

# CONTACT

## 1979 Conference Edition

### JACK BOLAND ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AUC

**Jack Boland**, minister of Unity of the Infinite Presence, Detroit, was named President of the Association of Unity Churches at the 1979 Annual Conference just concluded. Jack's selection by the Board of Trustees was ratified by the Conference body, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the By-laws of the Association. Jack served as Vice-President of the Association, 1977-1978, and follows **Bernard Dozier** as President.

Jack Boland was first ordained as a Divine Science minister in 1967; he graduated from and was ordained by the Unity Ministerial School in 1972, fulfilling a dream of many year's standing. Following his ordination, he began his service to Unity of the Infinite Presence. His dynamic qualities as a public speaker and the inspirational effectiveness of his teaching are evidenced by the increase in attendance at his Sunday services—from fifty people to two services with an overflow crowd of more than 800, making it necessary to move his 11:00 a.m. Sunday service to a 1,200 seat auditorium. His Wednesday classes regularly draw a capacity audience of 400 students. Jack's ministry stresses spiritual healing, based on his own experiences and his profound belief in the power of the Holy Spirit to respond to the needs of every person. The Wednesday classes have also become a cassette ministry, reaching into the far corners of this country and into every continent in the world. Many study groups which were formed using his cassette lessons have become the nucleus of

newly-established Unity churches or centers. His Dial-A-Meditation has become so well known in Detroit that ten telephone answering machines are required to handle the more than one million calls received each year, and more equipment is being installed.

Originally from Virginia, Jack made his home in Texas before entering the ministry. He pursued a successful career in Sales Management and Marketing, and directed the sales, advertising and public relations of a large corporation considered a leader in its field. He was also actively engaged in real estate development and investment. An important facet in his present ministry is counseling with executives, showing them how to solve specific business problems through the application of success principles. Additionally, he is much in demand as a motivational speaker for large corporations and sales organizations and was named a member of the Board of Directors of the Napoleon Hill Institute. His many appearances on television and radio, and the publication of numerous newspaper columns have brought him wide public acclaim, and he is much sought after as a banquet speaker and lecturer in the world of business, the world of metaphysics and by many civic organizations.

Jack is enthusiastically supported by his lovely wife, **Karen**, who gave up her own professional career to share his commitment and his work. An outstanding public speaker and teacher in her own right, Karen especially enjoys



**Jack Boland**

working with groups eager to learn to change their self-image and to practice spiritual principles to improve their lives. Karen and Jack both love to travel, and she frequently joins him on lecture tours.

When asked why he left a successful business career to enter the ministry, Jack Boland replies, "It was not so much a decision as an irresistible need to share my experience, strength and hope with others, to help them discover their own inner potential. The Unity ministry provided the perfect field of service in which I can utilize my particular talents and abilities and, at the same time, further my own spiritual growth. The life of a minister and teacher is, to me, the most exciting and rewarding of all possible choices. It is the work my heart has always longed for. Of all men, I feel that I am most blessed."



## BANQUET COMMITTEE REPORT

Present and working were Linda Babbish, Leila Fischer, Janet Bowser, Hazel Van Dusen, and Chairman, George Stone. Mary Hinkle and Harry Newman did not work with the committee; Nancy Hubbard, committee member, was unable to attend. The Committee met on June 15, 16, and 17 and continued in extra session throughout the balance of the Conference. Joan Goodman served very helpfully with this Committee.

The banquet was held in the Pavillion at John Knox Village, Lee's Summit, Missouri, on Monday evening, June 18, at 7:30. The food was catered by the Imperial Palace Restaurant of Kansas City and consisted of four appetizers and five main dishes, including dessert. Vegetarian food was provided for those who wished it. Entertainment consisted of Janet Bowser at the organ and David Naster, mime; the Scott Robinson Combo provided music for disco dancing until 1:00 a.m. Line disco dancing was taught by Bonnie Brandes from Unity of the Infinite Presence; her services were paid for by Jack Boland and his Center.

In addition to banquet arrangements, the Committee also planned the Wednesday morning breakfast picnic held at 7:00 in the Unity Village picnic grounds. Jim Freeman blessed the food and led the group in meditation. Wayne Manning and Janet Bowser led joy songs. The Jolly Wagon provided transportation for those who needed it, and the food was provided by Unity Inn.

Much additional work was required of the Banquet Committee because of the limitations of the Pavillion and the inability of the caterer to handle many of the details in addition to the food preparation and service. The Committee recommends that future planning be confined to locations where both food and facilities are provided on the premises in order to simplify matters for committee members.

BANQUET COMMITTEE  
George Emerson Stone, Chairman

## HYMNBOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

On Thursday, June 14, 1979, the AUC Hymnbook Committee met; present were Janet Bowser, Alan Stanley, and Marilyn Rieger, Chairman. Gene Sorensen joined the meeting after completion of his service on the L & O Committee. Present as representatives from Unity School were James Dillet Freeman, Lou Bass, Janna Russell, Pamela Yearsley and Jan Mitchell.

Jim Freeman suggested that we have two books—a hymnal and an inexpensive Joy-song book. This met with the Committee's approval since joy songs have a shorter "life span" than hymns. Also, the joy songs will require a more extensive copyright search than will most hymns, which are in the public domain, and this could delay publication. (Lou Bass reported that the minimum search fee is \$13.00 per song.) With the editorial staff, the Committee discussed printing, binding, and a target date for publication; if final copy reaches the editorial department in mid-1980, the hymnbooks can appear in 1981. At that time we will consider having a post-graduate seminar at Conference — and possibly in the Regions—to familiarize ministers and musicians with its contents. The possible pro-

duction of cassettes with the first verse of each hymn was presented by Dick Everts and discussed by the Committee. Alan Stanley brought the Committee a suggestion made by Claborn Brants for what is called a "perfect binding," a soft cover which is less expensive than the conventional hard cover. (Soft—\$2.50 range; hard—\$5.00 range.) It was further suggested that several hundred copies be produced with a spiral binding for the use of pianists and organists.

Both Jim Freeman and Lou Bass stressed the need for our choice of the best hymns from the standpoint of singability and simplicity, suggesting that both the old traditional words and the keys that are usually pitched too high should be changed. Jim emphasized the need to have words that liberate instead of bind, and the Committee agreed. The final decision on selections for inclusion rests with Jim and Lou.

Further suggestions included the following: (1) that we have a "Music Exchange" in CONTACT in which ideas from the field may be shared—new words to old songs or popular songs (with caution not to record if there is a copyright question), new joy songs with melody line and chords given; solos or music suitable for choirs.

We recognize the great part that music plays in getting Truth ideas into the feeling nature and in liberating people from false beliefs. We desire that Unity shall become a "Singing Church."

HYMNBOOK COMMITTEE  
Marilyn E. Rieger, Chairman

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Program Committee met on Thursday and Friday of the week before Conference. Present were Wes Wallin, Chairman; Thelma Hembroff, Roy Fox, Barbara Van De Vyvere, Dick Ammons, Mary Katharine MacDougall, Betty Jacunski, and Gerald Melin.

Numerous details were handled regarding logistical needs and coordination requirements for various aspects of the Conference. Each committee member was responsible for seeing that specific phases of the Conference itself were carefully planned and implemented in an orderly way. Emphasis was placed on a smooth and efficient Conference Program, and all went well.

Especially noteworthy this year was the initiation of Spiritual Retreat sessions throughout the Conference, and vesper services each evening. Also, the Banquet was held on the first evening, giving everyone the opportunity to have a delightful social experience together right at the beginning of the week.

During each day of Conference, the Program Committee kept detailed notes on all procedures and activities which will become the nucleus of a special "Manual of Procedures" for the use of future Program Committees.

From start to finish, everything went very smoothly at this year's Conference. It was our joy to do this planning for it.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
Wes Wallin, Chairman



## FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1979, there was an excess of income over expenses from operations of \$61,893. As the result of this excess, we were able to eliminate the amount of \$39,389 owed by the General Funds Unrestricted to the General Funds Restricted and Scholarship Fund. Actual expenditure for last year exceeded the budget by only \$5,700. This is a variance of only 1.27% and means that we stayed within our budget for last year. The budget for 1979-80 is \$546,000, compared to a projected income of \$550,000. The present budget represents an increase of approximately \$95,000 over actual expenditures for last year. About one-third of this increase is due to inflationary costs and two-thirds represents funds to be used to improve services to our field ministries. Because of the fine results of our operations for the past two years, the Committee feels that we are now in a position to be able to provide funds for new projects which will benefit the field ministries.

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Frank Giudici, Chairman

## OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Outreach Development Committee, John Strickland, acting Chairman, met on June 12 and 13. In attendance were Committee members Paul Carrithers, Polly Dozier, R. Wentworth Jenkins, Gwen Norment and Linda Pendergrass. R. Scott Sherman, Field Services Coordinator, addressed the Committee and presented a summary of the activities of the past year, an exposition on the direction of outreach and a series of items for the Committee's consideration. Included among these was a discussion of the "Downtown Los Angeles" prospective development; the present situation at Unity of Cape Cod; the need for assistance to be extended to the developing ministry at Unity by the Sea in Lincoln City, and Depoe Bay, Oregon.

It is the consensus of the Committee that all items to be presented for its consideration in the future be given far enough in advance of the meeting date to enable the members to give each item careful consideration prior to the time of the meeting, thus enabling the Committee to make the very best recommendations to cover each item on its agenda.

OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

John Strickland, Acting Chairman

## FOREIGN MINISTRIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Foreign Ministries Committee met on June 15, 1979 at Unity School. Present were: David McClure, Chairman, Alan Rowbotham, Les Saunders, Ruth Mosley, and Foster McClellan. Absent were Violet Assam and David Davenport.

This Committee was appointed by the President to consider an orderly plan for implementation of action taken on the Conference floor during the June 1978 Conference. The specific action taken was as follows:

*(Quoted from minutes of June 20th, 1978 business meeting.)*

"Charles Roth moved, seconded by Dick Everts, the follow-

ing amendment be added to Bert Coffey's motion regarding Outreach. 'The Overseas Ministries accepted as members of AUC should have full voting privileges with the possibility of becoming a new region of the AUC, and the total of the Overseas Ministries be represented through at least one representative on the Board of Trustees.' Motion as amended carried."

We as a Committee heartily endorse these revisions to our Bylaws and urge their passage by the Conference body.

In addition, we recommend that:

1. The word "member" be added to amendment Article IV, Section 4.03.
2. During each Annual Conference, the Foreign Ministries shall convene a business meeting at which, under the supervision of the Overseas Department, they shall elect a Representative to serve as a voting member of the Board of Trustees for a period of one year; that term to begin at the next Board meeting preceding Conference. (e.g., Elected June Conference 1980 - Serves June Board Meeting 1981 and January Board Meeting 1982.)

In the event that the Foreign Ministries representative is unable to attend a Board meeting, the Director of the Overseas Department of Unity School shall serve in his/her absence on an Ad-Hoc basis.

The Committee feels that the Spirit and substance of this motion has been covered by the recommended amendments to the AUC Bylaws--specifically in:

ARTICLE III, Section 3.01

"The geographical territory of the Association shall consist of all the states" and Territories of the United States of America, the Provinces and Territories of Canada, and such other territories or countries as are, or may hereafter be included by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees of the Association.

ARTICLE III, Section 3.02

"Conference Regions. The Board of Trustees shall establish such conference regions as it shall deem appropriate."

ARTICLE IV, Section 4.01

Section 4.01 (a) Membership. The membership of the Association shall consist of those Unity Churches operating in accordance with the standards outlined in the Bylaws of this Association, and having in their employ fulltime Unity ministers ordained by this Association or ordained prior to July 1, 1966, Unity School of Christianity at Unity Village, Missouri and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Association of Unity Churches, Inc.

ARTICLE IV, Section 4.03

Voting. Ordained Unity ministers in good standing with the Association who are serving (non-member) foreign ministries are entitled to vote during the annual conference, serve on committees, and hold office in the Association.

3. That recognition of the Unity foreign representative for a particular country (either licensed, ordained, or lay leaders) be given in the Yearbook. The Director of the Overseas Department of Unity School, in cooperation with the Director of Ministry Services of the AUC for appointing such representative.

FOREIGN MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

David McClure, Chairman



## POST-GRADUATE COURSE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Post-Graduate Course Development Committee met for the purpose of working out necessary courses to be presented in each Region and at the AUC Conference in June, 1980. The members of the Committee are Jack Kern, Chairman; Howard Caesar, Mildred Davis, John Harris, Hypatia Hasbrouck, Barry Knowles, and David Williamson.

The Committee made the following recommendations: (1) That each Region be allowed to organize its own Post-Graduate course to be given in that Region, subject to the approval of the Post-Graduate Committee, and that all proposals for such courses, including projected expenses and financial report, shall be submitted through the Regional Representative to the Chairman of this Committee. Each Region shall be responsible for setting the registration fee and meeting the expenses for its courses at the Regional level. Ministers and Licensed Teachers attending Regional courses of three hours or more shall receive five Post-Graduate credits, and it is the responsibility of the Region to report to the AUC the names of those who complete the course. Tapes, outlines and any handout material shall be sent to the AUC office to go into the Post-Graduate Resource File. If the Region chooses not to develop its own Post-Graduate program, the Committee will provide an appropriate course for credit on request. (2) That in order to reduce expenses to Licensed Teachers and retired ministers, credit courses may be offered to them on a sub-regional basis and be taught by an ordained Unity minister. Such courses shall be specifically designed to facilitate the teaching of UICE extension credit courses. The procedures for securing approval, financing and reporting of credits for sub-regional courses for Licensed Teachers are the same as for courses taught at a Regional Conference (see above.) (3) That there be established a permanent Post-Graduate Resource File, to be kept at AUC Headquarters, of Post-Graduate course outlines, tapes, materials, handouts, etc., as a constant resource for ministers and Licensed Teachers.

It is further recommended by the Committee (4) That those ministers outside the United States have the expiration time for Post-Graduate credits extended from three years to five years; (5) That the Overseas Department be encouraged to send to ministries beyond the boundaries of North America copies of the materials from the Post-Graduate Resource File upon request, and that any minister planning to travel beyond the boundaries of North America be encouraged to present Post-Graduate credit courses to ministries in the countries they visit, such courses to be offered in cooperation with the Overseas Department, and (6) That the general rule for assignment of credits be: 5 credits for completion of a three hour (or longer) course and 2½ credits for completion of a one-and-one-half hour course.

POST-GRADUATE COURSE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Jack Kern, Chairman

## LICENSING AND ORDINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Licensing and Ordination Committee met in its regular session June 11-14, for the purpose of interviewing 21 second-year UMS students for ordination, one licensed minister for

ordination, one licensed teacher for ordination (deemed an exception by the Board of Trustees), and making progress evaluations for 38 first-year UMS students. The following members of the Committee were present: Tom Sikking, Chairman; Donald Curtis, Co-Chairman; Kathryn Rowbotham, Co-Chairman; Florence Allen, Shirley Bring, Gene Conner, Martha Giudici, Louise Lawrence, Lillian Matthews, Sue Sikking, Eugene Sorensen, Marlin White, Genavee Campbell, William Hines, Gary Jones, Jim Peterson, Mary Rowe, Grover Thornsberry, Dana Voght, and Phil White.

The Committee recommends that the following UMS students receive ordination upon their graduation from UMS in August, 1979: Edwene Gaines, Eddy Edwards, Eunice Chagnon, David Durksen, Marleen Davis, Jim Gaither, Jim Fisher, Jo Foster, Dick Andrews, Joan Gattuso, Kent Kessinger, Becky Lynn, Mark Yarnell, Helen Glover, Ronel Sinstead, Sallye Taylor, Alice Durksen, Rene Pare, Earl Anderson, Hope Taylor-Fries. The Committee also recommended that Luis Montero, licensed teacher, be ordained without restriction.

Recommendation of the following criteria for ordination was presented by the Committee: (1) better than average academic achievement in UMS; (2) above-average communication skills; (3) commitment to serving a Unity ministry; (4) demonstrated ability to function successfully as a Unity minister; (5) commitment to the Unity movement; (6) emotional, mental and moral stability and integrity; and (7) ability to convey a sense of unfolding spiritual consciousness.

Further recommendations of the Committee included: (1) that progress evaluation examinations be given each student at the end of the first year of study, and that the results of these examinations be made available to the L & O Committee; (2) a subjective grading system be established and implemented in all classes and that those records also be made available to the Committee; (3) progress reports for each student should reflect the academic progress of the student, not merely the activities in which he or she is involved; (4) attendance records should be kept in each class and these records also become a part of the student file available for the Committee's inspection.

The Committee has promulgated a set of Licensing and Ordination policies which may be secured by request directed either to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Director of Ministry Services.

LICENSING AND ORDINATION COMMITTEE  
Tom Sikking, Chairman

## PLANNING AND GOALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Planning and Goals Committee produced an extensive recommendation for meeting the challenges of growth. The key point was: AUC will meet future change by using modern technology to transmit the Unity message to as many persons as possible.

Some of the goals and recommendations produced by this weeklong brainstorming were: AUC to develop a master plan of expansion for the next two decades; create an advertising and media position to work on expanding radio and TV exposure on the local and national level; to conduct a Unity Education System--preschool through college; establish a  
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## GROUP SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Bob Preston, Charles Korfhage, and Paul Carrithers met June 14 and 15 to review and make recommendations concerning AUC hospital care, retirement programs and other "group services" affecting the field minister and ministries. Don Jennings was unable to attend the meetings, but had provided the necessary input for the conduct of business.

**HEALTH CARE:** Publication in *CONTACT* of procedural steps for correcting unsatisfactory Blue Cross claims handling and an updating of the field minister's understanding of how to report his or her claim, seems to have significantly reduced the incidence of dissatisfaction, and diminished the active role of AUC office staff in claims intervention to the specific situations where there was a concrete difference to be resolved. Prepayment requirements now being implemented and a closer watch over individual unpaid balances are seen as an important improvement in the administration of this health care package. We note that the inclusion of chiropractic coverage sought in January is now a functional aspect of this program, though actual payments may be less than 40 per cent of the billing for a standard office call. Input received from Metropolitan Life Insurance company indicates that the Blue Cross premiums charge may range from 10 to 25 per cent lower than those a commercial carrier would need to charge.

**MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN:** The Committee responded unanimously in favor of Scott Sherman's recommendation that the custodian account associated with this plan be moved to the Kansas City Bank and Trust Company, which has been cleared with AUC's auditor, at a net savings to the plan of two thirds of the associated administrative expense of approximately \$5,000 annually.

The Committee studied at length the package of information provided by the plan's manager, Wright Investors Service, an annual statistical report and feels that Wright is doing a commendable job for us at this point. It was suggested that this relationship continue. It is noted that the plan's performance to date is approximately 6 per cent compounded annually. Approximately one third of AUC's membership is participating in this program while others are noted to have private pension plans or Keogh plans.

The law firm of Dietrich, Davis, Dicus, Rowlands, and Schmitt have been engaged to rewrite the MPPP prior to the December 31, 1982 ERISA conformity date, and it is believed that the cost of this rewriting will be offset by the savings derived from the elimination of the annual audit required by the existing plan.

**ANNUITY PROGRAM** with Banker's Life. Ministerial participation in this program is minimal. At the present time the Committee has no recommended changes in the Banker's Life Plan.

**GROUP LIFE INSURANCE:** Standard of America Life Insurance Company has provided a group one year renewable term life insurance package of \$2,000 per person to the AUC office staff in conjunction with their health care package since its inception. At this moment only two of the eleven members eligible are covered. This is an oversight not detected earlier that may effect the underwriting eligibility of the group. The company agent will take this matter up in due course. There seems to be a need to upgrade the coverage to be more inclusive of eligible employees; to upgrade the level of insurance, the

amount recommended is \$10,000, a part to be provided by the Association.

A proposal is under consideration to make similar group coverage available to the ministerial student body, incorporating the premium expense in tuition payments. This would provide protection at a very vulnerable time in the prospective ministers' career, at moderate cost without any frills, and could set the stage for future acceptance of a group life insurance program for the AUC membership. It is noted that, in the later case, the company would require participation by 75 per cent of all eligible AUC members and the Committee feels that this could be a most worthwhile long-range goal.

The group life program being considered for the student body is most advantageous, though the Committee is unable to comment on the competitive pricing or appropriateness of Standard of America.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That AUC seek a specific written legal opinion about the possible complications of member ministers using Keogh or IRA vehicles other than MPPP and the Banker's Life Annuity Plan.
2. That the Group Services Committee evolve a two-year evaluation of comprehensive services in health care, estate planning, income protection and group life insurance coverage packages for our membership that will establish a quality program to meet our rising professional expectations and needs.
3. That a regular feature of *CONTACT* be the inclusion of the fragments of information that are mailed with Blue Cross billings and other updates. This could be done in question and answer format to acquaint our membership with upgrading of services. *CONTACT* is by far our best means of disseminating details of changes to the field, and in increasing our awareness of the central importance of these group services. Broader participation in our retirement programs could be an eventual outcome.
4. That a periodic restatement of Blue Cross claims procedure and exception handling be published in *CONTACT* to assure a continuing awareness of the importance of our participation in making this system work for us.

GROUP SERVICES COMMITTEE

Robert Preston, Acting Chairman

## PLANNING AND GOALS COMMITTEE REPORT

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Unity Bank; increase membership.

The short term goals addressed areas of specific service to ministries for youth education, educating board members, establishing a position of "Resource and Research Coordinator" and providing funds for expansion of new ministries among other things. The ideas flowed and implementation is under way.

PLANNING AND GOALS COMMITTEE

Bill Modes, Chairman



## SOMA REPORT

The Spouses-of-Ministers Association met on Tuesday afternoon, June 19, at the Unity Clubhouse. The Chairman, Vivian Clark, wife of Donald Clark of Minneapolis, Minnesota, gave a brief history of the organization for those attending for the first time. Three members of the Association were then invited to speak briefly on their participation in their spouse's ministries. The speakers were Pat Barker, wife of Jack Barker of Cincinnati, Ohio; Vesta Barth, wife of Robert E. Barth, Seattle, Washington; Judy Hardy, wife of Duane Hardy, Madison, Wisconsin. Each spoke for five minutes and each gave her own depiction of the role she plays in her husband's ministry. Curt Williamson, husband of Viola Williamson of Albuquerque, New Mexico, gave an interesting exposition on the husband's role in his wife's ministry, stating that he felt it to be somewhat less demanding and certainly quite different from that of the minister's wife. Several other husbands were then invited to share their points of view. A general discussion followed, with many good ideas expressed, among them the proposal for a list of members willing to be called by any of those wishing to

have someone with whom to share at those times when "... one needs a friend and some support." Vivian will compile this list and have it available for sharing during various Regional Conferences.

Refreshments were provided and served by the spouses of the ministers-in-training, after which the meeting resumed on an informal basis. Linda Melin, wife of Gerald Melin, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, will be in charge of arrangements for next year's Conference meeting of SOMA, and Vivian Clark will continue to assist. Among the ideas developed as a result of the discussions held was a suggestion that a page in CONTACT be devoted to news and views presented by a member of SOMA, with pictures, biographical sketches and other interesting bits of information contributed by spouses and children of Unity ministers. The meeting adjourned with the expressed intent of planning more get-togethers and fun times for the members at future meetings of the group.

SOMA

Joan Goodman, Chairman Pro Tem  
for Vivian Clark, Chairman

### REMEMBER...!!

September 24-27, 1979, is the date  
of the Executive Committee meet-  
ings at Unity Village, Missouri.

## AUC URBAN MINISTERIAL PROGRAM APPROVED

During the 1979 Conference, the Association of Unity Churches ratified the Executive Committee's approval of the AUC-UMS Urban Program, proposed by Ruth Mosley. The five-year pilot project will begin in 1980. It is a nonprofit program designed to reach the vast numbers of ethnic groups in urban metropolitan locations. It is being established for the express purpose of reaching out to those people committed to living the Principles of Jesus Christ as taught by the Unity School of Christianity who would like to share these Truth Principles with others. While not intended as a short-cut to becoming a Unity minister, the program is a detailed, specialized plan for training the undereducated person who exhibits a deficiency in necessary background information and data and who requires a longer period of time to assimilate the teachings of the Unity movement. The program is also intended to assist those potential ministers who may not be in a position to attend the Unity Ministerial School at this time, either because of family responsibilities or for lack of employment opportunities in the Kansas City area. This pilot project is being established in Detroit in line with the spirit of renaissance in that area and the deep interest of Detroit Unity people in bringing more people into this expanding Unity consciousness in their city.

The Association of Unity Churches has taken a giant

step into the future by planning ahead for growth and expansion of Unity in the urban community. Ruth Mosely has our gratitude for the wonderful work she has done and is doing in leading this innovative and exciting program.



This painting symbolizes the Spirit of Detroit, unified by the Unity message. Shown here, left to right are Ruth Mosley, minister of West Side Unity Church of Detroit; Jack Boland, AUC President; Waymon Hamlett, Vice-President of the Board of West Side Unity Church; Stan Hampson, Director of Ministry Services for AUC; Bernard Dozier, immediate past President of AUC.



## BUSINESS MEETINGS WITH CONFERENCE BODY HIGHLIGHTS. . .

The 1979 Conference of the Association of Unity Churches met for its opening session at 9:00 Monday morning, June 18. After the call to order by the President, **Bernard Dozier**, the Conference body was greeted by **James Dillet Freeman** who conducted the opening prayer service. **Charles Rickert Fillmore**, President of the Unity School of Christianity, also extended a warm welcome.

A list of the new ministries accepted into membership in the Association was read by **Stan Hampson**, Director of Ministry Services. They are (1) *Missoula, Montana* – **Rod McCallum**, minister; (2) *Tempe, Arizona* – **Sune Richards**, minister; (3) *Salt Lake City, Utah* – **Marc Glover**, minister; (4) *Pasadena, Texas* – **Mick Dustin**, minister; (5) *Kitchener, Ontario, Canada*, **John** and **Jo Harris**, **Margaret Conn**, ministers; (6) *Chula Vista, California* – **Bill Kellar**, minister; (7) *Conyers, Georgia* – **Curtis** and **Gladys Wilson**, ministers; (8) *Victoria, British Columbia, Canada* – **Marvin Anderson**, minister; (9) *Fort Collins, Colorado* – **Gerry Taylor**, minister; (10) *Maui, Hawaii* – **Diane Sickler**, minister; (11) *Muskogee, Oklahoma* – **Ruth Jaques**, minister; (12) *Lima, Ohio* – **Virginia Wolford**, Licensed Teacher. The Conference body accepted these new ministries into the Association.

A count was made of the voting members present and it was determined that they number 175. Following this, the new members of the Board of Trustees were elected. They are **Gwen Norment**, minister of Unity Christ Church, San Francisco, and **David Williamson**, minister of Detroit Unity Association.



New members  
of the  
Board of Trustees  
are:

**Gwen Norment**,  
left, and **David**  
**Williamson**, right.



The Education Review Committee report was presented by the Committee Chairman **Joyce Kramer**. The report was accepted, after which the session adjourned.

The second session of the Conference was called to order by the President who then shared with the Conference body the problems encountered in the dissemination of the Bylaws revisions prior to this year's meeting. It was decided that the Bylaws should be returned to the committee and that no further discussion would be in order during this Conference.

**Jack Boland**, Vice-President of the Association and Chairman of the Council of Committee Chairmen, was invited by the Board of Trustees to present all the Committee reports to the Conference body this year. The following Committee reports were presented and ratified by the Conference: Banquet, Post-Graduate, Licensing and Ordination, Hymn Book, Council of Committee Chairmen, Group Services, Outreach, and Foreign Ministries. The report of the Extended Ordination Committee was presented and then tabled for further discussion in a later session.

The third session, called to order by the President, opened

at 10:00 on Thursday morning, June 21, following which it was announced that the two new members of the Executive Committee, selected by the Board of Trustees, are **Jack Barker**, minister of New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, and **Max Lafser**, minister of Unity Church of Practical Christianity, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The newly-elected Vice-President of the Association is **Jim Sherman**, minister of Unity Church of Truth, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.



**Max Lafser (left), Jack Barker (right)**  
Executive Committee



**Jim Sherman**  
AUC Vice-President

The Conference then heard the report presented by **Paul Barrett**, Director of Ministerial Education, followed by the presentation of the 1979 Ordinands and an address by **Richard Barnes**, President of the current class of ministers-in-training.

**Frank Giudici**, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, presented his report and this, with the budget and audit reports, were distributed to all in attendance at this session. The report and the proposed 1979-80 Budget were adopted, as was the audit report.

The reports given by the Field Services Coordinator, **Scott Sherman**, and by **Stan Hampson**, Director of Ministry Services, concluded the morning session and it was adjourned to be reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

The first order of business in the afternoon session was the consideration of the report of the Extended Ordination Committee. After lengthy discussion the motion was made to ratify the report. The motion was defeated.

**Luis Montero Santiago** from Bayamon, Puerto Rico, candidate for ordination, was presented by **Paul Barrett** and ordained by **Bernard Dozier**.



**Luis Montero Santiago and family.**

**Jack Boland** continued with the presentation of Committee reports, including those of the following Committees: Min-  
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## BUSINESS MEETINGS WITH CONFERENCE BODY

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isterial Advisory, Planning and Goals, Program. All reports were ratified by the Conference Body. **Bernard Dozier** then presented the report of the Board of Trustees and this, too, was ratified.

The Chair called upon **Doris Caldwell**, minister of South Side Unity Center of Christianity, Chicago, to lead a special prayer and give a blessing to those Unity ministers and licensed teachers who made their transitions between June, 1978, and June, 1979. These are *Eva Edeen, Gertrude Kassar, Elizabeth Sand Turner, Harvey Jacobs, Alice Fillmore, Mabel Donaldson, Rose Emery and Greg Brown.*

President **Bernard Dozier** shared with the Conference the reason for the closed agenda for this year's Conference, noting that this facilitates the orderly presentation of business and permits members to have time to consider the various items on the agenda in advance of the meetings. In the future, when the agenda is mailed out, it will be sent by first class mail and the envelopes will be stamped "Conference Agenda Enclosed."

The final business session of the 1979 Conference was called to order at 10:00 Friday morning, at which time President **Bernard Dozier** invited a report on the SOMA meetings by **Joan Goodman** and a report from the meeting conducted by the Licensed Teachers; the latter was presented by **Jack Boland**. Jack then took occasion to extend to **Lou McGough** and her staff at **Unity Inn** the very special thanks of the entire Conference body for all the extra courtesies extended by them to the visitors to Conference. Lou was presented with a lovely gift as an expression of our love and gratitude.

Copies of "The Canadian View," the quarterly publication of the Canadian Association of Unity Churches, were distributed to all those present at this session.

Bernard took this occasion to invite all members of the Conference body to submit to **Jack Boland** any items which they would like to have included on the agenda for the June, 1980, Conference.

The announcement was then made by the President of the two new members of the faculty of the Unity Ministerial School; they are **Hypatia Hasbrouck**, former minister of Unity Church of Living Truth, Overland Park, Kansas, who has been serving on the faculty under a temporary appointment; and **Kathryn Rowbotham**, co-minister of Unity of the Roanoke Valley, Virginia. **Alan Rowbotham** will be the new Special Projects Coordinator for the Association of Unity Churches.



Alan and Kathryn Rowbotham



Hypatia Hasbrouck

At this time, **Mary Roberts** of Australia was presented by **Foster McClellan**, Director of Overseas Ministries for Unity School of Christianity, as a candidate for ordination. She

was ordained by President **Bernard Dozier**.



Pictured at left are: **Mary Roberts**, newly ordained Unity minister from Australia (middle), and **Grace Kessinger** (left), first year MIT and **Joan Cave** (right) incoming MIT. Joan and Grace are also from Australia.

The Conference concluded with the installation of **Jack Boland** as the new President of the Association of Unity Churches for 1979-80.

*(Further coverage of the 1979 Conference will be carried in the August issue of CONTACT, with special emphasis on the Spiritual Retreats, the Post-Graduate Courses and the appearance of special guest speaker, Dr. C. Norman Shealy. . . Watch for these and other items of interest about the Conference.)*

*(Editor's note: In response to many requests, the lyrics to the "Lessons in Truth Boogie," composed and presented by Greg Barrette at the 90th Anniversary of Unity Celebration will be carried in the August issue of CONTACT.)*

## REGIONAL NEWS

EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with **Alan Rowbotham**, Regional Representative:

A most successful Youth Education seminar was conducted by **Kathy Shelton**, Youth Education Coordinator for the Eastern Region, on the 12th of May. Some 35 people attended from Roanoke, Lynchburg and Charlottesville. It was a joyous and fulfilling experience, as those in attendance can attest.

A seminar entitled "A Celebration of Life" was presented on May 19th by **Penny Johnson**. (Six years ago, Penny was told by her doctors that she had only six weeks to live!) The subjects under discussion were the issues of death, dying and grief. Workshop leaders, in addition to Penny, were **Doris Guarrant**, BA, MS, Clinical Psychology with extensive experience in hypnotherapy; **Bob Evans**, BA, BD Theological and Clinical Religious Education with side experience in pastoral and clinical counseling; and **Mack Wellford**, BS, M.E.D., ED.D., professor of education at Roanoke College.

At the conclusion of a class entitled, "What is Unity?" con-

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ducted by **Alan** and **Kathryn Rowbotham**, 18 new members were taken into Unity of Roanoke Valley.

Unity in the Seven Hills, Lynchburg, Virginia, sponsored a seminar on the first weekend in May, entitled "Taking the Next Step." It was conducted by **Dr. P.J. Koury**, a psychologist from Kansas City, Missouri, who is also a UICE graduate. He covered subjects including the art of relaxation, learning to concentrate, improving the memory, how to deal with physical, mental and emotional problems and creating a better self-image. A workbook and relaxation tape were presented to each student. The seminar, held at the Sheraton Inn, was widely advertised and drew people from all walks of life and from distances as great as fifty miles away. Dr. Koury spent the entire day following the seminar in private counseling sessions. The great success of the seminar and the enthusiastic response it received brought to Dr. Koury an invitation to return for a second seminar within the next three months.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL NEWS with **Miki Bowen**, Regional Representative:

Unity of Vallejo, **Juliana Coppock**, minister and Unity Church of Castro Valley with **Beulah Ornbaum**, minister, sponsored an Easter Week Retreat in Yountville which was very successful. **William Fischer** was the main speaker at the Retreat and also spoke in several Centers while in the area. He was very much enjoyed and appreciated wherever he spoke. Many look forward to having him again. Beulah is Registrar of the popular annual October Unity Students' Retreat.

Unity of Oroville welcomed **Stan Hampson** as its guest speaker on Saturday, May 5. Stan had attended the regional Conference in Reno and included a stop in Oroville while in Northern California. **Gilberta Sommer**, minister of the church, celebrated her 20th year as a Unity minister in June.

**Jacklyn Buboltz**, minister of the Unity church in Reno, announced in May that the Carson City study group has expanded to Sunday services, beginning Mother's Day. Services are to be conducted by the "teachers-in-training" from the Reno and Carson City areas. Jacklyn is President of the regional Executive Board and is the alternate Regional Representative.

**Tom Witherspoon**, editor of Unity School, toured northern California in May and spoke in 9 churches. His tour included three others but his trip ended abruptly when he received news of his father's passing. Tom's talks on the Fillmores, especially Myrtle, and the history of Unity were most interesting as he gave many unknown facts about the early days of Unity. We were fortunate in getting **Gary Jones** to fill in at the last moment and he did a magnificent job of carrying out the theme set by Tom.

**John Wingfield**, minister of Unity Christ Church in San Luis Obispo, did most of the work in organizing Tom's tour which was carried out in a very orderly way. We are grateful to John who is also Vice-President of our regional Board and coordinator of the Students' Retreat which takes place at beautiful Asilomar Conference Grounds near Pacific Grounds. This fall, **Dr. Marcus Bach** will be the featured speaker on "Total Living." This Retreat has been attracting over 1,000 excited Unity students each year.

**Gwen Norment**, minister of Unity Christ Church in San Francisco announces that their church was the recipient of a \$51,000.00 bequest from a woman who had been active in the church as a hostess, Church Librarian, and a Board member. Says Gwen, "Through her gift, her love lives on and continues to bless this ministry in beautiful ways." Bequests like this are always a welcome gift!

Three churches in our region report on their spring beautification programs. In Bakerfield, **Edd Dawson**, minister, states that this work began with "painting and wallpapering the ladies lounge and restroom. A new vanity and sink and new carpet have been donated." Members of the church are donating their time to the many projects yet to be accomplished. . . **Emily Sanford**, minister of Richmond Unity, says that their "Beauty Within-Beauty Without" project has been going for many months but that the end is near—if only the elves would "magically appear to paint the kitchen". . . Unity Church of Fresno, **Mary Fourchalk**, minister, describes the completed paint job on the inside and outside of their church as "The Golden Jewel" at Palm and Dennett. All this beautification is an expression of the love Unity people have for their church.

**Jean Grover**, who recently resigned as minister of Unity Centre in Montreal to re-marry her former husband Ralph, has returned to our region to be with her "new" husband. Jean is a welcome addition to our list of ministers and licensed teachers who serve as guest speakers wherever needed. Her mother, **Anne Bailey**, who recently celebrated her 91st birthday, also accompanied Jean to California and will live in a lovely retirement home.

**Unity Truth Center** is the name of the new Unity work in Santa Rosa which held its first meeting on Easter Sunday. Meetings are being held as often as we can arrange a meeting place. I am serving as the interim minister until the group grows to the point where they can support someone on a full-time basis. In the meantime, I travel back and forth on Sundays and fortunately, the Father always sees that I have enough gas!

### SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with **William Clark, W.P.**, Regional Representative:

From Fort Pierce, Florida, comes word that "...the move is ON!" We rejoice with them that they are now in the last  
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phase of selling their present property and beginning the building of their new church. The new building will be located on Sunrise Blvd. and is designed to seat 200 people. Congratulations! Praise God!

Unity Centers in North Carolina are holding their third annual retreat at the top of Echo Mountain, Hendersonville, North Carolina. The theme for the retreat is "Self-Discovery." Various topics to be covered are healing, relaxation, nature and yoga. The dates are August 1 through August 4. For further information write or call Florence Allen, Gerry Belanger or Jim Rosemergy.

The Southeast Regional Conference will be held at Unity of Trinidad and Tobago, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, October 14-16.

Suggestion: Since there are a good number of retired Unity ministers and teachers, wouldn't it be nice to get in touch with them? Many of them feel as though they have been forgotten, and they'd love hearing from YOU! One day you, too, may plan to take a rest; why not ask yourself, "After I'm retired, wouldn't it be nice if I were to get a card now and again? Perhaps it's not too soon for me to begin applying the Golden Rule!" (Names and addresses of many of our retirees can be found listed in our Yearbook.)

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