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# Let Spirit Sing



## THE EDITOR'S LETTER

Thank You, Father, for the new and exciting ideas for CONTACT articles and features that have been given to us by so many. With input like we have been getting, our magazine will increase in value to everyone who reads it. Up-to-date ideas for advertising Unity centers and churches. . . SUCCESSFULLY! revitalize and up-date the writing skills column; a column written by an income tax expert to keep us current with tax laws applying to ministers; a column on the history of religions and news of current religious activities in other movements; are some of the suggestions we are considering for future issues of CONTACT. If you have some ideas for new articles we invite you to share them with us.

Last month we featured Mabel Donaldson in the "Afterglow" column. Most of us have known wonderful people like Mabel, people that have given so much of themselves during their mortal life that, like a long summer sunset, their light lingers with us and warms us long after they have left this earth plane--like the setting sun. We would appreciate an article from you telling of the life of one of these exceptional people you have known. It is a way we can share in the loving and giving lives of those who have become such fine examples of Christian living.

We are starting (with the December issue) a column titled, "New Light." It will feature new-born people (babies, if you please). So, if there is a new life that you are involved with or are aware of, let us know so that we may spread the news and share the blessing.

Catherine Garvey's column, "Light on the Path" began last month and we have had a fine reader response. "Light on the Path" is news and comment on items that are important to all of us regarding licensed teachers and the licensed teacher's program. See it this month on page 23.

Spouses of Ministers Association (SOMA) and Super Understanding Mates of Ministers-in-Training (SUMMIT) are two vital, active and needed groups. The challenges confronting married people in the ministerial industry are often significant. SOMA and SUMMIT share solutions to these challenges and develop ways to cope with new challenges. Both organizations are deserving of your blessings and support.

A new feature this month is, "Books in Review." The column will be used to review books that are new and related to Truth studies. The design idea of the column is to keep you apprised of new books on the market and to provide you with information so that you may determine the book's value to you.

Finally, if CONTACT magazine is not on your mailing list, would you please put us on it? Also, if you are not receiving enough copies of CONTACT, contact Mary Rhoades at the AUC office.

I am thankful for you and give you blessings for the Thanksgiving season.

*Charles*



# AUC President's Letter



Jack Boland

Dear Friends in Unity--

*"The time has come for us to revel in each other's strengths!"*

When this remark was made by one of the Unity ministers addressing the Eastern Regional Ministers and Licensed Teachers' Conference at Williamsburg, Virginia, there was such an enthusiastic response from the conference body that the speaker was forced to pause while we looked around the room at each other, feeling the truth of his words and letting the real meaning of his statement become clear in our minds. For two days, we had been sharing our experience, strength and hope with each other, and this was why our feelings and excitement were running so high. We had been saying that the time for uncertainty, mistrust and division had passed, and the time had arrived for all of us in Unity to come together as one in strength and mutual trust--in fact--this small group was already caught up in the elation and vision of that experience. Can you imagine the intensity of feeling that swept over the banquet room when we joined forces, held hands and sang, "We Are One In The Spirit"?

I had a similar experience at the Northwest Regional Conference in August. I have always heard of the closely knit and mutually supportive the members of the Northwest Region were, and I found it to be true. During the Conference, we were reveling in each others' strengths, and you could see and feel the impact on each person there. I still carry the glow and warmth of that Conference inside me.

The same thing occurred in Indianapolis when

the Great Lakes Unity Regional Conference met in September. The active members of the AUC are really becoming convinced that our Association has a larger destiny than we have as yet dared to dream or caused to happen. Suddenly, we no longer are judging ourselves by past experiences or even by present circumstances, but our new enthusiasm is permitting our dormant potential to awaken in us!

When the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Unity Churches met at Unity Village in September, the Spirit of Unity really came alive in us, and we could feel the Presence of God in our midst--a mighty power, a tender love, an infinite intelligence that seemed to have its way and will--and we were one in the Spirit! Those precious days with your Executive Committee were among the most beautiful and meaningful I have ever known.

As the result of our experience together, it became apparent to the Executive Committee that the time had come for us to take a searching and fearless look at the needs of the AUC to reexamine our relationship with Unity School, to set new goals and make new decisions that will give direction to our Movement. Consequently, a Special Meeting of the full Board of Trustees was called for October 22 and 23, 1979. This was one of the most creative sessions ever held by the Board, because no ordinary business was discussed, only those important matters that concern the future shape and direction of the AUC and the entire Unity Movement. At the same time, we are beginning a dialogue with Unity School that could be the most exciting development in the brief history of the AUC. The time has come for the AUC and Unity School to revel and share in each other's strengths! A Unity which does not have unity cannot fulfill its destiny. Jesus Christ, the leader of our Movement, said, "And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." (Mark 3:25)

When our Board convenes, I am going to ask that a President's Advisory Council be formed whose members will consist of past presidents of the Association of Unity Churches. We have an untapped source of wisdom and energy in these strong, dedicated men and women, and the time has come to put their strength and idealism to work. The President's Advisory Council will have as its assigned objective the long-range planning and the establishing of goals for Unity International and will advise the President and Board of Trustees on how to achieve these goals--or on  
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any other matter the Council feels to be important. The time has come for us to revel in the strength of our strong leaders.

*"Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in Unity!"*

With a deep love for you,  
and for our Movement,

*Jack Beland*

## LICENSED TEACHER RECOGNITIONS

In July, 1979, the Licensing Committee met with and approved four applicants for Licensed Teacher Recognition. The Board of Trustees ratified such recognitions and we are pleased to welcome into the AUC: **Maria Teresa Torres**, Box 7814, Ponce, Puerto Rico 99731; **Hilda Sarraga**, Condomino San Rafael, 4C, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00907; **Maria F. Morales**, 148 NW 17 Place, No. 2, Miami, Florida 33125; and **Flor de Maria S. de Capo**, 2412 E. 9th Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33612.

We have listed the mailing addresses for each of these new Licensed Teachers, thinking you might wish to write a letter of congratulations.

## What Is A Unity Minister?

by Stan Hampson



Trying to define a Unity minister is like trying to preserve a snowflake on a summer day. Each minister has a personal image to fulfill and everyone else has a different image for the minister as well. Ministers are symbols; servants, priest, and prophets, teachers and business persons.

The perfect minister would have one blue eye and the other brown, be thin, tall, short and cuddly, be 40 years old with 50 years experience--there is no "perfect" minister. There are many ministers in Unity who seek to express their best and to help others find and express their divine best too. However, perfect we are not.

Some ministers do certain things better than others. Some are excellent administrators; some are incredible counselors; some are such lovers of people that they just love your best self into expression. However, while they may show expertise in these or other areas, they may not deliver that tremendous a Sunday talk. Some ministers may give fine talks but not do well in other areas. Then, there are those who appear to be batting 1000 in all areas all of the time.

We sometimes expect the minister to be all

things to all people. Such expectations often begin with that of expecting the minister to be a man. Yet, from the very beginning of the Unity movement, at least half of our ministers have been women. Our ministers simply have to be ministers--we want the best persons to serve, whether men or women. Either way, being all things to all people is a very difficult thing. I think we need to realistically approach that and realize that some ministers are most skilled in some areas than in others. We can appreciate and encourage the talents of each minister rather than expect him/her to be something he or she is not. Any minister serves best in an encouraging environment. If you have an environment that's saying, "Why aren't you doing this, or why aren't you doing that, or I don't like what you did here," the minister can get worse and worse--and so will the general consciousness of the center.

We all tend to put ministers on pedestals. We want leaders we can look up to. That's fine, but our expectations must be realistic. No one can live on a pedestal--likewise no one is perfect. If we had to wait until we were perfect then nobody would teach the Truth. None of us are perfect (yet). Oh, some are more perfect than others, but no one is perfect. I think sometimes we ministers put ourselves on pedestals. Our own expectations can be more severe than those of others.

When I was first a minister I kept myself more aloof from people than I do now. I didn't want them to see all my foibles. To know me might negate my teachings. I learned to trust myself more. Then I ministered better too. An authenticity comes sometimes by years of service and sometimes by insight. It is so good when we can minister and be people alive and growing. Many ministers have discovered this too.

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The minister has the responsibility to teach the truth as a person; to seek to teach as well as s/he can. A minister has a responsibility of providing leadership. In a popular book that many of you have probably read, Your Church Has Real Possibilities, Robert Schuller makes a strong point that the minister has to be the one leading the troops up the hill. If the minister waits for the congregation and the board to get hold of ideas, nothing much can happen. There has to be a leader and you expect the leader to lead.

The minister will need to delegate responsibility; never accountability. Sometimes we can get locked into the limited concept that the minister will be the spiritual leader and the board will be the fiscal leader. That just doesn't work, the team has to work together. The minister can and must delegate responsibility. The more authentic, the minister, the easier to let other people help. The minister shouldn't be running around trying to do everything for himself. We can have other people helping us. But the minister is still accountable for what needs to be done and the organizational management to see that things are done.

A minister is like a bank president: the board meets, encourages, expects reports, expects to get information before the event, and expects certain accountability to come to them. But the board doesn't have to run the bank, the board doesn't talk to the secretary if they think she needs direction. That isn't the board's responsibility. If a board member notices that the janitor isn't doing his work, it would be the board members responsibility to talk to the minister, this maintains the proper chain of authority. Otherwise, fifteen bosses are trying to run the organi-

zation and nothing happens except chaos. As long as the president of a bank is doing what he's supposed to be doing, all is wonderful. If he fails to do is well, then, and only then, do you take other steps.

The minister has a responsibility to the congregation to teach the truth as a person as well as s/he can. A minister gives lessons and sermons and does counseling and visitation. When the minister cannot physically do all the things expected, s/he may need to use helpers. The overall management of the ministry is the responsibility of the minister who is accountable to the rest of the board. There is much to be done in addition to all those expectations of "perfection." Fortunately each ministry has certain souls with generous hearts, willing hands, and words of praise.

Every minister has responsibilities to his/her local community. Be a local blessing to the area and everyone benefits. With a world-wide view, a minister also has the responsibility for the big vision of Unity. In this perspective he will seek to expand the international scope of Unity through participation in regional and national activities. Together we can preserve and expand the Unity ministry.

Unity ministers are many things! As I said earlier, they are symbols; servants, priests and prophets, teachers and business persons. The snowflake of "ministry" doesn't capture well. But then love, joy, faith and many other important ingredients are not easy to define. How fortunate we are to have the Unity ministers we have! Regardless of his or her strengths, talents, physical characteristics, work style, or any other variable--s/he is a Unity minister. Give thanks! Understand! Help more! Love in abundance! Celebrate! ++

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

*This month Hypatia Hasbrouck, faculty member, has been invited to share some ideas with you:*

Next time you visit Unity Village, give yourselves a treat and come to the MIT's Monday morning chapel service. No matter who delivers the talk or chairs the service or leads the meditation, you will leave



refreshed, inspired and confident about the future of Unity, and you will know why Gary Jones, in September's "News & Views," urged you to invite MIT's to speak in your centers. The class of 1980 are already fine Unity speakers.

They are already fine speakers even though they have only just begun the specialized polishing and refinement that goes on in advanced speech training because they willingly cooperated with a necessary experiment. In their first term, there were far too many of them in one class for ordinary methods to be effective. People learn to  
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## Projects, Programs, and Perspectives

by  
Alan Rowbotham

SOMEONE once said, "Joy is the infallible sign of God's presence!"

Well, you can say that again! And you can know this: there is a great sense of joy that is apparent and growing in our Association of Unity Churches. Get still for a moment—you can feel it in the air!

When the Executive Committee met here in September, there was such a tremendous feeling of joy and anticipation that they couldn't contain it. It bubbled over into a specially called meeting of the full Board of Trustees in October. It bubbled over into the AUC office. It's bubbling over into our individual ministries. I'm hearing people say things like this: "I've never had such a good feeling for our Association as I have right now;" "I'm a very positive person, but I've never felt more positive about our Association;" "It seems like we're just on the edge of a great new surge of growth;" "There's a new sense of growth in our movement—it will bring changes, but they will be positive, strengthening changes."

During these last two months, in addition to my activities in the AUC office I've had opportunities to speak at a Unity Village Retreat, to teach a couple of classes for the ministers-in-training, and to conduct a Sunday service in Memphis, Tennessee. On each occasion, I felt that same pulsating energy of something new and wonderful taking place in our movement. More than that, I have a feeling that we are beginning to recognize it and to flow with it!

I am in a rather unique position here, as projects coordinator, to be in touch with many different facets of our movement. From my perspective, there seems to be a growing desire to cooperate with one another, to share our ideas and talents, and to communicate on a deeper level of human interest. This seems to me to be of vital importance if we are to let that tremendous creative potential that is Unity blossom forth.

That our message is needed is self-evident.

Everyone I talk to seems to have their own story of how Unity has touched someone's life. Silent Unity now gets so many calls from those seeking help that it has had to expand its telephone system (note the new number: (816) 251-2100). One minister told me that he now has twelve Dial-a-Prayer machines to handle all the calls that come in, and even at that they have again reached capacity use.

The upgrading of our ability to communicate our message is then our continuing challenge and opportunity. We can do this most effectively if we share our skills, our experience, and our understanding. By utilizing our own individual talents for the benefit of the movement as a whole we can then make a substantial contribution in the nourishment of today's spiritually hungry society.

Sharing and communication often starts in seemingly small ways, between just a few. Yet, "where two or three are gathered together in my name. . .!"

I feel fortunate to be personally involved in some of the developments that are opening up our lines of communication and cooperation with one another, and I want to thank those of you who have responded to my request for specific ideas of possible services to the field ministries. We need more input from all of you. What suggestions do you have? What skills do you have that can be shared with your fellow ministers and teachers? Just to prime the pump, here are a few of the things that are happening here at the time of writing:

The UMS faculty are exploring ways in which the assignments given to ministers-in-training can be of benefit as resource material for ministers in the field.

Gary Jones is looking for your support of his chaplaincy program through donations of cassette tape recorders and cassette tapes. This is an opportunity for you to share in the work that the ministers-in-training are involved in.

We are producing a supply catalog that will include all the materials available from the AUC office, instead of all the different order forms that we have now. In fact, by the time you are reading this article I'm hoping you'll already have your supply catalog.

A handbook for Center operations is in process and will be available before too long. This will contain information helpful to you in the administration of your ministry.

We will be offering a Church Leadership Retreat, for all those involved in leadership roles in your Center, on March 20-23, 1980. This retreat will start Thursday evening and go through  
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Saturday with optional stayover on Sunday for those who wish it. The Unity Retreat Department will be working with us to help make this an occasion to remember.

In October 1980, a Ministers' Retreat is being planned. This will be a growing, sharing time for ministers and spouses—a true spiritual retreat experience. Note the date: October 19-24, 1980. More details will be forthcoming—and we anticipate that this retreat will be the first of many such programs for the future.

More bulletin covers are being planned. We will be adding more variety and will not always be using the Unity logo.

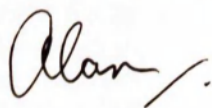
Your Christmas bulletin covers and stationery sets are ready for delivery. By now you will have received a sample of each, plus an order form. We appreciate the early receipt of your orders so that we may get the material to you in plenty of time for your distribution.

The candle blessings are now ready for delivery. Use the same order form that you will use for the Christmas materials.

As projects coordinator I've now been given the "project" of being Editor of CONTACT. I'll be working with Charley Townsend of course, who is doing such a great job as Managing Editor. And Stan will be now in the position of Publishing Director or, in other words, will be supervising the whole thing with not quite so much actual involvement.

So, as you can tell, things are a-buzzin' here. It's good to be involved—and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Yours in the joy of living,



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SPECIAL BUY!

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Due to an order cancellation, we have some beautiful bookmarks available for sale. Produced as a memento of Unity's 90th anniversary, the bookmark is in blue fabric with the Prayer for Protection and the Unity logo imprinted in gold. Now available at the special low price of .20 each. Order now while supplies last!

## NEWS & VIEWS ON UMS. . .

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speak by speaking as often as possible, and 37 people cannot speak often if assignments are five minutes long. So they had many short assignments each dealing with a specific part of a talk and focusing on some essential ingredient of a good Truth Talk. Presentations ranging from one-half minute to three minutes gave them a variety of experiences--leading affirmations, reading quotes from basic Unity books and commenting upon them, retelling Bible stories and tying them to Truth principles, and giving detailed "how to's" (practical ways to apply principles to daily life). Each essential ingredient was presented as part of an introduction, body or conclusion of a Truth Talk. For every unit, each speaker was introduced by a classmate. Even the opening statement for the class and the reading of the Daily Word were used as training devices.

By taping most presentations, the class saved time usually consumed by critiques and had more time for learning experiences. Critiques were given privately when they could listen to their tapes, hear their own errors and learn how to correct them. So much time was saved that there was plenty available for eight minute talks in the closing weeks of the first trimester. Before the second trimester began, every person spoke from the lectern at least fourteen times.

The method had worked so well that it was used after split classes were possible in the remaining trimesters. Now in the second years of speech training, the class of 1980 has command of all basic techniques. They can now concentrate on the special work offered in the advanced course that will enable them to deliver the Unity message with power and authority.

The class of 1981, of course, benefits. Its members are being trained by the same method, but because they have begun with split classes, each person has more opportunities to speak during the first term. They are progressing even faster than did the former class and they will be ready to speak in centers by the Christmas holiday.

Confidently, you can invite MIT's from either class to speak in your centers. They are really ready, more than willing and very able. ++

## DEFINITION OF UNITY--Marcus Bach

*It is the Word of Christ made new again,  
The Spirit of Christ reborn again;  
It is the will of Christ revealed again,  
The Mind of Christ restored again;  
It is the faith of Christ returned again,  
The law of Christ affirmed again;  
It is the love of Christ relived again,  
To help man find himself again,  
The self that is one with God.*



## LETTER TO PRESIDENT JACK BOLAND:

Dear Friend,

I am writing to you to share a decision I have made to resign from the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of AUC. I have done so because I am more committed to Unity than ever before. My decision was made because I do care and was made after much thought, wrestling with myself, and 'what others would say'.

I care more about Unity than anything else in my life. I love our "Unity" movement second only to my wife and daughter. I've spent my whole life involved with Unity one way or another. I really am filled with a deep abiding joy about being a Unity minister. . . I have wanted to do this work since childhood.

While Bernard Dozier was president of AUC last year, I believe we drew closer together in purpose and directions than we had as a movement for many years. I know I can say his encouragement and leadership opened a door to ideas for our "Unity" that brought to me fresh insight. Jack Boland has already set a pace and course that will lead us into the 1980s with new courage... even if that courage is to lead us into being totally different. We are no longer afraid as a movement to look at ourselves... the greatest sign of "health" an organization or an individual can display.

Here at Unity of Vancouver, we have set a course of action for the next three years I believe will take all our energy, courage and know-how, and then some. However, new ideas and major changes take individual attention. We are asking much of our people. We are sweeping through our whole organization and fearlessly looking at ourselves and clearing up a lot of accumulated debris.

The course we have set for ourselves is very inclusive. Our image of Unity Church is to have a major face-lift. Nowhere in Western Canada is there a centre of wholeness. So we are becoming "Unity of Man, a Centre of Creative Living and Practical Christianity." I won't go into all the details, but we are hiring two other ministers (as soon as possible) and will be adding to our staff of counselors and lay leaders. We have already begun a remodeling of our present facilities to gain time before we must consider a major move. We are looking for twenty acres of land to build a complex. We are in the planning stages of establishing a foundation that will draw New Age people in the fields of wholistic medicine and nutrition, as well as self-image psychology. I see Unity as a leader in dealing with the whole man—Spirit, soul, body.

When I began talking a year ago to my board and encouraging them and other people in our centre, it was like pulling teeth for some of them.

Now they are running with me and at times they are running faster than I have been able to keep up. We have spent days together in goal-setting and implementation. It's working. And it has not meant losing Unity.

And so I have had to take a fearless look at myself and my commitment again. A year ago I was ready to throw in the towel and was ready to look for another ministry to serve. Now I am looking for ways to have more qualitative time to do what needs to be done by me in this work. "Be Their Leader." This has become my watchword in the past few months. That's different from being "a leader" for me. I cannot be "their leader" from a position of scattered energy. If at Unity of Vancouver we had the second line ministerial staff already in place, I could probably continue on the board and all the other activities that make my resume look so impressive.

An indication of how our congregation feels about my decision to resign from national activities and travel for the next year or two: The Sunday I announced my decision, there was a standing ovation. I believe it was a sign to them of my commitment they were looking for, and certainly was the kind of sign I was needing from the congregation of how they felt about our new goals. Says a lot!

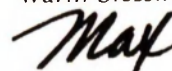
Oh, there have been those who have walked away from Unity, some of them long-time members. I have had some pain because of it. There have been people who resigned; I expect we'll have more yet. However, the majority of people are with us and the excitement is building.

Gosh, I would like to be with you in October and January. There's a little part of me that wants your assurance this whole scheme is OK! Yet I know it is already. I'll bet you're even saying: I should share with Max what we're doing. I'll bet fantastic things are happening in your ministry, too. I would love hearing from you.

I have felt very privileged to serve our "Unity" with you. I'll miss our sharing, prayers, deliberations and JOKES. I give thanks for you as a part of my life. I ask for your prayers. . . a part of me feels very tender and vulnerable at the moment. I know you understand what giving birth to Divine Ideas is all about.

Thanks for taking the time to read this Epistle. I love you.

Warm blessings,



Max Lafser  
Unity of Vancouver,  
British Columbia, Canada



# INWARD, ONWARD, UPWARD!

by  
Scott  
Sherman



*"The flying rumors gather'd as they rolled,  
Scarce any tale was sooner heard than told;  
And all who told it, added something new,  
And all who heard it, made enlargements too,  
In ev'ry ear it spread, on ev'ry tongue it grew.  
Thus flying East and West, and North and South,  
News travel'd with increase from mouth to mouth;  
So from a spark that kindled first by chance,  
With gathering force the quick'ning flames  
advance;  
Till to the clouds their curling heads aspire,  
And tow'rs and temples sink in Floods of Fire."*

Excerpted from "The Temple of Fame"  
Alexander Pope (1711)

As I returned from one of our Unity ministries recently, a 22 year-old remembrance of these Alexander Pope verses flickered in my mind. This particular ministry had been divided into two hostile segments by rumor and gossip. As I gazed vacantly out of the airplane window, I recalled the other times that other Unity ministries were damaged, reputations smudged and faithful Unity students disillusioned by the "quick'ning flames" of rumor.

If I were asked to print the single most damaging force in our movement today, I would choose the doubled-edged sword of rumor and gossip. Church memberships, boards, individual ministers and our movement as a whole are cut deeply daily by its use. Unity is certainly not unique among religious movements in its vulnerability to rumor and gossip. Clearly any human activity that involves even as few as three persons will result in two talking about the third. Neverthe-

less, perhaps because of our comparatively small size or our genuine concern for one another we seem particularly vulnerable.

Another factor in our philosophy may contribute too. In our desire to "remain positive" we often avoid confrontations. One of the quickest ways to the facts in any situation is to discuss it with those involved. However, when the subject matter might be "negative" or "sensitive" we tend to avoid going to the parties involved and instead ask someone else if they "had heard" or "had noticed." The result is the "...spark that kindled. . ." and another rumor is born.

1. To avoid unwittingly starting rumors either go to the parties involved or forget it.
2. When someone discusses another person with you, consider the source. Is your confidant frequently sharing some juicy tid-bit with you and others? If so:
  - a. Change the subject or
  - b. Confront him on this tendency or
  - c. Forget it.

Perhaps the best guide to our discussions about others is the application of "The Four-Way Test." This test is the watchword of those who associate themselves with Rotary International, a business-oriented service organization:

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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## FIELD LECTURESHIP BUREAU CHANGES

Enclosed in this "CONTACT" are several new additions to the Lectureship Bureau:

Kathryn Rowbotham  
Sallye Taylor

Alan Rowbotham  
Elisabeth Kubler Ross

Also there is new information at our offices on Norman Creamer and Robert Anthony. Please call Debi Martin if you are considering these two non-Unity speakers. ++

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*All things cometh to him that waiteth, as long as he worketh like hecketh while he waiteth*

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## YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT by Maggie Finefrock

Greetings friends. This has been an exciting season centered around presenting, "The Harmony of Youth Ministry." At the end of September, Unity of Denver hosted the workshop with 45 youth workers, YE directors and ministers in attendance. We had an exciting day exploring our philosophy of Youth Education and learning creative ways to present Truth ideas and the Bible. We even had time on Sunday after the service to share some inter-generational activities and NEW GAMES with members from under 6 to over 60!



The South Central region voted to underwrite expenses for all YE seminars in their region. Then the individual centers can make a love offering to the region. This is an excellent system and would work well in other regions. The regional support in paying the travel expenses and love offering for the facilitator insures that no center, regardless of size, is left out of this much needed training and "battery charger" for Youth Education. This should be at least an annual event with every center participating. Even centers that do not as yet have an active Youth Department are sending representatives. Ministers and licensed teachers that attend comment that the creative techniques presented give them fresh ideas for adult education also.

El Cajon, Westside Unity in Los Angeles, and Tulsa, Oklahoma also hosted excellent workshops. Some typical comments were "It never occurred to me that our YE teaching starts the minute the students hit the door of the church building," "I have become aware of the many ways that people of all ages learn, lecturing is only one way," "I am amazed at all the creative ways we brainstormed to present one concept," Learning how to write a lesson plan from the AUC curriculum has helped me focus on what I am teaching," "The interaction with other teachers was exciting—we are planning to meet again in a few months and compare notes." "In teaching children I am receiving the profound learning of releasing the child within myself." "Our youth education department is now the area of greatest involvement and excitement in our center."

December begins a new quarter in the "Image for Living" series. The overall theme for Year I, Quarter II is "Understanding Myself."

This is a time for growth and excitement in our  
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YE departments. Many Unity centers are making a commitment and realizing the blessing and vast potential of a thriving youth program. We're getting out of a "Sunday School" consciousness where classes are much the same dry and intellectual matter that they have encountered all week in regular school classes.

In the 1950's *Life* magazine reported that "Sunday School was the most wasted hour of the week." Unity Centers are, or can be, a shining exception to this saddening verdict. We have excellent materials available in our "Image for Living" series. We have training available through a two-week Youth Education Seminar at Unity Village in UICE or on site training seminars for individual centers or groups of centers. This training can turn volunteer teachers into "pros" who can plan and implement the most exciting hours of the week through Unity Youth Education. The one or two hours on Sunday can develop into a vibrant and essential time for students and teachers to explore and affirm their spiritual nature.

As this begins a new quarter you may be meeting with new teachers. Here are some sample topics for a ministers meeting with the YE department.

1. Purpose & goals—why are we here and what are we trying to accomplish? How well are we meeting our goals and what dreams do we have for the future?
2.
  - a. What do you like best about our Youth Department?
  - b. What are your greatest strengths as a teacher?
  - c. What improvements would you like to see made in our Youth Education?
  - d. What teaching skills would you like to improve in yourself?
  - e. How can the church be more supportive of you?
3. Are you aware of all the materials that are available to you? Teacher's Guides, Take-Home lessons, Color Key Program, Wonder-Word, YOU Resource Manual, AGAPE' newsletter, reSPONSE newsletter, etc!
4. Planning a lesson.
  - a. Read the entire lesson from the teacher's guide.
  - b. Pray
  - c. Read the lesson again.
  - d. Choose one concept that you are going to teach i.e. guidance, love, meditation.
  - e. Write a key statement about the general goal of what you want to teach, i.e. meditation is listening to God.
  - f. Write two or three behavioral objectives

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# THE FIELD SPEAKS

## EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BOARDS OF UNITY CENTERS AND WERE AFRAID TO ASK!

by Charles Roth

On one side we have a Unity message of Practical Christianity that is exactly what the world is crying for. In addition we have the most talented, wonderful, dedicated, enthusiastic, knowledgeable Unity ministers and student ministers to present that message.

On the other hand we have only 43 Churches/Centers who have 200 or more people listening to that message on Sunday morning. Two hundred-fifty seven (257) Churches/Centers who have less than 200 (105 of which have less than 50).

What is the block? Why can't the message and the ministers get through to hundreds of thousands who are waiting, searching, suffering in ignorance of the principles that will open a new and better life?

A very large part of the answer is that organizational entity that stands between the Minister and the people--the Board of a Unity Church or Center.

This is not the fault of the people on the Boards, but of the wrong understanding of the function of a Unity Board.

Board members are very good Unity students, but they are not Unity trained in Unity leadership. Leadership includes much more than giving a Sunday and Wednesday talk, classes, and counseling. Leadership includes the authority to make executive decisions in every phase of the ministry: publicity, mailing, record keeping, statistics keeping, implementing innovative ideas for getting the Unity message out to more people, the whole ball of wax!

I have been in the Unity Field ministry for 27 years and know many ministers through attending Conferences most of those years, in addition to serving on the UMA Board and about every committee there is including 6 years on the Education Committee where I came to know many former student ministers who are now ordained ministers.

Out of this "experience" two facts stand out in my mind. (1) There seems to be an unwritten law that Board problems are never addressed at Conference meetings, even though minister after minister confides to friends in private that everything is fine at her/her Center/Church, except for Board meetings and Board challenges to his/her conduct or decisions. (At a recent Conference can you believe that the Board had a 6 month "reappraisal meeting" for their new minister at which time he

was told the things about his conduct of the ministry that they would like changed. In short, an employer-employee consciousness governed the Board's actions even after hiring a "leader".)

(2) Board members of Unity Centers/Churches are not aware that even as Unity's theology is uniquely different from the traditional Christian Church, so is the administering of a Unity Center/Church uniquely different from the traditional Christian Church. A Unity minister is not a Pastor who is "hired" to take care of the "flock's" spiritual needs only: A Unity minister is a Leader who is "hired" to run or manage or lead or administer or pilot (whichever verb you choose) the Church/Center in its purpose of not only taking care of the original group who hired him/her, but to bring the message to thousands more!

A Unity leader is likened to a baseball manager. The Owners of the Team (Center or Church through the Board) hire the best manager they can find. They let him run the team. They do not tell him how to juggle the lineup or who to pitch. If the manager doesn't win ball games they look for a new manager.

Board members as individuals slip into this "we-are-running-the-team attitude" not purposely, but unconsciously. They have not been informed that the administering of a Unity Center/Church is different than the traditional church. When elected to the Board they want to do a good job and so try to approach their job according to past experience with traditional churches. If they haven't served on a traditional Board, perhaps a relative they know has, or they have seen church boards as depicted in movies.

It is our job and our responsibility to make plain to Board members, preferably before they accept an invitation to be on a Board, that once they make the pivotal decision to hire a certain minister--that minister is the leader and is given the authority to make executive decisions for carrying out the purposes of the Center. If the minister does not carry out those purposes they have every right to request the AUC to help them find one who can.

When there is a change of ministers there is often a period of one to three or four months when the Board is without a permanent leader (minister) and they must make the executive decisions for the Center/Church. But all too often the Board understandably gets "in the habit" of making those decisions and when the new, permanent minister arrives--well, gives him or  
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How about myself in those 27 years? I served a year and a half in one, a year and a half in another and twenty four years in another. Through those 27 years the only thing that has been an emotional strain has been Board meetings and Board-minister relations--the only thing. Fortunately I found ways of handling the relationship so that I was given the freedom to express the principles I believed in to make the Indianapolis Center a large, prosperous, dynamic ministry that literally reaches tens of thousands through radio, dial-a-prayer, publications, services and classes.

Two things do not come and go, two things remain constant: the Unity Center itself, and a Unity minister trained to manage or lead a Center/Church. The Unity minister, one of the two constants, is the logical leader and executive decision maker.

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1. Nominate one member of your board to keep abreast of youth activities needs and report to the board.
2. Invite the YE department to have their assembly time (first 10-15 minutes) in the church with their families.
3. Have a YE open house for Thanksgiving or Christmas.
4. Involve the youth in a special family Thanksgiving, Advent or Christmas service.
  - a. Have the kids as "experts" in a panel discussion on a given topic or topics;

This quarter, beginning soon, can be an exciting time to re-organize and re-charge after the September rush. Thank you for being open and receptive to the creativity of Spirit in providing quality programs for young people. ++



## ON BEHALF OF UNITY IN THE CHURCH

Years ago someone gave me this article. It was printed on a 3½ by 5½ card. I do not recall who gave it to me and the card, which I still have, is unsigned. However, I thought it would be worthwhile to share with readers of CONTACT. Possibly the person who gave me this valuable bit of wisdom would like to make themselves know. — Miki Bowen

No person, no position, no issue is so important that it should split a church and cause dissension. A little attention to human relations and much prayer and love for others will do much in the time of crisis to stabilize the atmosphere of any church. Consider the following suggestions that may help prevent a serious division:

- (1) Be tolerant. Remember that you are not the last word in any issue. Try to see the question from the other person's point of view.
- (2) Consider the church first and your own ambitions last. The church won't suffer irreparable damage if you step aside for another person.
- (3) Remain free of cliques or groups that are formed to oppose or support some pet issue. The curse of the church is pressure groups that instigate trouble.
- (4) Never let yourself become an issue. No matter how long you have held a position, you are not as important as the whole church. Be man or woman enough to resign graciously rather than retain your place at the cost of a split.
- (5) Be loyal to the pastor. You may not agree with him on each issue, but make sure that you pray more for him than you criticize him. Consult with him when you disagree and not others.
- (6) Never presume to help God by taking matters into your own hands. If you are a board member, don't make decisions with two or three friends that should be made only at board meetings. Remember, the board member has no authority except in official session.
- (7) Be consistent. You have an influence on people in the church. What you do may hinder others from making heaven. One bit of foolish action may ruin an otherwise Christian influence.
- (8) Maintain a forgiving spirit. "As we forgive, so shall we be forgiven." To forgive means to strive to forget. Have we really forgiven those who have asked us to forgive them?
- (9) Refuse to gossip. Don't repeat any information, even it is the truth, that would make another member lose faith in the pastor, superintendent, teacher, or other member of the church.
- (10) Pray and trust. The strivings of men come to naught many times. You will do well to pray much at this time and trust God to work out His will in the church.

*"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."--(Matthew 5:9)*



NEWS FROM THE  
EDITORIAL & PROMOTION DEPARTMENTS  
OF UNITY SCHOOL



**SPARKPLUGS**

Identity--who we are and how we come to know it--is the subject of an article entitled "With What Do You Identify?" in the November issue of UNITY Magazine. The information in this article may be useful to ministers or teachers in preparing lessons or sermons. Counselors who are helping persons undergoing identity challenges may also find the article helpful, or they may want to recommend that counselees read it.

Author Kathryn Sanders Rieder defines identity (it is from the Latin word *idem* meaning the same) and says that people associate in feeling, action, and interest with the things they see as being like themselves. Problems, she writes, can result when people identify with wrong things because of how they see themselves. People tend to select certain traits to put in the spotlight when other characteristics, abilities, or possibilities might work toward their higher good.

Ms. Rieder believes that identity changes during a person's lifetime and that each person can choose and work toward a new identity. We do this when we select a mental image that reflects our new understanding of our true identity with God.

She also writes about the four universal out-

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.

looks on life, the philosophical, the scientific, the selfish, and the religious, one of which is how each person identifies with the world.

We identify others as part of our identity, states Ms. Rieder and she explains this point with a delightful illustration about a substitute teacher who thought all of her pupils had IQ's of more than 120. The teacher expected good work from the children, and they responded with their best efforts. The principal, amazed at the pupils' progress, asked the teacher how she did it. It was then that the teacher learned that the series of numbers in the 120's after her pupils' names in the roll book were not their IQ's but their locker assignments.

Once a desired image is chosen it is important to resist pressure to sway from it, writes Ms. Rieder, and she says further that we should let the less important things drop away. "It is a little like the story of the man carving an elephant for an admiring customer. 'My, it must be hard to carve an elephant. How do you do it?' 'No,' said the woodcarver calmly. 'It is not hard. I simply cut away everything that does not look like an elephant.'"

"With What Do You Identify?" begins on page 38 of the November issue of UNITY Magazine. ++

**SEND IN THE CLOWNS!**

Looking for a unique workshop to bring variety to your ministry? Then you may be interested in sponsoring a "CLOWN MINISTRY WORKSHOP," presented by professional clown Patti Cake.

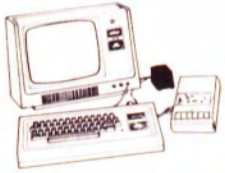
Patti Cake is a member of Unity Church of Christianity in Memphis, Tennessee. She has performed and presented workshops for fairs, hospitals, school, and churches with wide acclaim. Earlier this year she put on a mini-workshop for YOU Sponsors at Unity Village, exploring the healing quality of laughter and "foolishness." Reflecting upon that workshop, Maggie Finebrock, AUC Youth Services Coordinator, says "Patti's workshop is an experience in love and laughs and caring that would be a beautiful sharing ex-

perience for a church group. Her joy might even infect you so that you will have to call upon your own clown skills under her professional leadership! This could be the beginning of a service project for a dedicated church group."

Pattie claims that the CLOWN MINISTRY workshop is a service that your "teenangels" or any interested individual can learn. She says, "Your Clown Ministers can go into your community and uplift the spirits of a vast number of persons. . ." It is her desire to make this service available to all Unity ministries.

For further information on the CLOWN MINISTRY workshop, write AUC c/o Field Lectureship Bureau, or write direct to Patti Cake Productions, 31 McLean So. No. 5, Memphis, Tennessee 38104.





## COMPUTERIZED MINISTRIES

by  
Gary Simmons, MIT

The purpose of this column is to explore the feasibility and practical use of Micro-Computers. In upcoming issues I will share various aspects of ideas that deal with the administrative and center operational needs of the growing, progressive Unity ministry.

It is my desire to expose the potential of Micro-Computer and demonstrate their value as a tool capable of serving both the minister and the ministry.

Undoubtedly, the idea of a computerized ministry will bring many questions to mind. This being the likely case, the format of this article will be one of questions and answers.

### Q—Just what is a computerized ministry?

A—I admit, it sounds a bit suggestive. Most of us have had dealings with business that employ computers rather than people to handle our personal needs.

But a computerized ministry is not one that compromises its effectiveness nor its purpose. It is a ministry that functions with great efficiency aided by an office machine that processes information and performs many costly and time consuming tasks quickly and economically. It is a ministry equipped with a precision tool capable of serving its congregation by freeing the minister and the staff from the busy work of center operations. It is a ministry with professional standards of operation desirous of utilizing the most contemporary methods of meeting its administrative needs.

### Q—What center operational tasks are so costly and time consuming that the minister or the staff cannot perform themselves?

A—Obviously, the value of one's time varies. But whenever the minister is not available to be with his or her people, whenever he or she is caught up in the mechanics of the ministry the value of time becomes more precious and less relative.

In small ministries especially, the minister is likely to be responsible for bookkeeping, ordering of materials, inventory lists, mailings, bulletin preparation and numerous other jobs that must

be done to insure the functioning of an orderly ministry. Undoubtedly he or she will be aided by enthusiastic co-workers., but he or she will remain accountable for the efficiency of the center operations.

The availability of the minister becomes increasingly vital as the ministry expands and broadens its services. Any task that consumes the time, energy, and availability of the minister can impede the overall performance of the ministry.

Q—It sounds like your study is relevant to only a select group of Unity ministries. The larger ministries can easily afford an investment such as this. But practically speaking, the average Unity center could find better areas of concern to spend ten or twenty thousand dollars.

A—True. Sophisticated word processing equipment is expensive and perhaps most practical for only the larger ministries.

My interest, however, is in Micro Computers not word processing systems. The difference is basically one of cost and function. The perspective of this study respects the fact that most Unity ministries are not in a position to make substantial investments in equipment for center operational purposes. My intention is to reveal an option that will enable the individual minister as well as the smallest of ministries to professionally approach their operational needs for a fraction of the cost of word processing equipment without sacrifice of quality or performance.

This option has recently emerged in the field of micro computers.

### Q—What is a Micro Computer?

A—A Micro Computer is a small portable modular computer system capable of performing many complex business related tasks such as: accounting, payroll, record keeping, inventory, statistical analysis, word processing, mailing lists, and others. It also can be programmed to process data and to execute specific programs to meet special needs. (NOTE: The above capabilities are reflected in Radio Shack's TRS-80 Level II Micro Computer System.)

Best of all, the Micro Computer system costs about the same as a quality stereo sound system or a good business typewriter.

*In the next article I will share the different ways that I have put my Micro Computer to use for personal purposes related to the ministry.*

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



YOUTH OF UNITY REPORT

YOU'S ERA OF LIMITS

What do you think of when you picture a YOU rally? Hordes of screaming teenagers running amok? Dozens of silent angels with their heads bowed in silence? Well, the truth lies in between.

No region has a serious discipline problem. There are isolated incidents, to be sure, but every rally I have attended has been an orderly opportunity for spiritual awakening.

Still, the YOU'ers themselves have decided to tighten up their own discipline. Three regions have voted rally rules far stricter than sponsors would have chosen.

Today's politicians have termed our age "the era of limits." In order to help make their growth unlimited, the YOU'ers have chosen to place limits on their own behavior at rallies. Rules concerning smoking, adult supervision and curfews have been changed in these regions by the YOU'ers themselves.

The YOU'ers are perfectly able to accept responsibility for their own actions and provide their own disciplinary limits. These limits are, perhaps surprisingly, more strict than their sponsors would choose.

We love and support the YOU'ers for their willingness to prune the branches of their allowed behavior in order to blossom forth in consciousness more abundantly.

A CLEAN SWEEP!

For the first time in many years, every YOU region has a coordinator. This means every YOU sponsor and teacher now has support. Every regional YOU rally now has adult guidance and supervision. Every minister now has someone to turn to for help in starting a new YOU group or revitalizing an old one.

We welcome the brilliant Julie Coffey-Baum of Washington, D.C. to our coordinator roster. Thank you, Eastern ministers!

Here are your coordinators. Call on them!

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JUMPING SEMINARS!

When the notice comes in your mail (as it will soon) inviting your YOU sponsors to a sponsor's retreat or seminar, JUMP at the chance! In one or two days, your sponsor can receive quality training by expert coordinators and educators. There is thorough coverage of all the elements of sponsoring: teaching, philosophy, service projects, organization, fund-raising. It is a gold mine—don't let the opportunity go by!

If you have no YOU as yet, here is your opportunity to send someone who will come back with enthusiasm and ideas!

THANK YOU, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!

Maggie and I were touched and overwhelmed with the love and support we felt from the Executive Committee of the AUC during their September sessions.

Of course, it helps to have Jim Sherman there, who has spent years in selfless service to YOU at Conferences. He uniquely understands youth and their needs. And Jack Boland is committed to growth in every area of our movement, including youth education. In fact, everyone there radiated love and concern for youth. We thank you.++

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## *Letters to the Editor:*

When we reach the point of a paradox, many times we are really speaking the Truth. Last month (September 1979) in CONTACT there were articles by two of our ministers with seemingly differing views of our movement, our president, **Jack Boland**, and **Mary Rowe**, former editor of Weekly Unity, and now minister at Asbury Park.

We recognized with no difficulty their sincerity and concern about our Unity movement. They both spoke the Truth. It does seem as if we are not growing in our churches in proportion to the tremendous growth that is happening in Unity School as shown by literature sales. However, we must face the fact that all sections of the country are perhaps not equally ready for the tremendous growth that has happened in Detroit and other large metropolitan centers in our country. There is still room for the small church. I do not agree that its days are numbered. However, surely there is something that we can do that will forward our growth as individual churches and as an Association of Unity Churches.

What is that thing that we must do as ministers to bring Truth to the masses? Let us go back to principle. Charles and Myrtle Fillmore said it in their dedication and covenant. "We...dedicate ourselves, our time, our money, all we have and all we expect to have, to the Spirit of Truth." Then they said that they expected an abundant supply of all things necessary to meet every want "WITHOUT OUR MAKING ANY OF THESE THE OBJECT OF OUR EXISTENCE."

We are powerless to know or to do. God alone knows the perfect plan for the future. We are moving into the unknown. Some of us may be the shepherd of a small group. Others may be able to reach the masses. Our responsibility is to raise ourselves daily in the consciousness of our Father, to work as though everything depended on us (which, of course, means learning all we can about church administration and efficient methods of operation) but always knowing that it is the responsibility of the Spirit of Truth to work through us to bring everything that needs to be expressed through us.

Our work here in Baton Rouge has grown 800% in this its first year of operation. We are still small, however, but there is a great deal of energy in the lives of the people, and I refuse to measure our growth in terms of numbers. We do not even count on Sunday. I measure growth by the changing of people's lives. I measure growth by the new people that are brought by the present members so that they can see loving people working together. I

measure growth by the change in my own consciousness and my own growing awareness of the Presence in me. After all, isn't this what really draws?

Let us all re-dedicate ourselves, as Charles and Myrtle did, to the Spirit of Truth, strive to let go of the feeling within that we can do all things, and know our own powerlessness so that God can truly use us. But then let us all renew our lives daily and work as if everything did depend on us. I remember when I was a teacher in Florida, and after teaching 3 years was granted tenure. When I viewed the change in my own inner feelings, I resigned immediately. I had the feeling that "I had it made." I cannot live with that "tenure" consciousness. Can you?

Let's pick ourselves out of complacency, recognize God as the only Presence and Power and let our lives express the best that can be expressed through us. Then we need not fear for our movement.

—Marjorie Kass  
Church of the Open Road  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Alec Evason, minister in Crystal Lake, Illinois, shares an idea that is working well for him in his ministry: He has discovered that both radio stations and newspapers in his area are interested in "new angles" on special themes, such as Thanksgiving, Easter, Labor Day, September "Back to School," Spring "Spring Cleaning," etc. So far, Alec reports, with very limited experience of radio and newspapers, he has had 15 spots on the local radio with "Creative Ideas for Christmas" and a newspaper has accepted six short articles with the theme "Being Students of Life" in keeping with the "back to school" theme.

Alec asks if other, more experienced ministers have had experience with this kind of outreach and if such material might be shared through the AUC office. If anyone has such material to share, please forward it to our Field Services Projects Coordinator, Alan Rowbotham. He says that one of his projects is to try to gather material such as radio scripts and newspaper articles which may be put together in a package for the benefit of other ministers in the field.



# SOMA NEWS

## MINISTERIAL SCHOOL

### —A SPOUSE'S VIEW

by Sarah Barnes

When Richard and I, along with our three sons, Ian 7, Adam 6, and Eric 4, arrived at Unity Village last year we knew little of what was in store for us. We had heard many stories about student life, both positive and negative. Some students tried to prepare us for the challenges that we might encounter but I felt certain that none of those challenges would come nigh us. After all, we had been in Unity for some time and it had taken about five years of pondering before we decided the time was right for Richard to enter Ministerial School. We had come through so much and had been given countless opportunities to use Truth Principles. We were certain they worked. We were well prepared. This two years would be a snap!



We sold our home in Oregon, and decided not to buy another one in Missouri. Instead we rented an inexpensive apartment in a complex where there are an abundance of playmates for our boys. Richard and I secured part-time employment; our sons were happily settled in to their new schools; it seemed that everything was going according to plan, our change in lifestyle was not going to be too traumatic at all.

Gradually, we began to feel the pressures. Nothing really earth shattering happened to us but it seemed that one minor crisis after another was trying to upset our plan to make these two years so easy.

We were faced with minor, but costly, health challenges; there was an appearance of lack in the areas of finance, time, and energy. Even our marriage seemed threatened at times by the pressures. Our strong foundation of faith in God and in our relationship with one another was being challenged. This was not supposed to happen to us!

I cried a lot last Winter and Spring. There were so many doubts in my mind as to whether we

were doing the right thing. I asked myself many questions: "Did I really want to be married to a minister?" "Am I willing to share him with others?" At times I found myself wondering if Richard loved me as much as I had always believed he did. He seemed to be so preoccupied with school activities. I "thought" that I had examined my attitudes and dealt with these questions before coming here, the answer then seemed to be so clearly affirmative. But the questions kept cropping up again and again.

I found it difficult to understand why I kept having my faith challenged. I am not the one that is going to be the minister. The students are the ones that are supposed to do all the dealing. I knew it was something to do with growing and my plea to God became, "O.K. God, I really have grown a lot, now why don't You just let me bloom a while?"

Well, I am allowed moments in which to bloom. In those moments I can take a good look at what has happened and examine my attitudes. I needed the two years here just as much as Richard did. This experience has made me dig a little deeper into my spiritual self. It has proven time and time again that the principles do work when applied with faith. We have not been faced with any challenge that we have not been able to overcome.

My faith has never been stronger and neither has our marriage. Richard and I are sharing with one another with a depth and honesty that we never had before. Yes, I want to be married to a minister (provided of course the minister is Richard) and yes, I can share him with others because I know the depth of his love for me.

I know our challenges--our opportunities to grow--are not over by any means because growth is a continuous process.

Next June, we will leave the security of Unity Village, and the support we have here, and venture into the field where new and exciting challenges will be waiting for us. I feel able to cope because of the opportunities we were given this past year and will continue to be given during  
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the next eight months.

God has shown His love for us in so many ways. Thank You, Father. ++



### MEET WES BLAIN...

New to Unity Village this summer is Wesley Blain, husband of second-year MIT, Billie. Wes spent the 1978-79 academic year keeping the fires burning in West Palm Beach, Florida, and caring for three of their four children. Son, Tony, was to be a senior in high school, and the family wanted him to be able to finish in his home town.



Wes learned a lot during the very long days of being mother, dad, and bread winner. Days began at 4:30 a.m. with breakfast for Tony and doing the laundry. Yard work was natural to Wes as his main employment was supervising the entire mowing operations for the city. But housework and particularly home management (bill paying) had always been Billie's department. Wes found these to be an incredible "growing experience."

It's been eight years now since Wes retired from the Air Force where he served in aerial photo mapping for navigation for 25 years. Wes loved his work, but it became increasingly clear that a marriage and good family life requires two partners, so Wes gave up his occupation. Recent experiences in marriage enrichment have been super-meaningful to Wes and Billie. They recommend this avenue to all.

This year for Wes will most likely be family centered. Wes is looking forward to next year, when Billie has her own church, and to helping her in areas where he can use his special talents. Wes says, "It's great to be home with the bags unpacked." Should you want to find him this Fall, we'd suggest trying the tennis courts where he's becoming increasingly proficient at placing the ball where his opponents aren't. We know.

## HOW A UNITY MINISTER CREATED TRUTH

A Unity minister of some worldly fame was on a five year sabbatical in a small middle-eastern Kingdom. Because of his profound knowledge of spiritual teachings he became the King's spiritual mentor. One day he said to the King, "Laws as such do not make people better. They must practice certain things, in order to become attuned to inner Truth. This form of Truth resembles apparent truth only slightly."

The King decided that he would make people observe the Truth. He would make them practice Truthfulness.

The King's city was entered by a bridge. On this bridge he built gallows. The following day, when the gates were opened, the Captain of the guard was stationed with a squad of troops to examine all who entered.

An announcement was made: "Everyone will be questioned. If he tells the Truth, he will be allowed to enter. If he lies, he will be hanged." The Unity minister stepped forward.

"Where are you going?" "I am on my way," said the minister slowly, "to be hanged."

"We don't believe you!"

"Very well, if I have told a lie, hang me!"

"But if we hang you for lying, we will have made what you said come true!"

"That's right: now you know what Truth is—your Truth!"

J. Arthur Kenardley



## UMS CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

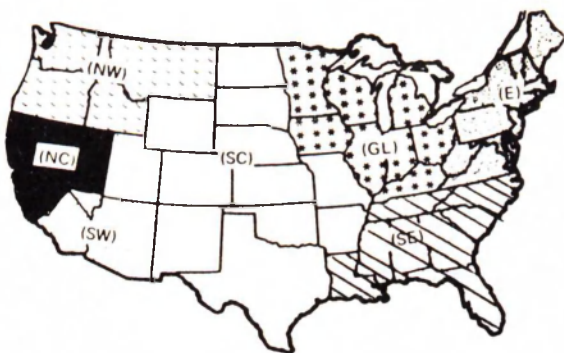
Gary Jones, Coordinator of the Chaplaincy Program at Truman Medical Center East, is revitalizing the program for Unity ministers-in-training at the facility.

Gary is appealing for your active participation in this project: he needs cassette tape recorders (battery powered) that student chaplains can check out of his office for loan to patients. He also welcomes cassette tapes of your Sunday services, lessons (tapes containing a healing message), etc., as a gift to the program.

We look forward to your positive response in helping to provide a dynamic chaplaincy program for our ministers-in-training and an uplifting message for those so much in need. Please send all correspondence care of Gary Jones, AUC, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.



## REGIONAL NEWS



### EASTERN REGIONAL NEWS with Ed Myler:

The Eastern Regional Conference was held September 30 through October 5, 1979, at the Holiday Inn 1776 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Thirty five (35) ministers and teachers attended which was highlighted by a Post-Graduate course on *Teaching Techniques* given by Dorothy Pierson, co-minister at Christ Unity Church, Sacramento, California. Another brief, but brilliant presentation was given by Tom Coates of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the experience of a little boy sitting on a curb.

The new officer elected were: Alan Stanley, President; John Salunek, Vice-President; Barbara Van De Vyvere, Secretary; Robert Preston, Treasurer; Yves LaFontant, Chaplain; and Ed Myler, Regional Representative.

During the conference the ministers and teachers had the opportunity to personally welcome two new ministers to the region: Kent Kessinger in Teaneck, New Jersey; and Becky Lynne in Roanoke, Virginia.



### GREAT LAKES REGIONAL NEWS with Robert Wasner:

Great Lakes Regional Conference met in Indianapolis, September 17-19. Guest speaker was Dr. Raymond Moody. His topic was "The Healing Power of Humor"—this was based on his latest book, *Laugh after Laugh*. There were 78 ministers and teachers in attendance. The new officers of the region are: Charles Lelly, President; Jim Sims, Vice-President; Gerry Melin, Secretary; Richard Billings, Treasurer.

During the course of the meeting, they totally revised the regional bylaws and enjoyed a play

and dinner at Beef & Board Dinner Theater. Charles Roth and the people of Unity in Indianapolis proved to be fantastic hosts.

The highlight of October, at Unity Church of Peoria (David Monument, minister), was the visit of our Director of Silent Unity, James Dillet Freeman. Jim spoke at Bergen High School on Saturday, October 13. The program was a lecture on "Poetry, Reading and Fellowship," a message with universal appeal.



### SOUTHEAST REGIONAL NEWS with William Clark:

Labor Day, 1979. The hurricane, David, threatened the Gold Coast of our Southeast Region. Many prayed, denied, affirmed and did what they could, they relaxed and let it blow over.

In response to a question as to guarding against the storm threat verses standing on Truth, Faye Heinecamp said, "If you're sitting on a railroad track and you have been told a train was coming, would you sit there and affirm the presence of God? It is much wiser to use wisdom and get off the track first, and then affirm God's power and protection."

We found through this experience, to do what one could, based on wisdom, rather than fear, then relax, let go, and let God.

Bill reports, "I called as many as I could reach today (Tuesday, September 4th) to ask the information reported below.

"These were responses to my question: 'tell me how you weathered the storm in the face of the apparent threat?'"

Loren Flickinger: *"I felt it was all right. No fear, only preparedness and faith."*

Charles Neal: *"We worked, prayed, relaxed, and went to bed, and nothing happened."*

Donna Hooper (Hollywood): *"We placed it in the care of Master Mind. What else could we do? We denied all apparent power, affirming only God, the Good."*

Bob Beggs: *"The Lord is my Shepherd--He leadeth me by the still waters. I am enfolded in the white light of Christ, and no harm can approach me."*

Jim Heinicamp: *"We used primarily the 91st Psalm."*

Bill Clark: *"I did what I could in the Physical, closed the house and church, went to bed at 2:30 a.m. and slept through the storm. I was up (Continued on page 21)"*



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Mary Kupferle: 'Peace, be still.' Thinking of the Master stilling the waves."

Larry Kendrick: *"This is God's good world in which we are divinely protected now and at all times."*

Hal and Lassie Rosencrans: *"Divine love, poured out from the heart of God, dissipates all negative forces and establishes order, harmony, and safe conditions."*

Vena Lee (Plantation): "Jesus, still the storm."

Fermor Manley: "The love of God fills David, the hurricane and only peace is expressed through it."

Adelaide Dibblee: "There is only one power-Presence, God the Good."

One and on they went knowing the truth. We regret the thought that others might have had to go through what seems a “bad experience,” but we know that in Divine Mind, there is only growth and blessing.

Rocco Errico will be in Augusta, Georgia, for a Seminar October 8-9. He will be using as his topic, "LIFE AND TEACHING OF JESUS." For more information, contact Becky Clark in Augusta.

William Clark, Unity of Pompano Beach, and Dr. Roy Graves, Church of Religious Science, Winter Park, Florida, are joining to conduct a weekend meeting: "INTA HUNTER'S MOON RETREAT" November 2-4, limited to 65 persons, registration fees, for adults--\$50.00, for children--\$35.00. Please register early with Bill or Roy, or contact **Paul Funk** at Unity in the Pines, Brooksville, Florida, where the retreat will be conducted.

The next activity to be conducted by these two fine leaders is a trip to the Holy Land. The trip will begin with two or three days in Egypt and will last two weeks, plus two days. Departure is scheduled for April 7, and the return April 23, 1980. Please join us by contacting either Bill Clark or Roy Graves.

W. E. (Goodi) Goodison-Orr, minister in Jamaica, reports on the Unity work in Montego Bay: "Our new Sanctuary Building in Montego Bay, where Pearl Davis is minister, was dedicated on the second Sunday of September.

"We are now starting 'Unity Pre-Primary

School,' which adjoins the main building properly. We will be accepting children ages 3 to 6 with whom we will be sharing Truth Principles. We would appreciate help with materials, or guidance from those Centers that have a 'WEE WISDOM' type school.

"Due to foreign exchange problems, materials like those listed below are either limited and expensive, or unavailable.

Crayons-large

Chalk-colored

## Jig-Saw Puzzles

## Toys

### Counting Frames (abacus)

## Storybooks

### Reading materials

(suitable for 3-6 year olds)

## Plastercine

## Paint

## Paint Brushes

## Building Blocks

Pencils-large

Scissors (small)

Cartridge Paper

### Tracing & Coloring

## Tracing Books

"We would appreciate gifts sent by Parcel Post to 'Unity Pre-Primary School, P.O. Box 248, 2 Fairway Avenue, Kingston 6. They should be declared as unsolicited gifts for school. We expect a duty charge, but it will still be to our advantage to have the materials to use.

"We also ask that you keep us in your prayers for Divine Order in our island, and in our work."

October 14-17, was the time for the South-eastern Unity Regional Minister/Teacher Conference. The conference was at Unity of Trinidad and Tobago, in Port-of-Spain, West Indies. An exciting place, an exciting conference with Jack Boland, Stan Hampson and Jim Sherman as guest speakers.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL NEWS  
with Miki Bowen:

The Twenty Fourth Annual Unity Retreat at Asilomar, in Pacific Grove, California, was held on October 12-14.

The Retreat theme this year was Total Living! It was a time to share and grow in our understanding of what it is to be totally alive: in body, mind, and spirit.

The Power of Total Living by very special guest, **Marcus Bach**, was the basis for the Saturday workshops. Dr. Bach, noted author, lecturer and researcher, is always on the "cutting edge" of the spiritual quest of man. Dr. Bach is the  
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## "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.*

Q. We have received several inquiries regarding tax deductions for Licensed Teachers. Our thanks to Mr. E. Bill Morrelli, Public Accountant, Wheatant, Wheatridge, Colorado, for his assistance. Below is the memorandum returned to AUC from Baird, Kurtz and Dobson, Certified Public Accountants, Kansas City, Missouri.

### A. MEMORANDUM

Occasionally, questions are raised regarding the deductibility of expenses incurred by persons who participate in UICE to become licensed teachers in a Unity Center. Ideally, there should be a written agreement between the party seeking the status of licensed teacher and the minister as representative of the Unity Center involved. At a minimum this agreement should state the following facts:

1. The teacher is not an employee of the Center.
2. Any out-of-pocket expenses sustained by the teacher will be a contribution to the Center, because the Center does not pay such expenses.
3. The Unity Center will not pay the teacher for any services rendered but will share a portion of the love offering taken at classes taught by the teacher to aid in the costs sustained in preparing for each class.

This agreement does not have to be a formal contract but can take the form of a letter of understanding that was written by the minister to the licensed teacher.

Out-of-pocket expenses that are not reimbursed, which are incurred for the benefit of an exempt organization, such as transportation, travel, telephone, books, tips, cab fare, and other similar expenses, are deductible as a charitable contribution on your tax return. These expenses would include reasonable

payments for necessary meals and lodging while away from home overnight and you are donating services to Unity, including time spent at Unity Village attending UICE or any seminars required for licensing or the maintenance of licensed status and the testing for license. However, no deduction is allowed for retreats or church conventions, unless the teacher's purpose in attending is to teach a class or as a duly chosen representative at a convention.

In lieu of maintaining documentation of actual expenses incurred in using an automobile for transportation, the Internal Revenue Service permits a standard mileage rate of \$.07 per mile that a taxpayer may use in computing the cost of operating an automobile in furtherance of a charitable purpose. Typically, such expenses would include trips to the church, to stores for supplies for preparation of lessons, or trips to Unity Village. It is to your advantage if you maintain a diary or similar record of the miles actually driven. Under no circumstances are you ever permitted a charitable contribution deduction for the value of the services that you render for the church.

If the church should decide to pay any expenses of an individual in attending classes to attain licensed teacher status, the church should first decide which expenses it intends to pay. The person attending the classes should then submit a request for reimbursement to the church itemizing those expenses which the church has agreed to pay and for which the individual is to be reimbursed. If this is done, a payment should not be income to the individual and, of course, since you have been reimbursed for them you cannot deduct those expenses as charitable contributions. If a stipend of a specific amount is paid to the attendee and it is not identified as a reimbursement of a specific expense, then you should report the amount received as income and deduct all of your allowable expenses as charitable contributions.

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**LIGHT ON THE PATH**  
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A  
LICENSED  
TEACHER  
IS:



Bette Robinson of Unity Church of Fort Worth, Texas. Bette discovered Truth teachings while studying Yoga in the 1960's. In 1968 she began attending Unity Church of Fort Worth, and became a member in 1970. From that time, she has been a devoted and ambitious Truth student.

Bette began her Unity education through the Association of Unity Churches Correspondence School. then at Unity Village, she enrolled in the UICE program. During the next several years she completed her required teaching of Unity classes and also taught yoga. In 1977, Bette graduated from UICE and became a Licensed Unity Teacher.

Upon returning to Fort Worth, Bette began teaching classes at her Center, and continues to be active in all areas of Church activities. Bette writes, "I have been Sunday guest speaker at Unity of Irving. I was also at Unity of Fort Worth, which was the highlight of my career as a teacher." She has also served as guest speaker and teacher at other churches in the area.

She and her husband, John (Stu), working with minister, Floyd Howard, have contributed in many ways to the growth and development of the Unity Church of Fort Worth.

Bette is also recognized for her professional abilities as a Court reporter.

Bette, we see you as a loving channel of Truth, and know you are receiving special blessings as you share Truth as a Licensed Unity Teacher.

*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. Catherine Garvey, MIT)*

**ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES**

**Statement of General Funds Operations**

**Six Months Ended September 30, 1979**

<b>INCOME—OPERATIONS:</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Love Offering	\$37,661.52	\$36,366.88	\$233,595.75
Other Income	4,046.15	1,828.71	20,799.12
	<u>41,707.67</u>	<u>38,195.59</u>	<u>254,394.87</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	3,766.15	3,636.69	23,359.58
	<u>37,941.52</u>	<u>34,558.90</u>	<u>231,035.29</u>
Gross Profit Materials	7,449.78	(2,369.34)	17,748.03
Total Income	<u>45,391.30</u>	<u>32,189.56</u>	<u>248,783.32</u>
<b>EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:</b>			
Ministry Services	26,396.78	32,439.60	166,620.66
Ministerial Education	13,353.11	14,846.09	74,751.49
Total Expenses	<u>39,749.89</u>	<u>47,285.69</u>	<u>241,372.15</u>
<b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b>	<u>\$ 5,641.41</u>	<u>\$ (15,096.13)</u>	<u>\$ 7,411.17</u>



## THOUGHTS from MIT's

*Ed. Note: In this feature 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.*

**Should a minister "specialize" in a certain area and delegate other work or be a "Jack of all Trades?"**

Basically, I see the minister as the spiritual leader of all activities and functions of the church—whether they are ones usually performed solely by him (counseling, teaching classes, Sunday lessons) or those usually done by others (playing music, building and grounds maintenance, secretarial).



As the spiritual leader it behooves the minister to have a good understanding of all these activities (the time involved to perform them, some of the challenges one may face while performing them, etc.) but, I do not believe it is necessary for him to do all those things. What he specializes in, if indeed he does, should be something he feels particularly called to do.--Wendy Purcell

I can see a need for specialization in a few instances, but not for me. I hope I will never turn away anyone in my church because I am too specialized. My church will be my other family. I want them to know I care and that I will try to meet their needs. I also hope to be abreast of community resources and use them when necessary.--Gerrie Schober



All ministers should specialize in the art of communing with God and making their decisions from a spiritual basis. It is wise to have knowledge of any work that is being done within your organization but it is necessary to let others be a part of it too.



Each minister will undoubtedly have special areas of interest but we must be able to function intelligently in any given situation, whether it be in heaven or just plain ol' earth.--J. Douglas Bortorff

In the early days of Unity we didn't have ministers--we had "center leaders." I feel that this term more correctly describes the function of a Unity minister--that is to lead!



A good leader will delegate and designate others to carry out the routine activities, which leaves him free to be creative and handle areas where no one else is qualified.

It is, however, important that the leader be thoroughly familiar with all functions, and the more experience he has in a given area, the more likely he will be to get qualified helpers.--Jerry Bartholow

## SUMMIT NEWS

(Super Understanding Mates of Ministers-In-Training)

We expect to have a very active SUMMIT group this year. Many interesting activities have been planned by Sarah Barnes and Barbara Church, this year's coordinators.

Our first get together was in September, at the Unity Clubhouse. Janet Bowser kindly shared with us some of her Values Clarification activities and lots of her beautiful consciousness. It was a great evening of getting to know one another and establishing a group relationship.

We discussed some of the needs of the spouses in the program and how we plan to meet those needs. It was decided that we definitely need to

establish a prayerful consciousness as a group and will meet more frequently to fulfill this need.

Our October get together will be at Unity on the Plaza where Suzanne Cameron has planned a dinner for the SUMMITs. A time of sharing will follow the dinner. Helen Hampson and Judy Sherman will be involved in that evening's program along with Suzanne.

It is so meaningful for the spouses of students to know we have the support of spouses in the field. We look forward with eagerness to our evening at Unity on the Plaza and know that it will be an enriching experience for us all. ++



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

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

## 1980

## JANUARY

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

## MARCH

- 20-23 Church Leadership Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri

## APRIL

- 5-11 Easter Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri  
12-25 UICE Session 1, Unity Village, Missouri  
26- UICE Session 2, Unity Village, Missouri May 9  
27-30 SCUCA Regional Conference, Austin, Texas, hosted by Unity Center of Positive Prayer

## MAY

- 2-4 Wisconsin Unity Retreat, Green Lake, Wisconsin  
7-9 Northern California Regional Conference (Location to be announced)  
12-23 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri  
31 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, June 6 Missouri

## JUNE

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

## JULY

- 5-18 UICE Session 3, Youth Education Seminar, Unity Village, Missouri  
19- UICE Session 4, Unity Village, Missouri Aug. 1  
27- SCUCA Laymen's Regional Retreat, Aug. 2 Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colo.

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

- 13-19 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
16-19 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Toledo, Ohio, hosted by First Church Unity, Toledo  
27- Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Oct. 3 Missouri  
28- Unity Retreat, Virginia Beach, Va. Oct. 1 Sponsored by Eastern Region

## OCTOBER

- 11-17 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Missouri  
19-24 Ministers' Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
25- UICE Session 5, Unity Village, Mo. Nov. 7

## NOVEMBER

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



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 Unity and Truth related items available to Unity Ministries  
 (Prices quoted are suggested retail and are less 20% + postage)

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Coasters—6 ass't. color set	\$3.00
Tote Bags, Plastic—yellow or red	\$ .60
Mug, thermos, Plastic—yellow	\$2.50
Mug, milk-white glass	\$2.50
Belt Buckle—embossed bronze	\$8.00

**1" gold or silver color wings:**

Lapel safety back pin	\$3.25
On chain	\$6.00
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On chain	\$6.25
Ball-point pens, gold color	\$ .75
Silver & maroon or white	\$ .60

Tee Shirts (Black print w/ silver background—"wet look" (beige, black, yellow)

Adult sizes—S, M, L, XL

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Silver filigree w/turquoise stone in center—1½"

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Tear Drop—gold on silver—2"

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Miscellaneous others in lead crystal, gold, silver—½ to 2"

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\$ .75

**MOTHER OF PEARL—hand carved in Israel—various designs & sizes**  
 (some crosses, seagulls, doves), sterling chains

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**LOVE** pendants with horizontal or vertical letters, sterling chains

\$9.95

Mustard Seed earrings—14 k. gold wries (pierced or clip)

\$5.95

Gold-plated charm bracelets w/praying hands, mustard seed & cross charms

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**PRAYER OF PROTECTION** night lights

\$2.00

**PRAYER OF PROTECTION** key chains

\$1.00

Balloons—assorted colors imprinted "UNITY the Way Up"

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Stickers—1½" round—self-adhesive imprinted "UNITY the Way Up"

4/\$ .25

Photo and I.D. folder with Unity Wing imprint

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Think Love	\$ .50
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Peace Begins With Me	\$ .50
UNITY the Way Up	\$ .50

Sallman's "Head of Christ" in full color:  
 3½ x 3½" card w/1980 calendar on one side. \$ .12

Pictures mounted on pressed board for

framing:

8 x 10"

\$1.50

11 x 14"

\$2.50

16 x 10"

\$4.00



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1979-80 Student Body



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## THEN PEACE WILL REIGN

*By Eleanor Kline Heath*

We cry, " 'Peace! Peace!' and there is no peace . . . "  
Is Peace the lack of conflict, no fighting, no voices raised  
in anger?

Is it Peace when swords are sheathed for later battle,  
when fearful nations wave the "white flag" of truce?

What kind of Peace is there in "Detente," in a war  
of nerves called "cold?"

Does Peace exist in tomb-like silence—the quiet just  
before a storm? (The smoldering quiet of alive volcano  
does not lessen its potential harm.)

Here then is Peace: when men call all men "brother,"  
when plowshares will be made from swords, when con-  
suming fires of hate become the warming glow of love,  
when fear and distrust are no more because we know and  
understand each other, when what and who we are (whatever  
that may be) is all that I require of you—or you of me;  
then Peace will reign within the land . . . Now, in brother-  
hood, in love—give me your hand!"

*Compliments of Sunshine Magazine*