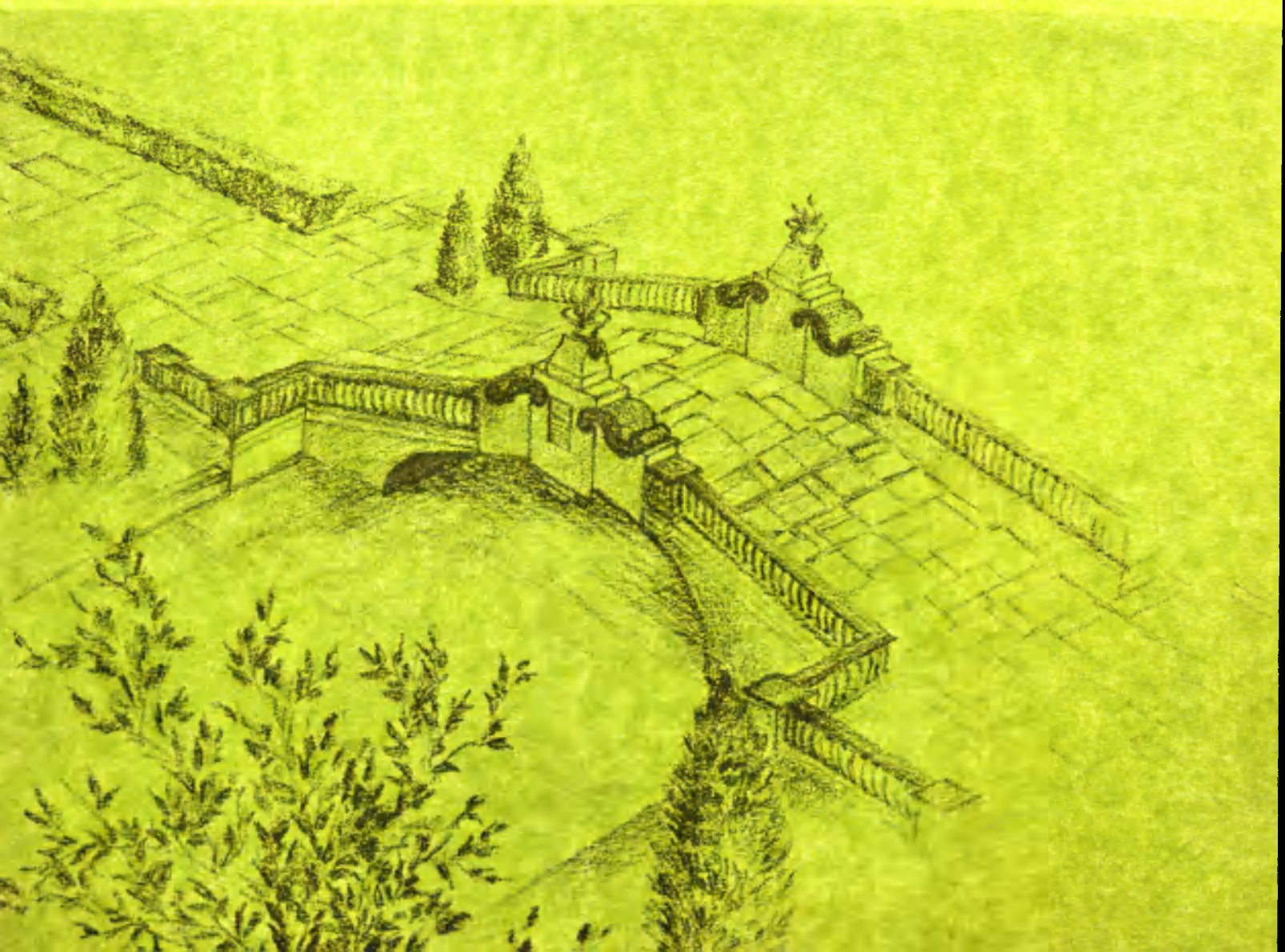


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There is only One Presence and One Power in my life, God the Good, Omnipotent. That Power is working through me now to create its own amazing channels of supply and experiences of success for me. Since giving is the first step in receiving, my generous giving to the Source sets me free from any ideas of limitation and truly prospers me. Divine love and order bless this wallet and always keep it filled. Thank you, Infinite Presence!

THE SECRET OF DEMONSTRATION IS to conceive what is true in Being and to carry out the concept in thought, word, and act. If you can conceive of an inexhaustible supply existing in the omnipresent ethers, then there is a way by which you can make that supply manifest. . . Turn the great energy of your thinking upon "plenty" ideas, and you will have plenty regardless of what others about you are saying or doing. . . The unfailing resource is always ready to give. It has no choice in the matter: it must give, for that is its nature. Pour your living words of faith into the omnipresent substance, and you will be prospered! — *Charles Fillmore*

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. — *Matthew 7:7,8.*

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Keeping Up

a monthly newsletter from Unity School,
Unity Village, Mo.

CASSETTE DEPARTMENT FEATURES DR. IRVING OYLE— **THE HEALING MIND**



Dr. Oyle, an osteopathic physician, was invited to make the keynote address before the Unity International Ministers and Teachers Conference in 1978. In his talk, Dr. Oyle gives a brief summary of the history and philosophy of medicine. He then moves into the new frontiers that are bringing science, religion, and philosophy together.

Dr. Oyle says that you cannot successfully treat a part of the body; you must treat the whole person. **THE HEALING MIND** is a single cassette tape which comes in a protective storage case. It is priced at \$5. Your discount is 40 percent.

NOTE FROM THE SALES DEPARTMENT

Frequently we receive renewals for periodicals with a notation that the address is "new" or "change of address."

We thank you for bringing this to our attention. However, to make that change and guarantee uninterrupted service, we also need the old address of the subscriber.

We appreciate this extra effort on your part to keep our subscriptions flowing smoothly.

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The following books will be advertised in forthcoming issues of **DAILY WORD** and **UNITY Magazine**.

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by Charles Roth, \$3.95.

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It would be appreciated if orders for these books and cassettes not be sent to the Sales Department before release dates.

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AUC President's Letter



R. Bernard Dozier

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Dear Friend,

Last month I talked with you about ways in which churches can be more responsible or make more of a commitment to their ministers. This month I want to continue this idea as I share with you the results of a survey I began last October regarding ministers' salaries. The survey form went out to almost 300 ordained ministers; out of this number about one-fourth responded. To be exact, 79 forms were returned to me. Of this total I have compiled the following statistics:

Total number of ministers responding to questionnaire . . .	79
Ministers who are self-employed	52
Ministers employed by the church	5
Ministers receiving a straight salary	25
Ministers receiving a straight commission	1
Ministers receiving base salary plus percentage of gross income	34
Ministers receiving base salary plus percentage of net income	11
Ministers receiving 40% to 50% of class offerings	18
Ministers receiving 50% of weddings	1
Ministers receiving 100% of weddings	65
Ministers receiving 100% of funerals	66
Ministers receiving 100% of counseling	15
Ministers receiving a percentage of bequests willed to the church	6
Ministers receiving housing	3

Other compensation features mentioned:

33 1/3% to 50% of church income other than building fund	1
50% of nondesignated income	1
50% of general funds	1
Base salary or 40% of gross, whichever is greater	1
Cost of living increase	1
Annual bonus	1
Church reimburses minister for IRS and Social Security payment (taxable income)	2

Fringe benefits mentioned:

Ministers receiving life insurance	7
Ministers receiving 50% to 100% Blue Cross/Blue Shield . . .	31
Ministers receiving car expense	15

Ministers receiving gasoline for church-related travel	2
Ministers receiving car allowance	17
Ministers having a car provided by the church	2
Ministers having a car leased by the church	0
Ministers reimbursed for club memberships (professional, social, civic, INTA, Ministerial Assoc., etc.) . . .	2
Ministers receiving a retirement plan	35
(MPPP)	12)
(Bankers Life)	8)
(Private)	3)

Other fringe benefits mentioned:

100% travel expenses paid for self and spouse to any Unity-related activities, anywhere	1
Discretionary fund for professional expenses	1
Conferences and schooling	2
Child-care allowance	1
Travel expense account	1
Minister's appreciation day	1

Question: Are you happy with your salary arrangement?

Answer: Yes--14; No--8

(Those answering "yes" but indicating a desire for additional benefits--5)

On 52 questionnaires, there was no question asked about happiness or unhappiness with salary arrangements, but there were 24 unsolicited comments. Of these:

Those indicating happiness with salary arrangement	4
Those indicating unhappiness with salary arrangement	20

Total number of respondents happy with salary arrangements	18
Total number of respondents unhappy with salary arrangements	33

On 27 questionnaires, the question was asked, "Do you feel that your salary arrangement is adequate for your present need?"

Answer: Yes--20; No--6.

Also, 27 of the questionnaires asked, "Do you feel that your salary arrangement is adequate for your future needs?"

Answer: Yes--17; No--10.

In response to the question, "If you are unhappy with your salary arrangement, what is the source of your dissatisfaction?", the following were the response:

1. Increases have not kept abreast of inflation or the increase of cash flow.
2. The salary isn't enough. Church income probably doesn't warrant too much more, however; nevertheless, the Board must know that faith in our real Source is necessary for proper growth.
3. The general membership does not feel that a minister should prosper.
4. There's a little dissatisfaction on the part of some Board members that I might make too much if the church were

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**INWARD,
ONWARD,
UPWARD!**

by R. Scott Sherman



Outreach Activities:

We are very pleased to share with you the announcement of a gracious gift given us by Unity School in support of our Outreach program again this year. You may not be aware that the School has been contributing, not only in support of our mailings for newly developing groups but also financially for the last several years. We here at the Association and the many ministers who have been helped are deeply appreciative.

TEMPE, ARIZONA—Last month I had the privilege of conducting the first membership meeting of the newly-developed Christ Church, Unity in Tempe, Arizona. Over 100 people were in attendance for this special service and meeting. A permanent Board of Directors was elected. The meeting was held after the Board of Trustees approved the church's application for membership. **Sune Richards** is the minister.

AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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to receive a large estate.

5. The Board seems to feel that they should run everything, including the amount of remuneration, but they have absolutely no responsibility or knowledgeable base to make this happen in a meaningful way.
6. Too low a view of the cost-of-living in this area.
7. The only hassle is the level of general fund income. Only occasionally does it exceed \$2,500 a month, and living on a salary of \$1,000 a month is hard for a family of five.
8. I could use more base salary.
9. There is an unwillingness on the part of the Board to talk openly with me about the whole salary package.

Next month I will continue sharing with you the results of the survey, and the honest feelings of the ministers regarding their salaries.

Blessings,

Bernard

HOUSTON, TEXAS—The Unity of All Life ministry in the north suburban area of Houston under the leadership of **Barry Knowles** has requested and received approval for a mailing to Unity correspondents in that area.

SALINA, KANSAS—The newly-developing group in Salina, Kansas, under the interim leadership of **John Davis**, has had their request for a Unity School mailing approved. Unity School correspondents in the area were notified of the existence of this newly-developing group in February.

Liaison Activities:

The liaison training program scheduled for January at Unity Village was postponed. This training session, intended primarily for GLURC and SCUCA ministers, was postponed mainly because of delays encountered during our mid-year meetings due to weather. This session is scheduled for **Wednesday afternoon and Thursday, May 2 and 3**, in Denver.

The training program for Southwest, Northern California, and Northwest Regions will meet as scheduled at the Airport Ramada Inn in San Francisco on **Thursday and Friday, March 15 and 16**.

Administrative Activities:

Enclosed in this issue of CONTACT is a very attractive prosperity wallet prepared by **Polly Dozier** at the newly developed Unity Church of Chicago. Polly reports an outstanding response to this idea. We are seriously considering producing a similar prosperity wallet for our Unity centers. If you feel you would like to use these in your center, please let me know.

IN MEMORIAM

Word has been received of the passing of Unity Minister Emeritus, **Rose Emery**. Rose retired from active service in Unity in 1958, but she has had a long and varied career as a successful Unity minister. From 1920 to 1926 she was a worker in Silent Unity. From 1926 to 1930 Mrs. Emery was minister of Unity in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She served in San Francisco, California; Topeka and Kansas City, Kansas; Detroit, Michigan; El Paso, Texas; Oakland and San Jose, California; and Jacksonville, Florida.

She served for one year (1944) as president of the Unity Ministers' Association. The most important thing in her ministry, Rose said, was establishing the work in San Jose and teaching seventeen consecutive summers in Unity Training School. We all join in blessing Rose in her spiritual ongoing.

Alphonse M. Reithinger, husband of **Carolyn Reithinger**, Minister Emeritus of Christ Church Unity, Orlando, Florida, made his transition on January 7, 1979, in Georgia. Our love and blessings go to Carolyn and her family, and we bless the soul of Alphonse in its ongoing.



REPORT ON MID-YEAR BOARD MEETINGS

by Stan Hampson



In this issue of **CONTACT**, I want to share with you some of the information from the various committee meetings and the meetings held by your Board of Directors during the Mid-Year Conference.

Conference Plans. From the Program Committee, **Wes Wallin** reported on the idea of holding a Spiritual Retreat during Conference. The plan is to have the Board meetings and the Committee meetings held the first week, to be followed by our business meetings interspersed with Post-Graduate activities and times set aside for spiritual enrichment.

George Stone's Banquet Committee plans for our banquet to be held at the John Knox Pavilion, with the dinner catered by the Imperial Palace. The committee also plans a breakfast at the picnic grounds in honor of Unity's 90th Anniversary.

The Board voted to have the minutes for last June mailed to the Conference body by April 15th; any business to be discussed at Conference should be mailed to the office by May 15. The plan is to have all business items prepared before Conference, in order to keep the business meetings running smoothly. Regarding Conference, you will be interested to note that the date for the 1980 Mid-Year Conference is January 13; for Committee meetings and Conference the dates are June 8 and June 15.

Membership in the Association. The Board passed a number of resolutions regarding membership in the Association, including receiving three new members and releasing one.

You will be pleased to welcome into our membership the following: **Unity Church of Missoula, Montana; Christ Church Unity, Tempe, Arizona; Unity PanAmericano, New York City.**

Unity Church of Missoula, served by **Rod McCallum**, was inadvertently listed in the 1979 Yearbook as a member-ministry; however, the ratification action by the Board will not actually take place until June, 1979. At that time the Board will ratify this application and Unity Church of Missoula will be a full member.

Christ Church Unity is a pioneer ministry showing impressive growth under **Sune Richards'** leadership. The address for this new church is 1507 West University, Tempe, Arizona.

Unity PanAmericano, New York City, withdrew membership in AUC some years ago and has now sought reinstatement. Upon the recommendation of **Alan Rowbotham**, Regional Representative, who has been working closely with this group, Unity PanAmericano is reinstated under special dispensation until a qualified Unity minister can assume leadership. At that

time it will then become a full-fledged member of our Association.

Unity of Santa Rosa, California, after an enormous expenditure of time and effort had been made to establish a working relationship with its Board of Directors, elected to call to its ministry a non-Unity-trained minister who has indicated no intention of seeking affiliation with Unity. As this puts this group in direct violation of both its own bylaws and those of AUC, it is now disaffiliated with our Association.

The discussion regarding the situation with Unity of Santa Rosa prompted our Board to create a policy stating that "...when a center or church is disaffiliated with AUC, the AUC will then communicate to the appropriate federal and state authorities that it has been disaffiliated and is no longer authorized to use the name 'Unity' or the tax-exempt number of the AUC, and that this action should be communicated to the membership of AUC, Unity School and, if possible, to its own membership."

Additionally, the Board has considered as unethical the practices of one of our licensed teachers and has felt impelled to notify her that her license will not be renewed. She has been instrumental in organizing a study group apart from the Unity center with which she was formerly associated and has invited many of our Unity ministers as speakers. Relating to this action, the Board has established a policy governing the ethics of both licensed teachers and ministers, to wit: 'the ethics listed in our Yearbook shall be binding upon licensed teachers, ministers, and all members of AUC, as the official policy of our Association.' Furthermore, the motion states that "the Guidelines for Unity Board Members shall be considered as official policy; therefore, all the forms of ethical guidelines shall henceforth be binding on all members of our Association."

After further discussion, the Board transferred chairmanship of the Committee for Exception to Ordination to the Director of Ministry Services. He will, from now on, be responsible for coordinating the activities of those ministers of exceptional skill, serving outstanding ministries, to consider with them the possibility of their ordination as Unity ministers, with their ministries then becoming members of our Association.

Ministerial Training. Ruth Mosley made a presentation to the Board of an exciting extension program for urban areas to work in conjunction with our ministerial program. This proposal has been referred to the Ministerial Education Review Committee. (See related article, page 12.)

Because of the importance of the Code of Ethics and the need for each new class of Ordinands to be totally committed to what it means to be a Unity minister, the Board has determined that "...acceptance of the Code of Ethics shall be a part of acceptance of ordination." Each Ordinand shall be given a copy of the Code of Ethics. Also, the Board passed a ruling that all Ministers-in-Training shall be present and in residence during both Committee meetings and Conference week each year.

Other proposed changes in the SMRS program deal with the possibility of dividing the school year into quarters, in place of the trimester system now used. Tuition would be (Continued on page 5)

MEET MAGGIE!

What a joy it is to welcome to our staff our new Youth Services Coordinator, **Maggie Finefrock**, who will join us on or about April 1. Her credentials are impressive, including an AA degree in Sociology from Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, California, and a BS in Elementary Education from Norfolk State, Norfolk, Virginia. She has done additional classroom work in education, guidance, counseling, psychology, social work and religion.

As for Maggie herself, we couldn't improve upon her own autobiographical sketch: *"I am an artist, an actress, a writer, a ballet dancer, a backpacker, a world traveler, a mountain climber, a creative teacher, a certified diver, a musician, a recreation leader, a Sunday School teacher, an excellent horsewoman, a mediocre poet, a fair journalist. If this sounds too pompous to believe, I am also a lousy cook, a disorganized housekeeper and I am easily bored by mundane tasks."*

Maggie's concept of the position she will occupy includes, in order of priority—and, again, we quote: *"To determine the needs of youth, sponsors, ministers; to research a variety of areas to meet those needs; to culminate research into workable materials; to train youth leaders to facilitate the learning of the youths they serve in Truth principles, Bible study, self-understanding, and recreation; to present workshops to YOU and YAU groups from the above areas; to serve as a consultant and liaison between center groups and headquarters; and to speak before groups concerning Youth Ministry."*

Welcome aboard, Maggie—we're delighted to have you!



Maggie Finefrock

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CHAIR...



and share with me a few thoughts which have come to me as a result of some of the "happenings" at the Mid-Year Conference recently ended.

For the first time, it was my privilege to watch our hard-working minister-committee-members being just exactly that...hard-working! Braving the rigors of a Missouri blizzard, they arrived from all points of the compass. And went to work, early and late.

Somehow, I was reminded of a quote from the Champ, Jack Dempsey, who once observed, "A champion is a guy who gets up when he can't." Maybe we should paraphrase that to read, "A Unity minister is one who keeps talking, and teaching, and counseling, and serving... when he can't." Surely it must have been the activity of Spirit which kept these good folks meeting and talking and praying and meeting again...when they couldn't. My hat's off to them, and had you all been here—I am sure yours would be too!

Some levity was introduced into the proceedings at the Banquet on Monday night, hosted by the Ministers-in-Training. I doubt that anyone present will ever forget MIT **Greg Barrette's** rendition of the "Lessons-in-Truth Boogie" or MIT **Jerry Bartholow's** "Presidential Address A La Jimmy Carter." Master-of-Ceremonies **Jim Gaither** set the tone, and the rafters of Unity Inn vibrated with mirth. Safe to say, I think, that the evening was a "howling" success!

One of the challenges facing the AUC staff was to find places for all our visiting committees to meet. (Would you believe that one of the L and O Committees wound up in the children's church nursery?) However, such a problem in logistics has now been solved, once and for all, with the opening of the newly-remodeled, redecorated wing of the Administration Building. Those of us who now occupy this area—SMRS classes, the Education Department and many of the

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\$300 per quarter; however, students presently enrolled would not have to bear this additional expense. This plan would cause the date of graduation and ordination to be changed from August to June, a move that has been requested by many of you in the field to have these ceremonies coincide with Conference. Class size will be limited to 40, beginning with the September, 1979, term. (see related information in the report by Paul C. Barrett, page 6.)

Foreign Ministries. A decision was made in June to pursue a greater degree of involvement with the foreign ministries in

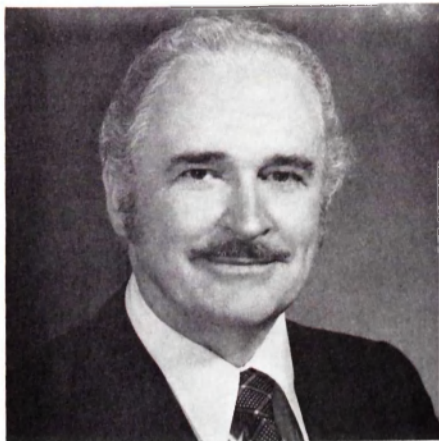
our Association which are presently working in concert with Unity School. Foreign Ministries Committee, with **David McClure** as chairman, was set up and it will work closely with Unity School to help bring our foreign ministries into an orderly AUC involvement.

While we never have considered our Canadian ministries as "foreign," we recognize that Canada is, none the less, a separate country. Recent action has created a Canadian Association of Unity Churches and its bylaws have been submitted to an attorney for evaluation in reference to our Association. These bylaws may then become the model for like organizations in other countries.

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NEWS
AND
VIEWS
ON
SMRS...

by Paul C. Barrett



As Director of SMRS, I presented to the Board of Trustees in January a proposed plan for the restructuring of the educational term system used by SMRS. I'd like to share with you the substance of that plan.

We are presently operating under a trimester system. That is, our academic school year is divided into three equal terms of 15 weeks each, with a total of 7 weeks non-school time throughout the year.

The quarter system plan calls for four equal school terms of 11 weeks each, with 8 weeks non-school time annually. The new plan will have the following advantages:

We can more readily offer greater numbers of subjects to our Ministers-in-Training because we will have more terms in which to do so. True, the terms will be of shorter duration. But we can intensify the subject matter and present it in the shorter term knowing that our MIT's will have four break periods throughout the year instead of three. That is, they will have more "breathers" to regenerate themselves after an intensive training period of 11 weeks. Therefore, they can be expected to move at a faster pace and cover more material.

The quarter system readily adapts to a term plan which allows us to conclude the academic school year with Conference week. Thus, beginning June 1980 we will have graduation and ordination exercises as a part of our AUC Conference activity. Need I say how wonderful it will be for all of the ministers and teachers gathered in conference session to be

able to witness and lend their consciousness to this important activity?

Because of the June graduation, our Ministers-in-Training will be examined earlier in the year by the Licensing and Ordination Committee. The Division of Ministry Services of AUC will have a longer and more ideal time of year for placement.

The new plan affords greater opportunities to rotate some of our faculty positions throughout the year. We desire to prevent, if possible, over-exposure of individual faculty members to a given class.

With the implementation of the quarter system, income from tuition will increase annually. There has not been an increase in tuition since the beginning of SMRS more than 10 years ago—something that cannot be said for the cost of operation! The tuition will remain at \$300 per school term, only there will now be four terms per year instead of three. This cost increase will not affect any MIT's presently enrolled in our training program.

The summer of 1980 will inaugurate the beginning of the quarter system. The academic school year will thereafter begin in mid-summer instead of early fall. The 1979-80 school year will be terminated in June of 1980, rather than in August, in order to facilitate the change. However, the 1979-80 school year will still function under the trimester system, each trimester being shortened enough from the past norm to make up for the time needed to graduate the present first year class in June 1980.

The present second year class will be graduated and ordained August 10 of this year as previously scheduled. The 1979-80 school year will begin at the usual time following Labor Day, with orientation being held the week prior.

I do hope this is of interest to you. Your observations and comments are always sincerely welcomed.

Blessings,

Paul C. Barrett, Director
Unity School for Ministerial
and Religious Studies

PULL UP A CHAIR...

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Unity School offices—are ecstatic. You'll know why when you see it. It's beautiful.

You will have noticed the new picture of our AUC President which accompanies his article in this issue, and the photographer's credit which reads "John Dozier." A delightful note from Bernard accompanied the photo. It read: "My son John took this and printed it in his photography class in school. He told me to tell you to give him photo credit. I said, 'John, I

don't think they do that in CONTACT.'

Now he's convinced we have a crummy operation." Well, John, we wouldn't want you to think that...besides, we think you are a very good photographer and we thank you!

A special thanks from me to you...I am so grateful for all the newsletters and bulletins which come to me from the Unity churches and centers all over the country. We have a sincere and unflagging interest in your activities (and you do provide me with such nice little tid-bits

and fillers for CONTACT!)

I leave you with this thought-for-the-month, based on an old Swedish proverb: "Fear less, hope more; eat less, chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; hate less, love more; and all good things are yours!" And so they are.

Love and blessings,

SMRS FACULTY MEMBER

Introducing . . . Gary Jones

Gary is in his second year as a full-time faculty member of SMRS. Prior to serving as a faculty member he served our ministry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has also served ministries in Palo Alto and Sacramento, California. Gary received his B.A. degree in English Literature from California State University at San Francisco in June of 1969. Following his graduation, he entered the SMRS program the same year, and was ordained on Friday the thirteenth of August, 1971.



Among courses that he has taught at SMRS his favorites have been Bible Interpretation and a new course he has developed this year entitled "An Introduction to the Unity Ministry."

Since coming to SMRS Gary has also begun working on a Master's Degree in the field of Adult Education at the University of Missouri. He shares this comment with us regarding his work at UMKC: "It has been exciting to incorporate new trends in education into my classes at SMRS."

Gary came into Unity at the age of 4½ years, into the ministry of Grace and Lawrence Swannell in Stockton, California. He was active as a young person both in the Youth of Unity and the Young Adults of Unity. He first inquired into the ministerial program while attending the International YOU Conference in 1962 where he was advised to return home, finish college and then apply. Gary has shared that this advice gave him a strong motivation to do just that. He has been thankful that he was led in this direction. Though an academic background should never be absolutely required prior to admittance to SMRS, Gary does feel that it should be strongly recommended because of the degree of accomplishment and self-confidence that it breeds in individuals prior to entering our Unity field ministry. To that end, Gary entered in initial discussions a year ago with Ottawa University that culminated in SMRS students being able to receive undergraduate credit for work done in SMRS by a local extension of Ottawa University.

During his off hours some of his favorite pastimes include reading John Doone, Ogden Nash, and Arthur Conon Doyle; playing tennis; listening to Jazz and music of the 50's; and trying his hand at amateur photography. But in Gary's own words, "My most favorite thing is teaching and learning. And that is why I so enjoy the opportunity to be a part of SMRS."



All visual evidence to the contrary notwithstanding, this is not a picture removed from the cover of **HARPER'S BAZAAR**. These lovely ladies are the officers of the present second-year class of Ministers-in-Training. From left to right, they are: Alice Durksen, Treasurer; Joan Gattuso, Chaplain; Marleen Davis, Secretary; Edwene Copeland, President; Sallye Taylor, Vice-President. (We think you'll agree with us that not only is the Unity ministry growing, it is growing more beautiful!!)

COMMITTEE NEWS

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Bylaws changes. After all the balloting last year, our Bylaws Committee has been busy with the task of creating new proposals. The draft submitted by this committee was placed in the hands of our AUC parliamentarian and our attorney for review prior to the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee. Upon receipt of its recommendations and any further work needed by the Bylaws Committee, these proposals will be sent to you for study before Conference.

Hymn Books. The new Hymn Book Committee, Marilyn Rieger, Chairman, met with the Board to report that the committee is working closely with Unity School to accomplish its goal of creating a first-class, professionally produced book of singable hymns. (See Marilyn's article on page 8).

Here you have, in capsule form, the salient points which were covered in the Mid-Year Conference. This report is submitted to you in line with our desire to keep all of you who are members of our Association in touch with the activities which reflect our growth and development.



REPORT (AND REQUEST) OF HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE

Our committee met for the first time on Tuesday, January 16, 1979. Present were **Janet Bowser, Alan Stanley, and Marilyn Rieger**, chairman. Absent were **Polly Dozier, John Tant, and Gene Sorensen**.

BACKGROUND: Unity School is sponsoring the compilation of a new hymn book, under the loving guidance of **James Dillet Freeman**. According to Jim, **Lou Bass** is the official Unity School representative. Our AUC committee is to work with Lou in this joint venture.

DISCUSSION: Our committee discussed many things. We agreed that the new book should be first class and professional. It should contain singable hymns and joy songs in properly pitched keys, with notes and words large enough for easy reading.

We are beginning a survey of hymns and joy songs, and would appreciate responses from the field. (See five points, below.) We have set January 1980 as a target date for determining what will be included in the book. Copyright clearance will proceed after that.

About singing, Charles Fillmore wrote:

You can drive away the gloom of disappointment by resolutely singing a sunshine song. I believe that we could cultivate the power of music in connection with the understanding of Truth and thus rend all the bonds of sin, sickness, and death. We need a new hymnal, with words of Truth only and music so strong and powerful that it will penetrate to the very center of the soul.

(Jesus Christ Heals, p. 173)

Because we on the committee feel strongly about these words of Charles Fillmore, we are seeking the input of all the ministers in the field. By taking time to answer one or more of the following questions, you will help us bring forth a hymn book that will best serve you and your congregation.

- 1) What selections from Unity Song Selections, Unity in Song, and other New Thought hymnals would you like to see included in our new book? (List by number.) If there are any word changes you desire to make, please indicate.
- 2) What selections do you feel strongly about leaving out?
- 3) What joy songs would you like to have included? (Perhaps your congregation sings some joy songs which are unfamiliar to us. We would appreciate having copies of these.)
- 4) Are there any new compositions you would like us to consider including?
- 5) Do you have a suggestion for the name of this new book?

Please send your responses to me, in care of SMRS before Conference time in June. Thank you for helping to make this a product of our unified consciousness!

Marilyn Rieger, Chairman
AUC Hymn Book Committee



CLAIMS INITIATION PROCEDURE FOR

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

TO ALL MINISTERS:

The following article appeared in the February issue of **CONTACT**. We reprint it here, in full, at the request of your Group Services Committee, to stress the need for proper claims submission in the event of any loss covered by this insurance. For your convenience, the Benefit Claims Instruction Sheet, issued by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, is again carried as an insert in this magazine. We hope you will find this helpful.

In meetings of the Group Services Committee and the Blue Cross/Blue Shield representatives, the following procedure was outlined for handling all claims for services that do not receive proper attention, including those claims rejected when, in your estimation, you have the coverage or you want a more definite answer as to your coverage. At the meetings a test case revealed that Blue Cross had mistakenly disallowed a recent claim, and a check was forthcoming the next day.

1. Call Blue Cross/Blue Shield Customer Service
(816/756-1960--collect)

2. Tell them your situation, your certificate number (from your card), the date of the service you received, and anything else they ask for.

3. ASK FOR:

a)--The name of the person you are talking to.

b)--How long it will take for them to respond to your request.

c)--How they will respond to your request. (letter, phone call, etc.)

Tell them you will be calling back collect at the end of the designated period if you don't hear from them.

Now--wait for their response--but no longer than the time you agree upon on the phone. (It might be helpful to make a written note of your follow-up date.)

If, after using the above procedure, you are still dissatisfied we--your committee--are dissatisfied, too.

This is your next step:

1. Call Aileene Peery at the AUC office. Tell her your problem. Give her the same information listed above. (Certificate number, dates, etc.)

2. Aileene will contact Blue Cross/Blue Shield for you. She will, at the same time, contact our Blue Cross/Blue Shield Account Executive, and the Group Services Committee Chairman, for additional follow-through.

3. Please--Do not contact Aileene until you have used all other channels available. This system was put together with you in mind--it cannot work unless we all cooperate.



REGIONAL NEWS

EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Alan Rowbotham:

The **Unity Church of Huntington, New York**, **Carolyn J. Michael**, minister, announces its annual Lenten Retreat, to be held in Litchfield, March 9-11. All those in the area are invited to come and learn"...How I can make a difference...in my life and in my environment...as I become more God-aware!"

Under the dynamic leadership of **Robert Preston, Unity of Cape Cod** is exhibiting continued growth and expansion of its activities. Services are held in the Community Room of the Hyannis Cooperative Bank, South Yarmouth at 11:00 AM each Sunday. The church office and bookstore are located at 84 Main Street, West Harwich.

Kathryn Garton announces, by way of her church bulletin, that **Christ Church Unity, Hamilton, Ontario**, has celebrated the official church-warming of its new home. Kathryn says, "...the glow of answered prayer reamins in our hearts!"

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, the congregation of **Unity of Roanoke Valley** presented to the ministers, **Alan** and **Kathryn Rowbotham**, a "Basketful of Blessings." At the close of the service, baskets were passed among the congregation and letters from the members and friends addressed to Alan and Kathryn were collected. The Board of Directors had previously and secretly proposed that these letters be written, expressing in the writer's own words his/her appreciation to the ministers for their unselfish service to the church and to all of Unity. Alan reports that he and Kathryn took two whole days to read all the blessings, and that it was a truly overwhelming (and

tear-filled) experience for them. (Alan adds that he is sharing this story so that "...maybe, somewhere, some other Board President reading this article may get a DIVINE IDEA...!")

The Eastern Unity Conference has scheduled its annual retreat in beautiful **Williamsburg, Virginia**, at the **1776 Resort**. The dates are **September 30 through October 4, 1979**. A brochure will be sent later with reservation forms and more details concerning airport and other transportation information.

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with Robert Wasner:

Unity Center of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, celebrated the 20th anniversary of the arrival of its co-minister, **Winifred Wilkinson Hausmann**, with a "Clambake"-Winifred writes, in part, "We had a most wonderful day...many folks from years back attended our services, which were followed by a social hour. In the afternoon, we really had a party, to which the folks from both churches were invited...Several days ahead we had to stop taking reservations (for the Clambake) because there simply wasn't any more room. After reading what you (Stan) had to say about folks staying in one place for 20 years, just thought you would like to hear about this." And husband "**Bud**" (George E. Hausmann, co-minister) wrote, "There are a few of us who remember her (Winifred) coming to Cleveland. But the number of folks for whom she has been a channel of new life, new joy--yes, and health and prosperity as well--is beyond counting. Truly Winifred has been a channel through which many miracles have happened for all of us." A lovely tribute, richly deserved!

The January issue of **UNITY Magazine** carried an article by **Doris Caldwell, South Side Unity Center of Christianity, Chicago**, entitled "Journeying Through a Dream." Copies of this issue of the magazine were given as a love-gift to the members of the congregation by the church.

Unity of Crystal Lake, with **Alec**

Evason as its minister, is blazing a trail of success in the area of public relations. News releases and articles announcing church activities and Unity's unique approach to life have been appearing regularly in the **Crystal Lake Herald** and the local radio station **WIVS** is running a "positive thought" series; the radio station manager liked Alec's ideas so much that his recorded messages are now carried on the air free of charge.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL NEWS with Miki Bowen:

Christ Church Unity in San Jose, California, has added to its outreach activities in sponsoring two Spanish-language programs in the area, over station **KRVE**, 95.3 FM, on Saturday and Sunday mornings at 8:00. The scripts for these five minute broadcasts are written by **Warren Meyer** and translated into Spanish by **Gladys Rouge**. Mrs. Rouge, who has a fine background in radio and theater, also records the messages for presentation.

Another outreach program, under the direction of **Miki Bowen**, is called the **Faithful-70**. Those who participate are being trained to be a part of the hospital, rest-home, and residence-visitation ministry. After six hours of training, the **Faithful-70** representative is ready for the area of service of his choice. About thirty persons have joined in this program. Special short, recorded messages are being prepared for the workers to take with them into their activities for added inspiration. Additionally, some of these representatives are assuming responsibility for the orderly distribution of Unity literature into hospitals, doctors' offices and the like.

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NORTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with David McClure:

The **Daily Olympian**, **Olympia, Washington**, carried a picture of **Howard** and **Diane Caesar**, and the following article: (Continued on page 10)

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"More than \$1,000 in silver dollars were distributed during services at the Unity Church of Olympia, 1335 Fern Street, SW. The Reverend Howard Caesar presented his morning message on the Biblical Parable of the Talents. Following his lesson, rather than taking up an offering, the ushers distributed five silver dollars to each person attending. The people were encouraged to go forth and live the parable by investing the money in some creative way. March 1 was set as the date to turn the talents (money) back in to the church with any increase. The money will go toward paying off the church's mortgage. Mr. Caesar commented, 'The people are very enthused about the whole idea. Everyone was discussing what he would do with the money in order to increase it. Many spoke of purchasing materials to make or create something to sell, such as paintings, ceramics, baked goods, Christmas wreaths and other crafts. I think it will be a lot of fun for everyone.'"

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS with George Rieger:

Over the Thanksgiving weekend nearly 1,500 people assembled in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City to attend the second annual "Foundations for Christian Living Workshop" conducted by **Dr. Norman Vincent Peale**. On the panel of illustrious speakers which included, in addition to Dr. Peale, **Marjorie Holmes** and **Zig Ziegler**, was **Unity's J. Sig Paulson**, of Houston, Texas. Sig spoke at one of the morning sessions and again at an afternoon session. Many Unity people from the New York area were present.

Jim Lewis announces the planning for next summer's South Central Retreat as follows: "Last year's retreat was such a great success that we have decided to call this year's retreat 'Mountain Top II.' The retreat is being sponsored by the ministers from our South Central Unity Churches Region. The dates for this wonderful week are August 12 through 18, 1979, and it will be held at Snow Moun-

tain Ranch near Granby, Colorado. Last year we had about 225 people and that was all we could handle in the facilities we had reserved. This year we have more room and are looking forward to having around 500 people. The YMCA has assigned us all of Aspenbrook, Silver Sage, and most of Pinewood and Blue Ridge Lodges. We will also have more Campground space. Reservations will be on a first-come basis."

A telegram addressed to (Tom Sikking in) the AUC Office was received during the Mid-Winter Conference. Signed by **Louise Lawrence**, the message read: "Unable to meet with committee due to roof collapse at the church on Sunday morning, caused by heavy snow. Sorry. Our prayers are with you." Louise is minister of **Unity Center of Christianity, St. Louis, Missouri**. All of us join in prayer that the damage was not too extensive and will be soon repaired. (According to later reports received, there were no injuries. We do give thanks.)

The Unity Churches of the Greater St. Louis area cooperated in the presentation of a special Woman's Awareness Retreat, entitled "Your Spring Awakening", being held at Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, Illinois, on March 16th and 17th. The announcement read, in part, "This retreat is designed to give you the opportunity to bring forth more of the latent inner potential beauty of the real YOU than ever before. In a quiet setting, without the interruptions of the outer world, you will find time for the inner unfoldment we are all so hungry for. There will be workshop time, meditation time, leisure time, singing time, fellowship time. The beautiful grounds of Our Lady of the Snows are conducive of new growth within you. These facilities will be given over totally to the Unity women for this retreat. We are indeed blessed to have **Janie Paulson** as our guest speaker. . . Janie truly exemplifies the joyful, creative, loving, feminine woman which is the ideal we all strive for. As she so beautifully and generously shares her consciousness with us, we will find new insights springing forth, creating a greater awareness of ourselves."

Jack Fries, minister of **Unity Church of St. Joseph, Missouri**, recently distributed to his congregation a question-

naire to survey the status and activities of the church. Both the questions and the responses were interesting and enlightening. Jack would be willing to share this information with any minister who wishes to write for a copy of the questionnaire.

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SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with William Clark:

The Southeastern Regional Conference has received an invitation from **Violet Assam** to hold its Regional Retreat in Trinidad in October, 1979. For further details, rates, travel charges, etc., write or call **Bill Clark** at **Unity Church of Pompano Beach**. Reservations should be made as soon as possible.

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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with G. Arthur Hammons:

At the first membership meeting of **Christ Church Unity, Tempe, Arizona**, 111 charter members were accepted into this fine new congregation. Such an outstanding event certainly reflects the Christ-filled consciousness of the minister, **Sune Richards**. Unity surely looks forward with joyful anticipation to the continuing growth and expansion of this group under Sune's inspired leadership.

The incorporation and membership in the Association of Unity Churches is anticipated for **Unity by the Bay, Chula Vista, California**, sometime in June 1979. For the past seven years this group has been meeting as a study group, an outreach of **Christ Church Unity, El Cajon, Arthur Hammons**, minister. Now with the acquisition of its own minister, **William O. Kellar**, the church moves forward toward the development of its full potential. When Unity by the Bay becomes a full-fledged Unity church, it will bring the total number of Unity churches in San Diego County, California, to six.

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NEWS FROM THE
EDITORIAL & PROMOTION DEPARTMENTS
OF UNITY SCHOOL



SPARKPLUGS—A summary of The Obvious Secret by Bernice Ketchum

Grace. What is it? Our ideas concerning grace are many and varied. It is a subject that almost defies accurate description. In the April 1979 issue of UNITY Magazine, Bernice Ketchum writes concerning grace in the article, "The Obvious Secret."

Both the descriptions and applications of grace recorded in this article may be useful in discussing this subject in a sermon or class.

Two definitions of grace that are mentioned are especially graphic. "The grace of God is the love of God for His children and their ability to respond to it," said one person to Mrs. Ketchum. Another said, "It is as if I were knitting an intricate pattern and I made a mistake and kept on knitting. Grace is a miracle which could reweave my mistake into a perfect pattern without unraveling all of my work."

These definitions, although good, still do not adequately

The Promotion and Editorial Departments are working together to bring a service to you--an overview of literature that may be helpful to your center ministry. We will use this space to point out material in our periodicals and books that we feel may be of particular interest to you.

express the complete essence of grace, believes Mrs. Ketchum. Even more difficult than defining this inexpressible gift, she says, are the difficulties involved in accepting grace. The obvious secret of responding to the grace of God, she says, is the same for all people. It is "...forgiveness, a constant, continuing attitude of love and forgiveness."

The way to apply the gift of God's grace thus lies in forgiveness. People who desire the gift of grace can pray for and receive forgiveness. The secret of obtaining grace is not meant to be obscure. People need to recognize that they ask for forgiveness every time they pray The Lord's Prayer: "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." She believes that the complete life of Jesus was a demonstration of forgiveness. Her message is that if people will forgive themselves and forgive others then through God's grace they will be able to release their bonds to the past and make a new beginning. Through accepting God's grace people always have another chance.

Look for "The Obvious Secret" on page 63 of the April 1979 issue of UNITY Magazine.

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 report to the Director of Ministry Services who forwards 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:

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE—Unity Church-Knoxville announced the selection of **Marilou Smith** as its new minister. Marilou, who has most recently served as associate minister of Unity of Naples, Florida, was formerly the minister of Unity Church of Shreveport, Louisiana, a position she assumed upon ordination in August, 1976. Her educational background includes an Associate of Arts degree from the University of the State of New York at Albany, and course work taken in the Mental Health Technology Program at Palm Beach Junior College, Lake Worth, Florida.

CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA—The Reverend **William O. Kellar** has been serving as minister of Unity by the Bay, Chula Vista, since shortly after his ordination in August, 1978. Bill brings to his ministry the maturity and expertise gained from two previous very successful careers; after twenty five years as an officer in the United States Navy, he became president of a business management corporation and, in that capacity, received considerable national acclaim as a public speaker. He is the author of two books on successful business management, as well as of many articles published for nationwide distribution in magazines and trade publications. Bill studied at the United States Naval Academy and did his graduate work at the University of Southern California. Bill's ministry is enhanced by the assistance of his lovely wife, **Doris**, who shares his enthusiasm for a commitment to the Unity teachings and the Unity way of life.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN—Unity of Battle Creek has extended a warm welcome to its new minister, **Jeri Andersen**. A 1978 Ordinand, Jeri's experience includes teaching, counseling and platform work. Prior to her entry into the ministry, she held responsible positions in the business world in both secretarial and administrative fields. During her ministerial training Jeri served as volunteer chaplain at Truman Medical Center East and at Research Medical Center, where she ministered to the terminally ill patients and their families and conducted chapel services.

"THE BIRTH OF AN IDEA--AND YOU CAN BE A PART OF IT!"

Stan Hampson, Director of Ministry Services, asked to hear from me regarding the need for more black ministers and ministries in the Unity Movement so that Unity can reach more of Black America with the Truth that frees all men. As I thought about Stan's letter it came to me that an extension program of SMRS or Minister Training in an urban setting would be ideal! Was the idea born of Spirit? Where DID it come from? Why did the idea come to me--of all people--especially with my schedule? The arrival of Stan's letter was only a day or so after I had lectured on the topic "Lord, is it I?"

I had to face a set of cold, hard facts: If I wanted this idea to take root and grow in the Unity Movement, I first had to let it take root, grow and develop in me.

I still remember my arrival in 1958 at Unity School of Christianity and my search for Truth. Although Unity School was a very strange place to me, I arrived eager and willing to learn as I knew that week was going to have a great impact on my life. Before going to Unity, my teaching efforts were unsuccessful and I was desirous of learning good, effective teaching techniques. I had been told that my only purpose for being there was to learn the Truth and to bring it back to my community, but I knew I would learn far more from my teachers.

When I returned to Detroit I had to prove that God was truly my supply, my defense, my deliverance and my health. Inspired by God and equipped with the teaching techniques I learned during my week at Unity School of Christianity, I developed a Sunday School of 12 which grew to 85 in three months. I trained Sunday School teachers and realized even



Ruth Mosley

then how much better we in the Detroit area could be if we had more trained ministers. My training at Unity had inspired and enhanced my life to such a degree that five years later I started my church with five members. Today our membership is over 700.

Much of my time, today, is spent helping the struggling ministers who have not had the opportunities for growth and experience that I had. Because of Unity's teachings (the greatest spiritual product I know) many of those who have chosen to listen to me have been able to pull themselves up "by the bootstrap" and see themselves in a different light. Granted the product is excellent, yet without adequate training in the natural environment in which the minister will be working, he (or she) will not manifest the success that is aspired to. It's like a fish swimming out of water.

In our churches in the urban areas the minister must be able to reach and relate to all the socio-economic and cultural levels which exist within a group of kindred souls. The urban congregation might span groups as diversified as welfare recip-

ients to corporate executives; have formal education ranging from very little to university graduates; from strong matriarchal families to motherless homes. Therefore urban ministry training should be able to help the minister become adept in relating to and surviving in the urban community.

For example, in our present ministerial program the opportunity for minority placement after graduation is not as great as it is for the majority. The majority--most of the time--are placed in already established churches which have equipment, furnishings, finances for salaries, literature, retreats, workshops and other needs. This ministry is usually found in the suburbs. Minority ministers in most cases are forced to began their ministries at the grass-root level and develop them into viable working organizations, often without visible income.

With an effective extension program, AUC could develop ministers capable of meeting the varied needs of the masses within the central cities and at the same time expand the Unity message of Truth to all levels of the community. These urban ministries are challenged by the unique, peculiar breed of members who believe that they have been oppressed by the majority. Consequently it takes special training for the minister to remove the oppressed attitude and lift that mind from "I can't" to "I can."

Thus the idea is born! More effective black or minority leadership is needed in our movement.

The question is: Will you be a vital part in developing more effective leadership in the Unity Movement?

It has been said, "There's nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come" and we know that this idea is now!

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Retreat will be held at the Universal Studio's Hotel in Los Angeles. Dates and additional details will be forthcoming.

A brochure forwarded by **Robert L. Stevens**, minister of **Christ Church Unity, San Diego**, carries this description of

"Unity Retreat Descanso": "From a long held vision, a dream of a superb place of rest and meditation, of renewal for the spirit, has come the reality of Unity Retreat Descanso. Descanso is an ideal name, meaning in Spanish a place of repose and quiet. Here the beautiful, timeless teachings of Unity will be used to bring joy and new understanding to thousands who will come for renewal

at the Retreat. A building and development program will be in progress from now on, in what will be a five-year improvement plan. In the meantime, the tree-covered grounds will be available for walking and meditation, picnicking, and the newly redecorated meeting room with large stone fireplace will be used for weekly classes to which all are invited."++

"Little things mean a lot." Those words may merely be the lyrics to an old song to you, but they are worth \$money\$ when it comes to tax deductions. This month's tax tips will cover some of the many, many "little" expenses you constantly pay out of your own pocket which you could be using as tax deductions. These are those "little things" of Unreimbursed Business Expense Deductions: As a self-employed person, you will report all your honoraria on a Schedule C Business and Professional Form. This form allows you to deduct professional dues for organizational memberships; cost and cleaning of robe(s); home telephone expense related to your work; subscriptions to professional magazines, periodicals and publications which provide you with sermon and counseling material; the cost of entertaining church groups or special visitors to the church; office supplies and equipment used for the ministry; travel mileage to earn the honoraria (at 17¢ per mile), plus any other out-of-pocket expenses related to your ministry which are unreimbursed by the church.

Schedule A deductions will include such things as your tax preparation fee (if you employ a professional tax preparer) and expenses incurred in seeking a new ministry. Schedule A deductions do not reduce your social security owed; however, any deductions allowed on Schedule C will reduce both your federal

taxes and your social security.

One really sizeable deduction to which you are entitled on Schedule C is the yearly depreciation of home office equipment and furniture, as well as depreciation on films, records, and reference books, plus any additional teaching aids you buy and use. Any items expendable in two years and all items of relatively small cost may be included in office supply expense.

Any item with a useful life of six years or more (car, equipment, etc.) can be deducted as an investment credit in the year purchased. For anything with a useful life of seven years or more, the investment credit is a full 10% of the cost! This is money in the bank for you, because the credit reduces federal taxes owed! The car you buy, whether new or used, is eligible, limited only by the percentage of its business usage. You can see by this that planning your major purchase of a car or office equipment is the equivalent of planning to lower that year's taxes! (If you decide later, however, not to keep that particular purchase for the three, five, or seven years originally planned, you are required to repay the undeserved credit you had originally claimed.)

Other possible deductions for ministers, after ordination, include educational costs for improving your ministerial skills (such as course fees, books and mileage to and from classes, at 17¢ per mile.)

Remember that your retirement plan is a form of tax savings. The portion of your payment made by your church is tax-free income until the time you claim and use it. If you want more information about either or both of the retirements plans available through your Association, contact **Scott Sherman** or **Don Jennings** in Alaska, who is Chairman of the Employer Benefits Committee.

Here's one final bit of tax information not commonly known: if you ever have occasion to call the IRS for specific advice upon which you plan to act, document that call! By that I mean you need to get the name of the advisor to whom you talked, and record this with the time and date of the call as verification that you are indeed acting upon specific recommendations of an IRS representative. Without this documentation, a tax auditor need not honor any telephone counseling given you.

It is my sincere hope that these tax tips have served to alert you to ways of planning your earnings and expenditures so that you may realize greater savings in the tax area, and that you will remember that you need only "...render unto Caesar" that which is rightfully his!

\$Blessings\$

Mary Ann Detzler, SOMIT
Tax Consultant



YOUTH OF UNITY AND YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY REPORTS

by
Greg Barrette

YOUTH OF UNITY REPORT

TOP SECRET!

Sssshh! Don't tell a soul (especially a YOUer), but the theme of the YOU Conference this year (August 12-18) is "Inner Visions."

The activities will include drama-awareness, spiritual dancing (and the "other kind"—a disco!), a talent show, Charles King, James Dillet Freeman, bio-feedback, prayer experiences, meditation, Stan Hampson, Dennis Neagle,

Sallye Taylor, a multi-media program (mime, poetry, and music), workshops and the opportunity to grow in the Spirit! Remember, this is a secret! Let the YOUers be surprised in August!

OFFICIAL RALLY DATES AND LOCATIONS

April 6-8	Northwest	Seabeck, Washington
April 20-22	West Central	Sly Park, California
April 27-29	Southeast	Tampa, Florida
June 1-3	Midwest	Valles Mines, Missouri
June 22-24	South Central	Sherman, Texas
June 28-July 1	Great Lakes	Toronto, Ont., Canada

YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY REPORT

The theme of this year's Young Adults' Retreat is "Open Your Heart." There will be a poster in the next issue of CONTACT that will give details on the activities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 23-27 Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Missouri
- 24-29 Second Caribblue Retreat, Intercontinental Hotel, Ocho Rios, Jamiaca, West Indies, hosted by Unity of Jamaica
- 29-May 3 SCUCA Regional Conference, Denver, Colorado, hosted by Unity Church of Denver

MAY

- 2-4 Northern California Regional Conference, Reno, Nevada, hosted by Unity Ministry of Reno
- 4-6 Conference of Wisconsin Ministries, Green Lake, Wisconsin

JUNE

- 10-21 AUC Committee meetings & Conference, Unity Village, Missouri

JULY

- 1-7 Fourteenth Annual Spiritual Therapy Workshop at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Unity Center of New York City

AUGUST

- 6-10 Southeastern Unity Regional Retreat, Boca Raton Hotel, Boca Raton, Florida
- 12-18 SCUCA Regional Retreat, Snow Mountain, Colorado
- 12-18 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- 19-22 Northwest Regional Conference
- 20-24 YAU Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri

SEPTEMBER

- 14-16 Sierra Retreat, Reno, Nevada, hosted by Unity Ministry of Reno
- 16-19 Great Lakes Unity Regional Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, hosted by Unity Truth Center
- †30-Oct. 1 Eastern Unity Conference Retreat, Williamsburg, Virginia, at the "1776 Resort"

OCTOBER

- 14-16 Southeastern Regional Ministers/Teachers' Conference, (location announced later)

NOVEMBER

- 10 Northwest Ministry/Board Laymen meeting, Seattle, Washington

DECEMBER

- †14-22 TSS Carnivale, sailing from Norfolk to Port Au Prince, Santo Domingo, St. Thomas and Nassau. Jet return to Virginia

† Additions