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# Let Spirit Sing



## THE EDITOR'S LETTER

Thank You, Father. Thank all of you who have so lovingly given me your support and best wishes as we begin our CONTACT magazine adventure. A special thank you to my predecessor, Marianne Bowers (see page 9 for a mini-feature on Marianne). Filling Marianne's shoes is indeed a challenge of monumental proportions (not her shoes, her ability). We hope to maintain the fine professional format and content that she established.

Thank you, Cheryl Vestal, for your invaluable contribution in putting the whole thing together; you are truly the bridge for the successful on-going of CONTACT.

Another thank you, and it's a big one, goes to the second year class of MIT's. Established during orientation week and maintained in the weeks that have followed, we are one. In UMS, there does not exist a first year "and" a second year MIT. We are a unified body of Truth students living out daily activities of Loving, Creativity, Abundance and Faithing. About half of this group of MIT's will graduate in 1980. This body of MIT's has already set a world's record: it is the largest ever at the school. For some more interesting statistics see Paul Barrett's "News & Views on UMS" in this issue.

A new column starting this month will feature MIT's. Using the "Man-on-the-Street" format, we will be asking MIT's questions that will allow them to express their point of view at this moment in their unfoldment. See it on page 20.

Another new column beginning with this month's issue is "Letters to the Editor." This feature will be the channel through which you can "speak your piece (or peace)," share an opinion or offer comments of a "constructive controversy" nature. Mahatma Gandhi said, "Honest differences are often a healthy sign of progress." We feel that an open line of communication between all members of our Association is not only constructive, interesting and informative--it is an absolute necessity! CONTACT magazine is our vehicle for the open and unifying discussion of ideas and issues concerning the growth and well-being of all ministries in the AUC. So, if you have comments, a point of view, a sharing, send your "Letter to the Editor." We will publish as many as space allows.

Gary Simmons, MIT, is doing something that could be of vital interest to all ministries with an inexpensive computer. Be sure to read his story on page 13.

A final note--if you are going to be away from your center and would like to have a "fill-in" speaker, you have the finest pool of talented speakers on Truth in the world to draw from: the MIT's. Make use of their abilities as well as giving them invaluable experience. Get in touch with the AUC office to make arrangements.

Blessings to you and your ministries,

October 1979

# AUC President's Letter



Jack Boland

Dear Friend—

A wonderful idea just came to me!

No, it wasn't an idea I thought of. It came to me from someone else. This must be one of those powerful ideas whose time has come because it came four different times in two days from four Unity ministers scattered across the country. This idea is so exciting and stimulating to me that I knew I had to share it with you to see what your reaction would be.

The dynamic power of this idea first struck me on a Tuesday morning when I opened a letter from a fellow minister who is so excited about what is happening in his church, he can hardly stand it! He wrote that he had become disillusioned and greatly disappointed by his life as a minister and was seriously considering changing jobs--when suddenly it was revealed to him that the ministry was not a job, but a very high calling to one of the world's most respected professions. It was a revelation that changed his life. . .and his attitude. . .and his whole approach. He decided to become a "professional," or "one having great skill and an assumed competence in a particular field or occupation!" He wrote, "Jack, you would hardly believe how the changes I have made in the way I conduct my ministry have affected our whole congregation, and I would like to share this experience with my fellow ministers."

In that last sentence was the idea, but I didn't see it yet. Even though his letter had me so motivated that I was already examining my own ministry to see what else needed to be improved, I was not yet aware of how deeply he had touched me.

Later Tuesday morning, I called Jim Sherman in Toronto. As you know, Jim is the Vice-President of the AUC, and while we were talking, he told me of an experience that took place during a three-day retreat in August. They did an hour-long program called, "An Exciting Idea," in which four Unity ministers each gave a ten-minute talk on one really exciting idea that has them really turned on in their own ministries in their consciousness right now. Jim said, "Those talks set that whole group and me on fire! They just absolutely put us on fire!" It was the one program that just had everybody humming and buzzing and talking! We were excited and inspired--and it happened to us four times in one hour!"

Now the idea was really getting my attention. We ministers spend our lives inspiring and motivating others, but provide ourselves with almost no opportunity to improve our skills and to be stimulated by the excellence being demonstrated by our peers. "Regeneration" for us is a trip to the mountains or the beach--away from the telephone--or an extra hour in meditation! Sometimes we even appear to avoid or resist hearing from those excited and delighted members of our profession who are demonstrating new levels of excellence--and those people are our most valuable resource.

On Wednesday, two more letters in the same mail did it! The first writer closed with, "We have some dynamic and beautiful people 'out there' who may be just the stimulus the movement needs to inspire us to the accomplishment of our objective. Jack, help us to find a way to hear from them." The second letter was from one of those "beautiful people"--a lady minister who made her church sound so exciting that I want to slip into the back pew some Sunday morning and take notes of changes I need to make in my own service. (I did order a cassette tape of her service.)

I know that in our Unity Movement, we have a number of people who are genuinely excited about something in their own ministries, or in Unity's teaching, or in their own presentation of Unity principles that has them really turned on, and they in turn have turned their churches on. I know we have some ministers who have discovered new levels of effectiveness in leadership and new techniques from which we could all profit. At this moment, I am not talking about metaphysics. Sometimes we ministers get so metaphysical, we forget who the "center leader" is. We are the center leaders, and we have the responsibility of conducting a successful business  
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Monday through Friday.

If you are one of these "turned on" people, the rest of us need to hear from you! Perhaps you can help us all to become better center leaders. We need to learn from you and to be inspired and motivated by you. We need to take as many of your ideas so we can use and put them to work in our own centers and churches.

The idea that came to me is this: We are going to discover and invite those of you who seem to have the most exciting ideas to speak to us at Conference in June of 1980. A different person will start each morning and each afternoon session with one of these "Here's An Exciting Idea" talks. The easiest way for us to discover who you are is for you to write and tell me all about what has you so turned on. I can't wait to hear from you, so call your secretary in and dictate a letter to me as soon as you finish reading my letter to you!

When psychiatrists or surgeons get together, or geologists get together, or engineers or architects get together, or when any professional group gets together, the highlight of their conference is not their business meeting. Their primary purpose for gathering is for an exchange of ideas through the presentation of papers to each other and the subsequent publication of those papers. Professionals in all fields come together so they can profit from the advanced knowledge that is being presented by some of their members. A real

professional is aware that there is always a better way to do what he or she is doing. A true professional should never stop seeking to improve his/her techniques and sharpen his/her skills.

I have heard such marvelous reports of the Robert H. Schuller Institute For Successful Church Leadership that I am taking Karen, my wife, and Thelma Hembroff, my Associate Minister, with me to the seminar scheduled October 31–November 4, 1979. If you still have time to arrange it, I would like to meet you there. My own professional life as a minister came to me late, and I know that as yet, I am not nearly well-enough prepared to properly fulfill the responsibilities I have assumed. I still need all the help I can get to become a successful minister.

If you have an exciting idea, please let me hear from you. Your idea just might be the one that keeps some discouraged Unity minister from looking for another "job!"

Enthusiastically,

*Jack Beland*

P.S. It just occurred to me that you might not be excited about this idea because you like your ministry and your church the way it is and don't feel there is a need for change. If this is the case, please let me know and your input will also be considered for presentation.

### ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

#### Statement of General Funds Operations

Four Months Ended July 31, 1979

	July	Year to Date
<b>INCOME—OPERATIONS:</b>		
Love Offering	\$40,846.61	\$159,567.35
Other Income	5,000.78	14,924.26
	45,847.39	174,491.61
Less: Tithe Transfer	4,084.66	15,956.74
	41,762.73	158,534.87
Gross Profit Materials	6,785.80	12,667.59
Total Income	48,548.53	171,202.46
<b>EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:</b>		
Ministry Services	28,937.69	107,784.28
Ministerial Education	11,552.65	46,552.29
Total Expenses	40,490.34	154,336.57
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 8,058.19</b>	<b>\$ 16,865.89</b>

### CLEARINGHOUSE

**ORGAN**—Unity of Anchorage, Alaska, has a beautiful full console Model 16300 Hammond organ for sale. Valued at \$7,000, this very fine Hammond is now on sale for \$5,200. If you are interested, please call Unity of Anchorage at (707) 279-3212.

**UNITY IN SONG**—"Unity in Song" is now an out-of-print item. Anyone with a surplus of these songbooks please drop a note to Alan Rowbotham, stating how many books you have and how much you want for them. Your AUC office will then notify those centers in need, and have them get in touch with you. Please do not send your surplus books to AUC as we do not have sufficient storage facilities.

## "Put People to Work"

by Stan Hampson



This month I want to share with you some important ideas from an excellent little book entitled "How to Save Time in the Ministry" by Leslie B. Flynn. The author was most gracious and for a modest fee gave his permission to share these excerpts. The ability to delegate responsibility is imperative for the growth of a ministry. How much of the work do you share and how much do you do?

"I have never mimeographed a page in my entire ministry," said one pastor. "I do not know how. And I refuse to learn!" He added, "When our church purchased a new duplicating machine a few years back, the salesman offered to teach me how to operate it. Politely, but firmly, I showed him the door."

This pastor's refusal to mimeograph does not stem from any aversion to soiling his hands but from dislike of devoting valuable time to tasks which can be done by members of the church. "When I have been trained to minister the word publicly from pulpit and privately in interview, why should I give precious hours to what many others can so ably and willingly do? I need every minute to study and counsel the souls entrusted to my care."

Dwight L. Moody said, "Put ten men to work rather than do the work of ten men!" Assigning work to ten men multiplies a pastor's time ten-fold. One pastor operated on the policy, "I never do anything that someone else can do."

### *Delegating Work Is a Scriptural Principle*

The nonmimeographing pastor was following a Biblical principle.

When Jethro visited Moses in the wilderness, he noticed that his son-in-law was wearing himself out by acting as judge for every complaint arising among the people. Perhaps Moses had not delegated authority to anyone because he distrusted the ability of his countrymen so recently removed

from serfdom. To save from exhaustion both the time and strength of Moses, Jethro recommended the appointment of subordinate judges who would handle all cases except those too difficult, which would be referred to Moses. So Moses chose capable men to rule over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens (Ex. 18:13-27).

When the modern pastor delegates work, he follows in the same pattern.

### *Jobs That Can Be Delegated*

If a church cannot afford a part-time secretary, the pastor may be surprised at the willingness of capable members to do office tasks. For three years a young stenographer and her girl friend came one night a week to the church office to take the pastor's dictation and file. Much valuable time was saved that minister till the church could swing the services of a paid secretary.

No pastor should be saddled with janitorial jobs like arranging chairs or putting out hymn-books. Nor should he be bothered with minor matters like the frequency of piano tuning, the color of choir robes, nor the type of refreshments at the next social. Nor should he have to count the people present in the Sunday and mid-week services. Rather, assigned personnel should report church, Sunday school, youth, and prayer meeting attendances promptly. When a church official passed away suddenly, leaving insufficient time for the congregation to learn the time of the funeral which had been incorrectly stated in the newspaper, the pastor asked one of the church ladies to organize a phone brigade to pass along the pertinent information, which resulted in a large attendance at the service. A lady who has taken a short correspondence course in journalism efficiently handles all news releases for her church.

Taking a leaf from the practice of busy doctors, many preachers today suggest that members, unless incapacitated, come to the study to talk over problems, instead of the pastor making house calls. Besides saving the minister's traveling time, this method guarantees privacy for the interview. The pastor should not consume precious moments running to members' homes on the slightest beckon.

### *The Pastor Must Develop Leadership from Among His Members*

The four steps in good executive administration are: analyze, organize, deputize, and supervise. Restating these points: survey the problem, design a plan, assign competent helpers, then call to accountability.

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## PUT PEOPLE TO WORK

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In deputizing his helpers the pastor should inspire, motivate, and create enthusiasm. One Sunday school teacher said of his pastor, "He makes you want to do the job." President Eisenhower offered this definition of leadership, "The art of getting somebody to do something you want done because he wants to do it." Wayne Dehoney, Southern Baptist pastor in Jackson, Tennessee, says, "In delegating responsibility, delegate authority too. Don't try to keep your hand on what you delegate to someone else." Supervise, but don't "snooperize."

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Unity School provides free cassette tapes of DAILY WORD magazine for the visually impaired. If you know any persons who experience difficulty reading either DAILY WORD or the large print DAILY WORD, they can write Unity School and receive free of charge, DAILY WORD on cassette tapes.

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



SPARKPLUGS

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.

Young people sometimes find that persons upon whom they rely may prove unreliable. This can be a hurtful experience during the preteen years when peer-group relationships are very important. It is frequently through pain, however, that people are brought to see the need to change their thinking. A temporary frustration can spur a person on to new ways of life.

According to the law of cause and effect, no matter how adverse the situation may be the providing presence of God always supplies exactly what is needed to resolve a situation.

The October issue of WEE WISDOM Magazine contains a short story that illustrates these points. "Belinda and Her Too-Curly Hair" can provide material for a youth sermon or lesson for those between the ages of ten and fourteen. The story can be used to help young people learn to rely on the true source of strength, the Christ Spirit within, and this can give youngsters a sense of real security that is not dependent upon their peer group.

In this story, several girls in Belinda's fifth-grade class make a pact to give themselves the same type of home permanent on the same night so they will all have curly hair when they go to school the next day. Belinda asked her older

brother, Randy, to give her a home permanent that evening. Randy has many misgivings about the situation but complies. The permanent turns out much too curly, and Belinda is dismayed by her appearance. But even more unfortunate is the fact that Belinda is the only girl in the group who honors the pact to have a permanent. She is laughed at by a friend before school the next morning. "Oh, Belinda, you always believe everything. Imagine anyone doing that to their hair."

The providing presence of God supplied the answer through a word of advice from her older brother, "You can have your hair straightened tonight and look just like your friends again or...you can wear your too-curly hair proudly and be an individual." This helped Belinda to accept her appearance.

The good Biblical reference is from Psalms 23:6: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." The aim of the story is that the readers gain a greater insight into the law of cause and effect and its action in all areas of life, learn to trust that Christ Spirit within for a sense of real security, and be inner-dependent, not outer-dependent.

"Belinda and Her Too-Curly Hair," by Rhea Beth Ross, begins on page 14 of the October issue of WEE WISDOM Magazine.

# NEWS & VIEWS ON UMS . . . . . by Paul C. Barrett

## NEW BEGINNINGS AT UMS



The excitement of new beginnings is in the air at UMS. As I write this column, the first week of the new school year is nearing an end. Here are some of the things exciting me.

First, there is the joining together of our UMS faculty, some new and some old in terms of service, and the witness of them melding together

into a spiritually oriented, cohesive body eager to serve.

Second, there is a coming together of a new UMS class for the first time, the largest in our ministerial training school history. Wherefore, in the processing of applicants for admission, this class was comprised of 46 separate individuals. Now it is melding together into a unit of dedicated souls, forming early its own personality and character as a class body.

Third, there is a joining together of the first year with the senior class, combining to make it the largest enrollment on record for our school. The big brother (or sister) class of second year ministers-in-training are diligently at work blazing a trail of love and caring, of total sharing to make bright and easy the way for the first year MIT's.

Fourth, the classrooms are electric--vibrating, pulsating with both the expectancy of things to come, and the eagerness of 86 souls desiring to fulfill their ministerial mission. Eighty-six MIT's and 11 faculty (from AUC and USC) all have faith in the divine plan unfolding through the work of UMS.

## UMS STATISTICAL DATA 1979-80 SCHOOL YEAR

	Females	Males	Total
1st Year	26	20	46
2nd Year	20	20	<u>40</u>
			86

	Ages				
	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's
1st Year	6	13	16	10	1
2nd Year	<u>5</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
Totals	11	29	27	15	4

	Single	Married
1st Year	17	29
2nd Year	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
Totals	37	49

### States (Home) Represented: 25

11-California	3-Louisiana	1-Iowa
8-Missouri	3-Virginia	1-Kansas
6-Washington	2-Arizona	1-Minnesota
5-Illinois	2-Colorado	1-Montana
5-New York	2-Georgia	1-Oregon
5-Texas	2-Indiana	1-New Jersey
4-Michigan	2-Massachusetts	1-Wisconsin
4-Pennsylvania	2-Ohio	
3-Florida	1-Alabama	

### Countries Abroad (Home) Represented: 7

2-Australia	1-Cuba	1-Nigeria
2-Jamaica	1-Ghana	1-W. Germany
1-Canada	(Serving in England)	

We have 6 married couples (12 MIT's) and 3 MIT's in the program married to ordained Unity ministers.

Among our 86 MIT's dozens of professions are represented. A cross-section of those would include a social worker, a Dale Carnegie instructor, a printer, a postmaster, a choreographer, an electronics engineer, a contractor, a radio and TV broadcaster, a driving instructor, a hotel manager, a supper club musician and singer, a banker,

a nutritionist, a nurse, a psychologist, a business school owner and manager, a biologist, an actor-producer, a political scientist, a lawyer, a bio-feedback technician, an editor, an elementary grade teacher, a homemaker, etc.

Yes, it is exciting to be associated with UMS this year. We rejoice that you are one with us in Spirit.

Blessings,

*Paul*





"To  
Nourish  
The Sense  
of  
Wonder"

by  
*Alan Rowbotham*

Ten years ago, I was in my first year of ministerial training here at Unity Village. Harry Young, a fellow student, was asked to open the class with prayer. He prayed, "Father, we are amazed and mystified to find ourselves here!"

Harry's prayer has stayed with me over the years. Once again, it echoes in my heart: "Father, I am amazed and mystified to find myself here!" Just a few days ago my wife, Kathryn, and I were sitting in our apartment at Unity Village, reflecting upon the events of the past few months. It seemed to us as though we had suddenly been catapulted into a new place and new positions, and we were still reeling from the overwhelming significance of it all.

There is such a feeling of rightness to be doing what we are doing, here at Unity Village, a feeling which persists to this day. Certainly, we went through a great deal of pain in separating from our loving friends and the ministry in Roanoke, Virginia, which we had built up virtually from scratch and loved so dearly. Then, it was not without a sense of trepidation that we moved into our new positions, Kathryn as a faculty member and myself as Field Services Projects Coordinator. Both of us have struggled with ourselves, agonized over our doubts and fears, felt unsure of ourselves and even inadequate to the task that is ours to do. Yet in the midst of it all is the sense of a loving presence which surrounds us as if we were in a sea of wonderment.

I wanted to convey to you some sense of what we are feeling, for two reasons: First, because I know that many of you who will read this also feel or have felt the same struggle within yourselves, frustration and impatience perhaps, even a lack of self-worth or inadequacy from time to time. Yet I know too that you have found when you keep on, out of that "keeping on" something beautiful is born; something real is born.

I am reminded of a letter I recently received from my youngest daughter who lives in England. She left home this summer for the first time and

got a summer live-in job as a waitress in a resort town far away from where she lived. The feelings she is experiencing are the same ones that are repeated time after time in our lives as we move into new experiences and different surroundings. Yet when we step out boldly, all the difficulties and obstacles fall away and we are strengthened by our new experience.

Some of you have just moved into new ministries, some of you have just started a new year of ministerial training, some of you are moving into building projects, new classes, new experiences in your personal lives and in your professional lives. If you get into the feeling of being overwhelmed or lacking in self-worth, I suggest that you remind yourself that you may be simply misreading the signals of the creative effort. The creative process demands our whole being, even to the point of giving up, before the new idea comes forth, the talk is given, the class is taught, the demonstration comes forth, the new relationship is established.

In an article on "Creativity," in Synthesis, James Vargiu refers to the creative process as being in five stages: preparation, frustration, incubation, illumination, elaboration. It is well for us to be aware of this process. With this awareness, we are not so liable to get caught up in the early stages as to fail to move through into the final stages of the creative process. We can learn to "ride the wind," as it were, and live at the point of creative expression where the unknown becomes the known and the invisible moves into visibility. Teilhard de Chardin calls this the "greatest glory to man," where we accept our "natural place not at the center of the universe, as was once believed, but at its fulcrum, the pivot point, the bridge, the life line, the agent through whom the energy of the universal creative field can flow."

Secondly, I wanted to share my feelings with you because I agree so strongly with a statement made recently by the Dalai Lama during his visit to the United States. "I have noticed so often," he said, "if people dare to reveal their innermost concerns, their reality, if they speak from heart to heart, there is perfect understanding. All barriers fall away and communication is so easy."

As Unity ministers, let's not be afraid to reveal our innermost concerns to one another, to speak heart to heart. We have much to share, much to learn, much growing to do together. From my new position here in the AUC office, I'd like to facilitate that sharing and growing together in any way I can. I would like you to help me, if you will.

I ask that you remind yourself of this, with me:  
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## TO NOURISH THE SENSE OF WONDER

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we can become the best ministers we are capable of becoming; we can enlarge and expand our ministries; we can help the Association of Unity Churches become all that it can become and see the Unity movement as having the capacity to be the greatest vehicle for the teaching of Truth that the world has ever seen. But in all of this, let me not make the simple ever more complex. Let me not forget the example of Jesus Christ,

our Way-shower, to reach out my hands and open my heart to others in love and trust. Let me always seek to nourish my sense of wonder, and let me always remember that it is only in becoming truly human that my divinity can be revealed.

Love and blessings,

*Alan*

## Letters to the Editor:

*Ed. Note: Unity Church of Christ, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, is presenting a series of lectures called "Golden Pathways Series 1979-1980." It is a four-part program featuring some of the "heavy-timber" of the speaker's forest, Peale, Butterworth, Simonton and Schuller! Faith and prosperity consciousness were the fundamental activities in putting this fine program together.*

Jim Heinecamp, minister of Unity Church of Christ, writes: The "Golden Pathway Series" is an effort to raise the general consciousness of the people in our community, and to make them aware that Unity is in their community. We know there are many pathways of Truth, and each path has its own spokesman. On this basis, four speakers were chosen, each representing an aspect of Truth.

For instance, Robert Schuller is the leading national, religious, inspirational speaker on Sunday morning television. Most people can easily identify with Norman Vincent Peale, and his message of positive thinking. Of course we all know Eric Butterworth. Dr. Simonton is imagination in curing people of terminal cancer. Each of these speakers were contacted, and all readily agreed to participate.

Our prerequisite for taking on a challenge such as this, is a Board of Directors with an excellent prosperity consciousness. They must be able to think big, and have plenty of faith, for it involves large sums of money. We knew they would have to be paid for upon delivery, and had the faith that we could sell enough "reservations" for tickets to generate the money to pay for them when they arrived. This is how each expense has been handled. We always seem to have enough money as the bills come in.

## MEET YOUR MIT's

Marianne Bowers, second-year minister-in-training at Unity Ministerial School, was graduated from Purdue University (in a year shrouded in mystery if not in antiquity), with a degree in psychology. Her professional career has included the ownership and operation of such varied business as a general insurance agency, a beauty salon, and two metaphysical book stores. She has been a personnel secretary, a marketing/business-development/public relations representative for a bank, Texas Executive Secretary for the Licensed Vocational Nurses Association, Executive Officer of the Rio Grande Valley Apartment Association, and a freelance writer, editor and public speaker. After coming to Unity Village, she worked as a tour guide for the Unity Visitors' Center and in the Silent Unity Telephone Room; in addition to her studies, she is currently involved in the chaplaincy program at Truman Medical Center East. She holds a certificate from the University of Texas Extension Division in Public Relations, and is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest. (Marianne is the former managing editor of CONTACT magazine.)



## BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD COVERAGE

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## YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT by Maggie Finefrock

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I was reading an article the other day that offered the statistics of the declining birth-rate and a generalized negative view of adolescence as proof that we are a nation that is anti-young people.

I have just returned from a trip to my birthplace, a small Ohio town where I observed young people hanging out in the streets late at night, restless because they had no place to channel their creative energies. It brought back memories that I had of growing up in that town and my restlessness. I remembered some of the less than constructive activities of my adolescence that were merely an outlet from the intense desire to find out what I was all about at that stage in life.

I have met with youth ministers of other denominations and heard them belabor the moral decline of youth. It is difficult for me to remain silent and accepting in these situations. I demand equal time!

An old VISTA maxim states, "If you're not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." If indeed the culture of youth is a challenge in our age then Unity is definitely providing opportunities and alternative solutions for youth to explore their true nature. We expose our young people to basic Truth principles and help them to see how these principles apply to their daily life. We send them into the laboratory of life to test these formulas, and we accept them when they return to us with reports of successes or seeming failures. We re-negotiate and re-apply the principles together and again they are tested. As teachers and ministers we provide vital support systems for young people and in turn the youth have many lessons to teach us about living.

I wish everyone at some time could have the exhilarating experience of being in my shoes (well worn as they are) and seeing the miracles that happen when people of all ages gather together to learn from one another. This summer we have had the Youth Education Seminar, the International Youth of Unity Conference and the Young Adult Retreat. What a tremendous affirmation of the joy and learning of youth! The young people at the conferences were alive and vibrant expressions of Truth. They touched the hearts of everyone here at the Village. They acknowledged the challenges of growing up in the 70's but expressed beautiful insights for facing



the tough times steadfast in love and faith.

Each day I meet with or correspond with youth and youth leaders that are creatively working with Truth in their lives and in their centers. Teachers, sponsors, and students are finding a beautiful balance of learning from each other. A center that is involved "inter-generationally" is a center that is resounding in harmony.

Unity is becoming a model of working with youth because we realize that each stage of this life experience provides beautiful opportunities for learning and teaching. This is evidenced by the 75 year young woman who attended the Young Adult Retreat; the YOU Sponsor at Conference who felt he learned more than the kids; the YE Seminar students who gave up two weeks of vacation to attend UICE and become better youth leaders; the manager at the Pizza Hut in Dallas, who after being decended upon by 100 hungry, enthusiastic post-rally YOU'ers told me that they were the most helpful and loving group of people he had ever served.

These are the experiences I draw my impressions from. In the Unity movement we are not anti-youth. We embrace the openness, adventure and love of youth as the gifts they can remind us of when we lapse into forgetfulness about what this business of life is all about.

We are providing a vital and loving service. I bless you, as a Unity minister, for actively supporting and providing spiritual guidance for youth of all ages.

Now if I can step down from my soapbox a moment to discuss what is happening in the office. . .

Thank you for your WonderFull response to WonderWord. Many of you have called the office for additional copies. As stated in the AGAPE newsletter, Quarter I, this is a pilot issue to determine the need from the field. We printed 1,500 copies only. One copy was sent with AGAPE to each center. Each Youth Education Facilitator was given 100 copies which are available to ministries in their region on a love offering basis. The additional copies were distributed from AUC and are all gone. I managed to save ONE copy that I promptly locked in the safe! Needless to say, WonderWord has captured the hearts and imagination of the young and young at heart.

If you would like to see this project continued, please drop me a note and let me know your reactions and suggestions. Also include the number of copies you would like to have if we print another issue (December?). The books are dated with the month and power only so the same copy can be used several years in a row until we  
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## YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT

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have all 12 issues in print.

On one of the calls I received on WonderWord, a minister did not know who their Youth Education Facilitator was. We will print these addresses again. Please clip them out and keep them on file.

This dedicated group of Unity students and teachers are responsible for WonderWord and are available to serve you in all areas of Youth Education. The facilitators are appointed by each region to act as YE consultants to ministers and teachers, conduct teacher training and meet here once a year to plan and implement quality programs and materials for Unity youth.

This fall is a particularly important time to be aware of the expertise of your facilitator. Each one is available to present to your center a teacher training seminar entitled, "The Harmony of Youth Ministry." This seminar covers teaching skills, classroom management, Truth principles and creative use of the AUC curriculum. You may contact your facilitator to host this seminar on a Saturday for your church or you may want to combine with other churches in your area to host the workshop. If you haven't already done so, contact your facilitators and find out the ways they can serve you best.

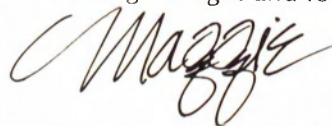
The AGAPE newsletter is another service that has met the needs of teachers and ministers. Be sure that when you receive your copy it is passed on to the Youth Education Staff. Additional copies can be obtained by writing your YE Facilitator.

If you have any views on youth from a minister's perspective or an article for the "Forum" in AGAPE, please share with us. We can't pay

you by the word but your ideas and opinions will be appreciated!

With these services and the tremendous attitude of our youth, their leaders and ministers, we are working together to bring a workable Truth to young people and they are helping us discover that Christ child within us. Thank you again for being an important part of this dynamic activity.

Blessings of light and love,



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### JUSTUS CREDIT UNION DECLARES ANNUAL DIVIDEND

The board of directors recently declared dividends and interest payable October 1, 1979, for all monies on deposit on that date. Interest payable to corporation will be 7% for the past fiscal year. Dividends for individual members of the credit union will be 5.5% on the first \$2,000 on deposit and 7% interest will be paid on all funds on deposit by the individual member in excess of \$2,000.00

The individual member has life savings insur-

ance benefit on the first \$2,000.00 on deposit according to the terms of the contract with the underwriter, depending on the age of the member.

Our loans outstanding to centers and ministers are increasing annually, so your continuing support with your deposits of funds in the credit union will be greatly appreciated.

Deposits received on or before the twelfth of the month, earn from the first, on funds remaining continuously on deposit for the dividend period.



YOUTH OF UNITY  
AND  
YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY  
REPORTS  
by  
Greg Barrette



## YOUTH OF UNITY REPORT

### INNER VISIONS—CONFERENCE '79

Nearly four hundred souls shared the Spirit of God during "Inner Visions," YOU Conference 1979. There has never been a larger attendance--and those who have attended many conferences (this was my seventh) agree that the presence of God was felt at "Inner Visions" as never before.

Pinky Marx, YOU Sponsor from Springfield, Missouri, put it this way:

*There is something beautiful recorded in the hearts and souls of all who attended the Conference of 1979. How can I describe something so beautiful that came from GOD? He directed it. He inspired us to spread His message to all the world.*

*I feel like Chicken Little, with a burning desire to unite all persons--not by saying "hurry, the sky is falling in," but by saying "hurry to the next Conference in 1980."*

*The Spirit was so alive in this Conference that my fee have not touched ground--yet!*

*Get in tune with your God at the next Conference in 1980. Come and live on Fuzzy Lane for a week of experiences you will never forget--the impossible dream come true! I love you.*

### NEW OFFICERS!!

Three new International YOU Officers were elected at Conference: **Tracy Pounders**, Fort Worth, Texas, President; **Tom Ruggles**, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, First Vice-President; **Mark Circle**, Tempe, Arizona, Second Vice-President. Congratulations to these young men, to their proud families and to the Unity centers which nurtured their spiritual growth.

### NEW REGIONAL COORDINATORS!!

A regional coordinator serves:

1. as an advisor to the YOU'ers in a region,
2. as a "head sponsor" to the sponsors and
3. as a liason with the ministers.

Regional coordinators are vital to the success of YOU.

Southwest region has appointed two coordinators to work as a team: **Lillian Tryk** and **Dave**

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**Vetter** of Orange, California. Lillian has been a YOU Sponsor for over a decade and Dave was a regional YOU Officer five years ago. They are energetic, enthusiastic and an answer to prayer. In truth, the Southwest YOU'ers have turned to Lillian and Dave for unofficial guidance for years. Thank You, Father! Thank you, Southwest ministers. Thank you, Lillian and Dave.

Northwest region's fine YOU coordinator, **Frances Oja**, recently resigned after two years of service. Her replacement, **Jackie Green** of Spokane, Washington, is young (oh you are too, Jackie!), capable and can sing as loud as any YOU'er! Good choice!

**Peter** and **Joyce Vanderpool** resigned as Great Lakes' coordinators. Their position has been filled by **Dottie Fisk** of Oak Park, Illinois. She is a recent arrival to the Chicago area, having served as YOU Sponsor in Sacramento, California, for two years. Maggie describes her as "an idea person," but I think of her as pure love.

Eastern region's coordinator, **Martha Schneider**, has resigned. She served for five years. We urge (to the point of arm-twisting!) the Eastern ministers to quickly choose her right replacement from the many YOU Sponsors who have already offered to fill the position.

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### Great Lakes:

**Dottie Fisk**  
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Please call on your new coordinators to help you form a YOU group if you do not have one. They want to serve you!

## YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY REPORT

Yes, there is life after YOU!

Our attendance at this year's Young Adult's retreat was exactly double our best previous year. One hundred twenty five young adults shared in "Open Your Heart," the 1979 YAU retreat.

Only a quarter of the retreatants were members of active YAU groups. Happily, nearly every retreatant expressed an interest in starting one.

Most attendees were in their twenties, but  
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ages ranged from late teens through seventy-plus! "Open Your Heart" met with a good response. There was a balance between lectures, workshops, movement, prayer and song. Oman Ken, a YAU'er from Houston, Texas, put it well:

*Words don't seem to capture the experience that I shared with you and all the good people at the YAU retreat. I've been telling my friends about the gathering but find that it will be expressed to them through my smile and joy of life rather than any words I am able to communicate.*

*It was a time when I felt my heart center open up to the divine gift of love that is ever present in me.*

## COMPUTERS AND THE MINISTRY

by Gary Simmons, MIT

Most folks probably get started in Unity as a result of a dramatic, inspiring challenge. As for me, I was dragged to Unity Christ Church in San Francisco by my wife, **Stephanie**, shortly after our marriage in the Spring of 1971. Needless to say, I am grateful for her loving persistence in getting me started early in life in such an exciting and fulfilling way to live.

Prior to entering UMS I was employed by Pacific Telephone Company as a Communications Technician; an experience which has given me an analytical mind, a semi-photographic memory, a keen sense of logic, and an appreciation for telephone operators everywhere.

My involvement at the San Francisco Unity center began slowly, but accelerated as the years rolled on. I served as an usher, utility person, Sunday School teacher, and then became an official member. The next five years saw me as a Board Vice-President and President, platform assistant, teacher, and guest speaker. I guess you could say I was "groomed" for the ministry by both Dave McClure and Gwen Norment who saw in me what they called "potential," and what I call a big mouth with a big message.

I entered ministerial training with no visions of grandeur. But, I suspect that is not the way I will leave. Perhaps the most fulfilling experience that I have had here at UMS thus far, is my work as a volunteer phone worker in Silent Unity--a work that has demonstrated to me time and time again the dynamic power of prayer. Truly, all things are possible!

I have had the privilege for the past three sessions of teaching Tai Chi Chuan (an ancient

## OPPORTUNITY IN

### "THE KINGDOM OF THE SUN"

The study group in Ocala, Florida, is seeking guidance from a retired UNITY minister to facilitate them in their seeking of Truth and to help them grow to full center/church status. UNITY OF OCALA is incorporated and is a dynamic study group with Sunday attendance in the 50's. Ocala is located in the central portion of Northern Florida mid-way between Gainesville and Orlando. If you would like to know more about this study group or the potential of this ministry, contact the Placement office at AUC, Unity Village.

Chinese exercise form) as a part of the Adult Education program at the Unity Village Chapel.

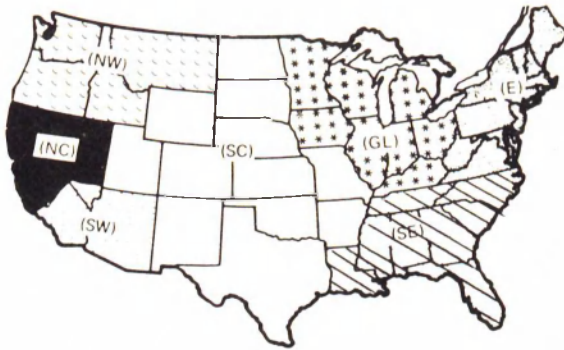
I am currently involving myself in an area of special interest concerning center operations. How would it be to have four file drawers of information, articles, quotes, stories, and sermon ideas at your finger tips? Or to have your membership list, financial statement, and bookstore inventory accurate and available at a moments notice? Wouldn't it be nice to be able to address your mailing, have a list of all Unity books, pamphlets and Sunday School material cross referenced, and to be able to balance the books in about the same time it takes to record a dial-a-prayer message?

With a small computer you can. Last Spring I began exploring the feasibility of small computers in center operations. We all know what happens with "thoughts held in mind." Recently I received as an early graduation present from my parents a Radio Shack TRS-80 Mini-Computer, an expandable, portable, modular system. I have now outgrown the capacity of my system and am ready to expand. Thus far I have discovered and envisioned tremendous potential in owning and operating a small computer system and plan to bring a bit of the space age to my Unity ministry.

Dr. Marcus Bach offers some profound words: "Unity must always stay ahead of its time. It must continually lead and not follow. It must be the recipient and the channel for new revelation, new interpretation, and new demonstration."

In upcoming issues of CONTACT I will share with you some vital statistics concerning the feasibility and practical use of small computers in both the large and small ministries, for center operations or personal use.





## REGIONAL NEWS

### EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Ed Myler:

The Unity Churches of the Eastern Region will sponsor a Unity Retreat September 28 through October 1, 1980 at the Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Further information will be available at a later date.

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### GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with Robert Wasner:

Unity Church on the North Shore, Evanston, Illinois, Robert Wasner, minister and Unity Church of Crystal Lake, Illinois, Alec Evason, minister, are hosting a retreat October 12-13, 1979. The retreat will take place at the Cabrini Contact Center in Des Plaines, Illinois. The theme for the retreat is "How To Be A Happier and More Fulfilled Me." Featured speakers are: **Alec Evason, Marilyn Evason, Dorothy Ritchey, and Robert Wasner.** Amalie Frank, Associate minister of Unity on the North Shore, will provide music for the retreat.

This two-day retreat will be filled with fellowship, love, and adventure.

Our Unity centers in Birmingham and Royal Oak, Michigan, served by Elizabeth Jacunski and Onita Meyer respectively, are conducting a "Retreat For Women." With the theme of: "Back to Basics," they have planned time for singing, meditation, sharing, counseling, and leisure time.

Unity Church of Peoria, Illinois, served by David Monument, will have **James Dillet Freeman** as their guest October 13 and 14. Jim will conduct an evening program on the 13th and do the Sunday service on the 14th.

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### NORTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with David McClure:

**Jim and Gayle Peterson** announced recently that they will be escorting a Unity group to Hawaii, October 30 through November 6. This is a fund-raising project for their proposed new building. Seventy dollars from each ticket goes to the Building Fund. Tacoma Unity has recently purchases seven acres of land and plans to start construction in the near future. Tacoma also hosted the YOU Workshop on September 8. The Northwest minister, YOU Advisory Board, sponsors, and YOU officers met to draft the wording for a new YOU brochure for both sponsors and YOU'ers.

**Howard Caesar**, minister in Olympia, Washington, announced the completion of a gazebo seating 40 people in the back woods of their church property. The gazebo will be used mainly for weddings, but will also be used for outdoor Sunday services next summer.

**Scott Sherman** dedicated a brand new ministry in Portland, Oregon, on September 8, at an evening service. The affair was attended by Northwest Unity Ministers and Teachers. Called "Westside Unity," the new ministry is an outreach of the Portland Church and will have **Larry Miller** as their new minister.

A Biofeedback workshop on Saturday, August 4, held at Unity Church of Missoula, earned the church a five-minute spot on a statewide news broadcast, reports **Rod McCallum**, minister. The workshop was led by Dr. L. Joel Swabb of Sarasota, Florida. Sixteen people paid \$15 each to learn about control of muscle tension, body temperature, and brainwave patterns. According to Rod, the response to the workshop was so enthusiastic it carried over into the Sunday service and the consciousness was higher than it has ever been. The workshop also received half-page coverage with photographs in Missoula's daily newspaper. A newspaper reporter at the six-hour session reported it to his paper with enthusiasm.

**Sandra Cousens**, minister in Everett, Washington, reports tremendous success with her new Cancer Counseling and Support Group. Using the Carl Simonton techniques and Unity Prayer, several cancer patients have reported remission of their condition.

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Jackie Green, sponsor for the Spokane Youth of Unity, was recently elected Northwest YOU Coordinator. This is a paid position supported by the NW Ministries to help promote the growth of YOU within the region. Jackie succeeds Frances Oja who held the post for the past year and a half.

David McClure reports that Spokane will host the Northwest Unity Ministers' Board/Laymen Workshop on October 19, 20, 21. The program will consist of the Robert Schuller Film Workshop entitled "Build Successful Churches Now." The program will be put on by members of Dr. Schuller's staff.

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## SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with William Clark:

Unity of Jamaica is starting this month the "Unity Pre-Primary School." W. E. (Goodi) Goodison-Orr, minister, reports: "In conjunction with the academic studies for ages 3 to 6, we shall be inculcating Truth Principles in a liberal way. We are working hard to make a start, but the unavailability or shortage of materials and essential items the job is made more difficult."

East Tennessee is getting a lavish dose of Unity this month. Mark and Edwene Yarnell, co-ministers of Unity of Knoxville, appeared on public broadcasting system television on September 20, in a 30-minute interview show.

On September 11, the Yarnells appeared on the local ABC-TV station in a show called "Today in Tennessee."

The new Knoxville ministers were also on a 90-minute radio call-in talk show September 23.

In their first month, the Yarnells have had feature stories in three local newspapers, one of them with front page pictures.

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## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with Arthur Hammons:

William LaReau, minister of Unity Center of San Bernardino, California, reports: "Our center has been the "Host Course Center" for a group of 28 Japanese students on an intercultural program.

The group uses the facility for the study of the English language and cultural classes as well as a point of departure for field trips and gatherings of students and host families such as a "welcoming party picnic."

This is beneficial to the church for there has been publicity in the area over radio and in the newspapers in addition to the gathering of people at our center who were not aware of our location.

For those who responded as host families, the opportunity to visit Japan and a host family in Japan is available at a round trip price of \$559.

This program makes the Unity center the focal point of an international spiritual consciousness contributing to world peace."

From Unity Church of Leisure World, Seal Beach, California, Mary Jo Cooper, minister,

writes, in part: "We are so pleased that our attendance has nearly doubled this past year. We had to move to a larger clubhouse to accommodate the growth. We are now at Clubhouse 1--the Burning Tree Clubhouse (see

photo at right). I have served here more than three and a half years, and it does take time to build a ministry in consciousness and numbers, yet it is a most exciting experience."



On September 4, Unity of Tucson's School of Creative Living (With A Spiritual Plus) opened its doors for the first time to sixteen students ranging from first grade through the sixth. Under the direction of Larry A. Swartz, who is serving as Director of the school, there are two teachers who are combining the positive Unity philosophy with solid basic academics. A "wellness" program is included in the curriculum for teaching the principles of yoga, biofeedback, and nutrition. Next year's forecast calls for at least fifty students. Long range plans include the addition of grades seven through twelve within five to ten years.

The Unity Ministries of the Southwest Region are hosting "There Is A Way Retreat" October 14-16. The retreat will feature Dale Batesole, Unity minister and founder of the inspiring "There Is A Way" television ministry. Connie Haines, ordained Unity minister, will also be featured. The retreat is being held at the

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beautiful Sheraton—Universal Hotel. Art Hammons, registrar for the retreat, reports: "This is a retreat for the layperson. This is their opportunity to hear some of the gifted men and women in the Unity ministry speaking on subjects that will open their eyes, ears and heart to the Truth that they can find "The Way" to more health, abundance, consciousness, and the Unity way of life."

Dale Batesole, reports: "Our television ministry, "There Is A Way," is growing and touching the lives of more and more people here in Southern California. The response from our Unity ministers in this area and from our viewing audience is most heart-warming. Our monthly newsletter is in its infancy but that, too, will grow.

Anyone wishing information on this unique ministry should write to: Dale Batesole, There Is A Way Television Ministry, P.O. Box 2721, Palm Springs, California 92263.

## "AFTERGLOW"

*"Life is for living. The years we live were not meant to age us, but are opportunities for us to live and mature. We mature according to how we handle life situations as they occur."*



Mabel Donaldson

by Helen M. Hansen

When people would have happily settled for their numerous success, Mabel Donaldson embarked on an entirely new career. She had already performed the role of dancing teacher, business woman, real estate salesperson, and club woman when she studied at Unity School of Christianity, and became an ordained Unity minister.

Her study for Unity Ministry "happened" after some listeners of the Unity Viewpoint radio program (sponsored locally by the Donaldsons) requested that Mabel teach them Unity Principles. She began a class for two couples in her home which met one night a week. Before long, word had spread about Mabel's inspiring Unity lessons, and she opened her home to classes four nights each week. Her deep desire to help people, and persuasion from friends led her to apply to Unity Ministerial School.

After she was ordained, Mabel and her husband  
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Dean founded the beautiful Unity Church of Grand Junction. Dean was her assistant minister.

For a number of years they ministered to the Grand Junction and surrounding area. Reverend Donaldson said of their Unity work, "I feel that our lives are fruitful because we are privileged to come into this ministry which works together with a oneness of purpose to serve and help humanity. It is wonderful to assist in lifting the awareness of how life is, and help people feel better about the here and the hereafter. Whatever we can do for others is the rewarding part of life."

After she retired from the Grand Junction Unity Church in 1971, she accepted appointments from The Association of Unity Churches to serve as interim minister wherever she was needed. She served in San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, California; Nashville, Memphis, Tennessee; Amarillo, Texas; and others.

Also, when she was in Grand Junction, she continued to counsel, conduct funerals and weddings. In fact, she officiated at a beautiful wedding only six days before she made her transition.

Just one day before she slipped out of our sight on this plane, Mabel shared some of her ideas in an interview for an article the Colorado Woman magazine had requested I write about her. She said, "Life is for living: The years we live were not meant to age us, but are opportunities for us to live and mature. We mature according to how we handle life situations as they occur." Mabel Donaldson certainly lived this philosophy.

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# SOMA NEWS

## SOMA AND COMMUNICATION

by Vivian Clark

The thoughts I have to communicate via this article are built upon the AUC Conference in June. The SOMA program stimulated an area long suppressed—communication. But all ideas come forth at their time. Consequently SOMA is now working on many areas, in many ways to establish communication needed to help individuals in the field or in the program. As we respond to the needs we shall become more confident in our ability to help as well as more trusting to reveal the needs among us.

Now, that could suggest (and I thought of this as Conference) that there are those among us who still haven't caught on to the Truth that our indwelling Spirit is our guide and that we are not practicing what we are teaching by allowing our challenges to restrict us. The fact is, we all are maturing and here and there can use another "minister's partner" with whom to share. I believe this is another area which can greatly strengthen our centers. I suspect that some ministries can be in useless, unnecessary "trouble" because of "trouble" at home. The center, whether small, medium or nicely large, needs the highest consciousness we are capable of giving.

I understand that SOMA people on or near the Village are working with SOMIT to help develop programs which will prepare the members to handle their experience as MIT partners as well as being more professionally equipped to enter the field.

We know that each of us handles the experience differently according to their desires, talents and home situations. Each of these areas are open to change. We change with change, new "problems" demand new solutions. If we want to become more of who we are, we must change. If we want to become as much as we are capable of becoming, we must change. This process of growth is called psychological maturity. We in SOMA, via effective communication, can help ourselves as well as each other in this maturing. Some of us operate out of instinct, some out of learning the process. Whatever, we are all learning and maturing.

The ministers are professional. Whatever we, as their partners do, are professional, also. A professional is good and know why; the professional has learned to critique his performance and is always getting better. I believe communication between us on the Regional and National level can enhance this professional self-image. We are

communicating--right now; we are maturing and as a result, we, too, are professional.

However you are feeling--communicate to one of the people who have been introduced in this column. Let's get acquainted this year, more than ever before. And next Conference we will feel free to dine, talk, socialize with each other freely and confidently.

## SOMA INTERVIEW...

Our SOMA interviewee this month is the beautiful, insightful Terry Rhea. Terry's almost 16 year old son, Mike and husband Pete, minister of Overland Park Unity, recently moved from Lee's Summit to the Overland Park area to better serve their congregation.



Throughout the 17 years of their marriage, Terry has held several positions in Unity--Silent Unity, with Daily Word and as Assistant Director of the Cassette Department (7 years). Now with Pete reentering the field ministry, Terry is taking time to look deeply into her own life and establish her own directions.

After attending June's AUC Conference as a non-working spouse for the first time, Terry feels that our spouse's organization needs to be strong, active and ready to respond whenever one of us has a need. She knows how helpful we can be to one another and from past experience knows what it is like when there is no one to call.

Terry will be joining other spouses living near Unity Village in developing a "Spouses' Program" for the 1980 Conference. The program will include a variety of activities to welcome and inspire all spouses planning to attend.

Terry has chosen to assist Peter on Sundays. She is enjoying it and feels increasingly more competent now that the "butterflies are pretty well netted..."

Do take time to get to know Terry and join us in looking forward to her future.



## WHOLISTIC HEALTH CENTERS—In Local Churches

*The following article appeared in the August, 1979, issue of ACTION INFORMATION, a journal published by "The Alban Institute, Inc., Washington, DC. Dr. Norman Shealey spoke encouragingly of programs such as presented here at the June Conference:*

"After a number of years as chaplain and teacher in university research and teaching hospitals, Granger Westberg became disillusioned. He sensed that many of these patients would not have had to have such radical medical and surgical care had someone dealt with them more holistically ten to twenty years before. With this in mind, he now is experimenting with what are called Wholistic Health Centers which are, in effect, church based primary care doctors' offices where three professionals (physician, pastoral counselor, and nurse) are seen as equals dealing with patients in a slightly more wholistic fashion. They seek to pick up the early symptoms of illness and help the person see that often a change in life style and philosophy can prevent the illness symptoms from increasing.

"Westberg has done his work through the Department of Preventive Medicine of the University of Illinois Medical School in Chicago with the generous help of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Some six clinics have now been started in churches located in a variety of neighborhoods where people of all income levels and cultural interests are represented. Most of them are in the Chicago area, but several are now being started in Minnesota, Ohio, and Washington, DC.

"Westberg is convinced that most people who come to see a primary care physician have problems that are really more in a minister's field than they are strictly in a doctor's field. Yet he is also convinced that such patients coming to a primary care physician ought to be given a thorough physical examination so nothing of a somatic nature is overlooked. This physical exam, however, is preceded by a "health planning conference" attended by the physician, pastoral counselor, nurse, and patient (and any close relative whom the patient may want to have sit in). The minister is the moderator of this half-hour discussion where the patient is seen with his or her clothes on and viewed as a person like the other three. The fact that the minister is in charge of this discussion gives the patient the feeling that the minister is an equal member of the team and not someone sitting off in a corner available only if absolutely necessary. The nurse also is encouraged to participate as an equal member, and though this comes hard for nurses who have been trained to be quiet and servant-like, a growing number of nurses are beginning

to participate in the discussions, and this adds a dimension of patient advocacy which is often lacking.

"The doctor also actively participates in this health planning conference even though most of the discussion has to do with the person's hopes, aims, values religious interests, concerns, anxieties, etc. The aim is to get to know the patient as a whole person. The specifically physical complaints are dealt with in more detail in the next half hour in the examining room where the doctor is in charge.

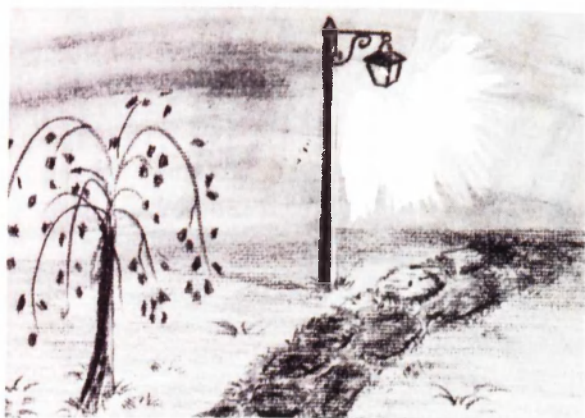
"The fact that these Centers are conducted in churches is especially important to the overall philosophy of Westberg's concern. He feels that the churches have abdicated health care and turned over their hospitals to secularists and given the impression that the spiritual or values dimension is of little or no importance in the healing of diseases. Just the fact that these doctors' offices are located in church buildings immediately symbolizes the God dimension of health care and says that the churches do care about bodies as well as souls. He has had little difficulty finding underused church buildings which are delighted to open their structures to remodeling portions to make attractive medical suites. The only problem lies in the start-up costs, which are considerable but not impossible to surmount.

"The most recent development is that hospitals throughout the country, concerned about their past lack of local community concern, are now seeking to place more emphasis on preventive medicine and humanizing health care. A number of hospital administrators and boards of directors are now considering sponsoring one or more such Wholistic Health Centers in nearby churches within their own catchment areas. Such sponsorship would solve the problem of start-up costs.

"Westberg feels that the church should respond to the call of a growing number of physicians and nurses who are recognizing that 'science is not enough' and that the spiritual component must be added to the care of the sick. Our great-grandfathers responded a hundred years ago to such a call by building the magnificent hospitals and schools of nursing which have made a great contribution to the health field. Today the call is for local churches to see how effective they really are in the area of preventive medicine and relate these with the very best of medical care."



## "LIGHT ON THE PATH"



*With the assistance of AUC we will shine a "Little Light On The Path" with a response to your questions of interest to all Licensed Teachers. Send your questions and comments to: Catherine Garvey, MIT, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.*

### STANDARD AND ETHICS FOR LICENSED TEACHERS

*As Licensed Unity Teachers "we dedicate ourselves to the principles of Truth as taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ, and interpreted by Unity School of Christianity and the Association of Unity Churches.*

*"We look to the indwelling Christ for inspiration, to guide, govern, and prosper us."*

*We will endeavor, to the best of our understanding and ability, to teach classes of a quality that will inspire our students to live the Truth that will make them free. We will do this always under the influence of Divine Guidance.*

*We will emphasize the importance of prayer in every person's life,, and especially will we use prayer to make our lives an example of living Truth. Our own prayer consciousness will prove our dedication to God.*

*We will be mindful always of our proper relationships with our ministers. We will bear in mind that the minister is in charge of the ministry. We will not undertake any activity without the consent and complete cooperation of the minister. We will be supportive of the minister, as we know he/she is of us.*

*We will not undertake any activity however related to the ministry without the approval of the minister, knowing that all outreach activities must be sponsored by the parent ministry.*

*We will make sure that all classes taught under the sponsorship of the parent ministry for credit in the Unity Institute for Continuing Education will be conducted according to the standards and*

*requirements of UICE.*

*In all our Unity Classes, we will teach the Unity teachings. In this, we will avoid teaching any subjects which may be deemed incompatible with basic Unity principles.*

*We will prepare our lessons well, knowing that students attracted to a Unity ministry expect excellence. Our lessons will be presented in a practical, yet beautiful and inspiring manner.*

*We will subscribe to all points in the CODE OF ETHICS FOR MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES, as presented in the AUC Yearbook, and which are applicable to us.*

- Q. When the Minister is absent where can I, as a Licensed Teacher, obtain information to assist me in performing special services, such as, funerals, christenings, etc.?
- A. You may order from AUC a booklet titled "Special Services Manual" for only \$4.50. It might be wise to check and see if one is available to you through your Center.
- Q. Where can I get assistance on how to teach, grade papers and fill in the evaluation sheets for credit classes?
- A. When a Licensed Teacher sends in the form to register her class for credit she may, at this time, request the "Extension Program Teachers Guide." It contains annotations or teaching helps for all credit classes that can be taught in Centers, plus other valuable information. These beautiful books are UICE's gift to Licensed Teachers who are teaching credit classes.
- Q. What does my Minister expect from me as a Licensed Teacher, and what can I expect?
- A. I suggest you take time to read the "Standards and Ethics for Licensed Teachers" we have printed in the corner of this page. Licensed Teachers and Ministers are interested in sharing Unity's Truth message. Your Minister's recommendation was necessary for you to become licensed. I'm sure he/she would appreciate your asking him/her for a time to sit down and talk things over. Let him/her know the time you have available and discuss topics of mutual interest concerning your Center.
- Q. Will there be a S.D.S. for Licensed Teachers who are already teaching?
- A. UICE has no plans at this time for such a program. However, they are interested in assisting you in any way they can. Perhaps, if enough of you made the request to them (Continued on page 20)



## "LIGHT ON THE PATH"

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they would be able to arrange such a program. We are planning a special class for Teachers at the June 1980 Conference. I will be interested in any ideas you may have.

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Lei Lanni Burt, a 1978 Skill Development Seminar graduate and Licensed Teacher. Since her licensing she has assumed many responsibilities in connection with Unity work. Last spring she was appointed the YOU Regional Coordinator of the West Central Region in California. She explains, "This involves coordinating all regional youth of Unity functions between YOU'ers. It also involves helping sponsor-teachers upgrade their teaching techniques." In April, at their Regional Rally Lei Lanni gave an all-day seminar and a sponsor workshop.

Last January, Lei Lanni was appointed Youth Facilitator for California's West Central Region. She gives seminars for youth educators and helps the Region's Ministers organize youth education programs.

Lei Lanni is on the staff at her church, Christ Church, Unity, in San Jose, where Warren and Marguerite Meyer are ministers. There she does counseling, leads prayer groups, and teaches classes.

Lei Lanni said, "It all started when I said, 'Father use me!' The training and insight from S.D.S. not only gave me the confidence but the refinement to my teaching skills needed to perform required tasks. Filling in on the platform as assistant or wherever else I'm needed is added joy that I feel qualified to handle because of our training."

Lei Lanni, we know that you are richly blessed in return through the many contributions you are making toward furthering the Truth message. We send you our blessings of love and appreciation as you continue in this wonderful Unity work.

*Are you doing something special you would like to share? Or know of another Licensed Teacher that represents what "A Licensed Teacher Is?" We need your input to keep this page going. If this is what you want, please contribute your ideas, questions, and comments. --C.G.*

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## THOUGHTS from MIT's

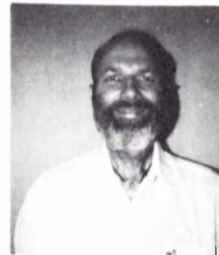
From your point of view today, what, in your opinion, is the most significant aspect of a Unity ministry?"

*Ed. Note: This is a new feature in CONTACT. In it we will share the views and opinions of MIT's, the field ministers of tomorrow, that they hold at this time of their unfoldment. We invite your response to this column.*

Teaching and practicing the Practical Power of Prayer is the most important part of the Unity ministry. Jesus taught the principles of prayer and faith; and bringing practical, everyday meaning to the principles has been the ongoing work of Unity. Our ministry will grow as we continue to help discover the power of God at work in their lives and how, through prayer, they can unite themselves with that power to create, in their lives, heaven on earth.--Blair Tabor



The most significant element to me is that a minister try to live the truth that he or she teaches. I have found that congregations are "exquisitely" sensitive to a minister's ups and downs, and they watch attentively to see how the minister handles his or her challenges. When they see a minister apply Truth teachings in overcoming personal challenges, that instills more feelings of confidence in the minister than pulpit or classroom performance. It also encourages a congregation to use Truth in meeting the challenges in their lives.--Bob Ellsworth



The most significant aspect of a Unity ministry is its teaching, i.e., we are Christ in expression and do not need to look outside ourselves for anything.--Bev Alberstadt



The most significant aspect of a Unity ministry is the consciousness of the people involved. Any change or help that comes out of a ministry is a direct result of consciousness. Lectures, location, setting are all secondary to a consciousness of sincere love of the people involved.--Charles Murphy



## WHAT'S NEW?

**Thanksgiving Bulletin Covers and Stationery Sets:** You have already received a flyer and order form on these items, and most of you have sent in your orders by now. If you haven't, here are the answers to some of the questions that have come up so far:

*Yes, the Thanksgiving bulletin covers are the same price as the other bulletin covers that came out, \$3.00 per 100.*

*A Thanksgiving Stationery Set consists of (a) a letterhead, (b) a carrier envelope, and (c) a return envelope. These sets retail at \$7.00 per 100 sets.*

*Though we do encourage you to buy in sets of 100, this can certainly be broken down into 50's if you need 150 sets or 550 sets or whatever for your particular mailing.*

*There is ample room for you to address the mailing (carrier) envelope in your usual manner. This is a window envelope, but the window is on the left side of the envelope, positioned to let the artwork of the letterhead show through.*

*Yes, the return envelope is "check size." This enables contributors to return donations without having to fold their checks or bills.*

*Yes, it may be that the letterhead would fit your own envelopes, but the whole package is designed around the idea that all the items—bulletin cover, letterhead, and return envelope—carry the same picture, and the window in the mailing envelope allows the letterhead picture to show through. This is why the stationery is being sold in sets rather than individual items and how we are able to offer it at the reasonable price of \$7.00 per 100 sets.*

*No, we don't have samples available. Just as soon as we take delivery from the printer, we'll start filling orders. This will be the second week in October, so orders will get to you in time for you to get your mailing out.*

*Samples will not be available before we start filling Thanksgiving orders. Our time schedule on this has been tight, but we will be making deliveries by the second week in October to*

*allow you as much time as possible to do your mailing.*

### **Christmas Bulletin Covers and Stationery Sets:**

These bulletin covers and stationery sets are similar in design to the Thanksgiving package, except that the theme is centered around a picture of the Unity Tower on Christmas night. The lights of a Christmas Tree and the decorated tower seem to radiate a special magical feeling!

The Christmas material was printed along with the Thanksgiving material, so we will be able to mail it to you in plenty of time for your special Christmas mailings. A sample will be mailed to you as soon as the Thanksgiving orders have been filled.

*The above answers in regard to the Thanksgiving package apply to the Christmas material also.*

**Christmas Candle Blessings:** Fifty affirmations for each of the twelve powers, the affirmations are written by Ed Rabel! Isn't this the stuff that dreams are made of when you are preparing your Christmas services and wondering how you are going to come up with enough meaningful and different blessings?

Well...it's no dream. Ed Rabel has written fifty affirmations for each of the twelve powers, bless his heart! So for this Christmas we will have sets of Christmas candle blessings available for you. They will come in sets of 600 blessings (12 powers X 50 affirmations) and will retail at \$12.00 per set. Isn't that just great! Remember, if you feel that your particular center will not be able to use all 600 blessings this Christmas, the blessings are not dated--they can be used to bring a special blessing to the members of your center on many different occasions.

A flyer and order form will be in the mail to you in plenty of time for you to order and receive your candle blessings before the Christmas activities begin.

**More Literature For Free Distribution:** The AUC has received supplies of four additional pamphlets from Unity School to add to the list of pamphlets now available to you for free distribution in your Unity center (listed on the yellow order form headed Silent 70 Literature). The four additional pamphlets are:

*New Life Each Day*

*New Understanding*

*Your God-given Courage*

*Your Golden Opportunity*



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER

- 14-16 Southeastern Regional Ministers/Teachers Conference, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad
- 14-16 Northern California Unity Students Retreat, Asilomar
- 14-16 Southwest Annual Retreat, Sheraton Universal Hotel, Los Angeles, California; Theme: "There Is A Way"
- 19-21 Northwest Ministers' Board/Layman Workshop, Sponsored by Unity of Spokane

## NOVEMBER

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

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## JANUARY

- 15 AUC Mid-Year Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Missouri
- 28-29 Southwest Annual Conference, Tucson, Arizona, hosted by Unity of Tucson

## APRIL

- 5-11 Easter Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- 12-25 UICE Session 1, Unity Village, Missouri
- 26- May 9 UICE Session 2, Unity Village, Missouri

## MAY

- 7-9 Northern California Regional Conference (Location to be announced)
- 12-23 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- 31- June 6 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri

## JUNE

- 8-20 AUC Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- 22-28 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri

## JULY

- 5-18 UICE Session 3, Unity Village, Missouri
- 19- Aug. 1 UICE Session 4, Unity Village, Missouri

## AUGUST

- 2-8 August Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- 10-16 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- 18-22 YAU Conference, Unity Village, Missouri
- 30- Sept. 5 Mid-Season Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri

## SEPTEMBER

- 13-19 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- 27- Oct. 3 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- 28- Oct. 1 Unity Retreat, Virginia Beach, Virginia, Sponsored by Eastern Region

## OCTOBER

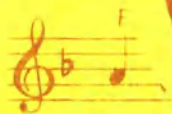
- 11-17 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri
- 25- Nov. 7 UICE Session 5, Unity Village, Missouri

## NOVEMBER

- 8-21 UICE Session 6, Unity Village, Missouri
- 22-30 Thanksgiving at Unity, Unity Village, Missouri



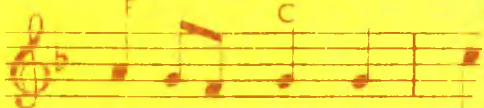
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 GOD'S PERFECT HARMONY.....  
 GOD'S SPIRIT LIVES IN ME.....  
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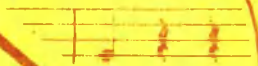
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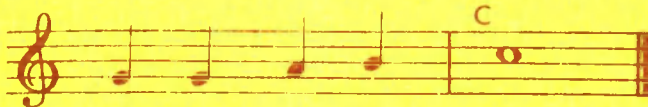
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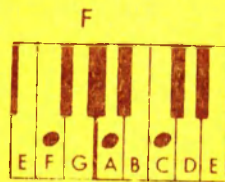


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## A COMPENDIUM OF LAWS FOR THE MINISTER

**SCOTT'S LAW:** No matter what result is anticipated, there is always someone willing to fake it.

**STANFORD'S ASSERTION:** No matter what occurs, there is always someone who is willing to misinterpret it.

**ALAN'S CREED:** Science is truth, don't be misled by fact.

**PAUL'S THEOREM:** If an experiment works, you must be using the wrong equipment.

**GARY'S CONSTANT:** That quality which, when added to, subtracted from, divided into, or multiplied by your answer, gives the correct one.

**KATHRYN'S AXIOM:** When all else fails, READ THE INSTRUCTIONS.

**KINARDLEY'S LAW:** The probability of a given event occurring is inversely proportional to its desirability.

**McGURK'S LAW:** Any improbable event that would create maximum confusion if it did occur, will occur.

**HYPATIA'S POSTULATE:** A Sunday lesson may be considered successful if no more than half the material must be disregarded to obtain agreement with your theory.

**MARTHA'S LAW:** No Sunday lesson is ever a complete failure, it can always be used as a bad example.

**FRANK'S SECOND PRINCIPLE:** Once a Sunday lesson is fouled up anything done to improve it makes it worse.