding powers or forces outside ourselves; the goast, guilts, regrets, and tendencies to hold on to things of the past; and the monster, anxieties we feel concerning the future, the unknown, or the unexpected.

Margaret Pounders illustrates her ideas further as she describes a personal illness experience. She countered the illness (a monster of her own mental making) by using affirmations.

She describes several more ways people can deal with monsters conjured out of their minds by using Truth principles. She believes Truth students can "treat" (a "treatment" being a raising of spiritual consciousness to accomplish healing) the goblins, ghosts, and witches of their minds rather than permit the goblins to "trick" them.

When we "treat" the apparitions of our minds we increase the abundance of life, she says, but when we allow ourselves to be "tricked" our joy is lessened. Monsters, she believes, grow on our negative thought.

Halloween reminds us to use the power of denial to free ourselves of erroneous beliefs; the witches, ghosts, and monsters of the mind. By using denial we will triumph over the phantoms of Halloween. By using affirmations we will arise to the day following Halloween, All Saints Day, a day when holy persons are recognized. She believes Truth students are to be counted among the saints.

Her closing thought--"...do not let those personal goblins trick you. Give them a special treat--the Truth!"

Look for "Trick or Treat!" on page 4, UNITY Magazine, October, 1978.

"THE TROUBLE with the man who talks too fast is that he oftens says something he hasn't thought of yet."

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tendent of the Sunday School, head of the Uniteens Group, and teacher of the Builders' Class and the Business Women's Class. While working as Assistant Chaplain at Truman Medical Center East, she did counseling in the wards and with the long term care patients; in addition, she conducted seminars for the hospital staff and volunteers. Additionally, she worked at the Lansing State Prison, participating in weekly study groups and monthly Sunday service at both the men's and the women's prisons. The loving, understanding, compassion which she has exhibited in these varied facets of her training has helped her in her recognition of the divine nature indwelling all mankind.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS—Unity of Springfield, the Captiol City, has announced the selection of **Linda Spencer**, Ordinand, to begin her service as minister to this warm and friendly congregation on or about the first of October. Linda hails from Olympia, Washington, where she worked as secretary and assistant to the minister prior to her enrollment in SMRS. While a Minister-in-Training, she was secretary to Lou Bass in the Unity School Music Department. Linda will be accompanied in her move to Springfield

by her eight-year-old son, **Scott**.

UNITY VILLAGE, MISSOURI—**Michael E. Dustin**, Ordinand, has been chosen as Help-Line Coordinator for Unity School. In this position, Mick will have the responsibility for screening and training of volunteers for this service. In addition, he will continue to carry out his duties as a Counselor in the Unity Counseling and Resource Center. He is particularly well-qualified for both these important and valuable posts, having taught Truth classes in the Kansas women's prison as well as initiating an extremely successful pilot program in the Jackson County (Missouri) Jail, affording many persons confined there the opportunity for personal self-discovery and spiritual development. During the six years he served in the U.S. Navy, Mick devoted most of his off-duty hours to councils on base relations, human development, and personnel supervision. From this broad spectrum, he draws a deep understanding of "people problems," which he is demonstrably capable of handling with skill and compassion as he sees the Christ in all those who appeal to him for help.



YOUTH OF UNITY AND YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY REPORTS

by
Greg Barrette

NEW INTERNATIONAL Y.O.U. OFFICERS:

President—John Farman, La Crescenta, California
First Vice-President—Alethea Jones, Bellevue, Washington
Second Vice-President—Tony Blain, West Palm Beach, Florida

Youth of Unity Report—Your enthusiastic YOU'ers have recently returned from Conference, but it is not too soon to be thinking about who will be sent next year. Many ministers wish to have a say in who gets to go, for the YOU'ers truly represent their center at Unity Village.

Being a YOU delegate is an earned privilege, not a right. Although a minister may wish to have veto power over the selection, many choose a point-system as an objective means of determining who most deserves this privilege.

Here is a sample point-system:

Class attendance:	50 <i>(one point per week-less two at conference time)</i>
Service to the Center:	20 <i>(offer opportunities to volunteer-in the nursery, helping elderly members, ushering, weeding, etc.)</i>
Hold a YOU Office:	10 <i>(chapter, regional, or international)</i>
Sponsor Evaluation:	20 <i>(subjective)</i> 100 <i>(total points possible)</i>

Each YOU'er who is selected for Conference should have attended at least one regional rally. This prepares the YOU'er for the intense Conference experience and gives the sponsor an opportunity to observe how the YOU'er handles a collective YOU activity away from home. This is vital.

Also, YOU Conference is for youths with whole personalities to learn growth. It is not the place to send disturbed youths. Please understand how strong the emotional currents are during that week. They are currents of good, but teenagers with emotional difficulties sometimes feel alienated because they cannot share the feelings of love. As much as we would like to help them, we lack the training for it and it is not fair to subject the other YOU'ers to having to deal with the problems that these individuals generate.

We know that divine wisdom guides the right YOU'ers to Conference.

Young Adults of Unity Report—We would like to compile an up-to-date mailing list of Young Adults (approximately ages 18-35). If you know of young adults who would like information on the annual retreat and other activities, please send their names and addresses to:

Y.A.U. Office
Association of Unity Churches
Unity Village, Missouri 64065

Photo by Peter Bradley, Unity Village News

WHO'S WHO AT UNITY SCHOOL



Pearl Post and Ruth Mullins in Mail Opening and Helen Jantsch in Finishing. (Photo by Tony LaTona.)

Written communication is an important part of the work of Silent Unity. People write by the thousands each day asking for prayer, to order periodicals, to support Unity outreach programs, and simply to express thanks. In turn, Silent Unity replies by letter to its many correspondents. In related departments of the written communications areas of Silent Unity, three women share a common bond; **Pearl Post** and **Ruth Mullins** in Mail Opening and **Helen Jantsch** in Finishing. They share an even stronger tie than simply related departmental functions or a deep commitment to the spiritual work of Silent Unity--their special bond is sisterhood.

Pearl Post, youngest of the trio, directs the activities of workers in Mail Opening. "As the name implies, mail comes here first for opening. Between 3,000 and 39,000 letters a day are read and those to be answered personally are forwarded to the letter analysts. We also keep a tally of donations and payment for publications we receive in the mail and enter these directly into the computer through department codes so part of our activity is for the accounting department," states Pearl.

Pearl came to work at Unity in 1942 and has been associated with Mail Opening since 1968. She and her husband, **LeRoy**, (he works in shipping) live in Raytown. She enjoys her home and grows beautiful flowers in her yard in her spare time.

Ruth Mullins, the middle sister, works at an adjoining desk in Mail Opening. Ruth is experienced on every job in the department and is often called upon for training new workers and filling in during workers' absences. Ruth and her husband, **Chester**, also live in Raytown. Their married son is training to be a pharmacist. Ruth says work is her favorite activity during the week but on weekends she is an outdoor person. Other than swimming she likes to work in her yard and enjoys the vegetables she and Chester grow in their large garden.

Helen Jantsch, the senior sister, has worked for Silent Unity since January 2, 1940. Helen and her husband, **Harry**, live in south Kansas City with their poodle, "J.J." Helen is proud of her ten grandchildren and is fond of needlework so she is making each an original hand-sewn quilt.

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Helen directs the operations of the Finishing department. This area finishes, by actually writing, letters composed by the letter analysts. "We can actually write about 18,000 a day," she says. "Our work is very specialized. For example, address problems are corrected here, the order desk fills orders for publications, and we answer pricing and research questions. We are able to answer letters in four languages; English, Spanish, German, and French and we select appropriate pamphlets for inclusion in the letters we send. Most retreat, U.I.C.E., and Unity Village Chapel letters are written here, too. What leaves this area is a finished letter, hence the name."

These sisters, all dedicated to their work, help make possible the rapid flow of personal communication between Silent Unity and the public. They perform a vital service both to their departments and to the many people who correspond with Unity School.

Clearinghouse

Unity Hymnals Available—Central Church of Religious Science in Cincinnati, Ohio, has a supply of Unity hymnals which they would like to make available.

"There are 100 hymnals in near new condition, 53 in good condition, and 21 in worn condition, for a total of 174. We are willing to release any or all for \$1.00 each plus C.O.D. charges."

If you feel your center could benefit from such an offer, you may write to: **Central Church of Religious Science, YWCA Building, Ninth & Walnut, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.**

Special Request—If you have on hand any books or other material covering the subject of suicide, please send to **Jim Dawson, Unity of Austin, 1115 West 12th Street, Austin, Texas 78703.**

For Sale—Three (3) used EEG machines, for bio-feedback. For price and additional information, call or write Minister-in-Training **Jerry Bartholow, c/o SMRS, Unity Village.**

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

Statement of General Funds Operations

Four Months Ended 7/31/78

INCOME—OPERATIONS:	July	Year to Date
Love Offering	\$31,161.90	\$130,059.50
Other Income	2,005.47	13,694.46
	<u>33,167.37</u>	<u>143,753.96</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	3,116.19	13,005.95
	<u>30,051.18</u>	<u>130,748.01</u>
Gross Profit Materials	3,146.82	6,523.75
Total Income	<u>33,198.00</u>	<u>137,271.76</u>
EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:		
Ministry Services	16,904.09	83,354.06
Ministerial Education	11,783.79	43,301.24
Total Expenses	<u>28,687.88</u>	<u>126,655.30</u>
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 4,510.12</u>	<u>\$ 10,616.46</u>

****PLEASE NOTE:** With this report you will see that Love Offerings are down 9% over last year and Year To Date is same % behind.

Let us know that "God is our abundant supply to vitalize the spread of Unity throughout His world."



REGIONAL NEWS

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with Robert Wasner:

Unity-by-the-Side-of-the-Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, is hosting an all-day seminar at The Cincinnati Club, Saturday, October 7, 1978. "Divine Audacity" is the theme of a morning and afternoon session featuring the Reverend Phil White of UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY in Unity Village. Phil White is Director of Education at Unity School. His favorite subject is the Bible which he brings to life in a delightful manner that inspires



Phil White

his listeners to "have ears to hear and eyes to see" the practical application of the Scriptures to their own soul's unfoldment.

Ginny Hinners, minister of Unity-by-the-Side-of-the-Road, adds, "We are indeed honored to again have Phil White as our guest. Area Unity Churches are cordially invited to attend this day with Phil."

The series is open to the Public on an adult-only basis. Kindly make reservations promptly.

"Registration for name tags, 9:00 a.m., Morning Lecture, 9:30-11:30. Lunch served at the Banquet Room of the Club from 12-1. Afternoon lecture is from 1:30-3:30, with Question and Answer period from 3:30-4:00.

"Offering for the day, including luncheon at the club:\$15.

was the site of our region's first retreat. On August 6th, approximately 250 people from 12 states began a week long "Mountain Top Experience." Thirteen ministers from the region shared the various duties of speaking, panel discussions, workshops, and meditations. Among those were **Jim Lewis, Wilma Powell, Sig and Jane Paulson, Donald Curtis, Bill Cameron, Marjorie Kass, George and Marilyn Rieger, Linda Babbish, Dan Kellerstrass, and Jack Groverland.** **Hypatia Hasbrouck** and her husband, **Dr. Lou Hasbrouck**, conducted a Healing workshop. **Bob Stevens**, from San Diego, was the special guest speaker. **Dorothy Curtis** taught an inspiring series of early morning Yoga classes.

An unforgettable moonlight hayride, as well as plenty of sightseeing time in the spectacular scenery made the retreat a totally renewing experience for everyone. An amateur talent show and a "get-acquainted" disco dance party added to the fun and laughter.

Plans are being made for an even better and larger retreat next year at the same location.

Special thanks to two beautiful soloists, **Winnie and Robyn**, and to the hard working staff of the **Denver Church**, who did so much detail work behind the scenes to make things run smoothly.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with William R. Clark:

The 1978 Southeastern Minister-Teacher Conference time is upon us. We are all eager to see you in Birmingham. The Schedule of Conference activities includes:

Sunday evening, October 15—A public meeting, designed to show Birmingham what Unity is all about; A.U.C. President, **Bernard Dozier**, will speak. **Monday, October 16**—We will present a Post Graduate Course, *Metaphysics of the Fill-mores*; on Monday evening; **Stan Hampson**, Director of Ministry Services, will speak at a public meeting. **Tuesday, October 17**—We will hold our business meeting. At this time any spouses who would like to tour the city of Birmingham and go on a shopping spree will be welcome to do so. Tuesday evening we will have our Banquet at a dinner theater, where the comedy, *Relatively Speaking*, will be presented. Be sure to mail your registration fee of \$15.00 for the Post Graduate Course, \$8:00 for the banquet, to Unity of Birmingham. Hurry, please!

In March, 1928, a lovely Unity Minister came to the Birmingham area. **Elsie Carr**, later **Elsie Eckert**, established Unity of Birmingham in that year. Since this is the fiftieth year for us, we cordially invite all ministers and teachers attending the Conference to remain for the celebration of this, our **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**. All members of your centers are also invited to attend this gala event. A wonderful, spiritual program has been planned for you. We thank you for your prayers and will rejoice in your attendance. For additional information, write to Unity of Birmingham, attention Mrs. Ruth Streetman.

Unity and Religious Science are jointly planning a tour of the Holy Land, for either the month of March or for the last
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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS with George Rieger:

Snow Mountain Ranch, in the beautiful Colorado Rockies,

Idea Exchange

PURPOSE OF THE UNITY MOVEMENT

Floyd Howard, minister in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, had an interesting article in his bulletin which we would like to share with you:

"Dear Unity Friends,

"During my flights to and from the AUC Conference in Unity Village recently, my thoughts were guided to the contemplation of the real purpose of the Unity movement. What was this great magnetic force that was drawing ministers and teachers from all around the world to share their time, money, and energies? What is the real purpose of the churches and centers that each one represented? Why should our own Christ Church Unity be represented?"

"The answer to these and many other questions came like a giant, warm wave of energy. (Perhaps flying 35,000 feet above the earth, surrounded by a myriad beautiful cloud formations, is more conducive to clear, strong answers to our questions.) SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS! The combined activities of Unity people everywhere are aimed at that ultimate goal of raising the overall consciousness of the whole evolutionary life wave of mankind. Our goal is not to form and serve an association of worldwide Unity churches, to have elections and a Board of Trustees, to set policy and participate in workshops. Our goal is to provide as many free-flowing channels for the Light of the Christ teachings as there are people.

"Our church is not just the minister, the Board of Direc-

tors, and members. Our church is not just the Worship Services, the Study Classes, and Prayer Panel. Our church will not be just the building that we someday hope to build. Our church is the SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS maintained by each individual who is a part of the activities. Its success or failure will not be determined by buildings, by numbers, or by dollars alone. Its growth and expansion are directly related to the overall consciousness, the prayers, and the attitudes of each person involved.

"You and I, dear friends, are the channels that form the spiritual consciousness that is Christ Church Unity. It is our prayers, our attitudes, our thoughts, words, and deeds that make up the building blocks in its very foundation. It is the application of Christ wisdom that forms its structure and the expression of Christ love that binds and harmonizes all of the input into one free-flowing channel of activity.

"The future of the organization that we know as Christ Church Unity is no longer contingent on its past. At the same time, the present status of our church need not be in bondage to thoughts that have been projected to the future. Our church is as strong and as successful as the SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS that we maintain in the now. It is in the everpresent now that our good is flowing to us.

"Join with me in knowing that our every need, our every good desire for Christ Church Unity are already here, in the now, ready for us to claim under the divine law of Truth."

REGIONAL NEWS

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of April. **William R. Clark**, Regional Representative, and **Roy Graves**, Area President of Religious Science, are working together on the arrangements for this tour and would like to have a few more interested persons to share this historical and spiritual experience. For further information, call or write Bill at Unity of Pompano Beach.

April is a busy month in the Southeastern Region, as it is in all of Unity. **Goodi** is planning a Retreat in Jamaica for the last week of the month. This has, in the past, proved to be a wonderful vacation for those of us who have been fortunate enough to attend. I'll have more information on this later, but if you wish to have all the interesting details ahead of time please write to me or to **Goodi—W.E. Goodison-Orr**, Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies.

Hal and Lassie Rosencrans, Unity of the Palm Beaches, are cruising again. This one will leave Miami Port on May 6, returning May 13. **Jack Boland** and **Charles King** will be aboard... this is a treat you won't want to miss. To learn more of the details, call or write **Hal and Lassie** in West Palm Beach.

When you are in the process of marking your calendar, please make a note of our next year's Retreat, to be held at the beautiful **Boca Raton Hotel and Club, Boca Raton, Florida**. I will be sending you more information on this later, so do watch for it.

These are only a few of the many upcoming opportunities for you to visit the beautiful Southeastern Region. Please plan now to come and share with us the true loving spirit of UNITY.

FLAG YOUR CALENDAR. . .

. . .for April 24-29, 1979, when the Second Cariblue Retreat will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The first Retreat, held in 1977, was such a tremendous success that we feel sure you will want to share in this upcoming experience. (The U.S. dollar is currently worth \$1.62 Jamaican, and may be worth even more by next April...but it will be a "Spiritual Bargain," regardless of cost!) Watch for more details.

DIAL-A-PRAYER MESSAGES!

Here are three Dial-A-Prayer messages from Norman Olsson, minister of Unity Church of San Antonio, Texas. 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, friend! This is Dial-A-Prayer—Unity answering your call.

...A clear mind is a positive, peaceful, productive mind. No matter how tired or confused one may get, going apart and getting still will restore clarity of thought and clear the personal mind. It is true, as Paul wrote, "We have the mind of Christ."

...If you have been struggling to learn something new, to master a new skill, to remember important matters, to maintain the mental control required in your life, then re-establish your consciousness in the mind of Christ. Affirm this truth: "I HAVE THE CLEAR, ALL-KNOWING MIND OF CHRIST. I THINK CLEARLY, LEARN EASILY, AND MY MEMORY IS PERFECT." This is a powerful affirmation that will help you center the forces of your mind and demonstrate your inherent spiritual abilities.

...Do not underrate your powers of mind by putting yourself down. Never say, "I have a poor memory"... "I just can't think straight"... or "It is too much for me to understand." You have the mind of Christ! In the quiet of meditation identify with your Christ nature. You can renew your consciousness by the power of the Spirit within. Call upon your true mind and your mental powers will not fail you. Have faith and trust your divine ability to think clearly, learn easily, and remember perfectly.

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Hello friend! This is Dial-A-Prayer—Unity. We welcome your call.

...It is important that we always be on friendly terms with the universe. Creation is the work of God. God declared it good and we should also. Whatever may seem to limit us or be out of order can usually be traced to human error and human judgment.

...Develop a friendly attitude toward the world and others, even though you may not always experience a friendly response. As you build an atmosphere of good will and appreciation that you are alive and part of a perfect creation, all the forces of the universe will prove to be working for your highest good. You will find yourself getting in tune with the Infinite and give less and less time and thought to discordant conditions and inharmonious relations.

...The friendship of God is strengthened in prayer. We can translate this unity of Spirit into friendship with all life. This high spirit of friendship will attract new friends, a needed companion, more successful social and business relationships. God's creation surrounds you with friendly laws and forces. "All things work together for good to them that love God."

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Hello friend! We thank you for calling Dial-A-Prayer—Unity.

...In human frustration a person might say "Why doesn't God do something?" The Truth is that God is always maintaining perfect order. God sustains all life and provides for every need. For our part, we must learn to let the Universal Spirit move through us and into our outer affairs to bring forth the inner perfection of the divine plan.

...A good way to demonstrate positive results for yourself and others is to refuse to be pressured by outer human demands. Even the anxiety for answered prayer can create excessive pressure upon a person. Jesus said "Be not anxious." That is a reliable and simple instruction to follow, yet few people have really overcome this perpetual motion of personal anxiety. Start now to relax physically, mentally, and spiritually. Let the Universal Spirit move freely in your mind and heart. Let the good you seek happen to you as a natural activity of life. Say to yourself, "I LET GO AND LET GOD. I AM EQUAL TO ALL THAT IS REQUIRED OF ME. TODAY I DO EVERYTHING IN THE EASE OF SPIRIT."

...Establish a trust in God to work for your highest good. Relax in the assurance that God's perfect work is now being done. Human reaction causes pressure, but spiritual poise will invite the whole action of God... Let it happen!

BIT-OF-HUMOR

Once in a while, when we're plowing the ground and preparing to plant the seeds for a new crop of CONTACT material, we turn up a golden nugget which we deem worthy of inclusion among these pages. One such surfaced in an SMRS group discussion. The subject was our new terminology—Ministers-in-Training instead of students—prompting Greg Barrette to inquire innocently, "Gee, does that mean we wear little training-wheels on our ankles while we're in the pulpit so we don't fall over?" It could, Greg. It could.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 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 of Unity 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, Alabama, hosted by Unity of Birmingham
- 19-20 Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of Unity of Birmingham
- 21 Youth Education Seminar, hosted by Unity Church of Omaha, Nebraska, conducted by Lani Jones
- 28- UICE—Session 6, Unity Village, Missouri
- Nov. 10

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- 25 Christmas

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JANUARY

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

APRIL

- 23-26 SCUCA Regional Conference, Denver, CO, hosted by Unity Church of Denver
- †24-29 Second Caribblue Retreat, Intercontinental Hotel, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, West Indies, hosted by Unity of Jamaica

JUNE

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

AUGUST

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