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**ABOUT THE COVER:** This issue of CONTACT has an original cover created by our own AUC worker **Don Payne**. The familiar scene of Unity Village is viewed through the window of the Association's phone number.

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# AUC President's Letter

Dear Friend—

Most of us who attended the AUC Conference at Unity Village in June were pleased with the changes we experienced, and we came away feeling it had been the most stimulating, fulfilling and rewarding Conference in many years. Purposeful change that is well planned and organized is exhilarating and exciting, especially when that change is designed to bring forth an unfulfilled potential.

Now that we are back in action in our own churches and centers, we may find ourselves safely ensconced in the status quo--the comfort zones with which we have surrounded ourselves and into which we have tended to settle. Nothing has really changed after all. For example, in your mind, quickly examine your personal situation and then project it over approximately 300 other churches, and you will see that our Movement goes on much as it did before. A better Conference does not a better Movement make, especially a Conference that was attended by only slightly more than 50 per cent of our ministers and ministries. A better Conference can be an important starting point, but our Movement cannot really change until there is a ground swell of dynamic, new, enthusiastic action that permeates the majority of our centers.

Unity celebrated its 90th Anniversary in June, but this was really the anniversary of Unity School of Christianity. The Association of Unity Churches has just become a teen-ager and is only now reaching puberty, that marvelous period in the life of an individual or entity when it begins to assume personal responsibility for its actions. Growing up is always painful, but it is always worth the effort.

Unity School of Christianity continues to be a light that shines brightly, and its growth continues to be nothing less than phenomenal with new goals established and achieved on a regular and continuing basis. We can be very proud of our parent organization and grateful for the supportive consciousness that has made these early years of the AUC as easy as they have been--or maybe even possible.

But we must not confuse or mistake the success of Unity School with what is happening in that area of the Unity Movement in which we have been given a spiritual responsibility. Somehow, we



Jack Boland

members of the AUC seem to have caused ourselves to believe we are doing quite well, when in fact we are not doing very well at all. *We could be doing well, but we are not. We can and we will get on with the fulfillment of our responsibilities, but so far, we are a movement that is not yet in motion.*

We have been given the assignment to carry the Jesus Christ message out into the world in a special way. We must *prove* that this system of Practical Christianity works by demonstrating its effectiveness in our personal lives and in our churches and centers. Are you aware that, collectively, we may have spent more time and energy in these last twelve years mind-wrestling over our By-laws and a few other emotional issues than we have in exploring ways to create dynamic, successful centers which truly reflect the Christ Consciousness? The time has come for us to get on with the business for which we were caused to come into being.

I believe in Unity, and I know you do, too. I believe in the Association of Unity Churches, and I believe that what we can accomplish in the world and in people's lives can be absolutely amazing. I believe we can become the bright new star that rises above the horizon of the religious and spiritual world in these last 20 years of the 20th century. But I also believe that, in order for this miracle to happen, we must come together and stop being a house divided against itself, looking back over its shoulder with hurt feelings. The time has come for us to let our centers

and churches become living proof that what we teach is true. I believe that in order for this to happen, we (that's *all* of us) must become willing to be changed, willing and eager to learn how to carry our message more effectively to the people who need us.

The Daily Word frequently includes "Begin Again" as its word and message for one day of the month. As the incoming President of the Association of Unity Churches, I am asking you--personally--to do just that. *Please! Please,* let's begin again. Let's put aside all the things that have happened to us in the past--all the hurts and blame, all the disappointments, all disillusionment and frustration. Especially, let's put aside all the failure-mechanisms we have adopted which stand in the way of our progress. Remember, all this has been a necessary part of the painful birth of our Association and its unsophisticated childhood. Now that we are becoming mature, we must put away these childish things. If each one of us who reads this letter will pause and *rededicate* his or her life as a living channel of the love and activity of God, and if in that moment, we all realign ourselves with the AUC, our spiritual power will be brought into focus in one great surge of creative energy that will work for the advantage of each of us and all of us.

The Executive Staff of the AUC, the Board of Trustees and all of your Committee Chairmen are already planning an even greater Conference for June of 1980 and, even though it is a year away, I hope you will make a personal commitment at this moment to attend and to be involved. *We need each other*--we ministries and ministers. Our autonomy is our great strength, but it also becomes our greatest weakness if we try to go off and function by ourselves alone.

As a matter of fact, let's not wait until Conference time to get together. If you have been attending your Regional Conference, you know that is where a lot of the action really takes place and where we share our experiences, strengths and hopes with each other. I will be at your Conference because I have a number of ideas about possible changes which can create a new vitality and new growth  
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## AUC PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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in our individual centers. I am not suggesting you will want to adopt these ideas, but I believe if you will attend your next Regional Conference, you will get so turned on that your ministry and your church will never be the same again!

After all, if you and I aren't excited about what we are doing--can anyone else be?

I hope to see you at your Regional Conference. In the meantime, if you have an idea that can make our Association or our centers stronger and more effective, please let me hear from you.

Together, in Unity, we can move forward into that glorious destiny for which we were given birth.

Enthusiastically,

*Jack Zeland*

## ABOUT THOSE BADGES...

So many who were "home" for Conference inquired about the new identification badges worn by some of the MIT's, that we are printing here an illustration and a price list:

Quantity	Price per badge
1 - 10	\$4.00
11 - 25	3.25
26 - 50	2.90

(add 50¢ for each additional line)



Please direct your orders to: Gladys Branscum, c/o AUC.

Any title such as minister, usher, hostess, etc., may be inserted in place of the "UMS-MIT" shown here.

## Clearinghouse

**FOR SALE:** Rogers Classic Style Organ, 1976 model, walnut finish, heavy-duty sound system, nine position transposer, 110 II DeLuxe console; used very little (one hour each Sunday.) For additional information, write **Scott Thornton**, Unity Church of Clearwater Valley, 1015 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho 83501.

**FOR SALE:** Almost New Systec biofeedback equipment, includes EEG Model 220, EMG Model 1R, Temperature Monitor T3-P, headphones, battery charger, etc. Total value approximately \$1,800. In excellent condition--price negotiable. Write or phone **Jack Hamilton**, Unity Church of Sedona, 204 Deer Trail Road, RR 1, Box 491, Sedona, Arizona 86336 (602/282-7181)

**WANTED:** A book entitled Primary Lessons in Christian Healing, by Annie Rix Miletz. If you have one available, please get in touch with **Gene Sorensen**, Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48145.

## LESSONS IN TRUTH WAS NEVER LIKE THIS!

(Ed. note: In response to overwhelming demand from those in the audience who could stop laughing long enough to ask, we hereby publish...for the first time anywhere...the lyrics to the "Lessons-in-Truth Boogie" composed and sung by MIT Greg Barrette--also known as YOU Coordinator Greg Barrette--at Unity School's 90th Anniversary Celebration. WHAT a Celebration! Additional demands for a recording of this remarkable musical performance have been so great that we are presently negotiating with the Composer/Performer for cassette production. Keep reading CONTACT for further bulletins.)

Emilie Cady  
was a real gone chick  
wrote this book  
200 pages thick  
'bout this swingin' disco  
sign caught my eye  
called "The Secret Place  
of the Most High."

\*\*\*\*\*

I walked into that joint  
called "The Secret Place"  
it was full of vibrations  
of the consciousness of race.  
up walked a little cutie  
really flicked my switch  
said, "Bondage or Liberty,  
honey,  
and I don't care which."

\*\*\*\*\*

she said, "There are 3 phases  
of being  
and 12 powers of man  
but it only takes 2 to tango  
so catch me if you can."  
they say that consciousness draws  
things right into your lap  
that's why I put her centerfold  
on my treasure-map.

\*\*\*\*\*

I said, "Teach me Emilie  
about cause and effect."  
she said, "You got a cute little  
aura, honey,  
and you ain't seen nothin' yet."  
Said, "As above, so below  
when you're lookin' for  
satisfaction."  
I said, "That sounds like meta-  
physical lust, honey,  
not the law of mind-action."

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There's an end to this story  
about Emilie Cady  
I had to leave that Secret Place  
I split with the swingin' lady.  
one day I was checkin' her out.  
she was in such divine order  
but she asked about my prosperity  
I knew right then I couldn't afford  
her.

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# *I LOVE THE SOUNDS OF DEMOCRACY*

by Stan Hampson



Some famous person is credited with the statement, "I love the sounds of democracy." This idea captured my imagination some time ago, and it once again came to my mind in relationship to our annual Conference.

This year's Conference was exceptional. We were able to accomplish all our work and still keep the emphasis on inspiration and faith--where it truly belonged. And oh, those glorious sounds of democracy!

How marvelous it is that we have an organization in which we can have and express our differing opinions. As one who is a vitally interested and at the same time a non-voting member, I found myself becoming so excited about how the vote was going to go following the various points of view which were expressed in so many different manners and different ways. Sounds of democracy are noisy and not always are they expressive of a high degree of efficiency, but the sharing of ideas which evolve from these animated discussions is a joy to experience.

I feel that the synthesis of ideas is true creation. It happens within us, individually, whenever we create a really good sermon. And it happens among us when we create the kind of Conference which we just experienced. Some of us used to think of God as a kind of dictator who created any way He chose, but we need to remember that the words say that He created in a plural image, which would well-reflect the synergy of a democracy. Shared ideas evolve into something good, and very good.

At this time of year we are involved in the normal placement procedure, plus the extra excitement of placing our Ordinands. It is a busy kind of democracy--watching the Ordinands choose where they want their resumes sent, sending the resumes out, and then finding which ones generate the most interest in the various churches. Frequently I have the feeling that I could do a much better job if I were making all the decisions, rather than letting consciousness sound out its own democracy. In fact, I sometimes get the suggestion (almost framed as a criticism) that I should do more to help in the placement process than I do--like telling people where

they should go and telling churches which candidates they should take. But the few times I have come even close to doing that, I have found that the people involved usually ignore my sage advice and proceed to do exactly what they feel guided to do! Strong leadership in placement might indeed be more efficient and might even avoid some "mistakes" which occasionally appear to be made. But how productive are the sounds of democracy!

Church Boards sometimes move quickly and appear to choose a minister who is seemingly inappropriate for them. But what is "inappropriate"? What is a "mistake"? If everyone involved is truly open and receptive to the activity of Spirit, even though the action taken may result in a short-term ministry, it will be a meaningful, growing experience for each person involved.

Sometimes Church Boards move so slowly that all the Ordinands are placed before they can come to the decision to listen to any of them. And then, if they represent a small church or center, it gives them no alternative except to wait another whole year until more ministers are available. Sometimes ministers seeking their right place keep delaying their placement by putting off the acceptance of invitations to speak. But then such delays can be so helpful. I have seen ministers who stalled for several years before finally taking a church. But when they did they had learned the things they needed to learn and were really ready. Other times it seemed that some churches were stalling too long and then that they had to wait an extra-long time--but, somehow, when they were really serious about finding a minister they did so and many times they were, additionally, healed of some disharmonies out of their own past.

We all tend, from time to time, to get too specific about our good. Sometimes churches will say they don't want an Ordinand under any circumstances; others say they don't want a minister from the field under any circumstances--they only want an Ordinand. It does seem to me, at times, that they are passing over the logical choices for themselves. Then I try to suggest; I cajole. I pray a lot. And sometimes I cry--yes, and then I laugh. And I try again to suggest. And oh, it is inefficient, it is expensive, it is noisy, it is grand. Somehow, through it all, placement occurs and it is *good*! Spirit draws congregations to ministers out of a positive or out of a negative, and they grow and learn and prosper and we continue to move forward.

God is in the still small voice. God is also in the earthquake, wind and fire. Give thanks for the sounds--the noisy sounds of democracy that take place in you and rejoice in these same sounds in your ministry and in our AUC activities. Include in your times of silence a rejoicing in the correctness of Spirit as it goes about its noisy business of drawing each minister into his/her perfect place. Love the sounds of democracy! ++



left--Jim Sherman,  
AUC Vice-President;  
right--David William-  
son, new member,  
Board of Trustees.



## CONFERENCE POST-GRADUATE PROGRAM

Because of the warm, enthusiastic response on the part of all who attended the various Post-Graduate courses offered tapes are now being prepared and will be made available to field ministers at an early date. See enclosed flyer listing topics and prices for these cassettes.

## NEWS

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## VIEWS

ON

UMS. . .

by Paul C. Barrett



A new era for UMS has begun to unfold. With joy in our hearts and great expectation of good for the future of our ministerial training school, we welcome it. The era began with the adoption of the Education Review Committee report to the AUC Conference Body on June 18. The following is the report presented by the Educational Review Committee Chairman, Joyce Kramer:

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EDUCATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. THAT a Council of Education be formed to insure that the quality of the Unity Ministerial School be consistent with the training of well-qualified, dedicated and effective Unity ministers.
2. THAT the Council of Education shall be responsible to the AUC Board of Trustees for developing and implementing goals and maintaining an overview of the Unity Ministerial School.
3. THAT the Council of Education, in cooperation with the Director of Ministerial Education and subject to the approval of the AUC Board of Trustees, shall:
  - a. Implement an overall curriculum plan for UMS.
  - b. Establish a course of study for each course in the curriculum.
  - c. Formulate and implement policies for UMS.
  - d. Create scholarship programs.
  - e. Develop an annual budget in cooperation with the Finance and Budget Committee.
  - f. Determine standards for graduation from UMS.
  - g. Appoint members of all education-related committees, with the exception of the Licensing and Ordination Committee.
  - h. Set standards and oversee conduct of all matters relating to admission to UMS.
  - i. Prepare job descriptions for the Director, faculty and staff of UMS.
  - j. Develop and implement an evaluation program for UMS faculty members.
  - k. Determine the structure, qualifications and selection procedures for members of the Council of Education, with the approval of the Conference Body.
  - l. Establish levels of student enrollment.

4. THAT in its initial year the members of the Council of Education shall consist of the members of the Educational Review Committee who were elected by the Conference Body and Board of 1978.

I had the pleasure of rising on the floor of the Conference business meeting and speaking in support of this proposal. In my opinion, the proposal presents a practical and viable way in which UMS can be proficiently upgraded in serving the needs of the Unity Movement by drawing more fully upon the talent, experience and knowledge of our ministers in the field. I thank and commend the Educational Review Committee for the submission of this report, the AUC Board for the support of it and, most of all, the Conference Body for adopting it in a spirit of faith, love and great expectation. The staff of UMS eagerly stands ready to cooperate with the new Council of Education and the AUC Board in evolving the best plans possible to train the finest ministers of Truth.

It might interest you to know that beginning with the 1979-80 UMS school year, we will have the largest enrollment in our ministerial school history. There will be 41 MIT's (ministers-in-training) in the second year class and 47 MIT's in the first year class, making a total of 88. This represents a 52% increase over the present school year enrollment.

The full-time AUC faculty of UMS now consists of Gary Jones, Hypatia Hasbrouck and Kathryn Rowbotham, in addition to myself as Director of the school. Also we will draw upon the talents of supplementary faculty members who are on the staff of AUC and Unity School--namely Scott Sherman, Stan Hampson, Alan Rowbotham, all of AUC; and Phil White, Frank Giudici and Martha Giudici of the Unity School staff. We are deeply appreciative that the talents of these latter-named people are being made available to us.

There is much more I could address myself to in this column, but I will close with a few remarks about ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE FOR THE 1980-81 SCHOOL YEAR:

First of all, I bring to your attention that the 1980-81 school year will begin July 21, 1980. It is planned that application forms for that year will be available by the end of summer or early fall. Anyone desiring to apply is free to write the Office of the Director of UMS and request to be put on the mailing list to receive the newly-revised and updated application at such time as it is available.

I hasten to add that there are certain criteria that all prospective applicants must be able to meet in order to be qualified to apply. These criteria, as adopted by the Council of Education and approved by the Board, are as follows:

1. Completion of course work in Lessons in Truth, Foundations of Unity, Part I and II, and one other basic credit Unity course.
2. Minimum age of 21.
3. Active participation in a Unity church (center) for a minimum of one year in such activities as teaching classes, leading meditations, Sunday school teaching, platform chairman, speaker, board member.
4. Minimum educational background AA degree, or equivalent time invested, including courses in:
  - a. English composition
  - b. Speech
  - c. Liberal arts/humanities

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**INWARD,  
ONWARD,  
UPWARD!**

by R. Scott Sherman



**FIELD SERVICES PROJECTS COORDINATOR**

With the hiring of **Alan Rowbotham** to serve as our Field Services Projects Coordinator, a number of new areas of service on the part of your Association will begin. Areas under immediate consideration will be: Thanksgiving and Christmas letterhead stationery and return envelopes for use by centers; additional bulletin and newsletter covers; Prosperity wallets (which will be more conducive to currency and check giving to each center); cassette tapes for subjects of professional interest to ministers and their individual congregations, as well as several other areas involving special services such Christmas candlelighting. Alan hopes to be with us in the office sometime in August and I am anxiously awaiting his arrival with many, many projects in mind and with much enthusiasm.

**ASSOCIATION LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE**

The Board of Trustees has officially appointed the 35 ministers who were trained in four separate training sessions

this past year as Association Liaison Representatives. There are approximately 5 of these men and women currently in each of our 7 regions. They are there to help centers in times of need or, hopefully, before a situation becomes difficult. Many of them are not only trained in negotiation for the challenging periods of a center's experience, but also for times when some friendly advice or experience in areas such as building, faith bonds, or publicity might be of help. The names and backgrounds of these individuals will be published soon so that you may call upon them in time of need. Their special skills are being recorded here in the Association Liaison Representative Resource Bank which we are programing into our new Mini-Computer. In this way, if there is help needed in some special area, we can find just the right person to be of assistance to you. We, therefore, encourage you for any special need to get in touch with me here at our Association Offices. We can then provide you with the kind of assistance that will be helpful to you and to your center.

**OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

Now that approval by the Board of Trustees has been given to increase the size of our UMS classes, we are looking forward once again to encouraging developing centers who may be seeking a minister by June of 1981. One of the more recent additions to our outreach program appears to be the potential that exists in the GreenBay/Appleton/Oshkosh area of Wisconsin. This beautiful part of the world boasts a population of well over 500,000 people, including nearly 6,000 families who receive Unity literature. Since the nearest Unity works are Sheboygan (75 miles) and Milwaukee (110 miles), it seems an ideal place for a new ministry to take root and grow. Study groups have flourished there in the past, and we are anticipating successful activities there which will tell us if this is indeed a site for a future Unity center. ++

**ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES  
Statement of General Funds Operations  
Two Months Ended May 31, 1979**

<b>INCOME—OPERATIONS</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Love Offering	\$81,231.04
Other Income	<u>7,178.31</u>
	88,409.35
Less: Tithe Transfer	<u>8,123.11</u>
	80,286.24
Gross Profit Materials	<u>2,754.41</u>
Total Income	<u>83,040.65</u>
<b>EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:</b>	
Ministry Services	49,015.27
Ministerial Education	<u>23,993.64</u>
Total Expenses	<u>73,008.91</u>
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 10,031.74</u>

**NEWS & VIEWS ON UMS...**

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- Means to pay first full year's tuition upon entrance, plus capacity to support oneself and dependents.
- Evidence of effective, continuous work experience.

The Council of Education will be meeting at Unity Village with the Director of UMS September 24-25. At that time, admissions procedures applicable to the 1980-81 school year will be set forth for all interested in applying. Information about these procedures will be released after this time.

Anyone having further questions about UMS or any facet of the ministerial training program is invited to get in touch with my office for more information.

In the meantime, we thank you for the blessing of your prayers. Continue to know with us that *CHRIST, THE RADIANT LIGHT WITHIN, QUICKENS, INSPIRES AND UPLIFTS US, AND PREPARES THE WAY BEFORE US, LEADING US INTO AVENUES OF SUCCESS.*

Blessings,

*Paul*

# BULLETIN

## AUC ACQUIRES COMPUTER

On May 15th AUC World Headquarters at Unity Village placed in operation a new microcomputer system. This system will handle all accounting functions for AUC. Additional programs acquired give the system the capability of maintaining membership lists and sorting them by name, address, city, state, zip code or any combination of the above and any of thirty other identifying characteristics. The computer also has one of the most technologically advanced word-processing capabilities available enabling it to interface with the membership list program. This gives the user the ability to produce, edit and store communications to selected groups. Many attendees at the June AUC Conference were able to view a demonstration of this versatile equipment.

The computer, a Model PCC 2000, is a product of Pertec Computer Corporation and utilizes a NEC Spinwriter for high quality print-outs. Pertec was founded in 1967 and today is listed on the New York Stock Exchange indicating recognition of its size, revenues, current earning capacity and stability. Through six divisions, the company designs, develops, manufactures, markets and services computer hardware and software products.

Major emphasis at PCC is in small business systems, distributed data processing, data entry, peripheral equipment and service. Service centers are located in 83 cities in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Pertec also maintains service capability in Europe and the Far East through affiliated distributors.

In 1977, Pertec acquired MITS, Inc., originators of the microcomputer, which made computers for smaller organizations a

reality and an economically viable data and communications processing tool. The PCC 2000 is a fourth generation highly advanced version of the MITS/Altair 8800, the original microcomputer.

AUC's acquisition of the PCC 2000 microcomputer and the software programs was made through Advanced Micro Systems, Inc., **5209 West 94th Terrace, Prairie Village, Kansas 66207, (913-648-0600)**. **Davi Veitch** of Advanced Micro Systems will be pleased to discuss computer applications for Unity Centers with anyone interested in exploring the wide range of benefits available to users of this advanced medium of information and communication handling.



Editor's Note: We would like to thank Advanced Micro Systems for preparation of this article and their contribution toward production costs of this issue of CONTACT.



OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL CONFERENCE  
WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME





PULL  
UP  
A  
CHAIR...



and let me assure you, right here and right now, that we DO know which of our illustrious ministers is **Jim Sherman** and which is **David Williamson**. Honest. We had occasion to assure many of you of the truth of this statement...both in person and by long-distance phone. Ah, well...these things do occur. And there's one thing that this "goof" proves beyond a shadow of a doubt: a lot of you do read **CONTACT**. For which we are properly grateful. (In deference to the Reverend Messrs. Sherman and Williamson, you will find their pictures--properly captioned--on page 15. And if the printer mixes *these* up, you may consider that both printer and managing editor will be seeking employment elsewhere. Immediately.)

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THAT, BUT BY THE GRACE OF GOD, SAID I... One of the most delightful stories we heard at Conference (and, believe me, they were many!) concerned the Unity minister who was approached by a strange couple at the conclusion of a wedding ceremony he had performed. "Oh, Reverend," said the young lady, "that was the loveliest wedding I've ever attended!" "Well," replied the minister with enthusiasm, "if you thought *that* was beautiful, you ought to hear one of my **FUNERALS!**" (Oh, come on, now...you *know* you coulda said it. Or **DID** you?)

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LETTERS WE ENJOY READING OVER AND OVER are ones like this, which came from **Gene Sorensen** at Unity of Livonia. He wrote, "Thank you for the sample copy of the brochure, 'A Unity Consultation.' It was very well done and will prove most helpful in our ministry. Please send us 100 copies. It is a joy for us to tithe each month to the Association of Unity Churches and to have such fine service such as the pam-

phlet provided for us. God bless you in all the good you are doing." God bless you, too, Gene...you brightened our whole day!

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ANOTHER CHARMING STORY came to us through **Alan Rowbotham** who wrote to tell of a "scoop on love and discipline" reported by vital Youth Education person, **Phyllis Simpson**, in a class on the Study of the New Testament. Phyllis said, "When I love my child, or other people's children, enough to expect their very best God-self, that's love and discipline. As a parent and a teacher, I don't scold, I just ask the children how God would act. These are some of the answers. 'I'm a child of God and I don't run in church when others are drinking coffee.' 'I don't throw stones in the fountain because the stones stop the water from falling down.' 'I don't like to sit still--but God does!' When I have asked about the Christ-self of these little ones, I have never had a negative answer. They know who and what they are. We all need to be reminded of this sometimes!" So we do, Phyllis, so we do. We thank you--and you, Alan--for sharing.

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A TIP OF THE EDITORIAL HAT goes, this month, to **Rob Hampson**, son of Editor-in-Chief **Stan Hampson**, for his permission to use the sketch he made of Unity Village as the cover for our June/July edition of **CONTACT**. As a matter of fact, the sketch was a Father's Day gift from Rob to his Dad...so we thank both Hampsons, pere and fils, for sharing.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT the majority of the news items which appear in the *Regional News* section of **CONTACT** are laboriously dug out of the various bulletins and newsletters which cross our desk from all the churches and centers around the country? While, in theory, all of you, Dear Readers, dutifully notify your Regional Representatives of interesting items and said Representatives then forward these to us, this is a practice "...more honored in the breach than in the observance," as my grandmother

used to say. Not the fault of the Regional Reps, my dears...you just don't send them the information. (Some, like our blessed **Miki Bowen**, dig out items themselves and send them on to us--and we're grateful.) Not that we *mind* reading all your bulletins, please understand--they are very interesting. But you could do one thing that we would appreciate: do you have the faintest, foggiest idea how many of you send out mailing pieces that do not carry either the name of the church or center or the name of the minister? 'Struth!' Of course the majority of these are either given or mailed out to people who already know who and where you are, but when the mail comes in here the contents frequently get separated from the envelopes and we don't know where to give credit when credit is due! Would you, right now, take a minute and check your latest bulletin or newsletter? And if, perchance, your name and address do not appear, PLEASE include them? Ok? We love you!

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NEWS FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN REGION comes to us, regularly and on time (by the first of the month) from **Bill Clark**. You may have noticed that, in the Conference issue of **CONTACT**, he was listed as Regional Representative W.P. Know why? That's the way he signs his reports to me. If you want to know what it stands for, you might ask Bill. (I'm sure such a Wonderful Person as he is would be glad to tell you. 'Cause he *is*!)

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WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT of items which come to us without any identification of the source, I'd still like to use one which arrived just this week. It's a clipping with a written notation "from 'Pulpit Helps,' June, 1979." I'm not familiar with the publication (though I'd like to be) but I think the brief article deserves to be quoted. Entitled, "The Man in the Pulpit," by Austin Sorenson, it reads as follows: "A mother and son were arguing about going to church. The son insisted that he was not going to church. The mother answered, 'Give me two good reasons why you're not going to church.' The reply was, 'I don't like the people and the people don't like me.' The son (Continued on page 10)



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then asked his mother for two good reasons why he should go to church. The mother answered, 'Because you're forty years of age and you're the pastor of the church!' In a recent survey of a certain denomination in the Los Angeles area, a questionnaire was sent to ministers asking, 'Which day do you dread most?' A large majority of the pastors indicated Sunday. They also stated that the duty they dreaded most was preaching. What a

tragedy!" While we can say with a fair degree of certainty that such a survey, made among Unity ministers, would not register the same results, it does give one food for thought, doesn't it?

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**SIGNING-OFF-WITH-A-SMILE:** In a "Dear Abby" column a short time ago we found the following gem addressed to "Faithful Fan in Bremerton, Washington." It reads, "Your character is what you are,

your reputation what people think you are. But once you get the reputation for being an early riser, you can sleep until noon." Not in our business, Abby. . .at least NEVER ON SUNDAY!

Love and blessings,

*Marianne*

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Every time you throw a little mud,  
you lose a little ground.

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## NEWS FROM THE EDITORIAL & PROMOTION DEPARTMENTS OF UNITY SCHOOL

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.



### SPARKPLUGS

The August issue of UNITY Magazine contains an article by **Kenneth T. Rose** entitled, "The Discipline of Delay" which deals with the seeming blockage to the fulfillment of people's desires and wants. The insights in this article may help Unity ministers and teachers in counseling, sermons, or lessons.

Author Rose reported he spend many hours meditating upon the meaning of Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount:

"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

He reported that even with using what he thought was Truth he kept slipping farther away from his hoped-for fulfillment. In an interview he conducted with a Unity minister he received some insight into his seeming unfulfillment. The minister said, "I don't think a desire arises within us for which there is no fulfillment," and she explained that "our

desires always find fulfillment, but very often that fulfillment arrives in an unexpected manner: it comes first in the form of delay."

His conclusion was that through the discipline of delay the desire-clogged heart will be emptied of the lesser desires or human whims leaving the path open to spiritual fulfillment which is the height of fulfillment.

Stated another way he says, ". . .the one who gives top priority to spiritual realization finds the lesser needs taken care of with one important qualification: these needs are met in such a way that their fulfillment does not interfere with the seeking for 'the kingdom.'"

"Positive thinking which neglects this and occupies itself solely with the materializing of benefits to enhance its self-centeredness is, in reality, a subtle form of negative thinking." As Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first his kingdom, and his righteousness, and all these things will be yours as well."

Look for "The Discipline of Delay" on page 45 of the August issue of UNITY Magazine. ++



## REGIONAL NEWS

### EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Alan Rowbotham:

Unity of Baltimore celebrated the arrival of **Bob** and **Faye Marshall** to their new church home with a Coffee Hour and Welcome Reception right after services on Sunday, June 24th.

The **Unity Center of Christianity, Washington, D.C.**, has sent out a most attractive brochure announcing its plans for its building project. Included are sections describing the concept, the building site, the vision of the building, financing, how you (the reader) can help, a Building Prayer, donations and memorial gifts, building bonds, pledges and a participation coupon. It is a model of a truly professional approach, and any minister or any center anticipating a new building program may wish to write to **George Stone** and request a copy.

**Angelo Giordani**, of Charlottesville, Virginia, was guest speaker at the Unity Church of Christianity, Valley Stream, New York, on Sunday, June 17th. Angelo was ordained in 1968 and served first as minister of the Unity Center in Birmingham, Michigan, after which he was the minister of the Unity Church of Christ, Philadelphia, for six years. Several years ago, he founded and has since developed the beautiful ministry in Charlottesville. His sermon-lesson was "Are You Awake?"

**Unity of Rochester, New York, Bob Preston**, minister, has a most unusual logo. The "U" is enclosing an unfamiliar shape. Asked by one interested person if that might be the outline of a pretty damsel, Bob replied with a twinkle, "No,—it's the outline of Monroe County—the 'You' that we seek to serve." It is, too.

The official dedication of the new church home of the **Unity Church of Raleigh**, served by **Jim Rosemergy**, was celebrated in May 5-6. **Tom Witherspoon**, editor of Unity magazine and Unity books, and **Joyce Kramer**, minister of Unity Church of Tidewater in Virginia Beach were present for this very special occasion. Tom also conducted a seminar on Unity and Charles and Myrtle Fillmore which was very well received by those in attendance.

### GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with Robert Wasner:

**David Drew**, minister of **Unity of Grand Rapids**, announces that his group will be chartering a bus for the weeklong Retreat at Unity Village on August 4-10. This group is also proud of **Judy Yost**, its candidate for the Unity Ministerial School starting in September. Judy was the special guest speaker on Palm Sunday and gave her lesson-sermon on "Let It Begin With Me."

**Unity Church on the North Shore, Bob Wasner**, minister, welcomed two outstanding guest speakers recently. On Sunday, June 17, **Donald Curtis** spoke on "How to be Great" and on Saturday, June 30, **Bill Fischer** conducted a workshop on "Understanding Your Mind." Bill followed this with the 11:00 service on Sunday, July 1; his topic was "A Christian View of Reincarnation."

The outreach group meeting in **Joilet, Illinois**, has a new address. They are now located at **722 No. Raynor Street, Joilet**.

**Unity West Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Lester McClelland**, minister, has a beautiful project underway. On the back of the church's newsletter, "Wings" is the following invitation: "Be part of Unity West's GROWING FUTURE. . .this is your opportunity to purchase for the church an evergreen, tree, plant or shrub to be planted at Unity West. You'll enjoy seeing your living tribute mature and grow along with our church. We are fortunate to have this beautiful plan on its way toward becoming a reality. You

can help."

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL NEWS with Miki Bowen:

On June 10, there was a great celebration at **Unity in Oroville**. This day marked the 20th year in the ministry for Oroville's minister, **Gilberta Sommer**. Unity students whose lives have been blessed by this dedicated minister came from as far away as Vista, California, to help with the celebration. The meeting facility in the First Congregational Church in Oroville was filled to overflowing with flowers, gifts and tributes to the great work Gilberta has done over the years. She is certainly to be highly praised for her work in this northern California area. She has traveled more than 100,000 miles in the past four years, conducting Unity classes weekly in the communities of Red Bluff, Chico, Yuba City and Grass Valley. Students from these areas were represented at the celebration. A beautiful buffet luncheon was served by the Women's group. **Dorothy Pierson**, co-minister of Christ Church Unity, Sacramento, was the guest speaker. God blesses Gilberta as she continues to serve the Christ in her own wonderful way.

While **Tom Witherspoon** was on a speaking tour in the Northern California region his father passed and Tom cancelled his last three engagements at Vallejo, Santa Rosa and San Francisco in order to return home. Through the wonderful help of the AUC headquarters office, the Region was fortunate to have **Gary Jones** take Tom's place. Gary was very well received in all three churches and did a most admirable job of "pinch-hitting." We can all be very proud of Gary for the beautiful way he has grown spiritually in the past years and give thanks that we have such a fine speaker and teacher on the faculty at UMS. Did you know that Gary grew up in Stockton and was a YOU'er at Lakeside Temple in Oakland when it was Unity?

### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL NEWS with George Rieger:

**Unity Center of Truth, Independence,**  
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set July 1, 1979, as its "mortgage burning" date. However, a miracle occurred and the mortgage was paid off two months early. By the power of Spirit working through many beautiful people, generous donations kept pouring in and by April 27th the goal had been reached...zero mortgage balance. (Further donations toward paying off the mortgage will be applied to the mortgage on the Stone House Annex.) **George and Marilyn Rieger** are co-ministers of this center.

**Unity Church of Denver** was delighted recently to honor **Jim and Charlene Lewis** (pictured at right) with a reception on the occasion of Jim's twentieth anniversary in the ministry. More than thirteen of those years have been spent here at Unity Church of Denver; before that, Jim and Charlene spent six years at Unity Church of Truth in Syracuse, New York.



Jim served the Association of Unity Churches as President in 1975; prior to that he held a variety of committee posts and the presidencies of the Eastern Region and the South Central Association of Unity Churches.

In connection with the reception, congratulatory letters from all across the country were displayed, and the membership presented Jim with an engraved walnut desk set. Our love and blessings go out to Jim and Charlene as they enter their next twenty years of service in His name.

## SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Bill Clark:

**Atlanta Unity Church**, **Jay Dishman**, minister, has an interesting slogan for its building program: C.A.U.S.E. That stands for "Cash for the Atlanta Unity Sanctuary Endowment."

From **Unity Church of Jacksonville, Florida**, comes word of an interesting wedding. **Connie Strickland**, co-minister of the center, performed the ceremony in a private room in Baptist Medical Center, with the bride's personal physician and twenty-five relatives and friends in attendance. Both the local newspaper and the television station gave good coverage to this evidence that "...love WILL find a way." In this case, the Unity Way.

**Mildred Davis**, minister of the **Unity Center of Memphis, Tennessee**, was a recent guest on the number-one "talk show" on Memphis' Channel 13. Mildred spoke on her favorite affirmation, "I live in love and I love to live."

The **Southeast Regional Retreat** will have as its keynote speakers, **Jack and Karen Boland**. Jack's topic will be the August 1979

Master Mind Principle. The date set aside for the retreat is from **August 6, through August 10**. For this, the 17th Annual Retreat, many regional ministers and teachers will be taking part and it should prove to be a most exciting spiritual experience.

The **Southeastern Regional Conference** is scheduled for **Trinidad, October 14-16**. **Violet Assam** has invited the Conference to join in the Birthday Celebration for the Trinidad-Tobago group. For information about the possibilities of getting a package group rate from Miami, call or write **Bill Clark**. Fare is approximately \$310, round trip from Miami.

Late in April, **Unity in Ponce, Puerto Rico**, held a triple celebration. They dedicated their new building, (pictured below) inaugurated the new building at Streets Dr. Jenna and Virgilio Biaggi Extension Mariani (Fullana), and celebrated the 20th anniversary of their center. About 200 enthusiastic people attended. The lesson-sermon was given by **Francisca (Panchita) Mendez**, minister from Santurce, Puerto Rico: "Go Forward!" Details were sent to us by **Nicolina Benetiz**, and we are most grateful.



## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with G. Arthur Hammons:

**Christ Church Unity, San Diego**, **Bob Stevens**, minister, has once again hosted the entire second-year class of the Unity Ministerial School, for a four-day seminar on Church Management and Organization. (Ed. note: the MIT's, upon their return, ran rapidly out of superlatives, but we gather they had a WONDERFUL time!) This is an annual event, looked forward to with a high degree of anticipation by both the church and the ministers-in-training.

You are cordially invited to sail the Caribbean with **Philip Nicola**, minister of the **Unity Church of Truth, Orange, California**, for what is billed as a fun-filled learning experience. You are promised balmy nights and sunny days in an air, land and sea tour of Puerto Rico, Curacao, Caracas, Trinidad, *(Continued on page 13)*

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Martinique and St. Thomas. For further details, write or call Philip. The dates are October 1-13.

Unity Center of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and its minister, **Viola Williamson**, are sponsoring a tour of the Holy Land. It will depart from Albuquerque on November 1. For additional information, write to Viola for her colorful and fascinating brochure. (The tour also includes a visit to Athens.)

# 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 who are interested in placement report to the Director of Ministry Services who then 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:

**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**—Unity of Baltimore has announced that **Robert H. Marshall** will be the new minister of the center, effective June 24. An ordained Methodist minister, Bob first came into the study of Truth while attending New Thought Unity Temple in Cincinnati; after a year and a half of avid study of Truth Principles, he made application for and was admitted to the Unity Ministerial School from which he was graduated and ordained in April, 1970. He first served as senior minister at Unity Church of the Valley, LaCrescenta, California. From 1972-1978, he was senior minister at Unity of Austin, Texas. Recently he has been on Sabbatical Leave and has been at work on a book manuscript, covering his personal views of the Bible from a Metaphysical Interpretation. Bob's wife, **Faye**, is an author, librarian, teacher and vocalist. His son, **Robert L. Marshall**, is a Unity minister serving the church in Venice, Florida.

**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**—Unity Church of Little Rock announces the selection of its new minister, **Earl Anderson**, 1979 graduate and Ordinand of Unity Ministerial School. While a minister-in-training, Earl was actively involved with the prison ministry which was extensively expanded in scope under his guidance and supervision. He has also participated in the Counseling and Resource Center activities at Unity School as a crisis intervention volunteer and, later, as Coordinator of Unity's "Helpline" where he supervised the three member staff and a volunteer staff of fifty people. He will be accompanied in his ministry in Little

**Arthur Hammons**, minister of Christ Church Unity, El Cajon, was a guest lecturer to both the first and second year ministers-in-training at Unity Ministerial School when he attended the executive board meetings at Unity Village.

**Dorothy and Phil Pierson** also spoke to the ministers-in-training during their time at Conference. Dorothy addressed the classes on Spiritual Counseling and Phil shared his most informative and dynamic film-strip and commentary on "The Phenomenon of Man," by Teilhard de Chardin.

Rock by his wife, **Christine**, who has herself accumulated over 800 hours of counseling experience and is nearing completion of the UICE program. Unity of Little Rock looks forward to the arrival of the Andersons with joyful anticipation.

**FIELD SERVICES PROJECTS COORDINATOR, UNITY VILLAGE, MISSOURI**—The position of Field Services Projects Coordinator has been filled by **Alan Rowbotham** who has, since October, 1971, served Unity of Roanoke Valley as co-minister with his wife **Kathryn**. Alan was educated in England. His first exposure to Unity came through his membership in Unity Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois, from which he came to Unity Village and enrolled in UMS. Alan's abilities as a communicator, in both written and oral media, are well known throughout the Unity movement. AUC is pleased and proud to announce his affiliation with its staff in this new post.

**UNITY MINISTERIAL SCHOOL, UNITY VILLAGE, MISSOURI**—**Kathryn Rowbotham** is the newest addition to the faculty of the Unity Ministerial School, where she will begin her teaching duties with the opening of the Fall quarter, 1979. Kathryn is a graduate of San Jose State College, San Jose, California, and of the Clifford Holmes School of Art and Interior Design. She completed her UICE training and became a licensed teacher in 1969. She graduated from UMS in August, 1971, and, after ordination, was associated with her husband, **Alan**, in the ministry at Unity of Roanoke Valley, Virginia. Kathryn is an experienced teacher and counselor and is a lovely and loving addition to the UMS faculty.

**JACKSON, MICHIGAN**—Effective immediately, **Don and Catherine Knight** are serving as the new co-ministers for Unity of Jackson. A letter from the Board of Directors carries the following message: "We are blessed with these two ministers from Detroit Unity Temple. . .two beautiful souls who plan on teaching and on developing your full Christ Potential. The vast contacts and resources they bring with them are a stimulating and excellent start. . .and 'start' is the word. Let us now begin this activity, this undertaking; dust off your dreams and let it happen with us at Unity!" We are one with Don, Catherine, and Jackson Unity in their good.



## YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT...

by Maggie Finefrock

Are you ready?

Myrtle Fillmore heard--loud and clear--a still small voice within her asking, "Who will take care of the children?" The answer followed from within. "You are to take care of the children."

How many have been asked this question from deep within their souls? How many have ignored the questioning or taken a thoughtful pause to ask, "How can we serve youth?" How many have had the courage to act upon the promptings of their own hearts, as Myrtle did, even when it seemed inconvenient?

Many in Unity have heard this calling and responded. We are fortunate to have so many fine teachers in Unity centers who realize the joy and enlightenment that comes from sharing with children. They have searched their understanding and asked, "Am I ready?" Faith and divine ideas have accompanied their affirmative answer for meeting the challenges of today's youth ministry.

Who's qualified enough to work with youth? Do you need an education degree or ministerial ordination? No. You need simply to ask, as did Myrtle. If we are directed to be involved with youth, God will guide us and give us the skill we need as we face each new challenge.

One of our greatest qualifications is the fact that we have all been children. We can ask for the guidance to relate to children, to regain our own child-like qualities, and to increase our love and acceptance of young people as each learns to express the truth of his own being. The commitment of working with children is a commitment and joy in discovering the child within ourselves.

Are you aware of the people in your church who have said yes to this commitment to youth ministry? Often these people and the youth activities they serve are less visible than other Unity functions. Youth education programs take place during regular service hours. Special activities happen on weekends or on week nights. There are quiet conversations on phones as youth education students counsel with their teachers about their own spiritual unfoldment. Teachers' meetings are held monthly; prayer panels for youth education are a constant vigil. Workers in youth education give up personal time to attend training sessions. Although some youth activities in Unity are not highly visible, you can be assured that this is a vibrant, expanding ministry.

Why do we need to provide for the youth? It is our *privilege*. Jesus said, "Except that you become as little children you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." The special qualities of faith and love in children are great teachers for all ages.

Those of us who have been blessed with this great opportunity know that these children of the new age are coming into our lives with great truth and wisdom. We are not only sharing *with* children, we are learning *from* them.

In truth we know that all wisdom lies within the understanding of each child. It is our task with youth not so much to pour our ideas into them, as to provide a supportive atmosphere that will enable each child to explore and discover the



awareness of God in his/her life.

Many people come into my office and ask, "What is Unity doing for Children?" I can tell them about our many successful youth education programs, Sunday School materials, Teachers' seminars and consultations, day care centers and Wee Wisdom school, Youth of Unity Conferences and workshops, Wee Wisdom magazine, youth education newsletter, NEWS\*NOTES, Pathway, reSPONSE, and AGAPE, and ministers and congregations that have made a firm commitment to youth and worked miracles.

But what is more important, I must reply, *you* are Unity. What are *you* doing for youth?

The materials and support system of Youth Services in Unity are vital, thriving functions of our Truth consciousness. But our primary service is our daily interaction with all young people--our attitudes, our acceptance, our love, our recognition of the wealth of Truth within each individual expression of youth. What can you do to support the youth in their quest for finding themselves and expanding their awareness of God? First, ask yourself these questions.

1. How can I be more aware of and supportive of young people right where I am?
2. What is my attitude toward youth as they face the challenges of their unfoldment?
3. What unique gift do I have to share?

Am I ready? What can I do?

1. Pray with our Unity Youth Education world-wide for the support of youth.
2. Be aware of young people who come into your life each day--at work, at church, at home, in the community. Look for ways that you can nurture their search for God--in whatever form they are choosing.
3. Think of the unique gift that is especially yours to give. This might be your time to be a leader in a Youth Education department, teach a class, be a substitute teacher, a youth sponsor, provide transportation, be a guest speaker, provide materials, help renovate YE classrooms, share your experience of Truth or just observe and show an interest in spiritual youth education.

1979 has been declared the International Year of the Child by UNICEF. This is a time of global awareness of the beauty and the challenge of growing up on this planet in the 20th century.

In a recent article James Dillet Freeman wrote, "Easter means life and even more, means life not ending in death, but starting up again, more alive and beautiful, more charged with potentiality than it was before. Is there anything that stands for this more than children?"

It would be in divine order for us to realize the full measure of this truth. The day will come when we will wait, with great anticipation, our turn to share with the youth in our centers--a time when each member finds that niche where he or she feels ready to serve and to offer help, no matter how much or how little. I envision this for our consciousness of Unity.

When we reach the point of realizing our part of the youth movement, we embark on a road of increased awareness as well as of service. It is a special gift to receive the blessing of the children. There is a "you" in youth and there is also that spirit of youth within you. Are you ready? ++



## SOMA NOTES...

*(Ed. Note: Each month you will have the opportunity to become acquainted with the spouse of a minister in the field and with the spouse of a minister-in-training. There will also be an article by a spouse. This will be a delightful way of our getting acquainted. Enjoy these articles on how others meet situations similar to those you are facing!)*

### HAVE YOU EVER BEEN LONELY?

By Helen Hampson



Conference time is a delightful time for us all to be together at the Village. We experience the feeling of coming home again. . .we see so many people we enjoy. . .we have fun talking and sharing happenings which have taken place in our lives and in our churches since last we met.

One day during Conference I had lunch with a friend who is the wife of one of our truly successful ministers. She is an outgoing person--involved with her church in many ways. She shared with me many of her feelings about this Conference, some of which were, admittedly, pretty negative. While she considered the Conference meetings valuable, she found herself experiencing feelings of depression and loneliness. She had expected to come back to Conference for a time of warmth and sharing with old friends, but her expectations were not being fulfilled. After a warm "hello" and "...so good to see you!"--nothing. That was all she could say to her friends. And so she had begun to wonder: is that all there is to friendship? The loneliness crowded in; she felt alienated, hurt, confused. She wanted to be part of some of the good happenings; instead, she felt left out and unable to turn the tide. With her approval and consent, I shared some of her feelings with other spouses as the week went on, and this sharing developed into a new awareness. She discovered that she was not the only one experiencing these feelings. Others, too, felt left out, lonely, lacking confidence to initiate activities or conversations.

When we find ourselves feeling like misfits, we are rarely in the state of mind to perceive that others are in the same boat, that they, too, feel excluded from the center of the social whirl. They see others going to lunch, sitting with special friends at the banquet, chatting with still other friends in the rose garden. The feeling of isolation grows.

Every person has a shy streak. Our own always seems larger than anyone else's, perhaps from closeness and familiarity. Conference is a high-energy time, which increases tensions. Also, we spouses and ministers are in an entirely different element from our churches, where we feel secure. Our insecurities are easily activated in this Conference involvement. If you, too, have had the feeling of being an "outsider," you may find consolation in the knowledge that you are part of a good club--others are feeling the same way.

Which brings up this question: what are you willing to do to rid yourself of these feelings? If attending Conference brings them out, is it possible that you may have these same feelings in other situations in your life? You may want to deal with this idea, recalling other times when you reacted in this

same way. Away from church? In large groups? Is there a pattern?

One of the ways to deal with these feelings is to recognize the problem. Then remember that others have them, too--you are not alone. Even those who appear to exude an abundance of self-confidence may, secretly, feel the same way you do. They may only appear different. Or perhaps they are simply taking these same feelings and doing something more constructive with them. Feelings of inadequacy need not make us strangers; indeed, they may tie us closer to others and bring us more comfortably into the family of man.

Certainly we can use our teachings in these situations, too. Tell yourself, for example, that you are bright, attractive, outgoing and fun to be with. Arm yourself with positive thoughts so that you may prepare to take positive action. Initiate some activities--lunch, a tennis match, shopping on the Plaza, or just a walk in the rose garden. Remove your attention from your own feelings and focus in on others who may feel even more insecure than you do. Take them under your wing. Help them out. Introduce them to others. Give them your special attention and interest.

Isn't it ironic that here we have a very special, exciting group of people, many of who are feeling lonely and left out? Because we do have so much in common, we really can create our own fun. The problem is ours. The solution is also ours!

I sincerely believe that the feeling of being "left out" is a very strong one which crops up at Conference time. This belief is based on conversations with many other spouses. We need to give this some thought, for our own individual growth and for that of others, too. If you'd like to share some thoughts on this subject, make some comments (with or without signing your name), or if you would like to write an article to share with others, write to me in care of the AUC Office.

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### MEET NANCY ROSEMERGY...

Nancy is the wife of **Jim Rosemergy**, minister of Unity of Raleigh, North Carolina. Originally from Philadelphia, Nancy has been involved in Unity since 1974. She attended her first Unity service in New Orleans and then attended **Joyce Kramer's** church. Jim and Nancy came to Unity Village from Albany, Georgia, when Jim enrolled in the ministerial program from which he was graduated in 1976. They have a son, **Jamie**, now seven years old, and are expecting their second child in September.



As full-time secretary to Jim, she finds many other jobs to do in and for the church and rallies 'round whenever she is needed. She's a delightfully bubbly, joyful little person--great fun to chat with. Her hobbies are sewing and tennis. Treat yourself to the pleasure of meeting Nancy!

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+++++ MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT  
+++++ TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
+++++ CONCERNING THE LICENSED TEACHER PROGRAM  
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Since January, 1979, the Ministerial Advisory Committee has conducted a study of the Licensed Teacher Program and the existing conditions pertaining to Licensed Teachers and field ministries. A set of resolutions assigned to this Committee has been sent to more than a dozen respected and experienced field ministers, asking for their experiences, comments and recommendations. Talks were held with both Licensed Teachers in the field and with present UICE students. Rather than discuss each resolution, point by point, the Committee instead directed its attention to specific problem areas concerning Licensed Teachers which also focus attention on specific resolutions, allowing a grasp of the total picture instead of just isolated incidents.

The Committee's recommendations, therefore, include all the thoughtful ideas and suggestions of the field ministers, the joint AUC-Unity School Teacher Training Committee as well as its own.

The Association Office is frequently involved in field problems concerning the Licensed Teachers, which raises a concern about the ethics of some Licensed Teachers. Specifically, these are teachers who attempt to usurp the rights and responsibilities of ministers (old or new.) Included are some teachers who have tried (sometimes successfully, sometimes not) to cause divisions within a church, urging the members to choose sides between the minister and the teacher. When a change of leadership occurs in a ministry, some Licensed Teachers have prevented ordained ministers from being invited to serve that ministry.

It is well to remember that ethics cannot simply be enforced by the passing of more or stricter rules, regulations or bylaws. The present "Ethical Code" (pp. 65-66 in the Yearbook) spells out clearly the standards and ethics required of the Licensed Teacher; if followed, most--if not all--of the problems would be nonexistent.

Basically, the handling of all ethical problems involving Licensed Teachers is the responsibility of the minister. The Licensed Teacher works for the minister and for the ministry. Their relationship should be based on an understanding of this distinction. Any question about the deviation of the Licensed Teacher from his/her own responsibilities in thought, motivation or activity, should immediately be confronted and questioned by the minister in charge. This has several important ramifications, including the entire attitudinal philosophy of the teacher. For example: when the church is between ministers, the AUC office may write to any Licensed Teacher working in that church or center and advise him or her that a new minister will be taking over shortly. (This is really no different from the situation where a business changes managers.) The teacher will be expected to work for the new manager--in this case, the new minister--and it will be entirely at the discretion of the new minister whether or not the teacher will be kept on. This is not intended to frighten the teacher but it merely to reemphasize the basic, fundamental relationship between the teacher and the minister, regardless of who that minister may be. In addition, the departing minister should counsel with his teachers and the Board of Directors as to

what their relationship with each other shall be; if such minister does not feel that he is in a position to take this action at this time, the Regional Representative or an AUC representative should do so.

There appears to be an idea prevalent in the field among Licensed Teachers that they have their own domain within the church itself. This must be corrected. If, after talking with the Licensed Teacher in the face of such adverse circumstances, the minister feels that the situation has not been resolved, he (she) should advise the teacher that there is distinct possibility that his/her license may not be renewed, since such annual renewal requires the recommendation of the minister. Any grievance felt by the teacher after the revocation of a license should then follow the established organizational procedure. It appears that the AUC does have the authority and responsibility to decide whether a license shall be renewed or revoked, but this has not been exercised to any measurable degree. The Committee, therefore, recommends that this authority be used by the reporting minister in either recommending or not recommending the renewal of a license, and that it be followed up by the AUC office. This should place the responsibility where it properly belongs--with the minister, and not with the AUC headquarters.

It is further recommended by the Committee that channels for communication be kept open between the Licensed Teacher and the minister, as well as between the Licensed Teacher and the AUC. This certainly would help avoid and eliminate many of the ethical problems which have arisen in the past. In many cases, the Licensed Teacher simply does not feel a part of the whole, or experiences a sense of segregation because of a lack of communication with either the minister or the AUC.

The Committee, therefore, recommends the following:

1. Reeducation of the field ministers regarding their relationship with the Licensed Teacher. The Licensed Teacher works for the minister in the various activities of the church. The minister is the supervisor, and is in charge of all church activities.
2. Field ministers should be made aware that the renewal of the Licensed Teacher's license is issued on the basis of their recommendation, and is not the sole responsibility of the AUC office.
3. It should be made known to all Licensed Teacher that, if they are refused a renewal of their license, there is a grievance procedure they may follow.
4. Licensed Teachers should also be advised that there is a special segment of the Regional Meetings devoted to Licensed Teacher--Minister relations, including the responsibility that each minister has to direct the work activities of his/her Licensed Teacher(s).
5. Continued and stronger emphasis should be given to SDS people by the Field Representative of the Division of Ministry Services concerning relationships, ethics, etc.

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## MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Committee further addressed the question: what is a Licensed Teacher? The answer is that a Licensed Teacher is a resource person for the minister whose role should extend beyond that of merely "teaching a class." If the need arises, the Licensed Teacher should be prepared to organize--or assist in the organization of--a Youth Education Department, for example. (In this regard, emphasis on the UICE Youth Education Seminars should be encouraged or even made mandatory.) Conceivably, the Licensed Teacher could also be asked to work in the office or anywhere else where the minister has need for qualified help in the operation of his ministry. The Licensed Teacher is definitely a "member of the team" and should be in the position of strong-right-arm to the minister when the right working relationship has been established. Both a "leader" and a "follower," the Licensed Teacher shall fulfill whatever requirements are established as necessary and desirable by the minister.

Becoming a Licensed Teacher is not a short-cut to ordination. Ordination requires nearly five times the number of hours of class study presently required by the Licensed Teacher program. In addition, with the exception of the 24-hours of practice-teaching called for in the program, the training is entirely theoretical, without practical experience in such things as center operations. At present, Licensed Teachers are simply not trained to be ministers. With improved minister-teacher relationships in all areas, the goal of the Licensed Teacher need not be "ordination-by-exception" but rather a growing toward added professionalism and dignity in overall abilities and accomplishments in being of increasingly greater service to the minister and to the entire ministry. It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Committee that Licensed Teachers not be ordained. Should an extraordinary exception occur, the Committee would be willing to consider this case on its individual merits.

The UICE training program is an ever-growing and developing system, benefiting from a healthy self-examination by its faculty bolstered by input from students and graduates of the

program. For example, a recent change has been the requirement that a student declare himself/herself a definite candidate for licensing upon completion of 100 hours of credit. Following this declaration, specific and personal counseling may then be given and added control and direction fixed. Additionally, certain skills courses which had been taken out of the UICE program are being put back because of needs discovered during SDS evaluations.

Recent SDS graduates have proposed that Licensed Teachers might get together and form an organization to share mutual interests and information and enhance their professional standing. The title "Association of Unity Teachers" has been suggested and has been used, on occasion, in various communications. It is a matter of concern that, under the terms of its charter and bylaws, the Association of Unity Churches already has the responsibility and authority to provide control of Licensed Teacher activities and that there is, therefore, no need to form an "organization within an organization." The Committee does, however, believe that the Licensed Teachers should meet in groups to upgrade their professionalism through common concerns, conference programs, or seminars suited to their interests. In addition, this Committee feels that such a group could accomplish a great deal in maintaining standards and ethics and keeping open the lines of communication between the Licensed Teachers and the AUC.

In the interest of consistency with local church organizational policies, the grievance procedures open to Licensed Teachers are designed for the solution of problems on the local level. Since it has been established that licenses are to be maintained at the discretion of the minister, it is appropriate that the minister and the Licensed Teacher resolve any differences between them. If no resolution can be reached, the Licensed Teacher may appeal to the Regional Representative and through him/her go on to the AUC office.

It is also the feeling of the Committee that the overall direction of the Licensed Teacher program and its various ramifications are so complex and so vast that they deserve a special Committee which could devote its entire attention to this subject. All recommendations herein stated are the unanimous decisions of those serving on this Committee.++

## SOMA NOTES

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### HERE'S JUDY FISHER...

When Judy came to Unity Village with husband, **Jim**, a 1979 UMS graduate and Ordinand, she took her first full-time job working outside her home. Her position with Blue Cross/Blue Shield has given her a beautiful opportunity to express her own individuality and realize her potential while sharing with Jim his special unfoldment. Although she is still unsure what the role of minister's wife will bring to her, Judy is secure in the knowledge that Jim has not and will not pressure



her to conform to any preconceived pattern. She has been able to decide in her own way and her own time; she is presently enrolled in some UICE classes as an aid to her understanding and spiritual growth. Judy and Jim expect to continue their comfortable couple-relationship as they go forward and grow forward. She expresses a deep gratitude for these two years during which so much love, light and joy has come to fruition in their lives.

Jim and Judy came to Unity Village from Walnut Creek, California. They've been married for fourteen years and are the parents of two sons, **Ted** and **Chris**. You'll enjoy getting to know Judy Fisher. . .she's a treat to meet!



# THE FIELD SPEAKS

## EXCLUSION OF WOMEN FROM THE MINISTRY GOES AGAINST THE BIBLE...

by LuVerna Bauer, minister  
Unity of Kenosha, Wisconsin

(reprinted from Kenosha newspaper)

So Spencer Kimball had a revelation from God that the Mormon Church can allow Blacks to be ordained. But you can't ordain women. Isn't that sad?



The Bible says "All are children of the most high." It seems to me that proves that a woman also belongs to the human race.

I wonder what Priscilla of the Bible times would think. She was a highly honored priestess who had a church of her own in Rome. Paul claims she preached the gospel eloquently.

Do you know, Spencer Kimball, that without your mother, who typifies the feminine side of the creative principle, you would never have been born? To think of the Fatherhood of God without the Motherhood of God is to consider only half of that principle. All creation is the result of the mating of both male and female characteristics on every plane of existence. The Creator has revealed this truth to us centuries ago.

Nature teaches us this lesson. In the very second verse of the Bible we read: "And the Spirit of God moved (brooded) upon the face of the waters." (etheric substance) Both were needed to create this planet. Old Sol is brooding over Mother Earth in this part of the world right now, activating all nature itself. The stamen and pistil are needed to pollinate to produce in the plant fields.

The mare and the stallion in the animal kingdom.

The negative and positive wires are needed to produce electrical energy. Yes, you even have a male and female plug to make connection to that power.

The Egyptians were much wiser than we. The priest taught the women. The priestess taught the men in the spiritual fields. They felt each had something to give the other to balance the feminine and masculine powers of the Creative Principle. The Chinese recognized that both factors are needed to produce form. They called it Yin and Yang. I often wonder where the so-called Christians lost their reverence from the Queen of heaven.

Isn't a father the generator, the sower who husbands a child or ideas? Isn't the mother the reproducer, the sustainer of a child or ideas? Aren't both men and women endowed with Cosmic forces of wisdom and love?

When are we going to recognize, realize that a man and a woman are a COMPLETE to one another? They are equally important. True, women are inferior in some lines and superior in others. Men are inferior in some lines and superior in others. That is why we were meant to be 'help-meets' to one another, not mere slaves or servants.

This is why 'Women's Lib' ought to think in terms of 'People liberation.' Only as men and women realize their need for togetherness will we be able to energize the miracle working powers of love and wisdom. Unless the human race, regardless of color or race, discovers this lesson of oneness, how can we ever express the wonders of creation.

We have been taught "Honor thy father and thy mother." Why aren't we doing it? As long as woman is considered insubordinate to man, as long as love is held unequal to wisdom, we will experience a spiritual famine the world over. True, woman has to develop and balance her feminine qualities of logic, reason, courage, intellect, while man develops com-

passion, tenderness, love and intuition to a greater degree within himself. One of my dictionaries defines the word Christ as "PERFECTED HUMANITY" as typified by Jesus. Why? He represented the perfect male-female of the man idea in form. No wonder he was called the "Lion of Judah and the lamb of God."

Man has learned to speak through wire gadgets and his words can spin around the world in a split second but we haven't as yet learned to respect the Mother side of life or we would speak words of love and compassion.

Men send visions through the air, fly around the globe in a short space of time, but we haven't learned to project tolerance, good-will, cooperation to all people regardless of race or sex.

Man can produce beautiful creations from peanut shells, skim milk, ugly rocks. Isn't it time we refine our characters by releasing self-righteousness, greeds, intolerances, indifference regarding race or sex?

The Bible says of a virtuous woman: "Her price is far above rubies." But let me reiterate that an unselfish man is worth his weight in gold." A good father or husband is a protector, provider and gives strength to the beams of family life. When added to the tenderness, the compassion of a good mother, we have a foundation for real security and peace. This results in the foundation of good character and stability for a family, also a good basis for a strong and wonderful community.

Let me remind you that the Bible says "God created man in his own image; male AND female created he them"—not male or female. It is time we put both men and women on an equal basis if we wish to "bring a new heaven a new earth" into visibility right here on this planet.++



# YOUTH OF UNITY AND YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY REPORTS

by  
Greg Barrette

## YOUTH OF UNITY REPORT

### YOU CONFERENCE 1979: INNER VISIONS

By the time you read this, YOU Conference 1979, "Inner Visions," will have already begun. Here are some of the activities that will make this year's Conference different from any

1. The Menninger Foundation will host an experiential seminar on biofeedback.
2. An entire day will be spent in the outdoors--including breakfast, lunch, spiritual dancing, workshops and New Games.
3. Dick Everts (minister from Seattle, WA) will lead intensive daily training sessions for workshop leaders.
4. Sallye Taylor, a 1979 Ordinand, will present a metaphysical interpretation of "The Wiz."
5. Charles King will be here for two days (ssshh! Don't tell the YOU'ers!).
6. James Dillett Freeman will present a celebration in honor of Unity's 90th birthday.
7. A professional Children's drama director, Beverly Kenny, will lead the YOU'ers in dramatic exercises designed to tap their inner energy.
8. Our service project reports will no longer be presented in competition for an award. Service is its own reward.
9. Three Truth students from Crystal Lake, Illinois, who have formed a musical group called "Ananda," have offered to sing and play for us. They have a record album out and are tremendous!
10. Most important, Maggie Finefrock will lead seven days of sponsor's workshops. She will provide YOU sponsors with the tools they need for effective teaching.

All this will be in addition to any of the activities held over from past Conferences.

### BEST OFFICERS EVER!

After working for the past year with the Regional and International YOU Officers, I feel that they are the finest group of people--of any age--I have ever met.

The three International Officers have each done an exceptional job. International 2nd Vice-President Tony Blain, from Hal and Lassie Rosencrans' center in West Palm Beach, Florida, has actively communicated with the officers--International 1st Vice-President Alethea Jones, from Kay Arndt's center in Bellevue, Washington, has written prayer material as inspiring as Daily Word--and International President John Farman, from Donald O'Connor's center in La Crescenta, California, has led with a spiritual vision that can best be witnessed in an excerpt from a letter he recently wrote to Conference delegates:

"Dear All My Friends,

"Greetings in that love that makes us forever ONE!... YOU is more than just a high school church organization. It has been a part of the Plan since the beginning to help us on our mission Home.

"Though we may not have met personally--in the TRUE sense we already have, for we have experienced the love YOU brings--which in essence is God.

"The time is NOW to come together. The time is NOW to show the world we are a family. Always remember our work is not in vain and never be discouraged. Our love blesses many!

"God Bless You and Your Quest For The Truth!

"I will remain. . .

Your brother and in love with love,  
John Farman  
Your International President 1978-1979  
Youth of Unity"

Please remember their names--theirs and the Regional Officers--for they will be among the brightest Unity ministers of the future. Our prayers and thanks go to those who helped with their spiritual training--their ministers, parents and teachers. It must feel good to see your good work bear fruit!

I feel blessed to have shared this past year with them. They taught me a lot!



Front row--Valerie Poetker, Beth Tosatto, Desiree Stewart, Sandy Simcoe, Tonnee Finneman, Cherie Greene, Donald Porter, Richard Andreacchio, Lecia Geldbaugh, Laura Smit.  
Back row--Damon Musselman, David Fiene, Jim Downing, John Farman, Alethea Jones, Tony Blain, John Jones, Jr., Tom Isdale, Tracy Pounders.

### YOU ADDS LIFE!

Old hands around Unity Village testify that YOU Conference brings the highest energy and consciousness of any activity held here. It is true--these kids are incredible!

The YOU'ers in your church or center are a vital resource--get to know them. They really don't bite!

Give them a sense of involvement in your center. Ask them to do a Sunday service, to usher, to help with clean-up, to paint, to do gardening. In exchange for their services, you might make a donation to their Conference travel fund.

They would love to have their classes occasionally taught by the minister or board members. This is a good way to get to know each other. Remember: *they* will teach *you*, if you are open to them.

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## YOU/YAU REPORTS

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### THANK YOU

Thank you to all the ministries and YOU chapters which have made officer travel to rallies possible this year by contributing to the International Officers' Travel Fund!

God bless you!

### YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY REPORT

The several thousand brochures and posters we sent out since January have done their job! The annual YAU retreat, which is held the week following YOU Conference (August 20-24), has never

been attended by more than sixty-five retreatants.

Thanks largely to your help in disseminating this information, we have that number already registered as I write this (July 10). It looks like this year's retreat, "Open Your Heart," will have quite a turn out! Thank you.++

## REPORT ON REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

by Miki Bowen

In June 1977, the AUC Conference body approved the REPORT OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, of which I had served as a member with **Gary Jones**, **Alan Rowbotham**, and **Charles Neal**, chairman of the committee. In considering my activities of the past year as regional representative, I discovered that I have been performing most of the recommended duties and responsibilities as outlined in that report. I list them as follows:

### 1. RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) Corporate responsibility as a trustee of the AUC.
- (2) Act as liaison officer between the Board of Trustees and my region.
- (3) Represent the interest of the region in all corporate matters.
- (4) Advise the Director of Ministry Services on matters of placement in my region.
- (5) Render assistance to center ministers and ministries in my region, as a result of consultation with or communication from the DMS.

### 2. DUTIES

- (1) As a member of the AUC Board of Trustees to place first in my thinking the best interests of the Association as a whole.
- (2) To represent the region by presenting to the Board of Trustees matters relating to my region and stating the recommendations of my region.
- (3) To advise the DMS on matters relating to placement and any other concerns vital to the success of the Unity Movement in my region.
- (4) To be alert to areas in my region with the most potential for the establishment of new ministries, and to advise the Outreach Director.
- (5) To carry out any liaison assignments between ministers and center boards when requested to do so by the DMS or by the local center.
- (6) To actively encourage the moral and financial support of the AUC and its programs and activities among ministers in my region.
- (7) To encourage ministers in my region to furnish the Association Office of the personnel, attendance and financial information requested in the Annual Report form. (I have not been doing this. Have you?)

- (8) To ensure that copies of minutes of regional meetings are forwarded promptly to the Association Office. (I have not been doing this. Have you?)
- (9) To keep the Association Office informed of dates of important regional and subregional events, as retreats and meetings in my region.
- (10) To be available to meet with the DMS at the January and June meetings and to advise on matters in my region.
- (11) To the best of my ability and insofar as time and circumstances permit, to maintain close contact with the ministers in my region, to help and advise them on request, but in no way to interfere with the conduct of a ministry.
- (12) To be available at the request of a minister to explain to a ministry board or congregation Association policies (e.g. salaries, pension plans, moving costs, vacations, bylaws, tithes, etc.)
- (13) To establish contact with and to welcome all newly assigned ministers and licensed teachers in my region.
- (14) To keep ministers informed by letter or bulletin on matters relating to the Association Office and regional activities.
- (15) To be, when possible, a clearinghouse of information relating to speakers and organizations desiring to speak on Unity platforms. (Not being done.)
- (16) When possible, initiate and plan, or cause to be planned itineraries for guest lecturers within my region.

### 3. QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) Has a commitment and loyalty to Association and regional organization and programs.
- (2) Has several years of successful experience in the field ministry.
- (3) Is possessed of tact, diplomacy and is conciliatory.
- (4) Is free from hostility, bias and prejudice.
- (5) Is self-controlled and not easily ruffled in the face of opposition.
- (6) Is adept at handling people and situations.
- (7) Is able to take a strong stand for principle.
- (8) Is familiar with Parliamentary Law. (I am, somewhat.) Are you?)
- (9) Has the time, freedom and willingness to carry out the duties listed above.

## UNITY WEEK TO BE CELEBRATED...

(From *THE SHEBOYGAN PRESS*, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Monday, July 2, 1979)

"Unity Week, recognizing the 90th anniversary of the Unity Movement has been proclaimed for the week of July 7-13.

"Unity Christian Fellowship, 2409 N. 8th Street, is one of the Unity churches in the U.S. and the world marking the anniversary.

"In addition to Mayor Richard Suscha's proclamation of Unity Week, activities begin with a seminar at the church, 'The Experience of Love,' presented by **William Fischer** from Unity Village, Missouri, the headquarters of the Unity movement. The seminar begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

"The worship service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday will again feature **Bill Fischer** speaking on the subject, 'Christianity: Unitarian or Trinitarian?'

"On Monday, July 9, children of Sheboygan are invited to call Dial-a-Story, 452-4448, to receive a free copy of 'Wee

Wisdom' magazine.

"Tuesday, July 10, Unity is sponsoring a city-wide day of prayer, inviting all churches to participate in a 24-hour prayer vigil.

"Wednesday, July 11, an eight-week self-help class will begin, titled 'Learning to Live With People.' The class will be held in the church from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. every Wednesday during July and August.

"On Thursday, July 12, a 'Success Workshop' will be held at the church from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., presenting practical techniques to help anyone be successful and prosperous.

"Friday, July 13, will culminate the week's activities as all citizens of Sheboygan are invited to participate in 'Make Your Own Good Luck' Day.

"The grand re-opening of the Unity Bookstore, specializing in self-help books, will be Friday, July 13. It will then be open all Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and whenever the church is open.

"The Reverend **Gerald Melin** is pastor."

## Something Borrowed...

Written long ago by Peter Marshall and reprinted often: "When we are wrong, Lord, make us willing to change, and when we are right make us easy to live with."

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"This ministry is made possible by those who practice the principle of tithing and giving. They are in touch with the flow of Spirit. 'We rejoice in the experience of giving, for God is the Spirit of abundance and the Source of our supply.' You will be interested to know that our church also tithes from the offerings. This tithe is shared with the Association of Unity Churches, the Southeast Region and the Suncoast Unity Ministries. Someone said, 'I give to Unity because I believe in it. What I give is a positive statement of *how much* I believe in it.'"

(from the bulletin of First Unity Church, St. Petersburg, FL)

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### RULES FOR CHURCH PROPERTY

1. If you opened it, close it.
  2. If you turned it on, turn it off.
  3. If you unlocked it, lock it.
  4. If you broke it, repair it.
  5. If you can't fix it, report it to the church office.
  6. If you borrowed it, return it.
  7. If you use it, don't abuse it.
  8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
  9. If you moved it, put it back.
  10. If you don't know how to operate it, LEAVE IT ALONE.
  11. If it belongs to someone else, get permission to use it.
- (from the Newsletter, Unity Church of Christianity, Pensacola, FL)

## WEDDING BELLS...

**Wes Wallin**, associate minister of Unity of the Infinite Presence, Detroit, Michigan, and **Sandy Youens**, were united in matrimony on July 29, 1979. **Jack Boland**, senior minister of Unity of the Infinite Presence, officiated the ceremony.

Our love, blessings, and very best wishes go out to Wes and Sandy.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mabel Donaldson**, founding minister of Unity of Grand Junction, Colorado, passed on May 31. She organized her first congregation in her home, later holding services in the IOOF hall and in the Labor Temple before the church building was constructed in 1958. In 1970, she resigned to travel, lecture and write for the AUC. Those dear ones remaining behind in addition to her husband are a daughter **Patricia D. Ford** of Denver, two brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren. God bless you!

**Hazel VanDusen**, minister of Christ Unity Center of Life, Laguna Beach, California, made her transition on July 3. In 1964, she began her service to Unity as a Licensed Teacher. She completed her training and was ordained June 10, 1968. She is survived by her one daughter, **Millie Myers**, and one granddaughter. The light and love of God surround you.

Word has been received from **Emerson Brathwaite**, minister of Unity of Barbados, of the passing of **Mrs. Dorothy Gooding**. Mrs. Gooding, together with **Mabel Winters**, pioneered the Unity Movement in Barbados and the West Indies.

Unity friends and fellow ministers everywhere join together in blessing all these dear ones as they go on to a new life experience, lovingly enfolding them in the light as they continue on the pathway of soul unfoldment.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AUGUST

- 5-8 Unity Vacation Retreat in Canada, Eastern Region Ministries, Hotel Toronto
- 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, Lincoln City, Oregon
- 20-24 YAU Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri

## SEPTEMBER

- 14-16 Sierra Retreat, Reno, Nevada, hosted by Unity Ministry of Reno
- 14-16 Second Annual Retreat at Sunset Beach, Lake Minnewaska, Glenwood, Minnesota, sponsored by Unity Christ Church, Minneapolis
- 16-19 Great Lakes Unity Regional Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, hosted by Unity Truth Center, Indianapolis
- 24-27 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Missouri
- 30-Oct. 1 Eastern Unity Conference Retreat, Williamsburg, Virginia, at the "1776 Resort"

## OCTOBER

- 14-16 Southeastern Regional Ministers/Teachers Conference, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad
- 14-16 Northern California Unity Students Retreat, Asilomar

## NOVEMBER

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

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## JANUARY

- 15 AUC Mid-year Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Missouri