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# Let Spirit Sing



## THE EDITOR'S LETTER

Many positive directions came out of this year's Conference in regard to the activities of the AUC offices. One area in which real constructive input was received related to the direction and future of CONTACT magazine. We had excellent response to the survey that was asked for during Conference week. The results of that survey are on page 8 of this issue of CONTACT.

Among many things the survey revealed is the desire for more articles relating to UNITY ministers and ministries; the "nuts and bolts" of aspects of UNITY operations that can be applied to Unity centers and churches in a practical and unique way. The survey tells us that it is important to know what has worked consistently in other ministries, what has not worked, and WHY? What ideas led to a successful seminar? A workshop? A trip to the Holy Land? What is the real identity of a professional UNITY minister?

We want to fulfill the desire expressed in the survey. Through CONTACT we can establish the identity of a professional UNITY minister. YOUR input is greatly needed and important to ministers and ministries that wish to grow professionally and are seeking to expand their resources. Our whole movement is strengthened with each step taken toward greater professionalism by each individual. The conglomerate of ideas shared by the whole, individually appropriated and uniquely applied develops the identity of the professional UNITY minister.

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**Programs,  
Projects  
and Perspectives  
by  
Alan Rowbotham**



Beloved Friends;

This exciting new format for CONTACT is symbolic of the new sense of harmony and order being established in the relationships between Unity School and AUC. It gives a feeling too, of the atmosphere of anticipation that certainly now exists in our AUC office and hopefully in our field ministries. The cooperative spirit here at Unity Village is a reality! We here want you in your individual ministry to know it and feel it for yourself. To this end I would like to enumerate some steps that represents the desires of your AUC office staff in our continuing relationships with one another:

**SERVICE:** We will continue to seek ways to better serve you and your ministry and to meet your needs in a very real, practical, economical, supportive and loving manner. We are looking at our services to see what we really need that we don't have and what we have that we don't need. Also we are asking ourselves the question: What do we need to do what we should?

**SUBSTANCE:** In answering the above questions as to the services we are rendering we are in effect examining our purpose, our *raison d'être*, our potential, our options. We are identifying the benefits to individual ministers and member ministries that are part and parcel of being a member of our organization. We are seeking to answer the question: "Why give to this organization?"

**STRUCTURE:** To help us attain the most effective organization for our needs, the Board of Trustees has appointed an AUC Office Evaluation Committee to examine the structure of our office and the way we do the things we do. This evaluation is now in process and we will be keeping you informed of progress in the coming weeks and months.

**SCHEDULE:** Just to bring you up to date on two areas of current planning: (a) Our office remodeling is scheduled to be fully under way during August and completed before Executive Committee  
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# NEWS & VIEWS ON UMS . . .

by Paul C. Barrett

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## A TIME OF CHANGE--by Kathryn Rowbotham

It's a strange feeling to have half your congregation disappear all at once! That's what it feels like to have the 1980 graduating class leave and be placed in the field ministry. Our prayers, love and blessings are with these newly ordained ministers, a fine group carrying out our great Unity message.

At this writing, we are in our Summer semester break and we are poised and ready for the start of our new UMS year. There are forty brand new MIT's about to enter into what we have learned in the ministerial program to call the PROCESS. This PROCESS is certainly a time of change—as any MIT will attest. As deep and profound changes take place, there is a certain amount of suffering as well as joy, divine discontent as well as great growth. The PROCESS takes place in the faculty as well as in the students.

For our new beginning in UMS, we are starting the new quarter-system. The grading system has been changed back to S for "satisfactory," etc.; we are continuing to shape the curriculum to meet the growing needs of the Field Ministry and congregations. A new faculty member will be added to our staff. With a successful Conference behind us, we feel a new sense of cooperation here at Unity Village and we are happy to be a part of such exciting changes.

From the faculty, we send all of you our love and our blessings. We know your congregation is much more lasting than ours!

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### Statement of General Funds Operations--Two Months Ended May 31, 1980

INCOME—OPERATIONS:	April	May	Year to Date
Love Offering	\$48,931.14	\$37,917.25	\$79,848.39
Other Income	4,914.53	5,292.59	10,207.12
	<u>46,845.67</u>	<u>43,209.84</u>	<u>90,055.51</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	4,193.11	3,791.73	7,984.84
	<u>42,652.56</u>	<u>39,418.11</u>	<u>82,070.67</u>
Gross Profit Materials	2,903.96	2,613.78	5,517.74
Total Income	<u>45,556.52</u>	<u>42,031.89</u>	<u>87,588.41</u>
EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:			
Ministry Services	32,033.40	35,707.46	67,740.86
Ministerial Education	12,233.82	14,621.21	26,855.03
Total Expenses	<u>44,267.22</u>	<u>50,328.67</u>	<u>94,959.89</u>
INCOME OVER (UNDER EXPENSES):	<u>\$ 1,289.30</u>	<u>\$ (8,296.78)</u>	<u>\$ (7,007.48)</u>

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# THE EXPERIENCE DETROIT

*Further comments at the 1980 AUC Conference by David Williamson and Gary Simmons signify the overall importance and benefits of cooperative action. This is a follow-through report on the article appearing on page 12 of the June/July issue of CONTACT:*

David Williamson spoke on behalf of the ministers who hosted the Ministers-in-Training (Westside Unity, Infinite Presence, Detroit Unity Temple, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Livonia, and Unity Light of Truth).

Clusters of ministries can make such excursions extending the classroom to our ministries feasible financially and rich in terms of a variety of experiences. Christ Church, Unity in San Diego pioneered the senior class visit for several years. This year they were in the process of changing leadership there. The MIT's voted to bus to Detroit over Easter. David applauded the class of 1980 as showing initiative and creativity in arranging the trip.

This was not a senior sightseeing trip. It was filled with good fellowship as Marianne relates. However, it was definitely an action research experience. Why Detroit? David asked. Detroit has enjoyed strong Unity leadership for a number of years. There are several strong and innovative ministries. The three large sponsoring ministers which provided hotel housing for the MITs (Ruth Mosley, Jack Boland, David Williamson) have current building programs totaling \$4,000,000. Also, four years ago data given to the field from the Unity School computer showed that the Detroit area has almost as many Unity readers and correspondents as the New York and Los Angeles areas combined.

The costs incurred by the three sponsoring ministries was \$700 for housing, plus a gift from a generous individual to  
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David Williamson



Gary Simmons

## THE DETROIT EXPERIENCE

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put them into a luxury hotel. There was an additional expense of some \$500 per ministry. The money for the chartered bus came out of the MIT's Fund, which comes from the Gift Shop, Chapel services, and other endeavors.

This trip is a breakthrough success experience, showing the way for ministries to have direct input into the MIT's experience and a valuable action research time for the MIT's. David commented that there should be an extensive debriefing back in the classroom with faculty to reflect on the experience and integrate the learnings into the other work being taken.

Discussions have already started for the new second year class to visit Detroit next year. Other clusters of ministries may want to consider sponsoring a similar learning experience.

Gary Simmons commented that the first thing that they (the MIT's) became aware of was the numbers of people who were involved and active in Unity. As a matter of fact, they were overwhelmed to discover that there were thousands of people that attend Unity churches in the Detroit area. They found themselves asking one question--why? Why were there so many people caught up in the excitement and en-

thusiasm that each of them as ministers wanted to see in their own Center.

In questioning the area ministries, they discovered that there was a dimension to success and that this dimension was three-fold: (1) Meeting the needs of the community, (2) cooperation between area ministries, and (3) the uniqueness of each minister in his or her approach to their ministry. The bottom line of success was meeting the needs of each individual at the point where they were at--whether this was providing pizza ovens for YOUers, or counseling and family therapy for church members, or just simply feeding those who were hungry. They discovered that one cannot divorce the physical, mental and emotional needs from the spiritual needs. And the needs of the community were being met by each Center in Detroit in its own unique way.

Gary noted that one would think that having eight ministries in close proximity would create a competitive atmosphere, but the MIT's found that because of the closeness, Unity was a household word. It was a religion or a movement that was familiar to the people in Detroit. They saw one ministry advertising events and activities of a neighboring Unity ministry.  
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## THE DETROIT EXPERIENCE

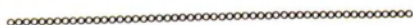
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They observed the support of activities of one ministry to another, and this demonstrated to them that it is essential to do away with the "one ministry per one town" concept.

The MIT's found it comforting to witness the diversity in approaches to the ministries there. Each minister ministered in the manner which best suited him. What this meant to the MIT's was that in being themselves--in being real and authentic--that they could have a successful Unity ministry. They did not feel compelled to conform to one pattern of success as opposed to another, but in being who they really were and allowing themselves to be drawn into the community and facing the real needs of that community, that success was insured.

The MIT's became acutely aware of the "Waspness" of Unity. "By this," Gary said, "I mean that we saw such a healthy racial mixture in Detroit. In contrasting this observation with where we came from with respect to our own Centers, many of us sensed a lack in general in Unity that fails to embrace all people."

"The greatest thing that we learned and the most precious thing that we came back with," added Gary, "was the true meaning of Unity." To see thousands of people in love with one another and with life and with the Truth was not only inspiring--it was a spiritual experience beyond words." Because of this and the many unexpected serendipities throughout the Detroit trip, the MIT's believed that they were forever changed and that the Unity movement was forever changed.



*When you know a thing, to hold that you know it,  
and when you do not know a thing, to allow that  
you do not know it, this is knowledge—Confucius*



## **A PROPOSAL FOR PLANNING** **presented to the Conference Body**

I would like to propose a movement wide conference on future planning for Unity during the next year. This would be held at Unity Village and would include representatives of Unity School and the AUC.

The purpose of this conference would be:

1. To examine the future possibilities of Unity.
2. To re-examine where we have been--what has worked and what hasn't; what has been abandoned or left undeveloped; what are "the roads taken and not taken."
3. To become more familiar with the literature and study of futurism and planned change.
4. To look at the larger picture; to see present endeavors and specific incidents from the context of a larger perspective; to look beyond symptoms to problems/opportunities and to survey the whole forest in addition to examining the individual trees or plots of the forest.
5. To examine both Unity's impact on the world around us and the impact of the world around us on Unity.
6. To formulate short range and long range goals toward which all may work in common.
7. To become aware that planning is an ongoing process and we have to constantly reformulate and update yesterday's concepts and plans as we move along.
8. To open ourselves to what Spirit has for us to do.

I will leave details of organization, funding, leadership, time and place to discussion during the time of AUC conference this year. Please pray about this needed conclave to meditate on, discuss, and begin to chart a co-ordinated future for Unity.

— David Williamson  
Detroit, Michigan

*David says that many persons from the AUC Conference Body approved of this proposal and expressed keen interest. Members of the AUC Planning and Goals Committee offered their research and services in this effort to coordinate planning with Unity School. AUC has done some long-range planning, but David's proposal is for unified "futuring" between Unity School and the Unity ministries.*

## CONTACT SURVEY RESULTS

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## REGIONAL NEWS

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL NEWS with Arthur Hammons:

Unity Church of Hawaii, along with the Hawaii Medical Association and the University of Hawaii School of Nursing, is sponsoring MEDICINE IN THE 80's—STATE OF THE ART." The program will be on October 3-4, 1980 at The Prince Kuhio Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii. Principle speaker will be Dr. Karl Pribram, head of the Neuropsychology Laboratories, Stanford University. This interdisciplinary conference will bring together nationally renowned pioneers in the field of the mind and its relationship to health.

For further information write: Medicine In The 80's—State Of The Art, Unity Church of Hawaii, 3608 Diamond Head Circle, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815, or call (808) 735-4436.

# *“A Twinkle in God’s Eye”*

by Robert Loeffelbein

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A person's religion, ordinarily, is no joking matter, but most pastors and other holy men are really pixies at heart it would seem, if we judge from the following "signs" of religion posted at churches throughout the land.

The churchmen's philosophy may be summed up best in a short verse to be found on the wall of the Chester Cathedral in England: Give me a sense of humor, Lord/Give me the grace to see a joke,/To get some happiness in life,/And pass it on to other folk.

In illustration, take some of the signs posted by the pastor of the North Hollywood Christian Church. "Come in and get your faith lifted," states one. "Are you praying more and enjoying it less?" asks another. "Life is fragile; handle with prayer," admonishes another.

Tongue-in-cheek postings at other churches gently remind parishioners of attendance lapses. "Visitors welcomed. Members expected." is the way a Clayton, Indiana church does it. "Trespassers Welcome," at the Bethany Lutheran of Ocean Beach Way. And, in Dolton, Ill., one church sported a large color-lighted sign one summer reading, simply: "His Place." Finally, a church bulletin board in Grand Rapids, Mich. relayed the message, "We are open between Easter and Christmas."

Occasionally pastors find more public platforms from which to get their messages across. For example, many newspaper columnists have found that they usually make good copy. One classic exchange happened years ago when a Washington, D.C. writer mentioned that that year was blessed with three Friday the 13th's. A clergyman, upon reading that, immediately telephoned to remind him that there were also 53 Sundays that year.

Some clergymen prefer to take a more direct route. Rev. John Lindsay, pastor of the Community Baptist Church of Medford, Mass., is one of this more practical group. In large type on his outdoor bulletin board he pleaded: "Wanted: Pew Fillers. Apply Sunday 10:30 A.M." and attendance increased, so evidently it is true that it pays to advertise.

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Clergymen, being charitable in nature by their calling, sometimes share especially productive messages. Both St. John's Lutheran of El Cajon and the Firestone Assembly of God Church in Southgate have used "Redemption Center—No Stamps Necessary."

On occasion, messages have even been shared with other denominations and creeds. A sign on a St. Louis church bulletin board read, "Merry Christmas to our Christian friends. Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends. And to our atheist friends good luck."

Sometimes, it is hard to determine who is whom and what. But this is not true in the armed forces. There, everyone has identifying patches and insignias and chevrons. But, even there, this very penchant for identification—because it is so standardized—actually works against standout recognition of individual units. Thus the chaplains at Phu Cat air base in South Vietnam came up with a unique method of ready identification. In bold white letters on the side of their jeep they printed "The God Squad."

A weather report, or warm weather warning, whichever way the reader decided to take it, was posted by the First Assembly of God Church, in El Paso, Texas. It read, "You think

it's hot HERE..." And, in a similar vein, the Rev. Paul Jewett of the Emory Methodist Church of Jersey City, N.J.—during a record-shattering heat wave in that city—posted, "Now that you know how hot hell is, what are you going to do about it?"

The answering quip came from Perrysville, Ky., where one church advertised, "Our Auditorium is Prayer Conditioned." Another church, under repair, kept its sermon short and to the point; "Renovating going on inside. How about you?"

Still more new ways have been found to carp back to the theme of nonattendance. In Hollywood, Calif., one clergyman scolded with a sign saying, "Don't send your children to Sunday school. BRING THEM!" And the Pitman, N.J. Methodist Church put the problem succinctly: "What is missing in CH--CH? U R!" Another parish bulletin stated: "Our annual bazaar was rather like heaven. Many we expected to see there were absent." Still another took a different tack, carrying the idea a step further with, "Don't keep the faith—spread it around."

On an Indianapolis, Ind., church bulletin board, still another way was found of stating the church's open-door policy: "You aren't too bad  
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## A TWINKLE IN GOD'S EYE

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to come in. You aren't too good to stay out." Another churchman stated the same thing differently: "If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

The pixie humor of churchmen shines through in all they do, slyly reminding the lay public of the twinkle in God's eye. One of actor Pat O'Brien's favorite stories concerns a priest's description of nuns at confession. He said it was "like being stoned to death with popcorn."

That is sort of like the invitation St. Aloysius Church in Pewee Valley, Ky., sent parishioners. It stated: "If you don't have any sins, bring a friend who does." And to help others find their way, a Catholic chaplain, temporarily assigned for a three-week field exercise, looked at the sign in front of the sick bay: Sick Call 0730; and at the sign in front of the company office: Mail Call 1300; and decided finally on his own sign: Sin Call 1630.

Most pastors keep abreast of current events, of course, so it is natural some of them peg their church signs at headline news. During former President Nixon's wageprice freeze, for instance, Rev. Robert S. Nagle posted "The Wages of Sin Were Not Frozen" on his Immanuel

Lutheran Church bulletin board in Norwood, Pa.

Church bulletins and bulletin boards aren't the only methods churchmen have of reaching the general public. They are often called upon to present invocations, and it is here they get a chance to tie a little humor into the situation. At a civic luncheon in Newport Beach, Calif., the organization president stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, only to find someone had forgotten to bring the Stars and Stripes. Undeterred, he had everyone face the corner where the flag ordinarily would have been and proceeded with the Pledge. Afterwards, a local minister rose to give the invocation. With a faint smile he said, "Gentlemen, I am happy to report that God is where He is supposed to be today. Let us pray."

Rev. Sidney Lovett of the Union Church in Hinsdale, Ill., was asked to give the invocation at the Kodak Coaches of the Year Awards Dinner for the American Football Coaches Association. His prayer, in part, went, "Thou art a God of mercy and so we lift before Thy care those coaches who with endurance and honor—but a losing record—are grateful for a new year. Deliver them from the nightmares of instant replay and sullen alumni. And if it please Thee, bestow upon them  
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# DO YOU KNOW . . .

that Unity School's Mail Opening Department has received as many as 40,000 letters in one day? The average incoming mail runs about 6,000 letters a day, and this keeps the twenty Mail Opening employees hopping. Unity School's mail-processing system utilizes modern equipment and techniques, and it is unique in that it receives prayer requests in many different sizes and shapes.

Actually, "Mail Opening" is a misnomer, for the workers in this department must have multiple skills. They must examine all incoming mail at a rapid rate and sort it to the proper area; separate currency and checks; keypunch and day's accounting into the computer; process foreign mail and currency; and separate all personal mail for Unity Village residents, ministers-in-training, and AUC employees.

When sending mail to the

AUC office, make sure that you address it this way:

**Association of Unity Churches**  
(on the top line)

**Unity Village, MO 64065**

If you wish to call this envelope to someone's attention, make a note of that in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. If the envelope is addressed with just the word **UNITY** on the top line, or if you use one of Unity School's own "turn-around" envelopes, chances are good that it will get opened in Mail Opening, and this will delay its delivery to AUC. Also, please send payments to Unity School and the AUC in separate checks and separate envelopes, to alleviate accounting confusion.

Blessings on your effort to help all of us here at the Village do God's work better and better!

## \*\*\*\*\*RETREAT NEWS\*\*\*\*\*

**SEPTEMBER 28 through OCTOBER 1:** "In Tune With The Movement Of Life" Retreat. Sponsored by Unity Church of Tidewater and Eastern Region Unity Churches at Virginia Beach, Virginia. Featured speaker is Eric Butterworth and other ministers from Eastern Region. Contact Unity Church of Tidewater, 4480 Shell Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455.

## YOU AND YAU REPORTS

by Greg Barrette

### GOODBYE--AND THANK YOU!

When I was 15 years old, I dreamed of someday becoming YOU Coordinator. The past two years as YOU Coordinator have been more fulfilling than my dreams.

YOU has grown a great deal recently--in every way. New YOU chapters are formed nearly every week. The ones that now exist are becoming larger and stronger. Every region is hosting worthwhile activities. Ministerial and board support is a large reason why. Another reason is the quality of our YOU regional coordinators. I hope that I have helped by loving the YOUers and giving them as much as I could.

I have learned more, and have grown more, from YOU than anything I've ever experienced. Thank you, my friends in the field, for giving me the chance to give to YOU.



**Brooks Myers & Greg Barrette**

### BROOKS MYERS, YOUR NEW YOU/YAU COORDINATOR

This year, instead of choosing a ministerial student to be the new YOU Coordinator, Brooks Myers has been employed. Brooks has qualities that will make him the best possible YOU Coordinator.

Brooks was a YOUer in Dallas, where he held the office of South Central Regional Representative. He has been at nearly every YOU Conference in the past decade, both as a YOUer and as a sponsor. He understands young people and has the ability to communicate with them effectively.

Brooks moved here from Washington, D.C., where he was head of a research project for the Budget Department of the U.S. government. When this fact was given to the AUC Board, some wondered "why would he leave such a position to work part-time with teenagers?" I replied, "I know Brooks--and I know that he loves YOU so much that he does not feel as if he is sacrificing anything."

Not so coincidentally, the week Brooks was called to see if he was interested, he had already decided to make a career change. Instead of joining Vista or some other service agency, he is coming to Unity Village to serve our Unity teenagers.



*L to R, Row 1:* Jean Caputo, Great Falls, Montana; Kerrie Ellis-Hubatsek, Awaiting Placement; Billie Blain, Auburn, California; Deanna D'Ambrosia, Detroit, Michigan; Enid Bailey, Jamaica, West Indies; Maria Soler, Miami, Florida; Vicki Walden, Crystal Lake, Illinois; Grace Harvey, Ft. Pierce, Florida; Sue Smith, Buffalo, New York; Beth Winters, Albany, Georgia.

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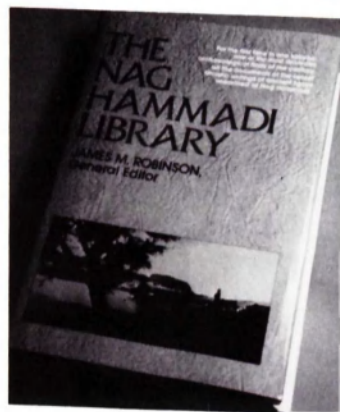
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*Not pictured:* Mike Matoin, Chicago, Illinois



## Nag Hammadi discovery: an alternative to orthodox Christian tradition



*"One of the most  
dramatic archaeological  
finds of the century."*

*(reprinted from the Houston Chronicle, December 8, 1979)*

*by Elaine Pagels—United Press International*

NEW YORK—In December 1945, near Nag Hammadi in Upper Egypt, an Arab peasant made an astonishing archaeological discovery. What he found, hidden in an earthenware jar, were some 52 ancient papyrus texts, including gospels and other secret writings attributed to Jesus and his disciples. The texts contained sayings, poems, myths, philosophical treatises and instructions for mystical practice, all Coptic translations from Greek originals, some dating from the beginning of the Christian era—the period when the New Testament gospels themselves were written.

These so-called gnostic writings describe many of the people and events found in the New Testament but form a strikingly different perspective. They suggest that the early church, far from the unified body that we have assumed it to be, was deeply split from the beginning; that many followers of Jesus were not in agreement on the facts of his life, the meaning of his teachings, or the form that the church should take.

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## NAG HAMMADI DISCOVERY

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From such texts as Gospel of Philip we learn that some gnostic Christians denied that Jesus returned in the flesh and appointed Peter as his successor. The Treatise on Resurrection, discovered at Nag Hammadi, offers instead a symbolic interpretation of resurrection as "the revelation of what is, and the transformation of things and a transition into newness." From other texts we learn that other gnostics challenged the authority of priests and bishops and believed instead in the presence of the divine within the human.

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## 1980 UMS Graduating & Ordination Class



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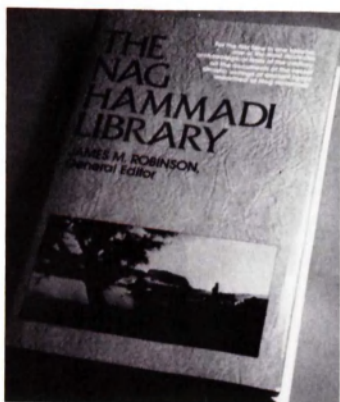
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*Not pictured:* Mike Matoin, Chicago, Illinois



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## Nag Hammadi discovery: an alternative to orthodox Christian tradition



*"One of the most  
dramatic archaeological  
finds of the century."*

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*(reprinted from the Houston Chronicle, December 8, 1979)*

*by Elaine Pagels—United Press International*

NEW YORK—In December 1945, near Nag Hammadi in Upper Egypt, an Arab peasant made an astonishing archaeological discovery. What he found, hidden in an earthenware jar, were some 52 ancient papyrus texts, including gospels and other secret writings attributed to Jesus and his disciples. The texts contained sayings, poems, myths, philosophical treatises and instructions for mystical practice, all Coptic translations from Greek originals, some dating from the beginning of the Christian era—the period when the New Testament gospels themselves were written.

These so-called gnostic writings describe many of the people and events found in the New Testament but form a strikingly different perspective. They suggest that the early church, far from the unified body that we have assumed it to be, was deeply split from the beginning; that many followers of Jesus were not in agreement on the facts of his life, the meaning of his teachings, or the form that the church should take.

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## A TWINKLE IN GOD'S EYE

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sure-fingered ends, fleet runners with secure cartilages, and linemen of granite. . . Now, Lord, Thou alone know whether or not we are worthy of this meal, but with thanks to Kodak, and with teeth both real and false, let us take delight in it."

Right next to the problem of non-attendance for many churches comes the problem of operating capital. Many churches—where not forbidden by gambling laws—pad the exchequer with weekly bingo games. One such is Rev. William Rodda's church in Salisbury, England. But the reverend has added one little nicety. He requests that, instead of shouting "Bingo!", winners use the terms "Amen!" or "Hallelujah!"

If modern churchmen are to keep on communicable terms with the so-called "now" generation, they had better keep well-informed in the field of sports—though not necessarily carrying such interest to the extreme Reverend Carsten Ludder did. Rev. Ludder, who thinks Christmas Eve services are every bit as important as New Year's Day professional football games, printed up a batch of \$11.50 tickets for "50-yard line seats" at "the game of a lifetime" between the Superstars and the Devils. He peddled these, along with a tongue-in-cheek sales letter coached in football ter-

minology, to his parishioners of the Christ the King Lutheran Church in Miami, and in no time at all had raked in some \$300. That was when the church council whistled him offside, telling him, in effect, that His fans would still get into His stadium on freebies.

Churchmen in college towns are especially noted for their school spirit, though not all of them are as cleverly vociferous as those of the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ark., home of the University of Arkansas Razorbacks. When their football team was readying to play Texas University, this sign appeared on their bulletin board: "Football is only a game. Eternal things are spiritual. Nevertheless, BEAT TEXAS!" Then, during homecoming, the "Hogs" were hosting the Bears of Baylor University, a Baptist institution. This time the provocative supplication was: "Beat Those Baylor Baptists—ever so gently."

Parking space, if judgment can be made by the amount of attention pastors are giving it, ranks right up next to non-attendance and funds as a church problem. The St. Joseph Catholic School in Clayton, Mo., posted a private parking sign, with the addendum: "Church business only. Sinners will be towed away." Above the minister's parking space at a church

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# SOMA NEWS

Conference is over and we spouses had a wonderful program of activity to be involved in. I especially want to thank Suzanne Cameron, who was handed the program at the last moment and who managed to pull it together and keep it running smoothly; and to Vivian Clark, who served this last year as Chairman of SOMA.

As I move into the position of chairman this year, I hope that I will be hearing from you, with your ideas for next year's program, your questions, even your problems, I have broad shoulders to cry upon.

Linda Melin  
1208 Elm Tree Rd.  
Sheboygan, WI 53081  
(414) 457-7698

Right now, I am looking for a Co-chairman, someone who has some good ideas to develop for next year's program. Is that person you? Are you willing to devote some of your time in the coming year to our program? If so, please contact me--we need you.

Also, many of the spouses at Conference indicated how much they enjoyed our column in CONTACT. Helen Hampson, who so wonderfully filled the position of Editor (you know what an editor is don't you, that is a fancy title for someone

who does all the work), has become involved in a new ministry and can no longer fill the position. If this is to continue, we need two things: 1) a person who will take the responsibility of seeing that there are articles written and then see that they get to the AUC office so they can get into CONTACT, 2) people who are willing to devote a little time to writing an article for CONTACT. People especially enjoyed the part of the column where spouses were introduced. Maybe you have a friend that you could write a short article about to help the rest of us to get to know her or him. Until one of you comes forth as desiring the position of editor, your articles can be forwarded either directly to the AUC office, with a big note for the SOMA column or to me.

Garnet Quimby, the Chairman of SOMIT has agreed to act as our contact person at the Village. Many of you remember when you were a spouse of a student minister just how eager you were to talk to someone about what it was really like. If you are going to be in the area of Unity Village, I would strongly suggest you consider contacting Garnet and if possible get together with the SOMIT's just for a sharing time.

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Garnet's address is:

Garnet Quimby  
607 Meadow Lane  
Lee's Summit, MO 64063  
(816) 525-3827

We know that Spirit works so that we may meet the needs of those who serve the Lord in the beautiful position of spouse to the minister. We bless each of you knowing that each of you is in your right place. We know that Spirit is working right now to bring forth those people to do the jobs that need to be done. We know that the Spirit now blesses all of those of SOMA and SOMIT.



## LICENSED TEACHER RECOGNITION

Earlier this year the Ad Hoc Licensing Committee met with and approved Shirley J. Martin for Licensed Teacher recognition. The Board of Trustees ratified such recognition. Anyone wishing to write to Shirley may do so at the following address: 4837 Sparrow Drive, Dayton, OH 45424.

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in San Francisco's Chinatown is posted a sign, both in English and Chinese: "Old Chinese proverb: He who parks in minister's space must preach Sunday sermon." Another slap-of-the-tongue example: "No parking except Sundays. Violators will be given sermons." But perhaps the most widely quoted is that once posted by the Downtown Baptist Church of Alexandria, Va., until church leaders convinced Rev. Donald H. Bowen that it was undignified. It read: "Church Parking Only. Violators Will Be Baptized!"

A forgiving nature and a double-edged bon mot was illustrated by the pastor of the Central Church of Christ in Los Angeles with this pronouncement: "If the person who burglarized this church Thursday night will contact the pastor, he will receive important news."

The Occidental United Presbyterian Church in Eagle Rock, Calif., is one church with a bulletin board recurrent with pithy messages in the "now" genre. One stated: "Heading for outer space? Directions inside." It was widely reprinted during the American moonshots.

All in all, however, a church in Enid, Okla., has come up with the best all-purpose church notice. In case all else fails, other churches might take note of it. It says simply: "Read the Bible. It'll Scare Hell Out of You!"



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# SPARKPLUGS

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*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.*

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*WEE WISDOM* offers excellent supplementary material for youth education teachers. "The Prayer of Faith" is in every issue and a number of creative projects provide entertaining character-building activities. The imaginative monthly calendar is excellent for marking birthdays and special events. A free copy of the magazine will be welcomed by Sunday school newcomers.

*WEE WISDOM* for August-September is well suited for use with the summer Sunday school curriculum. Kindergartners have been discussing *Choosing God Thoughts*. The primary grades have been *Learning to Pray*, and the intermediates have been considering *Prayer in My Life*. These three groups will especially enjoy "Tommy Runs Away," the story of a young boy who, feeling sorry for himself, wanders into the woods, wanting to leave behind him the situations that made him angry and unhappy. He hears the small voice of Herman the mouse telling him

that he should turn the whole problem over to God.

"First you must get quiet and relaxed," says Herman. "Know that God is within you, and everywhere about you. Imagine you are talking to Him as you are talking to me. Just feel His love."

Tommy's meditative experience helps him discover why he is unhappy and motivates him to make a list of good things he wants to do.

The Sunday school fall quarter for primary grades focuses on nature and the Bible in *The Friendly Universe*. Students will enjoy in *WEE WISDOM* a number of nature poems written by readers, a story on page 16 entitled "Nature Talk" in which Shelly discovers the joy of quietly visiting with the animals, and a hidden animal puzzle on page 32.

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Martha Smock's new book, *Listen Beloved*, is being released  
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September 1. A book of inspiration, it is expressive of her love and sincerity.

The twenty-eight chapters are short, thus versatile for introductory fellowship or longer classroom application. The theme lends itself to creative thought and imagery and sets the mood for meditative experiences:

"Do you hear me?" whispers the greeting. "I am speaking to you, not in words but in your inmost heart, in the silence of your soul.

"I am the Christ in you.

"I speak, yet it is not I but the Father who speaks.

"I am the Christ in you, the beloved of the Father in you.

"Do you hear me? I am speaking to you.

"I am speaking to you of infinite possibilities that are before you, of wonderful powers that are within you.

"I am speaking to you of mysteries of the Spirit, of everlasting love, of unending, eternal life.

"I am speaking to you of inner reality and outer realization.

"I am speaking to you of greatness and goodness, of

dreams fulfilled, of prayers answered, of appreciation of things present, of anticipation of things to come.

"Listen, beloved. . . ."

Subsequent chapters address themselves to being needed, being strong, comforted, beginning again. Readers will find solace in the chapter on releasing concern about others, confidence and every need can be met, and that God's law of justice does not fail. They will find guidance in spiritualizing their prayers, and in letting go and letting God. They will find a prayer on being a blessing for others. They will acquire assurance that they can accept God's gifts, that they are meant to live life fully, that they are alive, strong and vital, and that God has given His angels charge over them.

Your congregation will be pleased to know that another book is available to them from the editor of *DAILY WORD*--a book that contains the same messages of assurance and encouragement that they enjoy daily in their monthly magazine.

*Listen, Beloved* is a wise choice for a feature display in your book department. It is hardbound and priced at \$3.95.

*The following is an excerpt from an article which appeared in the April 11, 1980, issue of "The Press Democrat," a newspaper in Santa Rosa, California.*

**"Unity is open  
to new ideas"**



**Miki Bowen**

"The Unity Truth Center of Santa Rosa—which has the distinction of having a woman as its minister—is celebrating its first anniversary this week.

"As far as she knows, Bowen is the only female minister now preaching in Santa Rosa. She was ordained 20 years ago by the Unity School of Christianity near Kansas City, Mo.

"She is married and says her retired husband is very supportive of her work. He often fills in as an usher during Sunday services. The couple recently moved to Santa Rosa permanently.

"She was ordained as a minister in 1958 and has been preaching and teaching ever since. Her goal is to become an 'interim minister' and set up developing churches.

Unity Church Center of Santa Rosa has services and Sunday school at 11:00 a.m. with a short prayer session beginning at 10:30.

"Unity School is a part of the revolutionary 'new thought movement' which began more than 100 years ago with Phinneas P. Quimby, a physician and metaphysician from Portland, Me.

"Unity's teachings are based on the spiritual beliefs of the Fillmores, who started the Unity Movement about 90 years ago. The church operates from a headquarters near Kansas City."



The ways of Buddhism will be studied and practiced during a January 2–17 tour to Thailand and Burma, with an optional ten-day visit to Nepal, under sponsorship of University of California Extension, Santa Cruz.

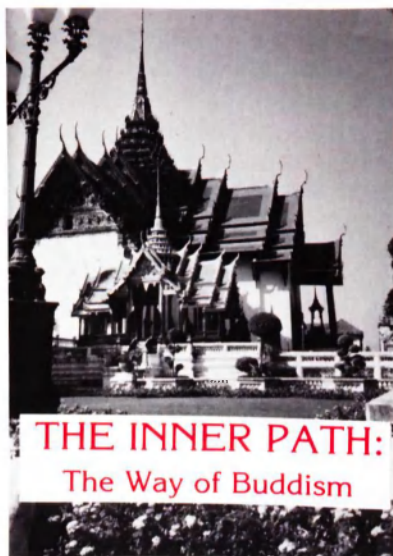
A Western psychologist and a Nepalese Buddhist monk will lead the study of Buddhist traditions, thought, art and meditation techniques as they have flowered in these countries. Dr. Henry Ganzler has lived in Nepal and traveled throughout the East; Ven. Bhikkhu Suman-gala is abbot of a Kathmandu monastery, has represented Nepal at all three World Conferences of Religion and Peace, and is fluent in English and the

languages of the countries to be visited. As he is well known in these countries, participants will meet people and go places usually inaccessible to the tourist.

Each day, participants will practice mindfulness meditation and study Buddhist concepts and techniques for cultivating personal attributes which place one in harmony with life. This daily practice will provide continuity and grounding during the kaleidoscopic experiences of traveling through different cultures. Throughout the tour, Buddhism will be compared with current Western psychological practices.

Fees are \$2,814 for the 16-day tour, or \$3,633 for the 26-day tour, and include round trip air fare from San Francisco, hotels, most breakfasts, some lunches and dinners, transfers, portorage, and transportation during the tour. Academic credit is optional.

For a brochure on "The Inner Path: The Ways of Buddhism," write to Sara McKenzie, University of California Extension, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.



The Royal Palace  
Bangkok



## MEMOS FROM THE MINISTRIES

Just a note to share the exciting news that Sandra Cousens-Kale will be associated with the Unity ministry in Mesa, Arizona with Joel Baehr. Sandy will be giving seminars and teaching classes. She is an outstanding minister and she recently married Howard Kale, Jr., of Scottsdale and is making her home there. Congratulations to all.

Arthur Hammons  
El Cajon, California

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Our Licensed Teacher, **Annie Spencer**, has been chosen as one of the speakers at the International Congress of Esperantists.

Following is the resume of Annie's sharing with those who are part of the Esperanto movement from June to September 1980:

*Annie Spencer, a Licensed Unity Teacher and a Teacher of Esperanto, will be teaching the principles of Unity, using the Esperanto language at the Castle Gresillon, Bauge, France. From there she will go to Malta to attend the Esperanto Teachers Conference in Valetta. Here also, in the "Palace of Knights"*

*Annie has been allocated lecture time and has been asked to contribute articles to the 'Esperanto Teachers Revuo.'*

*Using the Universal language, Esperanto, she will have the opportunity of speaking to 40 or 50 different nationalities at the same time. From Malta, Annie will fly to Stockholm to attend the Universal Congress of Esperantists and then on to England to visit her daughter.*

We are proud of Annie and her achievements in this field.

Midge Berkman  
Brisbane, Australia

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Congratulations to the Unity students in Mesa. Unity of Mesa has purchased a solid piece of real estate that is going to give them a delightful place for the next step in their growth. It is a large house located on East Southern and they will move in after it is expanded and remodeled. Their target date is September 1st. For this expansion, the prayer, love and prosperity that is bringing it into being, we join them in our thankfulness.

Arthur Hammons  
El Cajon, California



## REDUCING STRESS AND CREATING HEALTH

by C. Norman Shealy, M.D.

Stress reduction is remarkably simple. In fact, its simplicity is dependent upon the major determinants of health discussed in What This Patient Needs Is A Good Doctor. To reduce your stress and create enduring health, follow these programs.

### NUTRITION

Eat only foods which have not been chemically altered or massively changed mechanically: This leaves whole rolled, flaked or ground grains; vegetables and fruits (preferably fresh, frozen, dried or canned without chemical preservatives are decreasingly healthful; nuts and seed; meat from animals not raised on antibiotics or hormones; eggs (preferably from healthy chickens who run around on the earth); and milk products (butter, yogurt free of added sugar), real cheese (not processed and other synthetic cheeses).

#### Minimize or Avoid

- a. White bleached flour (occasional use of unbleached white is ok if you get adequate vitamins, minerals and fiber elsewhere)—most commercial bread, pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, lasagna, etc.) and pastries (desserts) are made with this relatively junk food which has 28 essential nutrients removed and only six “replaced.” And they dare call it “enriched.”

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## REDUCING STRESS & CREATING HEALTH

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- b. Artificially or partially hydrogenated fats—margarine, most commercial peanut butter, solid vegetable shortening, etc.
- c. Sugar—(table sugar, corn sweeteners, etc.). The average American consumes 42 teaspoons per day. The body can probably adjust to 6 or 7 teaspoons per day, but 42 is terrible. Honey is better because it takes less to give equal sweet taste.
- d. Caffeine—Coffee, tea, colas and cocoa. If all other habits are good, 1 or 2 cups of coffee or tea are probably reasonable. Decaf is not natural.
- e. Preservatives and artificial flavoring, etc.—Monosodium glutamate, meat tenderizers, BHT and BHA, and most other additives listed with chemical names.
- f. Salt—Salt very lightly and avoid highly salted foods. Light salt or potassium chloride (K-Salt) is preferable.

## PHYSICAL EXERCISE

Limber daily to move each muscle, tendon and joint through a full range of motion.

Exercise adequately to double the resting heartbeat at least 15 minutes 4 times a week or 20 minutes 3 times a week. This must be done cautiously and you must build up slowly to this level over 16 weeks or more. Details on this program next month.

## SELF REGULATION

A positive attitude, 30 minutes of relaxation daily, and balancing of emotions are the stars of this determinant.

Avoiding bad or unhealthy habits requires will power and determination. Smoking, excess intake of food and alcohol, unresolved fear and anger are major results of lack of self-regulation.

Following these approaches to the three major determinants of health will assure you of maximum benefit. Create your own health by choosing healthy habits.

For more information on Self-Health publications, or for suggestions for future columns, contact C. Norman Shealy, M.D., Self-Health Systems, Route 2, Welsh Coulee, LaCrosse, WI 54601.

## EDITOR'S LETTER

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You are invited to contribute to CONTACT. Your article should be about 750 words. It can be a two, three or four series if you feel that is appropriate. We would like to have a picture of you and other pictures pertinent to your article. The pictures should be black and white glossy if possible.

We hope you will agree that sharing on a professional level will enhance our movement as a whole. Blessings to you and your ministry.



## PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND PERSPECTIVES

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meetings in September. This has been made possible by the work of the Coordination Committee and the great cooperation afforded us by Unity School. (b) In the mail is a flyer bringing you all the details of the Intensive Journal Retreat for ministers, spouses, and licensed teachers planned for October 19-23, 1980. Cost of this retreat will be \$125 per person for workshop and facilities. Limited accommodation on a shared room basis will be available at Unity Village, \$11.50 per day shared motel room, \$6.00 per day shared cottage room. Off-campus accommodation is available in the area--Summit Inn is offering a \$2 per day discount for persons attending Unity activities.

**STAFF:** We have a great staff in your AUC office. We are in the process of evaluation the functions within the office, looking at the potentialities of personnel and how we may utilize each person more effectively so that each of us is doing what we enjoy doing and doing it well.

**STRATEGY:** We are looking at our equipment and effective use of it, our procedures and asking ourselves the question "How can we do what we aim to do?"

**STYLE:** We want to do what we do for you with excellence, sharpness, quality and class. We want to establish and emphasize a certain grace in performance, manner, and appearance of office, supplies, and of personnel.

**SPIRIT:** There is a spirit among us! This is reminiscent of the saying of Golda Meier, "Israel's strength is its spirit!" We want this spirit to be contagious. It is one of joy, excitement, expectation, generosity in giving of ourselves to what we really believe in! We believe in you! We love you! We are your AUC staff!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AUGUST

- 2-8 August Festival Retreat,  
Unity Village, MO
- 10-16 YOU Conference, Unity Vil-  
lage, MO
- 17-23 Unity of Ohio & surrounding  
states Fourth Annual Re-  
treat, College of Wooster,  
OH
- 18-22 YAU Conference, Unity Vil-  
lage, MO
- 18-22 Southeast Unity Retreat,  
Boca Raton Hotel & Club,  
Boca Raton, FL; hosted by  
Unity Church of Christ,  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 30-  
Sept. 5 Mid-Season Retreat, Unity  
MO

## SEPTEMBER

- 7-10 Great Lakes Regional Con-  
ference, Toledo, Ohio, hosted  
by First Church Unity,  
Toledo, OH
- 13-19 Autumn Retreat, Unity Vil-  
lage, MO

- 27-  
Oct. 3 Harvest Festival Retreat,  
Unity Village, MO
- 28-  
Oct. 1 Unity Retreat, Virginia Bch.,  
sponsored by Eastern Rgn.

## OCTOBER

- 10-12 Unity Students Retreat, 25th  
Anniversary, Asilomar Con-  
ference Grounds, Pacific  
Grove, CA
- 11-17 Indian Summer Retreat,  
Unity Village, MO
- 12-14 Southeast Unity Regional  
Conference, Don Caesar,  
St. Petersburg, FL, hosted  
by First Unity Church
- 19-24 Minister's Retreat, Unity  
Village, MO
- 25-  
Nov. 7 UICE Session 5, Unity Vil-  
lage, MO

## NOVEMBER

- 8-21 UICE Session 6, Unity Vil-  
lage, MO
- 22-28 Thanksgiving at Unity, Unity  
Village, MO

# CLEARINGHOUSE

WANTED—50 Blue or  
Gold Unity in Song books.  
Please contact: Unity  
Ministry of Reno, 2207  
Kings Row, Reno, NV  
89503; or phone collect  
1-702-747-2207.

WANTED—Old Sunday  
School material (Mary  
Brown's) -- Image For  
Stride, all ages through  
Junior High. Please con-  
tact: Viola Williamson,  
Unity Church, 1219 Tijeras  
Ave., NW, Albuquerque,  
NM 87102.

WANTED—20-30 Unity  
In Song hymnals (either  
gold or blue-blue is pre-  
ferred). Contact Unity of  
Ann Arbor, 3003 No. 1  
Washtenaw, Ann Arbor,  
MI 48104, phone 313-  
971-5262.



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*It is not the number of years we live but the quality of life that is all-important. Eternal life does not wear endless length, but limitless depth. We have made too much of age and death, and not enough of life. Life is not for age and deterioration and death, life is for living.*

Eric Butterworth, in his book,  
*Life Is For Living*