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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



David McClure

Dear Friends,

Recently I read an article by Adam Smith, author of *Powers of Mind*. He recalled the days in which a product stamped "made in Japan" was a sure indication of cheap and shoddy workmanship. Not so today--Japan has become a world model of a smoothly functioning society and its products are of highest quality.

Japan has the world's lowest infant mortality rate and the highest life expectancy rate.

Crime? In Japan, the cities are safe and the crime rate is going down.

I'm not trying to promote Japan, but I am interested in the process by which this

crowded group of islands, without significant natural resources, has brought itself to a place where it is working better than most other societies.

The Japanese have learned the art of cooperation. They work throughout the day in an atmosphere in which consensus is always the goal.

We here in the Western Hemisphere, and especially in Unity, pride ourselves on our individualism. Our diversity of talents and strengths is what has made us great. While our individualism can be one of our greatest strengths, it has also proven to be one of our greatest weaknesses.

We wonder why our AUC organization does not function smoothly. We bicker with each other and distrust the intentions of our associates. Something in our make-up promotes adversary relations and divisiveness. We seem to have lost a sense of community.

We have complained that our organization is too big and that it directs us too much. We have become suspicious of one another and of our brothers and sisters at Unity School.

I believe that the time has come for Unity to become COMM-UNITY.

I'm not suggesting that we

give up our precious freedom of choice. But let us choose to help one another to win. Let us reach out to one another in a spirit of mutuality. Let us become a support group for each other; for when one of our number loses, we all lose.

The model lived by Jesus and his disciples was one of "all togetherness" and interdependence. He said that loving "one another" was just as important

as loving oneself. Jesus focused on one lost sheep or the one sparrow that had fallen. He knew that no one "gets there" until we all "get there."

There is a time and place for individualism. Each one of us must follow a "different drummer." But there is also a time and place for group solidarity and team consciousness. I believe for us in Unity now is the time as never before. •



## NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

**John and Jane Wingfield**, Unity Christ Church, San Luis Obispo, California announce the birth of a daughter, **Lianna Jamil**, born October 3.

**Marvin and Kathryn Anderson**, co-ministers of Unity of Victoria, Canada, announce the arrival of daughter, **Susanna Marie**, born October 23.

**Howard and Diane Caesar**, Unity of Olympia, Olympia, Washington, announce the birth of a daughter, **Star Marie**, born November 9.

**Ralph and Rosemary Rhea** have been placed at Unity Truth Center, Port Richey, Florida. They will be joining the congregation on January 1, as co-ministers.

**W.E. Goodison-Orr** has accepted placement in Unity of Atlanta, Georgia, "Goodi" will be serving the congregation beginning the first of the new year, as Rebecca Clark is leaving to go on sabbatical.

A special event recently took place at Unity of Livonia, Michigan, **Eugene Sorensen**, minister. The church soloist, **Heidi Hepler**, became Miss Livonia of 1979. She became Miss Michigan of 1980, which allowed her to compete in the Miss America Contest in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Gene said, "Heidi is a radiant and beautiful expression of what the Truth can do in one's life. The blossoming of her life is a truly remarkable story and is a rich blessing not only to young people but to any one of us seeking to live and express the Truth more fully in our lives."

*MINISTRY  
SERVICES  
PERSPECTIVES*  
by  
*Alan Rowbotham*



Let's begin! If there is any idea more appropriate for the New Year, I don't know of it.

I'm learning repeatedly that the most important part of anything I do is to begin. Nothing else gets me started! Nothing else puts me on the road to completion. I suppose to end something is just about as important as to begin, yet even then a new beginning is required.

For me, last year was full of endings and beginnings. No doubt this year too will have its share. I've shared with you in previous issues of *CONTACT* some of the beginnings that have occurred in the AUC Office over the past year. Here are a few more that have happened recently:

**Debi Martin** has been appointed Editorial Assistant for *CONTACT* Magazine. Even though this is an entirely new area of responsibility for Debi, she has a natural feel for the job at hand and is excited about working into the editorship of the magazine. **Cheryl Vestal**, our talented typesetting operator and graphics supervisor, will work closely with Debi on

*CONTACT*. **Tom Witherspoon**, Unity School Editor, has graciously offered to share with us the expertise of his editorial staff as we define the purpose and refine the content of this magazine.

I want to thank **Charley Townsend**, the former Managing Editor of *CONTACT*, for the marvelous work he did in bringing the magazine up to its present format. Special thanks to Charley, too, for taking on the additional responsibilities of coordinating our printing needs when I moved into my present position and needed to delegate some of my workload.

**Dan Adcox**, foreman of our Shipping Department, is now also Production Supervisor. Dan coordinates the production of all printed materials generated by the AUC Office.

Just recently our receptionist, **Kari Lynn Townsend**, resigned her position to return to her home in California. We thank Kari Lynn for a job well done, and we welcome a new friend, **Vicki Becklean**, as our new receptionist.

As Debi Martin has now moved into a new responsibility

in addition to her work as Outreach Services Coordinator, she is no longer serving as the back-up receptionist. So another new voice you'll be hearing on the phone will be that of **Pam Bottorff**. Pam is now in charge of our order desk. She will receive all your merchandise orders and be back-up receptionist and general office secretary. Welcome, Pam.

**Clio Turner**, our senior citizen volunteer in the Shipping Department, recently broke her hip and is out of action for a while. She is very much missed, and we see her on the road to a rapid recovery and vibrant good health. She appreciates your loving prayer support.

In my own "let's begin" program, I've been upgrading my skills through seminar programs and much new practical experience. I feel that we've made progress in our office structure and that we're meeting your needs more effectively in many areas. Of course, there are a lot more "let's begins" to move into and there always will be.

Often too, it's "Let's begin *again...and again...and again.*" But I'm finding, as always, that persistence pays off. I'm recognizing too that "let's begin" programs in the form of continuing education and job training are very important for our staff. So I am strongly encouraging this type of activity in the belief that expenditures in this area generate a tremendous return on investment through increased morale, motivation, and skills.

"Let's begin" will probably continue to be a watchword for me during this new year as we in your AUC Office pay close attention to the different aspects of our service to you and learn better ways of doing the things we need to do.

As we focus on how to accomplish the things we need to do in a more effective way, it is highly likely that in the future a great deal of cooperation will be needed on a regional and local level. This cooperation is already in evidence, and your response is well reflected in these words: "Let's begin!"

Have a happy and prosperous New Year

Let's begin. . . . *now!*

Love and blessings,

*Alan*

# COUNSELING

by  
Sandra H. Cousens Kale



*The subject of counseling is a lengthy and involved one. The need to understand the principles of counseling efficiently and effectively is the topic of this article. It will not "make" you a counselor. It will only share some thoughts and directions that you may choose to explore to become a more effective counselor or ministerial director of a counseling staff within the church or center setting.*

## The honest counselor

"Teach me to counsel" is an urgent cry among most ministerial students, ministers, and mental health specialists. The fact is, no one can be "taught" to counsel. This request often indicates preconceived concepts as to what counseling is supposed to do. Someone working from this premise takes upon him or herself undue responsibility for client change, like a magician who waves a magic wand, knows what is the right course of action for an individual to take and makes him or her take it--then the world is in order so the individual may live happily ever after. The client often reflects this same attitude. "Make me well and do it right now"! This is a trap that many well-meaning, committed ministers are subject to.

Counseling that can be taught or learned is really best titled "counseling skills." It is still up

to the individual to be an effective counselor and, according to my definition, an effective counselor is one who has explored him or herself, recognized needs, attitudes, thoughts, motivations, and has had more successes than failures in counseling. If clients never come back, or if they continue on and on and on, or if they don't change, then something is not being done within the sessions for the counseling to become successful. Evaluating counseling progress can be very painful, and it takes an honest counselor to face any area within the situation that is not changing, or is avoided, or is constantly rehashed.

## What is the purpose of counseling?

This is a question that anyone wishing to counsel needs to ask him or herself. It is amazing how many different answers

can be given to the question. How it is answered determines the counseling relationship. To me, the purpose of counseling is to *participate* in the freeing of an individual to become more dependent on the Christ self--to draw a person out; point out options; encourage choices; confront "game playing"; apologize when wrong; share vulnerabilities; stimulate growth and responsibility to and for self. Try a variety of interventions or new methods if the old stand-bys aren't working. Put the client in control of the counseling goals so that he or she decides the outcome or areas of exploration as awareness develops. All these aspects encourage internal dependence. In this process, the counselor gains greater awareness of his or her own thoughts and feelings and becomes more dependent on the Christ self.

### **What do you expect to receive from counseling?**

The counselor should learn and grow along with the client. If there isn't some accomplishment, some new awareness on the part of the counselor, then an exchange isn't happening. The counselor needs to honestly confront what he or she expects *to receive from counseling* in order to be an honest counselor. How much change can the client accept, absorb, and assimilate, and at what rate? This is

the crux of self-evaluation, of being honest with oneself. The magnetic attraction of the experience of change, growth and fulfillment is the prize of honest evaluation and the prize of participating in the client's self-exploration. When both experience the risk of launching out into the world process and inward to an infinite process, the counselor is rewarded with his or her growth primarily and secondarily by the client's growth. For the client the same is true but the point of interest is reversed. The counselor who is "self-sacrificing" will soon get discouraged and develop excuses for not counseling. The key is not to be afraid--to be the flowing, changing, open, expressive, creative person one has the divine right to be and to encourage the client to claim all "right to life" options.

### **Be honest enough to let go.**

Don't hold onto a client because you feel that you "have to help" him or her.. Be free enough to refer a client when the need is beyond your professional expertise. If the person is showing signs of psychosis or neurosis, be loving enough to refer him or her to another professional who can invest the time and facilities to help make the person's life better. Church or center counseling often isn't the best environment for deeply disturbed out-of-contact-with-

reality clients. You could arrange with a doctor or psychiatrist to be co-counselor in order to help your client make the transfer of trust that may have developed in your sessions. It is not a failure to recognize needs beyond your present skills. Be kind to yourself and to the client--loose them to their highest good, and you to yours.

### **Be honest enough to admit your areas of weakness.**

Take time to invest in seminars or special classes that will increase your counseling and coping skills. There are always new research, new methods, and new approaches being developed. Keeping abreast of these will give you more tools with which to work. This is an investment in yourself, and the techniques you learn may surface during a counseling session to help others when you least expect it.

### **What are you worth?**

Place a mental value on yourself. Your time is worth something. Statistics show that people most often appreciate what they pay for. Unity does not "charge." However, you can suggest a minimum love offering rather than have the client squirm because he or she doesn't understand what a love offering is. You could ask the client to place the value on the sessions.

You will be surprised, often favorably, as to the value received. Sometimes the "surprise" isn't so favorable. Then you need to ask yourself what value is missing in the client's needs, rather than assuming you know that he or she hasn't any money. If the client isn't in the position to give monetary compensation, then ensure his or her dignity in not accepting "charity" by allowing him to work in the church or on some special project. These people often become your most dedicated workers because they have found "something" that works in their lives. You in return have given them a way to express self-respect. Be generous enough with yourself to look for your own emotional, mental and monetary rewards, remembering, "It's God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Your responsibility may be to define what aspects of the kingdom you are to be rewarded with.

### **Cherish your divine privilege.**

You are in the prime position of *confidentiality*. There is no circumstance where a client's confidence can be betrayed. If the client gives you *written* permission of disclosure, then the circumstances and the rules have changed. You will be protecting yourself legally also should such a case arise. The trust of another individual is a sacred gift and

should be regarded as fragile, precious, and a divine privilege.

**Summary**--To evaluate yourself is one of the most difficult tasks to be undertaken. However, it would give not only a greater inner understanding of who and what you are, but it would begin to dissolve the myriad

dichotomies that separate one from oneself. Self-evaluation is a starting point at which to meet the client on equal ground. Both of you will be student and teacher, participating in each other's growth, discovering each other's Christlike potentials. It's an exciting adventure. It is the foundation upon which to build and develop counseling skills.

We will present the next article on Counseling in the March/April issue of CONTACT.



## NOTICE!

We invite all Unity ministers and licensed teachers to be a part of CONTACT Magazine. We encourage you to share your ideas, opinions, projects, and other services. CONTACT is prepared as a "house organ" for the Unity ministries to provide a communication vehicle between Unity field leaders.

We ask that you submit your articles in double-spaced, typewritten form, and not hand written. The deadline for CONTACT is the 15th of the month (January-March-May-July-September-November). Please limit the article to under 1,000 words in order to have room for as many manuscripts and ideas as possible. Please send your articles to CONTACT Magazine, Association of Unity Churches, Unity Village, MO 64065. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

## NEWS & VIEWS ON UMS

### *A Spirit of Cooperation: Unity Ministerial School and*

### *Unity Institute for Continuing Education*



In the past, there have been many occasions to define the relationship between Unity School and the Association of Unity Churches. One of the strongest areas of this relationship has been in the function of education.

Even during difficult times in our relationship, there continued a strong cooperative effort between the faculty and administration of the Unity Ministerial School and the faculty and administration of Unity School's Education department.

We are entering into a time of improving our cooperative efforts and looking to be supportive of each other to an even greater degree.

The educating and preparing of competent professional leaders for the Unity ministry must be a primary objective of the Association of Unity Churches. We are now in a time that can set a new tone for the future. This can be a time in which we can develop an educational program that can truly prepare people for the ministry with the kinds of talents, skills, and abilities that touch the consciousness of this world with the vital message we have to share.

At this time there are forty second-year students and thirty-seven first-year students in the program.

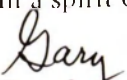
The Unity Ministerial faculty consists of **Hypatia Hasbrouck**, **Gary Jones**, and **Kathryn Rowbotham**. Auxiliary AUC faculty members include **Alan Rowbotham** and **Maggie Finefrock**.

We appreciate the assistance of Unity School in making available to us upon our request members of their staff. Teachers from Unity School currently teaching in this term are **Frank Giudici**, **Martha Giudici**, **Connie Strickland**, **Jane Waddington**, and **Phil White**.

Daily operation of the Unity Ministerial School is being handled by **Gladys Branscum**, Acting Administrator, **Gary Jones**, Acting Faculty Chairman; and **Ann Elarton**, UMS Secretary.

If you have any questions pertaining to the Unity Ministerial Program, please call on us.

In a spirit of love,

  
Gary Jones  
Acting Faculty Chairman

# EATING THE "NATURAL" DIET

## Stocking Up

by C. Norman Shealy, M.D.

Despite the simplicity of the natural diet, food has been so artificially altered (processed chemically and mechanically) that most people are at a loss to know how to buy and prepare natural meals. Even purchasing good food requires extra attention since a majority of foods in most grocery stores is chemically altered with additions of sugar, BHT, BHA, and other preservatives. Despite the effort required, the quality of your food can be improved--and costs reduced--if you shop wisely.

First, for bulk items, try either a natural food co-op or order from a reputable organic food supplier. Stock your larder with whole wheat, brown rice, millet, corn, rye, buckwheat, triticale, and oats. If you do not invest in your own "mill," you will also want corn meal, whole wheat and buckwheat flour, and rolled oats. All these cereals are delicious simply boiled alone or in various combinations, served with sauces, butter, curries, or in casseroles. They can also be ground and cooked as you



would cream of wheat; or they can replace up to one-half of the flour in various pastries, breads, etc. Whole wheat macaroni, spaghetti, lasagna, etc., also offer welcome variety.

As a minimum, purchase brown sesame seeds (excellent for complementing protein and for flavor; they can also be sprouted easily). Alfalfa seeds for sprouting are another must; sunflower and pumpkin seeds offer optional variety.

An extensive selection of peas and beans rounds out the basic stock. You may want to begin with chick peas, lentils aduzi, mung, green peas (whole and split), and soy. Lima beans and black-eyed peas are other favorites. All these require at least overnight soaking plus fairly long cooking or grinding the next morning. For a magnificent humus, soak chick peas overnight. Then grind or blend 2 cups of chick peas, 1 cup of sesame seeds,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt, and the juice of 1 lemon. Cooked chick peas can also be used. Humus is a delicious complete "protein" food and is excellent

with whole wheat bread or puff bread.

Nuts are also excellent food; almonds and peanuts are basic choices, but choose any variety you like. Grind your own peanut butter or buy old-fashioned types. You may mix humus and peanut butter for a taste treat.

As a general rule, per person per year, you need

--150-200 lbs. of grains

--75-100 lbs. of beans & peas

--10-15 lbs. of nuts

--5 lbs. of seeds

Ideally you will also raise large quantities and many varieties of fresh vegetables or purchase them from an organic gardener/farmer. Irish potatoes, green beans, sugar peas (especially snap peas with edible pods), lettuce, kale, chard, summer and winter squash, tomatoes, onions, garlic and cabbage are minimal varieties.

Fresh eggs and homemade yogurt are essentials. Yogurt can be made from a Piima culture which grows easily at room temperature, (culture obtained from Piima, Box 2614, LaMasa, CA 92041). Freeze it in a clean jar, divide your initial batch in half so that you always have a fresh starter.

Fish and meats raised free of added hormones and chemicals are healthy and tasty additions

to the natural diet. Two to six ounces per day will satisfy taste and supply enough protein (even two ounces per day if you blend grains and peas and beans).

Natural (non-processed) cheeses are also good in moderation (not more than one or two ounces per day).

Fresh whole fruits add joy to the process of eating. In general they should supply many snacks and desserts. When these are not available, frozen (without sugar but with a little honey) or dried (without sulfur dioxide) may be used in moderation (especially dried fruits, which tend to be eaten in large quantities because of their lesser bulk).

Honey may be used in a natural diet; certainly no more than one pound per week and ideally only one-half pound or less.

In summary, stock your larder with virtually all these foods and avoid those that are bleached and/or "perserved," or artificially hydrogenated or flavored.

For more information on Self-Health publications, contact C. Norman Shealy, M.D., Ph.D., Self-Health Systems, Route No. 2, Welsh Coulee, LaCrosse, WI 54601.

# **TAX CONSIDERATION IN SELECTING A RETIREMENT PLAN**

**Richard Jungck, C.P.A.—Baird, Kurtz & Dobson**

As the year end approaches, consideration must be given to financial planning for 1981. Factors to consider are the alternatives available for contributions to a retirement plan. As you know, the Association has established a money purchase pension plan that can be adopted by any member church.

Upon adoption of the Association's plan, all full-time employees who have completed one year of service and have attained the age of twenty-five will be eligible to participate. In addition, the employee must agree to make the voluntary contributions required under the plan. For purposes of this rule, years of service will include years of service with the employer before adoption of the plan, service with another member of the Association which has not adopted the plan, or service with Unity School of Christianity.

As the plan is adopted, the employer is required to contribute 8 percent of a participant's salary to the plan and the participant is required to contribute 3 percent of his or her salary to the plan. In addition, the participant may voluntarily contribute an additional 7 per-

cent to the plan so that the total contribution would equal 10 percent. The participant's contributions do not result in a tax deduction although the income earned on the participant's contribution is not subject to tax until distributed. This allows a participant to save and see his savings compound faster than would occur if the funds were placed in a savings account.

It should be noted at this point that even though a minister is classified as a self-employed person for purposes of the Social Security taxes, a minister is an employee of a member church for most other purposes, including the money purchase pension plan. Thus, if a member church adopted the plan, the minister would be eligible to participate in the plan if he or she would meet the age and years of service requirements and would agree to make the voluntary contributions.

If the member church has not adopted the money purchase pension plan, the minister and other employees would be free to contribute to an individual retirement account. Each employee would have to establish his own account and could

contribute 15 percent of compensation up to \$1,500. If the contribution is within the limits referred to in the previous sentence, they will be deductible on the individual's personal tax return.

It should also be remembered that even if the member church has adopted the money purchase pension plan, the minister will typically receive amounts of income other than salary. This could include income as a result of weddings, seminars, or other services. This income would be classified as self-employment income and the minister could establish a Keogh (H.R. 10) plan to receive up to 15 percent

of his self-employment income. Again, this contribution would be deductible on the individual's tax return.

There is also a minimum contribution rule for Keogh plans. If your adjusted gross income is less than \$15,000, you may contribute up to \$750 of your self-employment income to a Keogh plan even though this exceeds the 15 percent limitation mentioned earlier. Bear in mind that the salary received from the church as compensation can be considered only for money purchase pension plan or individual retirement account (one but not both) purposes and is not eligible compensation for a Keogh plan.

*A brief article such as this does not cover all the ramifications of a retirement plan. If you are interested in any of the plans discussed in this article, you should discuss this with a competent advisor before a course of action is taken.*



## HOLY LAND TOUR

Holy Land Pilgrimage has been scheduled to take place February 17-27, 1981, with an optional four-day extension to Egypt. **Deanna D'Ambrosia**, assistant minister of West Side Unity Church, Detroit, Michigan, is chairperson of the

pilgrimage committee.

The purpose of this trip is to encourage the sponsorship of sending Unity Ministers-in-Training and Urban Ministers-in-Training to the Holy Land for their increased spiritual education and enlightenment.

## 1980 Unity Ministerial School Classes



**L to R, Row 1:** Faculty members--Frank Giudici, Maggie Finefrock, Gary Jones, Faculty Chairperson; Jane Waddington, Kathryn Rowbotham, Alan Rowbotham, Phil White, Martha Giudici, James D. Freeman, Bill Dale, Hypatia Hasbrouck, Gladys Branseum, Acting Administrator; Ann Elarton, School Secretary, Catherine Garvey, Class Vice-President; Imogene Benson, Treasurer; Blair Tabor, Chaplain; Richard Tweedy, President; Coletta Davidson, Class Secretary.

**Row 2:** Greg Neteler, Ama Ama, Stan Smith, Trisha Price, Colleen Lehnus, Harriet Baumeister, Mary Ann Detzler, Joe Bettencourt, Betty O'Shea, Giita Clark, Ed Hart, Rita Marie Kirby, Susan Burson, Dee Farr, Dick Kruse, Jack Graf, Vi Davis.

**Row 3:** Frank Munkel, Louise Munkel, Mya Udy, Irma Oestmann, Dawne Brooks, Lynette Griffith, Gerry Fetterhoff, Richard Levy,

Vivian Huber, Sonja Creech, Julie Keene, Bryan Graham, Elizabeth Mazek, Joyce Meeh, Shirley Katrobos, Bill Katrobos, Bea Jessen, Virginia Clement, Clotia Robinson.

**Row 4:** Philip Schlaefter, Helice Greene, Walter Jones, Teresa Lee, Curt Jantz, Katherine Jantz, Bob Ellsworth, Audrey McGinnis, Joyce DeViscovo, Mel Ryman, Cheryl Trafton, Riley Allen, Judy Yost, Charley Townsend, Ron Williamsen, Ron Ballenger, Al Townsend, Jack VanOrman.

**Row 5:** Sherman Olson, Dan Mueller, Walter Larick, Carol Hollister, Cathy Plemmons, Lafayette Seymour, Harald Szemkus, Dee Thompson, Freddi Paris, Pete Paris, Thora Hess, June Robison, Sylvia Parr, Doug Quimby, Cisley Malmi, Gerrie Schober, Bill Wilson, Doug Bottorff, Lola Andrews.

## ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

### Statement of General Funds Operation

Six Months Ended September 30, 1980

| INCOME—OPERATIONS:            | <u>August</u>      | <u>September</u>   | <u>Year to Date</u>   |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Love Offering                 | \$30,736.20        | \$47,311.50        | \$231,474.20          |
| Other Income                  | <u>7,682.26</u>    | <u>6,313.35</u>    | <u>33,944.85</u>      |
|                               | 38,418.46          | 53,624.85          | 265,419.05            |
| Less: Tithe Transfer          | <u>3,073.62</u>    | <u>4,731.15</u>    | <u>23,147.42</u>      |
|                               | 35,344.84          | 48,893.70          | 242,271.63            |
| Gross Profit Materials        | <u>6,371.14</u>    | <u>3,216.38</u>    | <u>22,669.66</u>      |
| Total Income                  | 41,715.98          | 52,110.08          | 264,941.29            |
| <br>                          |                    |                    |                       |
| EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:          |                    |                    |                       |
| Ministry Services             | 26,904.13          | 32,760.24          | 196,289.46            |
| Ministerial Education         | <u>13,481.83</u>   | <u>17,345.37</u>   | <u>85,319.47</u>      |
| Total Expenses                | <u>40,385.96</u>   | <u>50,105.61</u>   | <u>281,608.93</u>     |
| <br>                          |                    |                    |                       |
| INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES: | <u>\$ 1,330.02</u> | <u>\$ 2,004.47</u> | <u>\$ (16,667.64)</u> |

### UNITY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

May 1980 — September 1980

Year to Date Contribution Total: \$47,122.08



## Women in Unity Ministry Seminar

In response to the field's desires voiced at Conference 1980, a "Women in Unity Ministry Seminar" will be presented at Unity Village on January 8-10. The cost of the seminar will be \$30, which

includes all lectures, films, and workshops.

If you are interested in finding out more details contact Martha Giudici, Unity Village Chapel, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.

This past fall our church decided to commit an act of love by creating a neighborhood circulation day. Members brought to our church various items they had not been using. Then we invited the public to come and take anything they felt they needed. It was sort of a garage sale without money.

I strongly urge you to consider having a "Circulation Day" in your church. Be sure to advise all newspapers and television stations in your community. The purpose is not to demonstrate charity but to prove prosperity. There are certainly enough goods to go around once we practice the law of circulation. During our Circulation Day, two newspapers did feature articles and a station filmed for three hours for the syndicated show, "P.M. Magazine." The story was so well received it took one of four "Top Stories of the Year." Due to public response of the story the news station is now working with us on a city-wide Circulation Day to be held in July. All Kansas City churches and synagogues will be asked to participate in the mass Circulation Day to benefit the entire Kansas City area.

On a Saturday morning hundreds of people passed through our church claiming everything from popcorn poppers to fur coats. A good time was had by all, but two incidents in particular made my heart light up. I write them now with the hope that they will touch you.

I opened the door early Saturday morning to hundreds of enthusiastic people. In thirty minutes everything was gone, yet there were many people who never got a chance to take items. I was concerned that somehow we had failed

## *Sowing and Reaping*

*by  
Mark Yarnell*



by not having enough things for everyone. As I began to walk around and explain our situation to various groups of people an amazing thing happened. The tables began to fill up once again with clothing and household goods. You see, the people who had come early to receive caught the spirit of giving. They returned home, cleared out their closets, and came back to church to give their wares.

This process repeated itself numerous times, and when we finally closed the doors we had given away approximately five times as much as we initially hoped for. It was magnificent to see hundreds of people excitedly sharing with each other.

On Friday before Circulation Day, as I sat in my office, a little man of perhaps eighty-five years shuffled in and sat down. I introduced myself and then asked how I might help him. He explained how he was too old to fight a crowd and therefore had come one day early because he desperately needed a winter coat. He said, "The Lord told me if I would come a day early, someone would help me."

I was totally unprepared for the encounter because we had told people not to bring items to church until the evening before Circulation Day. As lovingly as I could, I explained the cir-

cumstances to him. He listened very calmly and when I had finished he very resolutely stated, "You don't understand. The Lord told me you would help me."

We sat silently for a few moments and then I explained to him that I had to leave the church and make a hospital call. Gradually the old man pulled himself to his feet and began hobbling toward the door. Suddenly a thought occurred to me. In one of the church closets a few items of clothing had been left over from a rummage sale that had been held earlier. I took the man's arm and walked him toward the closet.

As I sifted through what were mostly women's dresses, I happened upon what appeared to be a brand new overcoat. Gleefully I handed it to the little man and he wrapped it around his tired shoulders. A tailor could not have designed a coat to fit him more perfectly.

He smiled in triumph and without saying a word spun around and almost youthfully strutted toward the door. Before leaving he turned to me with a magical sparkle in his eyes said something I'll not soon forget.

He said, "Young man, if you're going to be a preacher you got to learn something. The Lord don't ever lie."

## SIG PAULSON SPEAKS TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



*Left to Right:* Chaplain James Ford, U.S. House of Representatives; Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr.; J. Sig Paulson; and Congressman Charlie Rose (North Carolina), on August 26, 1980, when Sig had opening prayer for the House session.

Sig Paulson, Unity Church of Christianity, Houston, Texas, offered the opening prayer for the United States House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. on August 26, 1980. Sig's prayer:

*"Let us take a few moments to be grateful for each other and for all who pray with us today.*

*"Our Heavenly Father, Creator of heaven and Earth, we still our busy minds and open our hearts to Your love.*

*"Let there be peace in our beautiful spaceship, Earth, and let it begin anew right now in us. Inspire us to remember that we are created in*

*Your image, energized by Your love and life. Stir up Your Spirit within: Clear our vision, lift our faith, regenerate our will, expand our love into peaceful creative action.*

*"The light of God surrounds us.*

*"The love of God enfolds us.*

*"The power of God protects us.*

*"The presence of God watches over us.*

*"Wherever we are, God is. Amen."*

Following the time of prayer, Congressman Charlie Rose responded with these comments:

*"Mr. Speaker, the United States of America has prospered and our freedoms expanded because this is a*

nation that cherishes unity in diversity.

*"We are proud of our many denominations of spiritual belief and broad spectrum of religious faith. As Americans, we seek a higher vision under God to constantly perfect ourselves and our nation. Accordingly, we welcome today the opening prayer offered by a minister of a denomination that is relatively few in numbers but very great in spirit.*

*"I refer to the Reverend J. Sig Paulson, minister of the Unity Church of Christianity. Reverend Paulson has come to us from Houston, Tex., to inspire this House today with an opening prayer.*

*"It is good and fitting that a nation that inscribes on its currency the words, "In God We Trust," reflect on the insight that America is built upon more than materialism and scientific achievements. Our nation rests upon faith in a universal God who may be approached through the many paths to Christ consciousness."*

Sig said this wonderful experience was shared by **Janie**, his wife, and their grandson, **Ricky**. After the day's session, they were invited to a reception in the office of Congressman Rose and had a chance to become better acquainted.

Sig said that Unity ministers might want to drop a note to their representatives and senators, telling them of your love and support in what is becoming an increasingly complex and difficult assignment. •



## IN MEMORIAM

On September 21, **Viretta Sutherland**, licensed Unity teacher, made her transition at age ninety-two. She was a pioneer worker for Unity in Central Illinois for decades and continued teaching up to several weeks before her departure.

**Margaret Skidmore**, Northwest Youth Education Coordinator, passed on August 30. Margaret was involved in an automobile accident that also caused serious injuries to her husband and daughter. Margaret played a vital and enthusiastic part in the Unity Youth Education program.

**Bernice Biggers**, minister of Unity Church of Sun City, made her transition on August 15. Bernice had been an ordained Unity minister for more than thirty years, touching many lives with her everlasting knowledge of Truth.

We rejoice with these souls, as they go on in their next phase of growth and development. We know they are with us in thought, and the love we all shared serves as the bridge between dimensions, uniting us eternally.

## YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT

by Maggie Finefrock



*"The time has come" the Walrus said,  
"To talk of many things  
of shoes--and ships--and sealing wax  
of cabbages--and kings.  
And why the sea is boiling hot  
And whether pigs have wings."--Lewis Carroll.*

Are you looking for a fresh way to stretch your creativity for the New Year? If you have not already embarked upon this great adventure, why not try incorporating a children's sermon into your Sunday worship service?

Many churches are emphasizing family worship services as a means to encourage family participation; promote intergenerational sharing of faith; bring more life to the worship experience; and help young people feel they are an important part of the congregation.

One way to provide this atmosphere of ministry to all ages is a children's sermon, already used successfully in some Unity Centers. This can be handled in several creative ways, but here is one suggestion.

Have the family sit together for the first part of the service, the opening prayer, songs, and announcements. The children's

talk is usually given before the meditation so children can then return to their classes.

When it is time, the minister asks the children to come to the front of the sanctuary. They can sit in a half-circle around the minister, on the steps, etc. The minister should sit at eye level with the children.

What kinds of activities can be successful in a children's lesson? The answers are as far-reaching as your imagination.

Usually this segment lasts from five to ten minutes. The theme can be a capsulized version of the adult lesson to be given later in the service. It can be a reinforcement of the power or objectives that the Youth Education Department is working on for one month. Whatever you choose, you will probably find that the adults learn and enjoy as much as the children. But remember, this is a special time to be with

the children and not a time to preach to the parents in disguise!

An effective way to present concepts to children (of all ages) is through object lessons--talks that focus on one concept and a tangible object, as in the example given later in this article. Here are some simple steps for writing and presenting your talk:

1. Focus on one main idea.
2. Find an object or interesting illustration of that main idea.
3. Reinforce the idea as many ways as possible.
4. Draw the Truth out of the children rather than just telling.
5. Help the children apply this idea to their daily lives.

Here is an example of a children's talk that you might use. You might find that you have fun along with the kids relating to Truth from a new angle!

#### THE IRRITATED OYSTER

Text: Ephesians 4:2-3. With all lowliness and meekness...with forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Object: A small rock and a pearl.

Main Thrust: Make an effort to respond positively to irritation.

Minister: Can you all see this? (Hold the small stone in the palm of your hand.) It's very small, but I want all of you to take a good look at it. Now, you wouldn't think that something this small could cause much of a problem would you? But it can. And lots of times it does! How many of you have ever gotten a small rock like this one inside your shoe? (Let them have a show of hands and relate the experience.) It really can be a problem can't it? Every time you take a step, it hurts. It rubs against your foot, and pretty soon you have a very sore spot.

What is usually the first thing you do when you get a rock in your shoe and begin to feel it rubbing? That's right. You take off your shoe and throw the rock away. That solves the problem. Have you ever thought however, what would happen if you could not take your shoe off? What if that rock just had to stay there? That could be a very painful experience. Yet that is exactly what happens to poor Mr. Oyster.

How many of you know what an oyster is? Well, it's a kind of mollusk that looks like a little muscle, and it lives inside a shell at the bottom of the ocean. One of the biggest problems in an oyster's life is that sometimes

a small grain of sand gets inside its shell, like the little rock that gets into your shoe. The oyster's problem is that it does not have any way of getting the sand out. It just stays there and rubs against him. It irritates him and makes him sore. That would be a hard way to go through life, wouldn't it? What do you think the oyster does? Can any of you guess? (At this point some of the ideas may prove interesting.)

Let me tell you what he does. When that rock starts rubbing and hurting, the oyster puts a very fine coating of fluid over it. The oyster is small, so he can only put a little on at a time, but every time that rock hurts him, he puts on a little more and little more. Very slowly all the rough edges of that stone get smoothed out as it is coated over and over again. Do you know what finally happens? We get one of these. (Show them the pearls.)

They really are pretty, aren't they? You see, with a lot of patience and hard work, the oyster turns that painful rock into a beautiful smooth pearl. It isn't easy, but I'm sure you will all agree it is worth it in the end.

I think you can all see the lesson we can learn from the oyster. I don't mean that we are going to make the rocks in our shoes turn to pearls, but there is something more important than that involved. There are certain people in all our lives who affect us a lot like a rock in a shoe. They are the

folks we just can't seem to get along with. They irritate us. Right? And how do we usually react to them? We are usually grumpy or we argue with them. We just don't get along at all. That is where we can learn from this pearl. Jesus said we ought to make a special effort to win over the people we have problems with, and that is what the oyster does.

This week, whenever someone does something that would make you angry or hurt your feelings, remember what Jesus said and return good things for bad and love for hurt. It is just possible that after a little while you will discover that your friendship has turned a rock into a pearl. It might just be a lot of fun to try.--

**From *The Irritated Oyster and Other Object Lessons for Children* by Harvey D. & Patsie A. Moore, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee. Copyright 1976. Used with permission.**

You can write great object lessons of your own built around the special interests of the children in your own congregation. Write me and let me know how these work for you and/or share the scripts that you write, and I will send you a surprise. •

*Happy  
New  
Year!*

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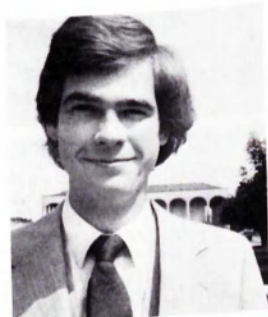
## YOU AND YAU REPORTS

by Brooks Myers

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### YOUTH OF UNITY REPORT

The minister can be an important participant in the local YOU program by supporting the YOU sponsor. Be careful selecting the sponsor, encouraging him or her to attend sponsor training opportunities and by meeting with the sponsor on a regular basis, the minister can build a strong working relationship that will in turn ensure that the spiritual needs of the YOUers are met.



**Brooks Myers**

### SELECTION

As previously discussed in **CONTACT**, the YOU sponsor should know Unity's teachings in order to teach them, but more importantly he or she should be a person who lives the Truth by knowing how to love. The ability to respond from a consciousness of love when confronting any situation, especially a difficult or frustrating one, is the most important attribute of the sponsor.

As an extension of knowing how to love, the sponsor should seek to give the YOUers the opportunity to learn about responsibility and leadership through direct experience. This means the sponsor does not dominate decisions but is capable of acting as a consultant to the group, identifying responsibilities to the church and community, but as much as possible allowing the YOUers to plan and carry out their own projects.

Similarly, the sponsor should approach the group's exploration of Truth principles as a cooperative work, with the sponsor acting to facilitate learning rather than imparting information. The sponsor must recognize that the YOUers have the same indwelling Christ which enables them to be teachers as well as students.

Finally a YOU sponsor should be nonjudgmental and unshockable. YOUers frequently confide to the sponsors questions or situations concerning sensitive subjects, and it is essential that the sponsor be able to address these topics in an objective, accepting manner. The sponsor must be free from the need to force his or her own code on the YOUers, but should challenge YOUers to develop and be true to their own code.

## RAPPORT

Once the sponsor has been selected, the minister can provide support and direction through periodic consultation meetings (every one to two months). Such meetings enable the minister to communicate expectations for the sponsor's and the YOUers' participation in church activities, while expressing appreciation for the rather large amount of volunteer time the sponsor contributes. In turn, the sponsor can use this time to inform the minister of planned YOU activities and areas where the support of the church would be helpful. This kind of dialogue can yield benefits to everyone involved and will help create a cooperative spirit.

At some centers the sponsor meets individually with the minister, while in other cases the sponsor is invited to attend the monthly board meetings. Some ministers also meet occasionally, (every three to six months) with the YOU president to communicate support and maintain a direct link with the young people in the church.

## TRAINING

The sponsor's job requires definite teaching and leadership skills that can be sharpened with training. The minister can make sure that the sponsor knows how to conduct an effective YOU program by en-

couraging him to attend sponsor training seminars/retreats. Sponsors who receive training feel more confident in their work, and thus, they are more effective and more likely to have a long-term involvement.

The church can make it easier for the sponsor to attend training sessions by assisting with the cost of registration and/or transportation. YOU sponsor training retreats will be offered in the near future:

### **Cup of Consciousness Sponsor Retreat**

**Where:** Camp Letts

(near Annapolis, Md.)

**When:** March 27-29, 1981

**Cost:** \$40

**Deadline:** March 1, 1981

**Theme:** Commitment Uplifts People

**Contact:** Julie Coffey

4832 Ertter Drive

Rockville, Md. 20852

301-770-2302

### **West Coast Sponsor's Retreat**

**Where:** Santa Barbara, Calif.

**When:** April 24-26, 1981

**Cost:** \$50

**Deadline:** March 15, 1981

**Contact:** Beck Studebaker/Pat Lefler

435 N. LaCumbre

Santa Barbara, Calif. 93110

805-687-3888 •

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# SPARKPLUGS

*The Unity School Promotion and Editorial Department 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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In January 1980, UNITY Magazine began a series of articles entitled "Great Dramas of the Bible." Written by **William Earle Cameron**, minister of Unity on the Plaza, Kansas City, each article contains a complete message. Each, however, supports a sequential flow of adventures that portray humanity's evolving awareness of God.

This series takes us through some of the great sagas of the Old Testament, then delves into the metaphysics of Jesus

and Paul. It is a magnificent compilation of resource material for center classes, sermon topics, and Sunday school reference. Each narrative is easily understood and contains a variety of ideas, inspiration, and instructive history.

The "Great Dramas of the Bible" is a twenty-five month UNITY Magazine series ending in January 1982. It will be of great value in your permanent library. Listed below are the subtitles and dates of publication thus far:

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| January   | 1980 | Abraham--Father of Believers               |
| February  | "    | The Trinity Formula--Infinite and Intimate |
| March     | "    | Putting Evil in Its Place                  |
| April     | "    | The Mission of Moses                       |
| May       | "    | Jonah--A Mouthful                          |
| June      | "    | The Good Shepherd--Forever                 |
| July      | "    | Jesus--The Master Teacher                  |
| August    | "    | The Wondrous World Within                  |
| September | "    | Stop! Look! Listen!                        |
| October   | "    | God's Assured Outcome                      |
| November  | "    | It's a Miracle                             |
| December  | "    | The Christmas of Your Life                 |
| January   | 1981 | The Secret of Your Personal Power          |

Another "regular" in UNITY Magazine is Marcus Bach's "Questions on the Quest." This column answers a variety of contemporary queries--Fundamentalist doctrine, psychic phenomena, the relationship of God to animals, biblical refer-

ences to love and sex--to name a few. Those who compile cross reference card file of the various titles to which Dr. Bach refers will have an invaluable wealth of information at your fingertips.

Happy reading!

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## DO YOU KNOW . . .

why it is that sometimes Unity School makes a "special offer" on a subscription that seems to undercut the price a center can offer? For example, every now and then Unity School makes a mailing to DAILY WORD subscribers that allows them to send four gift subscriptions for half price (\$1 a year, instead of \$2). These offers are conducted primarily to add to our list names of persons who might be interested in our message, and to let more people know of the work we are doing.

Centers offer subscriptions for the regular rate of \$2 a year. However, Unity School gives centers an ongoing discount of 40%, which enables them to make eighty cents on each subscription they sell. It may interest you to know that your center makes more on these subscriptions than the School does! For example, the maga-

zines that make up a one-year subscription to DAILY WORD cost seventy cents to produce. Mailing charges are about five cents per copy, or sixty cents for the twelve issues. Thus Unity School's cost for this magazine is \$1.30, excluding any office cost. The subscription is sold to centers for \$1.20. Unity School makes a contribution of at least ten cents every time a center sells a subscription to DAILY WORD.

The figures for other periodicals, books, and cassettes differ, yet the rule holds true that Unity School makes very little profit on its publications. Unity School sees the publication and distribution of its literature as an integral part of its outreach, and for this reason strives to keep the prices as low as possible.

Connie Fillmore Strickland  
For  
AUC Coordination Committee



## “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 Unity Licensed Teachers. Send your questions and comments to: Catherine Garvey, MIT, Unity Village, MO 64065.*

Yes, you’ve done it! Your interest and support have made it possible for us to put together a fabulous Licensed Teacher’s Post-Graduate Week. You will be receiving detailed information in the next few weeks.

We have reservations for sixty teachers right now. I know as soon as you see the schedule of classes many more of you will want to come. I urge you to get your reservations in, as soon as possible, while there’s still space available.

There will be a \$25 registration fee for the classes. This will be separate from the deposit you make on your reservations. Remember your expenses for these classes are tax deductible. You will be earning your required ten credits plus so much more. I know you will be as excited as I am when you receive the schedule of events and classes.

There will be a time for sharing. So if you have classes, workshops, or anything you’ve had success with, and you would

like to share, be sure to bring it with you.

**David McClure**, AUC President, will preside over a special ceremony and present each Licensed Teacher, who completes the course, with a certificate--the first of its kind--for going the extra mile.

I would also like to hear from you regarding the June Conference. Do you want us to arrange meetings for L.T.’s as we did last year? What kind of classes would you like? Arrangements for a program must begin soon.

I’m typing this copy on Thanksgiving Day, and I am so thankful to Unity School and AUC for their support and assistance in arranging this wonderful program of all Licensed Teachers.

*The first creation of God, in the works of the days was the light of sense; the last was the light of reason; and His Sabbath work, ever since, is the illumination of the Spirit. —Bacon*

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Village, Mo.  
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*Let's each begin this year anew.*

*Expressing happiness and peace  
with one another.*

*In faith we share these blessings  
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# CONTACT

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## The President's Letter

A word that has become very special to me over the past few years, thanks to Lyman Coleman and his Serendipity concepts, is "enable." I think, as Unity ministers and teachers, we are more than anything else ENABLERS, engaged in the adventure of "enabling" people to find and be their Christ selves. We grow people; and growing involves letting them use their unique spiritual gifts.

I have found that many of us in a leadership role in Unity have been good "affirmers" of people's potential, but poor "enablers." We have affirmed them on Sunday and told them and taught them of the "gift of God" within. But on Monday (and the rest of the week), we'd rather "do it ourselves." We fail to give our people the opportunities to use their special skills and abilities.

There are several styles of leadership that I have found myself and other Unity leaders expressing:

1. There is the Doer--this is the leader who does it all and is doer of all significant, important, and praiseworthy things in the church or center.
2. There is the Expert--no matter what you've done, he's done it too and better! He or she can show you a scrapbook that shows when and how they did it.
3. There is the Boss--who says "do it my way or else!"
4. There is the Abdicator--this leader's always out to lunch, always getting someone else to do it, but wanting the credit if it works, washing his or her hands if it fails.
5. There is the Hero-Martyr--this type just sighs a lot.
6. Then there is the Enabler--this person is a discipler of people, helping them to know themselves and to be themselves.

I believe the enabling style of leadership to be the style adopted by Jesus Christ. I believe it to be the true calling of each Unity leader. I believe we sell our people short when we only lecture them on their potential, but fail to give them the opportunity in our ministries to use and strengthen that potential.

Lao-tze said it best: "A leader is best when people barely know he exists. Not so good when people obey and acclaim him. Worse when they despise him. But a good leader who talks little and when his work is done his aim fulfilled, they will say: 'We did it ourselves'."

This is what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

— David McClure

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## Ministry Services Perspectives

Hello Friends:

Surprise, surprise! Just as you were getting used to the new format of CONTACT, it changed again!

Why?

Two reasons. First, in defining the true purpose of CONTACT it was realized that this magazine for Unity ministers, licensed teachers, and board members is basically a "house organ." It is a "point of contact" for the sharing of news, views, activities, ideas, goals, hopes, and dreams. As such, it needs to be as current as possible, which means it is better as a monthly magazine. Second, we needed to reduce the cost of production.

So...here it is, our new monthly CONTACT magazine. We'll try to keep it interesting, informative, newsy, and current. Send your items of interest and monthly publications to Debi Martin. Help us make CONTACT sparkle!

In addition to looking for areas where costs can be trimmed down, we are constantly on the lookout for ways to improve our effectiveness as a service organization. Right now we're in the process of establishing an inventory and cash flow forecast. You are helping us in that as you identify (on the form we sent to you recently) your monthly and yearly needs for bulletin covers. If this idea proves successful, we shall consider doing the same thing for Youth Education materials. You benefit by receiving your supplies on a regular schedule determined by you, without having to be concerned about running out of those supplies. We benefit by being able to more accurately forecast our inventory needs and our cash flow.

We in your AUC office really appreciate the cooperation and understanding you extend to us

from the field. If there is some specific way that we can help meet your needs more effectively, don't hesitate to let us know. We're always open for new ideas!

The "good news, bad news letter" you received recently from the AUC Board of Trustees reflected the continuing upward swing of cooperation between Unity School and the AUC. It also indicated that income had been lower than anticipated during the year. In fact, though the first nine months of our current fiscal year were well below the projected level of income, December and January income really picked up beautifully. Let's join together in seeing this level of giving maintained or even increasing in the coming months. We rejoice with you in your demonstrated prosperity and we give thanks for your loving support of the AUC which you display so generously and consistently.

Yours in loving faith,



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## **An Expanding Unity and You**

**Jim Rosemergy, Raleigh, North Carolina  
Chairman-Outreach Committee**

In the months to come the Outreach Facilitator for your region may be calling you to assist in the development of a study group near your ministry. Your conversation may flow like this: "Hello, Mary. This is John Smith, the outreach facilitator for our region. I have just received a phone call from Debi Martin at the AUC office informing me of an individual who is interested in forming a Unity group near your ministry. I am calling to ask if you are willing to assist this person in forming such a group?"

This article is being written so your first question will not be, "What is an Outreach Facilitator?" Outreach facilitators are members of the Outreach Committee who have the task of helping to develop and sustain study groups in their efforts to serve the spiritual needs of their communities.

The facilitator concept was the result of two basic acknowledgements. First, much of our expansion as a field movement has been the direct result of the grass roots approach to expansion. Ministers and ministries have developed study groups in close proximity to their churches. Secondly, each year numerous people contact Unity Village about the outreach activities of our movement. For instance, last year over one hundred such contacts were made with little development resulting. These two basic ideas gave birth to the Outreach Facilitator concept.

At this time Outreach Committee members are in the process of preparing three packets to assist groups in various stages of unfoldment. The basic goal is to provide for the orderly development of a core consciousness and to establish personal contact and a feeling of being a part of the Unity family. In addition, a newsletter network is emerging that will create an atmosphere of sharing ideas between groups and provide a format through which helpful ideas governing development can be aired.

You as a Unity leader can help. Outreach packets and newsletters are important, but they are no substitute for an understanding, caring helper. That is why you will be contacted when a person desires to form a Unity group. Your personal involvement and leadership will be invaluable in forming and sustaining an outreach activity. Perhaps if the minister has commitments that do not allow his or her direct involvement, then a licensed teacher could shoulder the leadership and helping responsibilities.

As personal contact is made between the group and a Unity leader, the facilitators will mail outreach packets to the study group. In addition, the facilitators will be available to conduct seminars for the groups that will help sustain their unfoldment. Overall, the Unity movement is returning to an acknowledgement that the grass roots approach to expansion is effective and our forte is personal involvement with our people. With this as our foundation, our harmonious unfoldment is assured.

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## **News-At-A-Glance**

First Unity Church of St. Louis, Leila Fischer, minister, was blessed to have PBS television film a simulated service at her church in December. The service was broadcast on Christmas Eve. Leila was not informed that the station was going to broadcast her service on Christmas Eve, as the producers did not want a "set up" effect. The lesson was on love, and it was enjoyed by all who were able to view it Christmas Eve.

The West Central Unity Ministers and Licensed Teachers Conference held its January Retreat for ministers, licensed teachers, and spouses at Villa Maria Del Mar in Santa Cruz on January 7-9. What a great way to start out the new year!

Hawaiian Retreat plans for West Central Region are being made. The Retreat will be held May 4-11 and is open to all ministers. For any additional information contact Phil or Dorothy Pierson.

Congratulations are in order for Reverends Gary Jones and Geri Anderson who were recently married. Geri resigned from her ministry in Battle Creek,

Michigan, to join Gary at Unity Village where he is a member of the Unity Ministerial School faculty.

Christ Church Unity, El Cajon, California, is now making facilities available to the community as a Food Distribution Center. One day a week fresh fruits, vegetables, and eggs can be purchased at a reduced rate. The program was developed by the Council on Aging and the Spring Valley Nutrition Site.

Unity of Jamaica will be holding its Fourth Caribblue Retreat at the Hotel Inter-Continental, Ocho Rios, from April 23—May 3. All of Unity of Jamaica's friends are invited to come and participate. If you would like more information, please contact Reverend Steve Samms, Unity of Jamaica, 87 Old Hope Road, Kingston, 6, Jamaica.

An anonymous donor has given the AUC an Institutional Membership at Sagamore Institute. This entitles members to discounts on books, workshops, and services. For a booklist and workshop schedule, write Sagamore Institute, 101 Spring St., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. On all correspondence state that as a member of the Association of Unity Churches you are an institutional member.

Unity Christ Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Donald Clark, minister, has started a new Course in Miracles Program. For some time Don had been seeking a method where it would be possible to have classes at other locations throughout the metropolitan area and not be required to personally conduct all the classes. When the Course in Miracles craze swept the country, Don's wife Vivian suggested setting up groups in different parts of the city to be held in the home of the facilitator. In October, six study groups with the assistance of two people who had worked with the course were implemented. They also set up a group at the church facilitated by Vivian. At this time there are 70 people involved in the groups. The response has been most gratifying, and the class feels it is a perfect solution for a lay-led study group where the course is standardized and a guide is furnished for the leader.

No more passing the hat! Unity of Mesa has initiated a new plan for the flow of substance. Standing at the door is a beautiful urn, placed on a table with an ultra suede coverlet. At the exit doors are two handsome, solid walnut receptacles, lovingly and carefully made, finished and hand rubbed by a member of the congregation. Rather than pass the hat, so to speak, donations members desire to invest in the ministry are simply dropped in the urn or one of the boxes when they leave the center.

Included in our AUC Christmas greeting card this year was the poem, "You Are Christmas," by an

unknown author. We have since learned that Warren Meyer is the author of these beautiful words. We bless and thank you, Warren.

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## In Memoriam

*Do not stand at my grave and weep;  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on a ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn's rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.*

MILLIE LESLIE, Cincinnati, Ohio, was ordained in 1950. Served Unity Temple of Truth and Unity Church of Truth in Cincinnati.

DOROTHY SHARPLEY, Detroit, Michigan, was ordained in 1973. Served Unity Light of Truth in Detroit, Michigan.

ANNETTE WILDMAN SWEARINGEN, Kansas City, Missouri, was ordained in 1964. Founder of Unity Northeast, Kansas City, Missouri. Licensed teacher since 1947.

MARIE SPINDLE, Santa Barbara, California, was ordained in 1962. Served Unity Church of Santa Barbara from ordination until her retirement in 1974.

CLIFFORD CARPENTER, Glendale, California, was ordained in 1958. Served Glendale Unity Temple, Glendale, California.

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## Retreat News

The Suncoast Unity Ministers, Inc., will have their annual retreat May 22-24, 1981 at the Spa of Safety Harbor, Florida. Attendance is limited to 200. Contact Les Saunders, St. Petersburg, Florida.

South Central Unity Churches Association's Snow Mountain Family Retreat will be held at Snow Mountain, Colorado on July 28-August 1.

Unity Caribblue Retreat will be held April 28-May 3 at Ocho Rios, Jamaica, West Indies. The retreat is sponsored by Unity of Jamaica.

O.W.V.A.M.P.I.K. Retreat will be held at Ohio Wesleyan University campus in Delaware, Ohio (just north of Columbus) August 2-8, 1981. Charles

Roth of Unity of Indianapolis, and David Williamson of Detroit Unity Temple will be keynote speakers. Ministers and Retreatants from Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Kentucky will be leading and participating in a variety of workshops and deeply inspiring periods of meditation. A complete brochure is available through Unity of Akron, Ohio.

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## Regional News

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Regional Representatives please be sure to submit your Regional News to the Association of Unity Churches by the 10th of every month. CONTACT is now going out monthly, rather than the previous bi-monthly. We need your help and support in sharing our Regional news.*

### NORTHWEST REGION (Tom Sikking, R.R.):

The Northwest ministers are proud of the number of ministries they have jointly and individually started. In the last twelve years, twelve new ministries were pioneered. All but two now have full-time ministers.

To help these and other smaller ministries in the Northwest, the region has established an Outreach Development Fund in the amount of \$2000. The fund is being financed by each member church, giving an extra \$200 per year from their tithe. The money will be used to help underwrite the expenses for speakers or seminar programs in the smaller developing ministries that normally do not have the funding necessary to bring in "name" speakers.

Vicki Lafser of Vancouver, British Columbia, will direct the project and also coordinate the schedules of speakers coming to the area so that small, developing and out-of-the-way ministries can enjoy the same speakers featured at the larger ministries.

### GREAT LAKES REGION (Glenn Mosley, R.R.):

A Planning and Program Committee was set up at the Great Lakes Conference in Toledo last September. This committee is initially charged with investigating possible meeting places for our regional conference and working out a program. Tentative arrangements have been made to go to Potawatomi Inn, halfway between Detroit and Chicago. This location should allow just about everyone to drive (or share rides), thus saving travel expenses. The thought is to tap our own resources and to have more time for sharing and helping each other. We also want to have activities for teachers. Please share your ideas and comments. We will vote on finalized arrangements in June at AUC Conference.

One of the new directions taken at the Great Lakes

Regional Conference in Toledo was the appointment of the Licensed Teacher-Minister Relations Committee. Members of this committee include Helen Rozek, Toledo, Licensed Teacher; and Ministers Betty Jacunski, Birmingham, Michigan; John Cuddeback, Cedar Rapids, Michigan; and Ross Tucker, Decatur, Illinois, Chairman.

The major purpose of the committee is to serve as an informational resource point to improve relations between Licensed Teachers and Ministers and to work with our new Great Lakes Facilitator, Ara Helen McDonald, Madison, Wisconsin, in developing programs that can and should be included in our region.

The Committee welcomes your comments and suggestions as to how we may serve your needs effectively and efficiently. Our spiritual thrust is in the area of ideas--please feel free to share these with us so we can pass them on.

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## UMS News & Views

by Hypatia Hasbrouck

Nowadays most newly ordained Unity ministers are immediately called to serve established Unity churches previously led by experienced ministers who have ministered as much by what they are as by what they know, say and do. The congregations expect the newly ordained ministers to be as confident and convincing as their predecessors. That is why the faculty of UMS pays as much attention to the psychological and spiritual development as to the academic progress of the ministers-in-training.

It is easy to monitor academic progress because the formal academic curriculum is the same for all MITs. Designed by the faculty, the MIT curriculum committee, and the Education Council to provide the knowledge and information required of Unity ministers, it also provides opportunities to master the techniques and skills by which they can use the knowledge and information effectively. The academic curriculum teaches MITs what to say and do like seasoned professionals.

The MITs learn how to "say and do like seasoned professionals" by taking a hidden curriculum which is different for every MIT. The hidden curriculum--often called THE PROCESS by MITs and faculty--is revealed course by course to each individual. The "courses" in the individual's hidden curriculum run concurrently with the outer curriculum; indeed, the hidden course is usually direct outgrowth of the outer curriculum. The individual's hidden curriculum consists of the specific growth tasks (better known as challenges) which the individual MIT must master to become an embodiment of what he or she will teach and preach as an ordained minister.

Many tasks are accomplished easily by the individual, but some require assistance from an experienced minister. That is why personal counseling is an important function of the UMS faculty. During counseling sessions, MITs discover not only ways to deal creatively with current challenges but also ways to help their future counselees to deal with similar challenges. Since faculty members, whether in UMS or Unity School, are all Unity ministers, they encourage use of spiritual principles learned in the academic curriculum. As MITs use the principles, they incorporate them and discover their own potential for living the Truth.

By progressing through the two curricula, MITs gain the confidence and conviction which their first congregation will expect. They are able to go into the field to serve not as fledglings but as full-fledged Unity ministers.

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## Sparkplugs

### Unity School Promotion and Editorial Departments

WEE WISDOM offers excellent resource material, not only for crafts and projects, but also for object lessons that can be adapted to situations in the lives of Sunday school students. You may want to consider these stories:

#### February

"A Ball of Fluff"...A lesson in judgment, recognizing that first appearances can be deceiving and invalid.

"New in Class"...A ballet student learns the importance of persistence.

"A Real Live Valentine"...A boy overcomes his shyness. This story also contains a unique idea for passing out valentines in Sunday school.

#### March

"Oomingmak, the Musk-Ox"...A descriptive educational story of musk-oxen in Alaska.

"It's a Deal!"...A young girl learns to earn her mother's trust by demonstrating responsibility first.

"The Brag"...Roger found value in being rather than bragging. This story also points out the value of persistence and affirmations, and in visualizing the goals we want to achieve.

"Dave the Wave"...Dave discovers he is one with the ocean just as people are one with God.

Back issues of WEE WISDOM are excellent additions to newcomers' packets, not only for children

but for adults as well.

If you have a sufficient supply of WEE WISDOM, UNITY Magazine, and DAILY WORD back issues, you may want to set up a giveaway table in the foyer that says, "We love you...we care."

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## Do You Know...

that the AUC-Unity School Coordination Committee has been functioning successfully for almost a year? During this time the committee has dealt with many concerns and issues arising from the unique relationship between the AUC and Unity School, and so far an answer has been found for every question, no matter how complex or difficult! This has been accomplished in an atmosphere of harmony, cooperation, and mutual understanding.

The time has come for a change in the personnel comprising this committee. Due to increasing responsibilities of Roy Howard, John Strickland, and Connie Strickland, these individuals have been replaced by other Unity School department heads: Marge Dale, Bob Drescher, and Tom Witherspoon.

As Associate Director of Public Relations, Marge Dale supervises the daily activities of the Public Relations Department. She is also editor of the Unity Village News and is sometimes charged with the research and development of new projects.

Bob Drescher, Unity School's Director of Accounting, closely supervises the accounting functions of the operation. Over the past year, Bob has been instrumental in planning and implementing the use of a computer to make Unity School's accounting system more efficient and responsive to modern needs.

Tom Witherspoon, Unity School's Editor, oversees the editorial content of all of Unity School's publications and printed materials. He is primarily concerned with the contents and production of UNITY Magazine, WEE WISDOM, and Unity Books.

It is felt that Marge, Bob, and Tom will be of great benefit to the continued smooth operation of the AUC-Unity School Coordination Committee.

-- Connie Strickland

For the AUC-Unity School  
Coordination Committee

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Clergy ID plate to fasten to automobile sun visor. Professional appearance; block letters on white background; \$5.50 each; order from AUC Office.



## Youth Services Report

by Maggie Finefrock

Minister Betty Owers and WonderWord Man (Larry D. Odle) look over copies of WonderWord.

"Faster than a miracle... more powerful than an affirmation... able to solve any problem with a single solution. Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's WonderWord!!" came the shout of happy children's voices at Unity of Salem in Oregon on November 2 when they introduced to the congregation their special mystery guest. The joy of Unity was truly felt as adults and youth became united in the sharing of this fantastic fun event.

Everyone's humor was operating at a high level following the service as they stood in line to receive their WonderWords being handed out by the youth and the "Red Helmeted Wonder." As the words were being individually experienced there was a lot of sharing between members over the special significance the word held for them.

WonderWord Man will make an appearance the first Sunday of each month. The assignment: to spread joy and laughter and to present the word theme of the month to the children by participating in their lessons that day.

Article submitted by Judith Clare Odle  
Unity of Salem, Oregon

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## YOU/YAU Reports

by Brooks Myers

### YOUTH OF UNITY REPORT

Recently, the YOU minister advisor for the Southwest region, Arthur Hammons, conducted a survey to determine what YOUers, ministers, and sponsors expect from YOU as an organization. The YOU officers and adult teachers plan to use the results to make YOU more responsive to everyone's needs and desires. In responding to the questionnaire which was sent to me, I focused on what I believe are many of the basic objectives of YOU and so I feel it is worthwhile to share in this issue of CONTACT some of the survey questions and part of my responses.

1. What do you feel are some reasons for having a YOU chapter in a church?

The YOU chapter is an intricate balance of study, prayer, service, and social activities that provides young people in Unity an opportunity to express their Truth nature as children of God. The YOU Chapter meeting provides a loving, nonjudgmental environment where YOUers may learn Truth principles and the Unity way of life.

2. What do you feel are some of the reasons for forming these chapters into a Region?

Organizing into Regions helps to develop closer contact and support among the Chapters. Regional activities build enthusiasm, encourage an exchange of ideas and also allows for the use of teaching methods which typically are not possible at chapter meetings. The Regional prayer-panel material creates a powerful group consciousness of prayer which unifies and energizes local Chapters. The Regional newspaper is a useful channel of communication and creative expression as well as a vehicle for mutual support.

3. What do you feel a young person in YOU gains from being a part of YOU?

What an individual gains from being a part of YOU depends in large part on what they are seeking and how much effort they are willing to expend in order to learn. I think it is more appropriate to talk about what YOUers may gain if they choose to take advantage of the opportunity which YOU provides. Through YOU an individual can gain the following:

1. A purpose for living and a method for answering life's complexities
2. A sense of self-worth and identity
3. Peer group acceptance and support
4. An opportunity to develop a philosophy of life
5. Communication and leadership skills
6. The ability to relate to other persons in a positive and meaningful way
7. Emotional stability and maturity
8. An opportunity to use talents, wisdom, and energy

4. What do you feel are some of the reasons for having Regional Officers.

The Regional Officers are responsible for the production of regional publications such as prayer-panel material or the newspaper. They also may take responsibility for planning and conducting regional rallies or assisting local chapters with that function. The Regional Representative presides over the regional business meetings and

coordinates the regional service project, while the associate acts as the chaplain for the region. In addition to these very necessary and practical functions, the Regional Officers teach leadership skills through example to the younger YOUers. It is the Regional Coordinator's responsibility to make sure that the Regional Officers have adequate opportunity to develop their own leadership skills.

### YOUNG ADULTS OF UNITY REPORT

The Young Adults Retreat is scheduled for August 18-23, 1981. The theme for this year is "New Age Vision." Registration information is available through the YAU Office.

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**NOTE:** It has become necessary for us to set a restocking fee for 25% for any ordered merchandise shipped to you then later returned by you to the AUC Office. This will become effective April 1, 1981. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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### ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Funds Operations Nine Months Ended December 31, 1980

|                                      | Oct.               | Nov.               | Dec.               | Year to Date         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>INCOME—OPERATIONS:</b>            |                    |                    |                    |                      |
| Love Offering                        | \$41,668.74        | \$37,069.04        | \$52,919.45        | \$363,131.43         |
| Other Income                         | 2,686.42           | 1,404.43           | 3,332.60           | 41,368.30            |
|                                      | 44,355.16          | 38,473.47          | 56,252.05          | 404,499.73           |
| Less: Tithe Transfer                 | 4,166.87           | 3,706.90           | 5,323.65           | 36,344.84            |
|                                      | 40,188.29          | 34,766.57          | 50,928.40          | 368,154.89           |
| Gross Profit Materials               | 11,564.41          | 7,370.74           | 4,049.13           | 45,653.94            |
| Total Income                         | 51,752.70          | 42,137.31          | 54,977.53          | 413,808.83           |
| <b>EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:</b>          |                    |                    |                    |                      |
| Ministry Services                    | 31,209.75          | 28,554.09          | 33,380.91          | 289,434.21           |
| Ministerial Education                | 14,927.35          | 13,769.39          | 14,865.84          | 128,882.05           |
| Total Expenses                       | 45,137.10          | 42,323.48          | 48,246.75          | 418,316.26           |
| <b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b> | <u>\$ 5,615.60</u> | <u>\$ (186.17)</u> | <u>\$ 6,730.78</u> | <u>\$ (4,507.43)</u> |

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### UNITY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION May 1980—December 1980

Year to Date Contribution Total: \$68,584.55

### URBAN MINISTERIAL PROGRAM

Below are the first students of the new Urban Ministerial Program held in Detroit, Michigan. This program was implemented by Ruth Mosley, minister of West Side Unity Church, Detroit.



Row 1, left to right: Justine Burnell, Leanna William, Carrie Sewell, Melfera Brown, Vera Jenkins.

Row 2, left to right: Alfred Wilson, Mercede Hill, Mary A. Finch, Marieuce William, Helen Saunders, Ronald Coleman, Carol Amos, and James Grenn.

# Calendar of Events

## MARCH

- 12-14 West Central Regional Conference, San Jose, Calif.
- 21- UICE Session 1, Unity Village, Mo.
- April 3
- 22-26 South Central Regional Conference, Padre Island, Tex.
- 27-29 National YOU Sponsor Training, Baltimore, Md.

## APRIL

- 4-17 UICE Session 2, Unity Village, Mo.
- 18-24 Easter Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 24-26 West Coast YOU Sponsor Training, Santa Barbara, Calif.
- 27-30 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Mo.
- 28- Unity Caribblue Retreat, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, W.I.
- May 3

## MAY

- 4-11 West Central Retreat
- 16-22 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 22-24 Suncoast Unity Retreat, Spa of Safety Harbor, Fla.
- 30- Rose Festival, Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- June 5

## JUNE

- 8-12 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Mo.
- 14-19 AUC Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 20- UICE Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.
- July 3

## JULY

- 4-17 UICE Session 4, Unity Village, Mo. (Youth Ministry Workshop)
- 18-24 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 28- Snow Mountain Retreat, Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colo.
- Aug. 1

## AUGUST

- 1-7 August Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 2-8 O.W.V.A.M.P.I.K. Retreat, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio
- 9-15 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 17-20 Northwest Regional Conference
- 18-23 Young Adults Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 29- Summerset Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- Sept. 4

## SEPTEMBER

- 12-18 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 26- Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- Oct. 2

## OCTOBER

- 10-16 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 24- UICE Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.
- Nov. 6

## NOVEMBER

- 7-20 UICE Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.
- 21-27 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

**WANTED:** Unity Center of Albuquerque would like ten copies of Unity in Song (blue or gold) and two copies of the binder type hymnal. Please contact Viola Williamson if your center has any available.

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## *The President's Letter*

It seems that I have spent a great portion of my life as a Unity minister majoring in minors! What I mean to say is that I have long been preoccupied and involved with aspects of life that are none of my business. I have spent time judging, frowning, criticizing, complaining, and shaking my head at things that don't amount to a "hill of beans."

My feeling is that I am joined in this fruitless effort by countless numbers of my colleagues in the Unity ministry. We've been caught in the same trap that we warn our congregations about every Sunday--judging by appearances. We spend our time reading the graffiti on the wall of life--watching what people do and say, and reacting to their every move. We spend our days under the spell of believing that what other ministers or what Unity School is doing or not doing is really the essential issue of our lives. All the while, knowing deep down that all this is graffiti on the wall of life. It is nonessential, unimportant, irrelevant, and none of our business.

When the young Jesus was discovered missing by His parents and was found sharing with the priests and teachers in Jerusalem, His parents attempted to put a guilt trip on Him by displaying their disapproval and embarrassment. Jesus replied that He was simply going about His Father's business.

What is my Father's business? What is yours? It would appear that our only business is being who we really are. Jesus was preoccupied with the pursuit of His own excellence--the raising of His consciousness to better express His own being. He was not caught up in the nonessentials of life. He saw the essence of life, not the evidence.

We who have spent countless hours arguing, backbiting, complaining, or nitpicking in recent years have lost sight of our appointed business. We are also out of touch with the call that brought us into the ministry in the first place. To stay in this preoccupation is to put ourselves on a crash course with mediocrity.

It's time to get back to business--the Father's business of being who we have been divinely ordained to be--ministers of Jesus Christ. Our only business is being the Christ, teaching the Christ, and seeing the Christ.

What you think of me or I of you is none of our business! What you and I are becoming as excellent leaders, teachers, trainers, models, and human beings is what we are all about.

An argument has been called "the friction of two fictions." An argument never occurs between who we really are, but only between the illusions of who we think we are.

If we are still tempted to major in minors, let us remember Jesus' words--"What is that to us?" Let's all get back to business as usual--the Father's business of pursuing excellence in expressing what He created us to be.



## **Ministry Services Perspectives**

Hello Friends:

Exciting things are in the works!

The newly-formed Media Communications Committee presented a proposal to your AUC Board of Trustees in January that has tremendous potential benefit for your ministry.

The idea involves the development of video cassettes for cable TV and/or commercial TV. These cassettes are intended to provide fifteen, thirty, or sixty-minute programs with local inserts. Implementation will require a minimum of involvement or media experience on your part. To help you in the creative use of mass media, self-help kits are already being prepared for distribution. Other aspects of the proposal include the production of teaching aids on video and tape cassettes for use in ministries, study groups, youth education and Sunday schools. A two-hour seminar on media communications by Jack and Hope Fries is planned for conference week, and regional or local seminars may be scheduled at that time.

Your AUC Board of Trustees received the proposal enthusiastically and authorized the preparation of two pilot programs for presentation at June Conference. The Board allocated \$2,000 to get the project

off the ground. Since then, the Southwest Region has matched that amount with another \$2,000, Christ Unity Capistrano has given \$500, and another ministry has elected to contribute a monthly donation toward the project.

In order to handle donations for this project in an orderly way, a special fund has been set up in your AUC office. If you, your ministry, or your region wish to make special donations to this project, please make your checks payable to AUC/commUnity Productions and mail to AUC, Unity Village, Missouri 64065. For further information on the project itself, contact Jack Fries at Christ Unity Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, California.

A full presentation of the video cassette program is just one of the exciting events planned for conference week. Preparations for conference are in full swing, and the initial response has been overwhelming. Be sure to make your accommodation reservations early. Following is a list of hotels that still have space available near the Village:

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Holiday Inn             | Best Western Summit Inn   |
| 50 Highway              | 50 Highway                |
| sg--\$29.19 db--\$34.60 | sg--\$30+tax db--\$36+tax |
| 353-3000                | 525-1400                  |

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Granada Inn South         | Ramada Inn South          |
| Longview Road             | 435 & 87th St.            |
| sg--\$27+tax db--\$37+tax | sg--\$31+tax db--\$42+tax |
| 765-4100                  | 765-4331                  |

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Sheraton Stadium  | Holiday Inn            |
| I-70              | 4011 Blue Ridge Cutoff |
| sg--\$42 db--\$52 | sg--\$35 db--\$45      |
| 737-0200          | 353-5300               |

God bless. Happy Easter!

*Alan*

CONTACT welcomes additional items of interest from all Regions. If you have something special that you'd like to share with our readers, please send it to your Regional Representative or direct it to the attention of CONTACT, AUC, Unity Village, Missouri 64065. Our copy deadline is the fifth of the month.

## Do You Know...



that three department heads have been selected for the newly established Unity School for Religious Studies (USRS)? Janet Manning has been named director of Communications Studies; Wayne Manning is director of Biblical Studies; and Jane Waddington is director of Counseling and Interpersonal Studies. The appointments, announced by Director of Education, Phil White, were effective February 2.

All three department heads are ordained Unity ministers with expertise in their particular areas. Janet's experience includes many years as a public and private school teacher, trained counselor, and professional musician. She joined the Education department in 1978, serving on both the UICE faculty and Retreat staffs. A dedicated teacher, she works closely with UICE students in a teaching and counseling capacity. Janet has helped develop curricula for the Education department and is a well-known workshop and seminar leader. She plans to continue her education through graduate work at a local university.

Wayne's talents were recognized early by Unity School. He was invited to join the Education staff in 1978 while completing his ministerial training in UMS. He functioned as program coordinator and served as a teacher, curriculum specialist, writer, and professional musician. He was involved in research and development of course material for UICE and was active in retreat programs. Wayne's keen interest in the Bible accelerated during his UMS studies. His desire to expand his knowledge led him to enroll in St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. He will continue this course of study for the next several years.

Jane brings a variety of experience in counseling and related fields to her new position. She has served as head of Unity's Counseling and Resource Center since 1978. Prior to entering the ministry, Jane's interest in helping people expressed itself through a career in nursing and counseling. She studied and worked at a number of motivational and counseling facilities, including the Creative Development Institute in the Philippines. The Institute emphasizes the unfoldment of the whole person. Jane is continuing her education through courses at Ottawa University.

In order to assure a smooth transition of responsibility, the three department heads will serve in dual roles the rest of the year. They will continue to perform the functional responsibilities in their former areas while gradually assuming their new duties.

-- Marge Dale  
for the AUC-Unity School  
Coordination Committee

# POSITIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS

by Mark Yarnell, Co-Minister  
Unity Northeast, Kansas City, Missouri

How would you like to provide an outreach service for professional people in your community? I refer not to doctors, lawyers, or teachers, but rather to professional journalists.

Did you know that newspaper and television executives hire entire staffs of reporters whose primary functions are to seek out stories? They work night and day to uncover any stories that might be of interest to you and me. Many of the stories we hear and read about are negative in content and often quite shallow and uninteresting to much of the public. Why? Because those of us who have positive, uplifting stories never bother to pick up the phone and call reporters.

We spend many dollars for a tiny little advertisement on the church page when we should be sending press releases to the media. Believe it or not, when you teach Lessons in Truth on Wednesday nights, it can be newsworthy to some papers.

If you teach "Psychocybernetics," your entire community should be made aware of that fact. If your center hosts a circulation day, every arm of the media should be advised.

It is time we recognize that we have the ability to assist our local reporters. I would like to share with you a few simple rules that Edwene and I have found to be beneficial to the media and to us.

- 1) Cultivate media friends. Invite reporters to lunch for the purpose of making new acquaintances. Most journalists are very open and receptive to new ways of thinking and often end up as stable church members.
- 2) Each time your church begins a new class or event make sure each office of the local media is sent a typed press release. Always type at the top of the sheet: For Immediate Release.
- 3) Select a small, local newspaper and submit a potential weekly column based upon positive living concepts. If they like your writing style, chances are you will be awarded your own column.
- 4) Whenever possible submit a black and white photo relevant to the event you are submitting for publication.
- 5) Contact all radio and television talk show hosts and offer to be a guest discussing your particular area of expertise. I was shocked to discover that the most widely watched television talk show in Kansas City sometimes has difficulty finding guests. We have been guests on that show two times in nine months and are scheduled for a third.

I believe the key to effective public relations is a willingness to reach out to people who are hustling to find stories. They appreciate your help and, needless to say, whenever you give to the media, the benefits are returned and multiplied to your church.



## NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

Christ Church Unity, El Cajon, California, minister, G. Arthur Hammons, recently won the highest award in the non-commercial division of the Mother Goose Parade. The original goal of the parade was to involve the residents of the community while keeping costs to a minimum. This is the second year Christ Church Unity has won best float. They were able to represent Unity on national television, as the parade was broadcast. The float depicted Cinderella's Wedding with Arthur officiating at the wedding.

William Fischer, Unity Village, Missouri, has been invited to serve as director of Retreats for Unity School of Christianity. Bill will continue to write scripts for "The Word" and to record the radio messages. Bill also received notification recently that the United States Congress would like him to lead the invocation for one of the upcoming sessions. Congratulations are in order to Bill!

Finalized placements for this month are: Roger Tiffany—Modesto, California; Randy Schmelig—Clearwater, Florida; Thelma Hembroff—Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Nancy Hubbard—Warren, Ohio; William Clark—Brisbane, Australia; and Mary Rowe—Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Unity Church of Tacoma, Jim Peterson, minister, has an Oz Library. A library filled with young people's books and financed by the young people of the Junior Church. A great way to have the youth of Unity involved in the Center organization and administration.

Unity Christ Church, St. Louis, Missouri, Richard Barnes, minister, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on March 29, 1981. James Dillet Freeman will speak that Sunday for both services. A banquet will be held in honor of the occasion.

Unity Church of Decatur, Illinois, Ross Tucker, minister, recently got off to a flying start on acquiring Unity's new hymn books, due for distribution tentatively in June of 1982. The church projected a need for approximately 200 songbooks at an estimated cost of \$6.50 each. That came to \$1,300. Ross

writes, "We're delighted to share this type of information with all Unity centers because we believe this is in keeping with a basic Unity teaching that the future is determined by what is done now, in the present tense." Memorial gifts from three different sources were earmarked for the project. They are already more than halfway to their \$1,300 goal, and the families of those loved ones are pleased to see such funds used this way.

Unity of Louisville, Kentucky, Charles Lelly, minister has installed a phone answering machine to record a five to six-minute message to answer the question "What Is Unity?" At the end of the recorded message the church offers to send without obligation a "What Is Unity?" packet which contains printed pamphlets and a cover letter explaining the many aspects of Unity teachings. What a great way to introduce people to Unity in any city!

Maggie Finefrock, Youth Services Coordinator, Association of Unity Churches, recently hosted the Regional Youth Facilitators Training Seminar. All regions were represented at the seminar held February 27-March 4 at Unity Village. A workshop on storytelling, sharing of creative ideas, new games, and a lot of intense work were all part of this exciting and inventive annual training session.

Joann Landreth and Debi Martin, AUC staff, recently attended a National Religious Convention Planners Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. The

meeting was attended by fifty-two different religious organizations which came together to share ideas on conference planning. Workshops were held on budgeting, banquet planning, programs, transportation, and many other areas dealing with conference planning. Many innovative ideas were brought back to the AUC office to be implemented for the 1981 Conference. If anyone is interested in information on conference planning, Joann and Debi would be happy to share what they learned with you when you visit the Village in June.

Jeanne Beaudoin Haaswyk, licensed Unity teacher from Montreal, Canada, was blessed with being able to visit Unity en Dominicana, Inc., Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic during the holiday season. Jeanne was surprised to find that the libraries in Santo Domingo promote the use of and advertise the DAILY WORD in restaurants and other public meeting places. Wherever Jeanne visited, she was happy to find DAILY WORD and Unity being promoted and talked about.

**SORRY ABOUT THAT!** The clergy ID plates that were advertised in the last issue of CONTACT are not going to be available through the AUC office after all.

Due to space and staff limitations, Vacation School will not be held at Unity Village Chapel this year and child care will not be provided during AUC Conference week. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## ORDINATION BIBLE PROJECT

Again this year, ministries and individuals are invited to participate in the Ordination Bible project, which has proven to be meaningful to the Ordinands.

This project gives you the opportunity to provide the Dickson Analytical Bibles, which are presented to the ordinands. Thirty-nine Bibles will be presented this year. If you would like to participate, please send a check for \$55 to the UMS office. Make the check payable to UMS, and note that it is for the Ordination Bible Project.

The inscription in the front of the Bible will note that it is presented by you or by your ministry. If you would like for the Bible to go to a particular student (perhaps one who originally came through your ministry), let us know and we will see that your name or ministry is so inscribed (provided that person has not already been chosen).

If you would like to participate in this project, we would appreciate your response in the near future. Please address your envelope in care of the UMS Office, attention Gladys Branscum.

## Youth Services Report

by Margaret K. Finefrock

*Recently I attended a teacher training workshop with representatives from many denominations. We discussed the recent statistics of why Sunday Schools fail and what impact this has on overall church growth. This article was inspired by that discussion. I hope you will enjoy my "Second Annual Tongue-in-Cheek" article in the loving Spirit in which it is intended.*

**"How to kill your Sunday School, decrease church attendance, and drive families away."**

### 10 EASY STEPS

1. Make Sunday School--All Ages From Nursery Through Adult--A Low Priority In Your Church. Make teaching a low-status job. Encourage a youth education objective of "just keep the kids quiet and out of our hair." Do not show appreciation for your teaching staff.
2. Be Resistant To Change. Saturate planning meetings with phrases like, "but we've always done it this

way," and "we tried that once and it didn't work." Be satisfied with the status quo, and keep affirming that outreach to the community is not part of Unity's philosophy.

3. **As A Minister And Leader In The Church, Do Not Educate Yourself In Youth Ministry.** Do not attend teacher training events in your Region--(Say you're "too busy" or, "I know all that.") Do not use the skills of your regional youth education or YOU coordinator. Do not visit in your Y.E. department, take post grad courses in youth education, or drop in at a YOU rally. When AGAPE, NEWS\* NOTES, reSPONSE or Pathways arrive in the mail, skim them over once lightly then deposit them in file 13 without passing them along to the appropriate people.
4. **DoNotEncourage Long-Range Planning.** Keep youth education at the level of babysitting week by week with no goals or objectives. Keep the youth department isolated and not an integral part of the church family.
5. **Be Satisfied With Inadequate Leadership From Yourself And Others.** Shy away from taking an active part in teacher recruitment, training, and planning. Do not hire a Y.E. director, or pay for teachers and sponsors to receive training. Forget to schedule a monthly training and planning session for the teachers you supervise. Above all, don't express interest or appreciation. Complain a lot about what an extra hassle youth education is.
6. **Model Inappropriate Teaching Methods In Your Classes And Encourage A Low Level Of Teaching Competency In Your Staff.** Ignore all recent research in the field of education, and do not allow learners to become involved with their learning. Lecture all the time and do not try new and creative ideas. Do not invite others to explore, extrapolate, apply, and think about the concepts they are learning. Teach books, not people, and encourage all teachers at every age level to do the same.
7. **Make Sure That Courses And Classes Are Not Relevant To Daily Living.** Encourage teachers to "cover" isolated concepts. Stay away from sensitive life issues that would stimulate people to question and apply Bible truth in their lives. Stick to the generalities and do not deal with loneliness, family challenges, suicide, low self-esteem, alcoholism, sex, the economy, health, divorce, parenting, energy, values, drug abuse, technology, international crises.
8. **Do Not Ask For A Commitment From Your Teachers.** Since this job is not really very important, keep your expectations fuzzy, do not discuss job descriptions or time commitments. Allow them freedom from having to be challenged by standards

as long as they don't bother you about the kids or bug you about money.

9. **Exclude Young People From All Worship Experiences.** Rationalize this by saying that they will disturb the consciousness of the group. Don't offer family worship services, teach children's sermons, or allow youth to take a part in the service. They will only be a distraction.
10. **Keep Your Distance.** Do not minister to young people as individuals, really listen to them, or sit down at eye level when talking with them. Communicate that you don't really trust the judgment or perceptions of young people under twenty-one. Know that if you don't bother them they won't bother you. Know that Unity concepts are for adults. When you read that seventy-four percent of unchurched families want their children to receive a good religious education, sigh in relief that those 61 million folks will go elsewhere to church.

*For more information on this exciting concept, contact your Regional Youth Education Facilitator, Regional YOU Coordinator, International YOU or Youth Services Coordinator.*



## Sparkplugs

### Unity School Promotion and Editorial Departments

The Science of Goal-Achieving, a four-cartridge cassette album by Jack Boland, contains good reference and follow-up material for classes on goal-achieving, prosperity, and self-improvement.

Mr. Boland guides the listener in the process of recognizing, defining, and achieving worthwhile goals, suggesting methods for weeding out goals that do not fit a person's values, and recognizing negative goals that keep one out of tune with life. Goal-achievement is stressed as an important part of building self-esteem and acknowledging potential. The "whole-person" concept is outlined through discussion of career, finance, family, personal relationships, desires, and feelings, as well as spiritual, physical, and mental principles. Suggested affirmations are included in a brochure that is a part of the cassette package.

Mr. Boland states, "In the workshop of your imagination plans for the transition of the abstract into the real are cared and organized. Now you don't have to create or organize. This is something that will happen automatically as the result of this magnificent creative expression that you are, that your mind is. And through some strange and powerful principle of mental chemistry, nature wraps up the impulse of strong desire, that something, which recognizes no such word as impossible and accepts no such reality as failure."

We are all identified by Mr. Boland as spiritual scientists and, when we follow the rules of an exact science, we experience the results. The universe will respond, and we will achieve.

We have some children's cards for use in youth education. These assorted cards include "God Is My Health," "God's Child," "Morning Prayers," "A Student's Prayer," "Good, Better, Best," "Table Blessings" and many others. These brightly colored cards can be obtained from AUC in assortments of 100 cards on a love offering, plus postage basis. If you would like to order these, write Children's Cards, in care of Myra Moore, AUC, Unity Village, Missouri 64065.



#### WHAT IS YOUR OPINION

... on the new format of CONTACT? The AUC Board of Trustees would like to have your opinion on the old versus the new format for CONTACT. If you would please jot down your comments and send them to the AUC office as soon as possible it would be appreciated.

- ☐ like old format better than new

Comments:

- ☐ like new format better than old

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**OTHER COMMENTS:** (Changes you would like to see, any additional columns you would like to see featured, etc.)

**ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES**  
**Statement of General Funds Operations**  
**Ten Months Ended January 31, 1981**

| INCOME — OPERATIONS:          | January     | Year To Date |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Love Offering                 | \$51,589.85 | \$414,821.28 |
| Other Income                  | 9,223.70    | 50,592.00    |
|                               | 60,913.55   | 465,413.28   |
| Less: Tithe Transfer          | 5,137.29    | 41,482.13    |
|                               | 55,776.26   | 423,931.15   |
| Gross Profit Materials        | 3,301.31    | 48,955.25    |
| Total Income                  | 59,077.57   | 472,886.40   |
| EXPENSES — OPERATIONS:        |             |              |
| Ministry Services             | 34,560.51   | 323,994.72   |
| Ministerial Education         | 19,438.36   | 148,320.41   |
| Total Expenses                | 53,998.87   | 472,315.13   |
| INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES: | \$ 5,078.70 | \$ 571.27    |

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**Unity School Contribution To The AUC Through Services Provided**

May 1, 1980—January 31, 1981: \$79,004.86

*(Note: This contribution is a non-ledger item and does not appear in the AUC financial statement.)*

## Light On The Path

by Catherine Garvey, Licensed Teacher/MIT

I wish I had room to tell you of the many wonderful things we experienced during the Licensed Teacher's Post-Graduate Week, but space is limited and I do want those of you who were not able to attend to have the opportunity to order the tapes of the programs that are available. I promise to give you more information in next month's CONTACT.

### ----- LICENSED TEACHER SEMINAR WEEK -----

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| Qty. No. 1 | Evolution of Licensed Teachers in Unity Past, Present, and Future by Phil White . . . . . \$4.50 | Qty. No. 5 | The Nag Hammadi Library by Lindsay Pherigo (2 tapes) . . . . . \$8.00    |
| Qty. No. 2 | Techniques for Bible Teaching Part I by Frank Giudici & Wayne Manning . . . \$4.50               | Qty. No. 6 | How To Conduct A Workshop Part II by Martha Giudici . . . . . \$4.50     |
| Qty. No. 3 | Techniques for Bible Teaching Part II by Frank Giudici & Wayne Manning . . . \$4.50              | Qty. No. 7 | An Evening With Sig Paulson by J. Sig Paulson (2 Tapes) . . . . . \$8.00 |
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL

- 4-17 UICE Session 2, Unity Village, Mo.  
 18-24 Easter Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 24-26 West Coast YOU Sponsor Training, Santa Barbara, Calif.  
 27-30 UC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Mo.  
 28- May 3 Unity Cariblue Retreat, Ocho Rios, Jamaica, W.I.

## MAY

- 4-11 West Central Retreat  
 16-22 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 22-24 Suncoast Unity Retreat, Spa of Safety Harbor, Fla.  
 30- June 5 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## JUNE

- 8-12 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Mo.  
 14-19 AUC Conference, Unity Village, Mo.  
 20- July 3 UICE Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.

## JULY

- 4-17 UICE Session 4, Unity Village, Mo. (Youth Ministry Workshop)  
 18-24 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 28- Aug. 1 Snow Mountain Retreat, Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colo.

## AUGUST

- 1-7 August Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 2-8 O.W.V.A.M.P.I.K. Retreat, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio  
 9-15 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.  
 17-20 Northwest Regional Conference  
 18-23 Young Adults Conference, Unity Village, Mo.  
 23-27 Northwest Regional Conference, Harrison Hot Springs Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, BC, Canada  
 29- Sept. 4 Summerset Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## SEPTEMBER

- 12-18 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 26- Oct. 2 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## OCTOBER

- 4-8 Eastern Regional Conference, Holiday Hills, Pauling, New York  
 10-16 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 24- Nov. 6 UICE Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.

## NOVEMBER

- 7-20 UICE Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.  
 21-27 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.



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## *The President's Letter*

Here's a typical scenario played out by Unity ministers: let's call the minister Joe. Joe is minister of First Church Unity. It is "holding its own"--that is, while it isn't growing greatly it is not declining much either. Joe attributes that largely to his vigorous, dedicated effort. He writes and runs off a newsletter to keep the congregation informed, does his own typing to keep expenses down, does all visitation and outreach calling with clockwork precision, and spends at least 70-80 hours a week in God's service.

Lately he has noticed something happening. His health has started to deteriorate and his stamina and resilience are dissipating. He has also noticed some undercurrents of discontent in his family. He has explained that if he doesn't do the work, no one will, yet his family and his body cannot seem to understand.

This profile is fairly typical of a large number of our field ministers. And over past years we have seen a clear manifestation of this dilemma in the form of burn-out, divorce, sabbaticals, serious illness, and even transition. This has become an occupational hazard of the ministry for those who cannot seem to delegate their work.

Such ministers are operating under several misconceptions that have been built up from old training and old tapes. Here are some of the misconceptions:

- 1) "If I don't do it, it won't get done." This is often an excuse for poor training and delegating. "I'd rather do it myself" is often the line of least resistance. We'd rather do that than sit down with someone and show them how to do it.
- 2) "If I give my job away (delegation) I won't have a job anymore." This is an egocentric fear that we must keep the inner knowledge of Truth and how to run a ministry largely to ourselves and give it piecemeal, bit by bit to our congregation so as to always remain the one in control and "in the know." True teachers and disciples share all they know and give it all away in training and teaching. Doing so makes room for more congregations to become delegations--people with a mission, a task, and a sense of belonging.
- 3) "Serving God means ignoring health and family." Something is very wrong with our understanding of Truth principles when we allow ourselves to function under this misconception.
- 4) "More hours mean better quality and higher commitment and spirituality." More hours are often put into a ministry to "be seen of men"--especially the board, so that they will be impressed and the minister can justify his/her job and salary. Or perhaps the minister is escaping a problem at home and finds refuge in work.
- 5) "Self-sacrifice is okay with God." Self-sacrifice is cannibalism. Others will eat us up if we let our lives be lived entirely for them. We are in this world to become serene in our living and to let the Christ shine. We are not in this work to work our tails off.

Part of being a minister is learning to train someone else to be a minister. We need not fear that our power, our prestige, and our position will be taken away. Only fear can do that. Let us learn to delegate responsibility. This does not mean just shoving a Youth Education manual at someone and saying: "Okay go and teach!" It means spending quality personal time, disciplining that person, sharing all you know, so that that delegate can go forth equipped to do the task. In so doing, you have given yourself the luxury of time and the freedom to do and be what is really yours to do and be. •



## MINISTRY SERVICES PERSPECTIVES

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.* (Rev. 2:7)

Are we hearing what Spirit is saying to the churches? What is Spirit saying to us in Unity, in our individual Unity churches and centers, in the Unity movement as a whole? Where is our growing edge? Where is Spirit seeking to break through into our awareness?

Where do you see the movement of Spirit taking us? Do you think we are open to the direction of

Spirit? Or are we too locked into our own blind spots, our own resistances, our own busyness, our own cover-ups? What do we need to do to be more open and receptive to Spirit? How can we clear the way to truly hear what Spirit is saying to the churches, to us, to Unity? How can we cooperate with Spirit, we who profess to listen? Spirit is very much at work in the AUC, in Unity School, in the Unity movement. Will you share what you are hearing Spirit say?

On May 14 and 15 the Planning and Goals Committee is meeting here at Unity Village. These people are not coming to make any decisions or devise any grandiose schemes. They will be coming together simply to hear what Spirit is saying to the churches. They will be trying to get a sense of what is unfolding in our Unity movement, of where we may be going in the years to come.

You can help if you will. Take some time and meditate upon the movement of Spirit in the life of your church or center and in the life of Unity as a whole. Then take a sheet of paper and answer these questions without getting bogged down in rationalizations:

1. Think about Unity twenty years from now in 2001. What do you envision?
2. What do we need to develop or do as an organization (over the long range) to be more effective?
3. What kind of long-range planning do you believe needs to be done? (Long-range planning more than five years.)
4. Who needs to be involved in this kind of planning? What do they need to do?
5. What do you think needs to be done in terms of long-range planning to coordinate the Unity ministries and Unity School? What suggestions do you have along the line of planning together?
6. What changes in religion, economy, values, science, education, media, business and technology, medicine or other fields do you feel especially bear on the long-range planning of Unity? How? What are we going to have to do to respond or change?
7. Are there any other comments or visions, etc.?

You can share what you are hearing by sending your answer sheets to me at the AUC Office or to David Williamson at Detroit Unity Association, 17505 2nd Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48203, before May 14. Thanks for being a clear channel for Spirit to speak through. You are wonderful, each of you!

Love and blessings,

*Alan*

## SPARKPLUGS

### Unity School Promotion and Editorial Departments

With an increasing number of Unity centers planning holistic programs, the *UNITY Magazine* series "Nourishing the Life Force" has been of particular interest. **Richard and Mary-Alice Jafolla**, licensed Unity teachers, are knowledgeable in the requirements of the physical body and in the field of nutrition. In these articles they combine their ideas with Charles Fillmore's vision of perfect life in the body, and offer exciting advice for "nourishing the life force."

Their first article, published in June 1980, entitled "The Body Temple," opened with a quote from Charles Fillmore: "The real body of God is a living body. Above all, it is a beautiful body, a temple. And God Himself is in that temple." Thus the mood for the series was set. July followed with "Your Body's Nutritional Needs," and in August, "Vegetarian--To Be or Not To Be." Articles on fatigue, arthritis, insomnia, weight, senility, and maintaining a happy heart and lungs have received enthusiastic responses.

You will want to follow the series as it continues with such subjects as alcoholism, pregnancy, digestion, diabetes, hyperactivity, hypoglycemia, nerves, and various other body functions.

You may want to consider giving counselees copies of the articles that have particular meaning for them. Use the articles as resource material in classes and counseling. A number of worthwhile quotations will leap out to inspire sermon material. Last but not least, since the Jafollas' frequently quote Charles Fillmore's book *The Twelve Powers of Man*, you will find this material an invaluable addition to classes on the twelve powers.

Treat yourself to "Nourishing the Life Force!" •



### Youth Services Report

by Margaret K. Finefrock

In March the Youth Education Facilitators Team met at Unity Village for six days of training, brainstorming, and planning in youth education and family services. I want you to know what a dynamic and professional team we have. The regions have done an outstanding job in hiring these gifted folks to serve you. Use them! All are professionals in either Unity,

Family Services, or Education. They have taken on this job as consultants in their region because of their depth of commitment in Unity.

### New Workshop Planned

From the planning sessions emerged our 1981-82 workshop titled "Imagine Me... a Teacher!" This workshop will be available this fall for ministers, licensed teachers, Y.E. directors and teachers, YOU sponsors, and anyone interested in and dedicated to the teaching ministry of the church. Make sure that your teaching staff has the opportunity to attend!

Remember also that in addition to one-day motivational workshops, your Y.E. facilitator is available to you for consulting on site, by phone and letter, speaking, post-graduate courses, Y.E. directors' training, and is available to ministers to help plan a teacher training course for your individual center. In many regions all or part of the facilitator's expenses are picked up by the region, and services are offered on a love offering basis.

### Training Opportunities

This year one of the major emphasis areas of Youth Services is training. I find that teachers and volunteers in general who are well-trained by their church feel more confident and hence are more committed to doing an excellent job. Handing a new teacher or sponsor a teacher's guide and saying, "Here, they're all yours, see you at the end of the quarter," is a great way to encourage frustration, burn-out, and a decision to never volunteer again.

### Training for Y.E. Directors

An exciting program that will be started this fall is Unity of Denver's laboratory school for Y.E. Directors, under the direction of Joy Powell. Joy is Youth Director for Unity of Denver's open concept, Montessori-based youth education department, and Regional facilitator for South Central Region. She is offering to train Y.E. directors on site in Denver. You can send your Y.E. director to work with Joy for three or four days of intense on-the-job-training. For more information on this program contact **Joy Powell, Unity Truth Center, 3021 S. University Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80210.**

### Other training opportunities this year include:

**July 6-17**—Two-week UICE course in youth ministry focusing on teaching skills the first week and administration skills the second week. 10 credits. Unity Village.

**August 9-15**—Sponsor Training during YOU Conference, 1981, for sponsors of YOU delegates. Unity Village.

**October 2, 3, 4**—Teacher Training Weekends for Unity teachers at all levels--early childhood, childhood, youth, and adult. Unity Village.

Other dates and locations for this training are: **October 23, 24, 25**--Tulsa, Oklahoma; **November 6, 7, 8**--Denver, Colorado; and sometime in late Fall--Ft. Worth, Texas (TBA).

### New Skills and Renewal

Don't miss these opportunities this year to attend these training sessions for yourself and send your teachers. Check with your regional facilitator for events that you can host or attend in your region. Training is an investment in people that reaps large dividends in quality and commitment in your church. Please feel free to drop by our office or make an appointment during AUC Conference to let us know your needs, joys, and frustrations, and humorous stories. •

## YOU/YAU Reports

By Brooks Myers

During this spring and summer, each YOU region will be holding an official regional rally. At rallies YOUers have a chance to learn about Truth principles, meet new friends, and express their creativity and enthusiasm.

The season of rallies is a very busy time for me since I attend most of them. In attending many of these events, I have found that they are one of the most fulfilling aspects of my job.

While the season of rallies is a challenging, fun time for me, it can also be a time of opportunity for you. Attending the official YOU rally in your region would be an excellent way for you, as a minister, to strengthen your friendship with the teenagers in your church and area. By participating in a rally, you will have an opportunity to learn more about YOU and to share in a truly uplifting spiritual experience.

Please know that you are sincerely invited to join with us in this celebration of life and Truth. I think you will be impressed with the insight, enthusiasm, and understanding of our YOUers.

The following list gives the dates and locations of upcoming YOU rallies. For more information contact your YOU Regional Coordinator.

| Region        | Date       | Location            |
|---------------|------------|---------------------|
| Southwest     | May 29-31  | El Cajon, CA        |
| Southeast     | June 5-7   | (Site not selected) |
| South Central | June 11-14 | Ft. Worth, TX       |
| Midwest       | June 12-14 | Kansas City, MO     |
| Great Lakes   | June 25-28 | Livonia, MI         |

# COUNSELING

By Sandra H. Cousens Kale



## COUNSELING SKILLS: The Physical Environment

Counseling skills begin with the physical environment. There is much that a counselor can do to put the client at ease as well as make the session easier on him or herself. Following are some suggestions to attain better results.

### The Physical Environment

It takes a great deal of courage on the part of the client to make an appointment for counseling. Many times clients who have not attended a session will cancel or not show up. You are dealing with the physical presence of fear. A simple way to meet this situation is to ask potential clients to call or notify you in some way if they cannot keep an appointment. Emphasize the facts that there are others who need your time; you are willing to make yourself available, but you need to know in advance so that your time together will be undisturbed; or you have other obligations that you are putting aside for them. Often this simple procedure reassures the client that you care and subtly encourages him to keep appointments.

### The Room Setting

The best possible way to furnish a room for counseling, according to current research, is to have two comfortable chairs facing each other with a small table to the right or left of one chair for coffee cups, ashtrays and kleenex. Whether or not smoking is permitted in your counseling room is your option. Clients will respect your suggestions, but remember the client can be extremely nervous. A soft light should be the main light in the room. If there is a window, and it is in a traffic area, the blinds should be closed in order to insure the client's privacy. The room should be away from traffic areas so that private conversations are not heard, even if a voice is raised. Any phone in the room should be unplugged so that its ringing does not break into the moment or disrupt prayer.

Counseling across a desk, or to the side of a desk, puts up barriers that may take weeks to overcome. This approach to counseling is not a sign of professionalism; it is a signal for the client not to get too close, to remember his or her position as student with you as teacher. There is more lost than gained in this type of environment.

To relax clients, I find it convenient to have a pot of coffee and/or tea available. I encourage the client

to help him or herself while I place "IN CONFERENCE" signs on the outside office doors. This procedure has two purposes. One, the signs are a signal for people not to intrude and, by my being occupied for a moment the client has time to "move" out of a rigid sitting position and into the room to explore new territory without my observation, which helps the client to feel more free.

If there are children, they should be placed in a nursery. Children in the counseling room are distracting unless they are the counselees. Encourage parents to leave the children at home or with someone.

### Structuring the Hour

Half-hour sessions are not adequate; an hour should be allowed. The session itself should be about fifty minutes so that you can have a break to refresh yourself for the next activity. This also gives you time to center yourself in prayer and fill the room consciously with God's presence before the next client arrives. Explain counseling to the clients in a few words, so they may know what to expect, and they can clear away the clutter that has accumulated in their minds about counseling. Some main points to cover are: their right to privacy and their right to say what they feel and think. Reassure them you are not going to pass judgment or preach to them. Explain the amount of time they have. By stating the amount of time, you eliminate the "going over sessions," the "door stoppers," who say as they are halfway out, "Oh, by the way, I forgot. . ."

Place a clock in a position that you can see easily without breaking your eye contact with the client. This eliminates checking your wrist watch. By the way, if you are bored, get in touch with those feelings. More than likely the client feels the same. Stop what is transpiring and say: "Where is this going? I seem to have missed something, or 'What is the point you are trying to get me to understand?'"

### Keeping Records

If you have a dependable memory, it is best not to keep records. You run the risk of having them summoned to court in divorce cases, child custody cases, mental commitment cases, and the like. However, most of us do not have a photographic memory. Therefore, if you keep records, write them in a code only you understand and keep them at home. Review them before you begin the day at the office. Records are often safer at home if locked up, and courts in

many cases cannot summon personal files that are not part of church property. If they are confiscated, no one can read them. Case records are excellent reference material to skim before seeing clients, as they are a "running record" of client progress or change, as well as a way to check your perceptions.

#### Closure

As the session draws to a close (about forty minutes have lapsed) state, "We have about ten minutes left, could you summarize what you thought was important to you, or how you felt about this session?" Some can summarize, some can't. In either case it gives you an insight as to what was important, if anything, to the client. Then you summarize what you heard and felt. Check with the client for his or her responses to your summation. Some questions you may want to ask at the end of this procedure are: "Are there things that you would like to complete? Think about what you want to cover next time. What are you feeling now? Would you feel comfortable with a closing prayer?" If the answer is yes, and you begin the prayer, ask the client to end it, perhaps by saying "\_\_\_\_\_ would you like to add anything to this prayer to increase the power of our joined consciousness?" If not, you do it, and each time encourage him to take responsibility for his own prayer requests.

Don't make promises. It is better to support the client's concerns through a positive direction. Explain that as he goes through the counseling process he may feel very bad or very happy at different times. This is part of the process of "focusing" and of self-discovery. Hopefully, the fulfilled times will increase through the client's honest confrontation of things he dislikes within himself and in his life. He can begin the process of denial, which is a way of erasing the unwanted and of choosing to adopt what is wanted.

#### Negotiate for the Next Appointment

Make the next appointment time, date, and place clear to the client. Have appointment cards printed with spaces for this information. Be certain to have an emergency phone number where he or she can reach you if the need arises. Often just knowing you can be reached eliminates the need. Appointment cards are inexpensive and they add professionalism to your image. Outline the number of sessions. Four or six are good numbers to work with. Suggest that at the end of the fourth session there will be a review of the counseling progress as you and the client perceive it. Then the sessions can be renegotiated for a few more sessions or terminated. Extended counseling is demanding. If the person needs a great deal of help this may be the time to suggest referral.

## **UAS News & Views**

by Gary Jones

Parting is such sweet sorrow--and joy! My resignation effective June 30, 1980 brings to a close four years that have been a challenging and rewarding experience. It is a bit ironic that I should be the one to write this article on the benefits of joining the staff of the Unity Ministerial School. Enjoy the irony!

As the future draws me to my next "right place" it creates a vacuum here in our ministerial school program. I would not trade my experience here for anything. I would encourage you who read this column to strongly consider serving as a member of the faculty. We are living in an exciting time for Unity. Exciting things are developing in the reorganization of our educational activities. Both Unity School and Unity Ministerial School are looking into the future of Unity and attempting to be prepared for the needs of that future. For the right person, there is a creative opportunity for self-expression through this ministry of teaching.

One of the rewarding facets of serving in this unique ministry is having the opportunity to work on a team. During my tenure here I have had the privilege to work with some of the most wonderful and professional people I know. It has been a personal blessing to be associated with people like Gladys Branscum, Ann Elarton, Hypatia Hasbrouck, Kathryn Rowbotham, Bill Fischer, Frank and Martha Giudici and Paul Barrett, who have served on the faculty over the past four years.

It was in June of 1977 that some of my peers in the field found that I was applying for a faculty position. They came to me during the June committee meetings and tried to bring me to my senses. They could not understand why I would leave a good field position to come back to the "school." To some it was like I was giving up the ministry. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Every aspect of ministry exists here. The ministerial functions of teaching, speaking, counseling, administering, and praying are a part of the position of faculty. In addition to not giving up anything, there is a great advantage of working with a team of qualified and supportive peers. Besides all this there is the "privilege" of working with men and women who are dedicating their lives to serving the Unity ministry. To witness the growth that the students experience and to walk with them through fantastic growth processes is a personal and very special reward. To the men and women of the graduating classes of 1978 through 1982 I owe a debt of gratitude for all you have taught me. Thank you.

I believe the future of this movement lies in education. If you have ever given thought to applying to the ministerial program staff, I encourage you to do it now! It can be one of the most rewarding things you have ever done in your life.



| INCOME – OPERATIONS:          | February      | Year to Date  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Love Offering                 | \$35,176.28   | \$449,997.56  |
| Other Income                  | 883.56        | 51,475.56     |
|                               | 36,059.84     | 501,473.12    |
| Less: Tithe Transfer          | 3,517.63      | 44,999.76     |
|                               | 32,542.21     | 456,473.36    |
| Gross Profit Materials        | 8,798.11      | 57,753.36     |
| Total Income                  | 41,340.32     | 514,226.72    |
| EXPENSES – OPERATIONS:        |               |               |
| Ministry Services             | 37,755.09     | 361,749.81    |
| Ministerial Education         | 14,579.52     | 162,899.93    |
| Total Expenses                | 52,334.61     | 524,649.74    |
| INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES: | \$(10,994.29) | \$(10,423.02) |

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*Memorials*

**PHILIP BARBOUR STOVIN** passed from this life experience on March 20, 1981. Phil was ordained in 1956. He headed the ministry in St. Petersburg in 1964 until he left in 1965 to establish a new center in Milwaukee. Phil left the Milwaukee ministry in 1968 and accepted leadership of Unity Center in

We rejoice with these souls as they go on to their next phase of growth and development. We know they are with us in thought, and the love we all shared serves as the bridge between dimensions, uniting us eternally. •

# LIGHT ON THE PATH

by Catherine Garvey, Licensed Teacher/MIT

The First Licensed Teacher Post-Graduate Week was such a tremendous success that plans are being made for another week in the spring of 1982. We'll get the exact date to you as soon as it is set.

It would be difficult to say what part of the week was the most outstanding. The classes were all informative and interesting. However, some said, "... having the opportunity to meet and talk with other licensed teachers was a very valuable part of each day." All in all, the final report would have to be, "... all things worked together for good."

All classes were not designed for taping, but you will enjoy those that were offered on the order form in last month's CONTACT. We thank Unity School and AUC for making them available to those of you who were not able to attend this year. They won't be available for long. If you want any, get your orders in soon.

Next year's program planners will take into consideration the evaluation and suggestions offered by those who attended this year. The staff was amazed by the requests for more teacher participation in the form of papers and class assignments. What a wonderful and dedicated group of people we are!

You will be pleased to know that your love offerings more than covered the expenses, and we know as you have so lovingly and freely given, so shall you receive.

Personally I want to thank each of you for the love you have shared with me. I have been truly blessed to have the opportunity to share in this awareness of your devotion and desire to be a working part of this wonderful, growing Unity movement.

*Walk in the light and thou shalt see thy path,  
though thorny, bright; for God, by grace, shall dwell  
in thee, and God himself is light. --Barton*

Let your light shine!

**CLEARINGHOUSE--Howard Caesar**, Unity of Olympia, Olympia, Washington, would like to have 25-50 gold or blue song books. If you have any books you would like to sell, please contact Howard at **Unity of Olympia, 1335 Fern St., S.W., Olympia, WA 98502; phone 206-943-5757.**

## CONFERENCE '81

*Each year we anticipate the yearly Conference fun.  
Coming back to the Village and greeting the sun!  
Getting together to share with old friends--  
Before we know it our time has come to an end!  
The Schuller workshop promises to be a blessing for  
all.  
Time has been left so you may even see the Royals  
play ball!  
We hope to see each and everyone of your faces.  
But please remember to register as we're running out  
of spaces!*

## NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

Finalized Placements: **Emily Sanford** (1969) to Santa Cruz, California; **Fran Martyns** (1979) to Arden, North Carolina; **Jim Dawson** (1974) to Pompano Beach, Florida; **Linda Pendergrass** (1978) to Arlington, Texas; **Bill Newsom** (1978) to San Diego, California.

Remember to return your conference registration cards to the Association of Unity Churches as soon as possible. It is imperative that we receive all registrations in advance! If you have any questions, please contact Debi Martin at the AUC Office.

The Outreach Committee is happy to announce that it has completed the first issue of the Outreach Newsletter "Helping Hand." If you did not receive a copy of the newsletter, please contact Debi Martin at the AUC Office. The newsletter will be printed quarterly. The purpose of it is to promote growth and development of the many formal and informal Unity study groups. If you have any outreach news, please forward it to **Jim Rosemergy**, Chairman of the Outreach Committee, or to **Debi Martin**, Outreach Coordinator.

Unity Church of Positive Living, **Robert Eagan**, minister, Jackson, Mississippi, started a M.O.M. (Mothers on Mondays) program recently. New mothers get together to discuss problems, share ideas, and to be of help to each other.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MAY

- 4-11 West Central Retreat in Hawaii
- 16-22 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 22-24 Suncoast Unity Retreat, Spa of Safety Harbor, Fla.
- 30- June 5 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## JUNE

- 8-12 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Mo.
- 14-19 AUC Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 20- July 3 UICE Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.

## JULY

- 4-17 UICE Session 4, Unity Village, Mo. (Youth Workshop)
- 18-24 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 28- Aug. 1 Snow Mountain Retreat, Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colo.

## AUGUST

- 1-7 August Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 2-8 O.W.V.A.M.P.I.K. Retreat, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio
- 9-15 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 18-23 Young Adults Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 23-27 Northwest Regional Conference, Harrison Hot Springs Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, BC, Canada
- 29- Sept. 4 Summerset Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## SEPTEMBER

- 12-18 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 26- Oct. 2 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## OCTOBER

- 4-8 Eastern Regional Conference, Holiday Hills, Pauling, New York
- 9-11 West Central Unity Students Retreat at Asilomar
- 10-16 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 24- Nov. 6 UICE Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.

## NOVEMBER

- 7-20 UICE Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.
- 21-27 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.



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This month I finish my year as President of your Association. I would like to end with a beginning note.

The theme of our 1981 Annual Conference is "New Beginnings Now," and, as I end my year of service, I would urge each of you to begin anew to put the Truth you know and love and teach to the supreme test—the living of it.

Let us end our isolation one from another and begin to forge new bonds of friendship, community, caring, and support.

Be done with criticism, back-biting, and groundless paranoia, and begin the loving as never before!

Finish once and for all with the fight for independence and begin the march toward interdependence.

Put an end to limited perceptions of the negative stereotypes and prejudices we have conjured up about some of our fellow ministers, licensed teachers, AUC staff, UMS faculty, Unity School officials, church boards and even our own congregation. Be done with all of that nonsense and start beholding the Christ as never before. Let us see each other as if we are seeing for the very first time.

Let us be finished with thoughts of "we've always done it this way" and other voices from the past. Begin to listen to the fresh new voice of your inner Spirit, calling you to this now moment, filled with possibility.

"If any man or woman is in Christ he/she is a new creature." The Bible challenges us all to really be, maybe for the first time in a long time, "in Christ"—immersed in the Christ consciousness of genuine love, forgiveness, caring, and compassion.

The time has come to finish with empty platitudes and words; to be done with trite cliches and simple "Bless you's"; to end the lip service that most of us have given to what we represent.

The time has come to begin, to begin the real living of our faith. It is time to start acting like Unity students--like students of Christ's teaching would

act. It's time to initiate overt and assertive acts of supportive caring among one another. It is time to achieve a congruency between Christ within and Christ without.

Well, I'm finished. I've had my chance, and I've had my say. It is over. My term is at an end. Now I'm ready to begin. Won't you join me?

Love,



## NEW BEGINNINGS NOW

A Message From Ruth Mosley  
Incoming AUC President



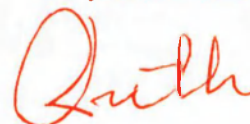
I greet you with opportunities to begin anew at our 1981 Conference. We can begin by exploring Dr. Schuller's techniques and learning new ways to expand our ministries, and perhaps rekindle some old techniques that we have forgotten.

Let us begin by building a conscious awareness of self-worth. As Unity ministers we are unique, because our message must free instead of bind, heal instead of destroy. Since our message has a positive direction, as ministers we need to be revitalized often.

Let us begin by building a new appreciation of each other. When we appreciate each other's worth, it is a reflection of ourselves, as the Christ. In workshops during Conference, as we share techniques of expanding our awareness of our potential, let us also expand our appreciation of each other.

Let us begin by renewing our purpose, by coming to Conference with open minds, enthusiastic spirits of renewal, and energetic bodies, knowing that the greatest gift we can give is our presence, and the greatest gift we can receive is love from one another.

See you at Conference,



## MINISTRY SERVICES PERSPECTIVES

## DO YOU KNOW...

### UNITY®

Two days ago a man asked me a question: "What is the cutting edge of the AUC?"

The question was not asked lightly. The questioner was one who has spent his life researching and studying the philosophies and religions of the world. He has come to know and to love Unity. He recognizes and understands the unique contribution that Unity has brought to men and women of all races and creeds in their quest for Truth and for spiritual nourishment. And yet he asks the question: "What is the cutting edge of the AUC?"

Note that he does not ask what is the cutting edge of Unity, but of the Association of Unity Churches. What unique contribution does the AUC bring to the world? What impact will our Unity churches and centers have on our society in the years to come? What makes them unique? Why are we here?

After pondering the question in my heart for the last two days, some answers have surfaced. But more important, the question keeps on cutting itself deeper within me, and I know it is a question we all have to ask ourselves all the time. What is the cutting edge of my ministry? What is the cutting edge of my life? What special gifts are mine to express? How am I helping others to realize the cutting edge of their lives--their uniqueness, their place in the scheme of things?

This month we will be coming together to celebrate our ministry. AUC Conference 1981 will provide a very real opportunity for you to gather ideas for implementation in your own ministry, to clarify your thinking on the direction of your ministry, and to share with your fellow ministers, licensed teachers, and involved lay persons in-depth discussions of your dreams, hopes, and goals. Everything is ready; the plans are all set. Your AUC office staff, the program committee, and the post-graduate committee have spent hours of preparation to help you experience an enjoyable, profitable AUC Conference. We are looking forward to your arrival with a sense of joyous anticipation. Please come with a readiness to participate, a willingness to share, a questing spirit, and a loving heart. This is necessary preparation for the answering of the question: "What is the cutting edge of the AUC?"

... For in a very real sense, YOU are the answer!

God bless you,

See you soon!



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--Tom Witherspoon  
for the AUC-Unity School  
Coordination Committee

In the Conference packets prepared by the Association of Unity Churches in April a form was included pertaining to transportation from the K.C.I. Airport to Unity Village, Missouri. The AUC office would like to clarify a point stated on said form. The rates charged for any taxi service are posted in all cabs. We want to apologize to the Missouri taxi drivers who felt slighted by our form. Please feel free to use any taxi company you encounter at the airport.

We have had excellent service from Dillard Cab Company, and for this reason we suggested using their services. If you encounter a problem with any taxi service, please report it to the AUC office. The Missouri Taxi Cab Association is working closely with the AUC office to see that our Conference delegates have fair and acceptable service from all taxi companies.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## UMS News & Views

by Kathryn Rowbotham

At this time many changes are taking place in UMS. We deeply regret that Gary Jones will be leaving the faculty in June, but we lovingly bless him as he goes forth to his new ministry in Toronto, Canada. Gary has done outstanding work as Chairperson of the faculty, and the new system is working effectively and harmoniously. Gary has faithfully served the Ministerial School for four years, and we will all miss him very much. The new faculty member is Bill Esslinger. He will be joining us in June. We anticipate the hiring of an additional faculty person to fill the vacancy created by Gary's departure. This has already been approved by the Board. Our prayers and love are with Gary and Bill as they make these changes in their lives.

All of us here are deeply involved in the educational process of the ministers-in-training. We have a dynamic group to work with, and it is an interesting and challenging way to serve.

The Executive Committee met here last week. The faculty had an opportunity to share in a brainstorming session with them. Many creative ideas were presented for the expansion of our programs and creative ways we can enrich our movement. We as a faculty are also working with Unity School in the development of their new educational program, the Unity School for Religious Studies (USRS). We feel this is an important advancement in a cooperative effort.

We are looking forward at this time with a great deal of anticipation to graduation, ordination, and Conference meetings in June. The second-year ministers-in-training are "trying out" at various Unity Centers now and already thirteen of the thirty-nine ordinands have been placed. We have thirty-seven first-year ministers-in-training. There are forty-five new MITs coming into the program in July. All together they constitute a strong group of potential Unity leaders who are involved in spiritual study, and who serve and speak in community projects such as prison, hospital, radio, etc. The MITs also work in Silent Unity, conduct ministries and study groups, help out in Retreat programs, and are a real blessing to Unity and the community. You can be very proud of the present status of your Ministerial School.

We send each of you our love and blessings, and we appreciate your prayers and support. •

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**SPECIAL ATTENTION:** When ministers move into a new ministry please notify **Myra Moore**, AUC Office, if you would like to cancel your medical insurance.

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## ATTENTION!!

Conference time will be a few days away when you receive this issue of *Contact*. We want to express our thanks to all of the Unity ministers and licensed teachers who made our Conference planning a job that was both meaningful and enjoyable.

While you are here at Conference, please take time out of your busy schedule to stop by and visit with the AUC staff and share any ideas that you feel could make the services provided to the field more effective, or any services that you feel we could be providing to you. Your AUC office has new employees who would like to place a face with a name when they talk with you on the telephone. We encourage you to stop by and meet those who serve you.

There will be an information center set up in the AUC office for your convenience. We will be happy to direct you to places of interest in the Kansas City area and provide car rental information, as well as other pertinent information.

We are here to help you. We look forward to seeing you soon. Have a great Conference! •

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## LIGHT ON THE PATH

By Catherine Garvey, Licensed Teacher/MIT

Conference will be a busy time this year, however, we have arranged for a time of sharing on Monday morning, June 15, at the Clubhouse between 7 and 9 a.m. This will be a continental breakfast. Come, meet, and share with our Licensed Teachers.

Many good things are in the planning stage right now. The Executive Board approved a plan for a Licensed Teacher Development Committee at its April meeting, and we will begin to get this implemented as soon as possible.

A definite date has not been set for the next Licensed Teacher's Post-Graduate week, but it will be the last week of February or the first week in March 1982, and will go from Friday to Friday so you can take advantage of special air fare rates. If there is anything that you particularly want to be included in that week, take a few minutes and drop me a note. I know you all enjoyed the special times of sharing with each other, and we plan to have some time for that every day.

I will look forward to seeing you at Conference!

*The eye's light is a noble gift of heaven! All beings live from light; each fair created thing, the very plants, turn with a joyful transport to the light. —Schiller*

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! •

## A TASTE OF HONEY

### *Detroit Welcomes Ministers-In-Training*

by Gerrie Schober

Blankets and pillows in hand, thirty-four neophyte ministers boarded a bus marked "Detroit" in April over Easter weekend. Seventeen hours and 751 miles later we arrived at the Book Cadillac Hotel. The event, arranged by the Detroit area churches, was a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

As sometimes happens with best-laid plans, something went awry. The 2 p.m. bus which was to take us to Unity Church of Today (the new name for Jack Boland's Unity of the Infinite Presence) did not arrive. We waited. Jack calmly conversed with us, one eye occasionally glancing toward the street. He waited. Then came the news--the bus had broken down. Already we were behind in our tight schedule. In his usual professional manner, Jack quickly flagged nine taxis, and off we went. Taxis waited more than an hour while we toured the new facility, presently under construction. Our caravan continued--a trek to Unity of the Infinite Presence, now bursting at its seams--dinner--then back to the church where a devoted, overflowing audience sat enraptured as Judy Childress presented her Wednesday night class.

Every day, every experience was unique, carrying its own special flavor, its own invaluable lessons, widening our visions, firing us with enthusiasm, touching the depths of our being with inspiration and earnest contemplation.

If asked to evaluate one experience, one center, against another, there is no way we could do so. Each is a complete success. The light that shines through Louise Peak and her work on Detroit's Cass Corridor is superb. Louise was our Thursday morning breakfast hostess, and she ministered to us with deep love and tender emotion.

How do you describe our next stop, Detroit Unity Temple, except to say, "People . . . people everywhere!" David Williamson and Jacqueline Neal certainly were an inspiration. We marvelled over the large number of volunteers that eagerly sought their niche.

Another ministry with a heart of gold, Unity of Birmingham, welcomed us with the aroma of coffee and a pleasant hostess, Betty Jacunski. She has created an atmosphere of comfort within these walls.

A tasty dinner awaited us at Onita Meyer's homey Royal Oak Temple. She and Dona Gilsdorf enlightened us on how to develop satellites, and how to develop a climate of love and service.

For those students who could overcome the

temptations of sleep, there was a superb experience at West Side Unity's midnight Footwashing Service. The rest of us, who had opted for prone positions in our hotel rooms, had the opportunity to be included in West Side's hospitality the next morning at the Good Friday Service, conducted primarily by fellow MITs.

Livonia! If you haven't enjoyed a service with Gene Sorensen, you have a treat awaiting you. This was our second Good Friday treat. Here again, professionalism is the word. They have already outgrown their nine-year-old modern facility and are looking at growth options. Volunteers abound! The Sunday School is a delight, overflowing with young Truth students and eager, well-trained teachers.

At the Urban Ministerial School, the Detroit MITs had prepared an appetizing dinner, fellowship, and an evening with Ruth Mosley. Here is one outstanding woman. It takes little time to recognize her devotion to her work, her congregation, and her urban MIT family.

Many events deserve attention beyond space permitted. To Judy Childress and Deanna D'Ambrosia goes a standing ovation for the many hours spent in preparation for this event, and to Judy for devoting her week to guiding, gathering, chaperoning, and in general keeping us on target as we forged ahead to each activity. To Unity of Ann Arbor and Unity of Pontiac, a special thank you for your part as contributing ministries.

Erma Henderson, President of the Detroit City Council, gave an interesting and enlightening talk on "Urban Problems Influencing Urban Ministries," and presented each of us with a Spirit of Detroit Award.

Mayola SaltPaw, Judy Childress, Jacqueline Neal, and Deanna D'Ambrosia headed an informative panel. We shared in three outstanding Easter services: West Side at Coho Hall, Detroit Unity Temple, and Unity Church of Today. A few of us attended Louise Peak's Unity Light of Truth.

The final afternoon featured lunch at Detroit Unity Temple, followed by a panel of ministers answering MIT questions.

At 5 p.m. Sunday, we boarded the bus for the return trip. Thirty-four tired but happy MITs arrived at Unity Village the next morning, filled with the fires of success, ready to venture into the field of ministry and spread the gospel of Unity.

To Detroit, from the Class of '81, we love you, we bless you, we thank you, we salute you! •

## NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

Finalized Placements: **Judith Childress** has decided to remain at Unity Church of Today, (Unity of the Infinite Presence) Detroit, Michigan; **Rita Marie Kirby** (1981) to Belleville, Illinois; **Betty Aiken**, Licensed Teacher, is staying in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada for an indefinite period of time; **Carol Hollister** (1981) to Greenville, South Carolina; **Jack Graf** (1981) to Unity of Austin in the Oaks, Austin, Texas; **Coletta Davidson Witherspoon** (1981) to Unity Village, Missouri; **Robert Preston** (1975) to Unity Christ Church, St. Petersburg, Florida; **Doug Quimby** (1981) to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Ohio State University recently announced E.R.I.C. publication of **Glenn Mosley's** Doctoral dissertation, "A Comparison of Secular and Religious Experiential Education Activities in the Adult Religious Education Classroom."

**Sune Richards** and the congregation of Christ Church Unity of Tempe, Arizona dedicated their new home on April 12, 1981. Their guest speaker was James Dillet Freeman. They had two exciting services and an afternoon with Jim Freeman, when he shared his poetry and experience with the Moon Voyager, Apollo XV. Congratulations to Christ Church Unity on the dedication of its new home.

Unity of Savannah has available for rent two excellent films. Both are of special interest to Unity students, and the rental is only \$25 per film. The first film is "Radiance, An Experience of Light." It is a meditative journey through light as it has been used by man to heighten his spiritual awareness. The other film is "This Side of Eden," a film starring Carol Burnett, Walter Matthau, and Ed Asner. It discusses God's continuing love and the need to remove guilt from our thinking. If your center is interested, please contact Unity of Savannah.

Unity Church of Jacksonville, Florida, **John and Marleen Davis** ministers, recently started a Unity Toastmasters organization. The purpose of the group is to help the members blossom in whatever endeavor they choose. Developing communication techniques, leadership skills, speaking ability, and confidence are all parts of this new and exciting group.

Unity Church of Evansville, Evansville, Indiana, **Robert Brumet**, minister, celebrated its twentieth anniversary on Saturday, May 23, with dinner and dancing. •

## YOU/YAU Reports

By Brooks Myers

We give thanks for your interest and involvement in the Youth of Unity as a minister. You are invited to join us in acknowledging the dynamic activity of Spirit at work in the planning and preparation of the upcoming Youth of Unity Conference, which will be held August 9-15. Our theme this year is "Refractions of the One." We are anticipating an exhilarating week of spiritual unfoldment and personal fulfillment for everyone involved.

Each year at this time we contact the ministers and sponsors about the young people to be selected as conference delegates. We have found widespread support for our request that all ministries take special care to insure that the delegates they send to conference are mature and responsible young people.

We are proud to say that in previous years our delegates have been beautiful. They have come to Unity Village and cared for the staff, the facilities, and each other in a sensitive and mature manner. The YOUers have appreciated the atmosphere of honesty, trust, and respect promoted through our Conference activities.

To keep Conference on this high spiritual level, we ask that you talk with your Conference delegates to discuss the purpose of YOU Conference and the necessary rules which make this experience possible. A copy of the Conference registration information, which includes the "Rules of Conference" has already been sent to your YOU sponsor. Additional copies are available through the YOU office.

As Conference host, the Association of Unity Churches is committed to making Conference a meaningful and enjoyable experience for the young people you are entrusting to our care. We feel a great joy in sharing this unique life experience with someone you know and love. •



## RETREAT NEWS

O.W.V.A.M.P.I.K. (Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kentucky) Retreat will be held August 2-8, 1981 at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. This retreat will be five full days devoted to the therapy of mind expansion, creative expression, meditation, and prayer sharing. Speakers will include **Charles Roth**, **David Williamson**, **Charles Lelly**, **Charles King**, **Elizabeth Jacunski**, **Betty DeTurk**, **Glenn Mosley**, **Robert Walle**, **Eunice Chagnon**, and others. If you are interested, please contact the Akron Unity Center of Truth for more information.

# SPARKPLUGS

Unity School Promotion and Editorial Departments

*WEE WISDOM* retains its popularity because of its appealing articles and crafts that stimulate children to find the good in themselves and develop positive attitudes.

Sunday school teachers will find an abundance of material to supplement Sunday lessons, or to assist children in meeting a present challenge. You may wish to consider the following stories from the June/July issue:

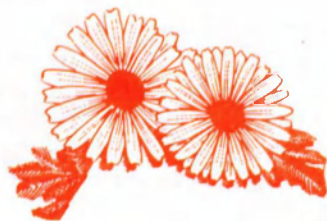
**Katy's Miracle.** A fire threatens a family's farmhouse, but a change in the direction of the wind turns the fire toward a plowed field where it is quickly extinguished. Here is an opportunity to discuss the concept of miracles.

**Green Salads and Love to a Sea Giant.** A hungry sea cow in a Florida canal finds a friend and food. Emphasis is placed on reverence for all living things, protection of wildlife, and elimination of pollution in our waters.

**The Night an Octopus Hid in My Room.** Tony brings home a small octopus and plans to keep it in a jar. Overnight, the octopus teaches Tony a lesson. But the most important lesson is that all creatures need to be in their natural habitat, where they belong.

**Life Is Full of Surprises!** A large, old sugar pine tree is felled to make room for a lookout tower on top of a mountain. The tree adjusts to changes in its lifestyle. It soon becomes shelter for foxes, green ferns, and wood violets. Its ultimate happiness comes when a man discovers the beauty of the tree's wood and proudly uses it for magnificent carvings of woodland creatures, flying birds, and friendly pets. The wood-carver teaches children to look into the wood to find the beauty that is there. This is a touching story with good lesson material on love and on learning to be enthusiastic for changes that life has in store for us. "Seek, see, try the plan that is meant for you. Listen, learn, let go and know it can all come true!"

Counselors may find *WEE WISDOM* stories helpful in working with small children, as they may wish to send magazines home with parents who are concerned about their youngsters.



## WHO IS AT FAULT WHEN THE MINISTER IS FIRED?

The Associated Press recently reported a study of 117 congregations that fired their pastors for reasons other than unethical conduct which has shown that the dismissals usually weren't the minister's fault.

The study, made by a United Church of Christ clergyman, involved congregations in four denominations—the United Church of Christ, the Episcopal Church, the United Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

About one out of 100 of all congregations each year dismisses its pastor for reasons other than unethical or immoral conduct the study found, and among congregations that have done so the main reasons included:

- Congregational conflict that began before the pastor came.
- Factions in the congregation and disapproval of the pastor by a powerful minority.
- Pastor-laity value conflicts.
- Frustrated desires of members for big success in the congregation's ministry.

These kinds of tensions are apt to continue indefinitely, whoever the pastor is, unless outside counseling is sought, the report said.

However, it attributed 23 percent of the firings to authoritarian behavior or contentiousness on the pastor's part and another 23 percent to poor "interpersonal skills."



## WEDDING BELLS

Bob Preston, newly appointed minister of Unity Christ Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, was joined in marriage to Wendy Sherman Saturday, May 2, 1981, in Rochester, New York. Bob and Wendy joined the St. Petersburg ministry in mid May.

Bernard Dozier, minister of Unity Church of Christianity, Memphis, Tennessee, and Chris Bowler were united in marriage on April 9, 1981.

Thomas Witherspoon, Editor for Unity School of Christianity, and Coletta Davidson, a 1981 Ordinand, exchanged wedding vows on April 30, 1981. Coletta has recently been invited to serve as Associate with the Unity Village Chapel upon her graduation.

We know that Unity friends everywhere join together in sending love, blessings, and every good wish for peace, joy, and happiness to the newly married couples.

**ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES**  
**Statement of General Funds Operations**  
**Twelve Months Ended March 31, 1981**  
**(Unaudited)**

**INCOME – OPERATIONS**

|                        |             |              |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Love Offering          | \$46,388.40 | \$496,385.96 |
| Other Income           | 12,891.46   | 64,367.02    |
|                        | 59,279.86   | 560,752.98   |
| Less: Tithe Transfer   | 4,638.84    | 49,638.60    |
|                        | 54,641.02   | 511,114.38   |
| Gross Profit Materials | 2,772.18    | 60,525.54    |
| Total Income           | 57,413.20   | 571,639.92   |

**EXPENSES – OPERATIONS:**

|                       |           |            |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Ministry Services     | 33,367.66 | 395,117.47 |
| Ministerial Education | 20,006.87 | 182,906.80 |
| Total Expenses        | 53,374.53 | 578,024.27 |

**INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:**      \$ 4,038.67      \$ (6,384.35)

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**Unity School Contribution To The AUC Through Services Provided**

May 1, 1980 – March 31, 1981:      \$93,740.55

*(Note: This contribution is a non-ledger item and does not appear in the AUC financial statement.)*

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

To make it possible for everyone to attend church, we are going to make some special arrangements.

A cot will be placed in the sanctuary for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep."

Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching television too late Saturday night.

We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I showed up in church."

Blankets will be furnished for people who think the church is too cold and fans for those who think the church is too hot.

We will have hearing aids for those who say the minister speaks too softly and cotton for those who think he speaks too loudly.

Scoreboards will be placed in the pew racks for those who enjoy listing the hypocrites present.

One hundred TV-dinners will be on hand for those who can't go to church and cook dinner too.

A putting green is being constructed near the altar for those who say, "Sunday is my golfing day."

Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never see the church without them.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**REMEMBER:** AUC Conference is just around the corner. Please bring with you "a readiness to participate, a willingness to share, a questing spirit, and a loving heart." We are all looking forward to seeing you again!

## JUNE

- 8-12 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Mo.
- 14-19 AUC Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 20- UICE Session 3, Unity Village, Mo.
- July 3

## JULY

- 4-17 UICE Session 4, Unity Village, Mo. (Youth Ministry Workshop)
- 18-24 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 28- Snow Mountain Retreat, Snow Mountain Ranch, Aug. 1 Granby, Colo.

## AUGUST

- 1-7 August Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 2-8 O.W.V.A.M.P.I.K. Retreat, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio
- 9-15 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 18-23 Young Adults Conference, Unity Village, Mo.
- 23-27 Northwest Regional Conference, Harrison Hot Springs Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, BC, Canada
- 29- Summerset Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- Sept. 4

## SEPTEMBER

- 12-18 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 26- Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- Oct. 2

## OCTOBER

- 4-8 Eastern Regional Conference, Holiday Hills, Pauling, New York
- 9-11 West Central Unity Students Retreat at Asilomar
- 10-16 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.
- 24- UICE Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.
- Nov. 6

## NOVEMBER

- 7-20 UICE Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.
- 21-27 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.



**CLEARINGHOUSE:** Unity of Bellevue, Bellevue, Washington, is looking for 100 gold or blue Unity Songbooks. If you have any you would like to sell, please contact **Mary Lee Douglas** at **Unity of Bellevue, 16330 NE 4th, Bellevue, Washington 98008.**



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*Letter*

**WANTED ALIVE!!**

by

**Ruth M. Mosley**

Everyone wants to belong to someone or to share their life with someone. We go to great lengths to make ourselves attractive, desirable and beautiful just to get the attention and accolades from others, and yet this is not satisfying. Outer preparations are not satisfying because a part of us is asleep--lying dormant--awaiting the great resurrection of the Christ within us.

I believe that God wants us alive because He caused His Son, the Christ, the I AM, to live in us and to live as us. This expresses through us as Christ love.

Because He lives in us, I believe God wants us to live the Truth...

not just talk about love, but be loving.

not just wish for prosperity, but be prosperous.

not just affirm peaceful statements of Truth,  
but to be peaceful, inside and out.

not just wear beautiful garments, but to let the  
life we live be beautiful.

not just talk about how Jesus healed, but to  
be healthy.

... and most of all, be alive in thought, word and deed.

When you are aware that someone loves you and cares about you, your eyes light up, your face changes from sadness to joy, and you begin to walk spryly, lightly, and lively. That joyful, enthusiastic, loving expression that comes over you because you feel alive is like magic. It spreads to all you meet. You and I know that Christ aliveness is the one high that truly satisfies all who dare to let it express through them.

Today you are wanted alive by God. God wants you to pray like Elijah, to persist like Paul, to touch like the woman who touched the hem of His garment, and to desire fulfillment like Hannah.

I believe God wants us to persist as zealously as Paul in teaching the Christ message to all people. We, too, must allow this message to continue by letting our own Christ teach

through us.

Nearly two thousand years ago Jesus asked the question, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" The disciples answered, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets." But then Jesus asked again, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Him and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus knew that Peter alone was not strong enough to build a church of God but yet he built his church upon the message of Truth. He said, "On this rock I will build my church." He also gave Peter the keys to the kingdom. He also told him that whatsoever is bound on earth is bound in heaven and whatsoever is bound in heaven is bound on earth. In this context I want you to think about AUC. What is AUC? It is a religious organ that is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. Who is AUC? It is you and me--it is us--it is the togetherness of the Unity movement. Is AUC necessary? Look at your neighbor churches, especially your neighbor Unity churches. Which one would you eliminate? Would it be yourself or would it be the church down the road or the church in the next town. I received 56 letters from you during the survey last month. It is my intention to answer each letter personally but there are some things I heard that seemed to come through in most of the letters. I heard you say, "I want a live AUC." I heard you say, "I want a friendly AUC." I heard you say "I want AUC to talk to me about me." I heard you say "I want AUC to be warm and friendly toward me and my work." I heard you say "I want to know how you feel and how you succeed in doing whatever you did so that it will help me in what I am doing." I heard you say "I want to pray with my Unity friends and feel their consciousness." Most of all, I heard you say, "We are Unity and we want a Unity experience." I am sure I am not the answer to your wants but I am sure that WE are the answer to our needs. Our AUC office counseling materials, teaching techniques, strong ministers, group services, bulletins, and letterhead--these services cannot be bought, but be experienced. That is the team work from our AUC office, from our churches, whether you are a temple, a storefront, a church, a study group, from a region or from headquarters--YOU are wanted alive!

When I think of the aliveness of the AUC, its member churches and its office I have to think of a young woman who tried to commit suicide. She did not want to live because she believed no one cared for her. A young man who lived in her neighborhood was afraid to speak to her because she was so beautiful. Daily he wished she would look his way in order that he might receive a favorable signal from her. When he heard how lonely she had been and how she had tried to commit suicide, he went to the hospital and told her how he

felt and how long he had wanted so speak to her. He assured her that he wanted her alive and that God wanted her alive. She believed him and fought for her life. She is alive today! Today God wants you alive so you can live again like the young lady who found love when she was near death. Today God wants you alive so that you can pray prayers with the fire of Elijah. Today God wants you alive so you can touch the Christ with faith like the woman who touched the hem of His garment. Today God wants you alive so you can persist in the aliveness of the word of Christ as did Paul. Today God wants you alive so you can fulfill your desire as did Hannah of old, and most of all, so you can know that you are wanted by God--alive.

I know it! You know it! God knows it! So let us be alive and become consciously accepted by God this day in all that we do. Let's keep AUC alive and well by dreaming our dreams together.

Ruth

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### A WORD FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT

I want to thank each and every one of you for your kind thoughts of congratulations. I am especially touched by those of you who included an expression of confidence in me. I pledge that I will do my utmost, as always, to justify that confidence.

With Ruth, I share a dream and a vision: to continue to seek a greater level of cooperation and coordination between our Association and Unity School.

As a Unity family we will move forward into the "New Age" as a force for Good and Truth in our world.

Bless you each one,

Jack

## CONFERENCE '81

The 1981 AUC Conference held June 14-19 was attended by approximately 600 ministers, spouses, licensed teachers, MITs and representatives from our Unity Centers throughout the world. It was the most well-attended Conference to date.

One of the highlights of this year's Conference program was music and song by Alan Stanley and Bill Provost. Bill and Alan opened each morning with beautiful meditation music for everyone's enjoyment. Business meetings were kept to a minimum and flowed quickly and harmoniously. Four hundred guests attended the banquet held at the Alameda Plaza. After dinner they danced to the sounds of the Mo-Kan Band and shared fellowship, food and a lot of fun.

An exciting two-hour presentation by Dr. Robert Schuller, entitled "Managing For Success" was well received by more than 1,000 people. For anyone wanting a copy of the lecture contact the order desk in your AUC office.

The Post-Graduate Program, "Possibility Principles for Growth," was held Wednesday and Thursday. Through the dedicated efforts of the Post-Graduate Committee, headed by Wayne Manning, the program was carried through in an outstanding manner. David Winscott, Director of Field Ministries of the Schuller Institute, led the two-day film workshop and we appreciate all of the fine work he accomplished.

The week ended on a happy note when Ruth Mosley, newly-elected President, accepted the gavel from David McClure, outgoing President. Jack Barker, new Vice-President, was on hand to help with the celebration. A beautiful, inspiring circle of love and light ceremony closed this year's Conference. This year's Program Committee, Jane Waddington, Chairperson, is to be commended on the excellence of Conference '81!

Comments received on the feedback sheets showed it to be the most loving, harmonious and keenly-paced Conference in many years. If you have any comments that would help to improve the 1982 Conference, please contact the AUC office. •

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Bob Sikking, Unity of Santa Monica, is recuperating nicely after experiencing a mild heart-attack while attending Conference at Unity Village. You can get in touch with Bob at his home or in care of the church in Santa Monica. Bob, blessings of love and light from all of your friends in the AUC Office.

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# MINISTRY SERVICES PERSPECTIVES

Hello Friends,

Now that you have returned home after attending the AUC Conference 1981, I hope you've taken some time to reflect on your experience. What did you learn? What did you enjoy? What ideas do you have for improving the quality of our conferences? Some of you have already shared good ideas and given feedback on Conference '81. We'll be looking forward to hearing from many more of you.

As for me, I was delighted with the tremendous response to this year's activity, and even more delighted that it all turned out so well. You already are well aware that the credit for the smooth-running of the event belongs to your AUC office staff and your Program, Post-Graduate and Banquet Committees and Chairpersons. Believe me, they earned every bit of applause they received and more.

If, while you were here you asked to meet with me individually and we didn't make the connection, then please drop me a note to that effect. The number of people in attendance made it impossible to personally spend time with everyone but I trust that all the needs were met one way or another.

All of us here were somewhat "wiped out" after Conference but everything is ticking along again now and we're catching up with correspondence that fell behind a bit. If your reply to any of your recent letters has been delayed, you know the reason why!

There is a great deal of Placement activity at this time. Our new Unity ministers from the UMS class of 1981 are moving into their right places and to this time twenty have been placed. We have eighteen more still seeking their place of ministry.

You'll want to read the UMS article by Hypatia Hasbrouck if you haven't already done so. There are changes taking place in faculty that you'll be interested in. You'll note also that Ed Rabel will be coming back here to serve in a unique capacity-- as faculty, as rotating chair and as interim minister.

So, as usual I guess, many things are happening in Unity. Isn't it great! Have a wonderful summer and have fun!

Love,

*Alan*

## READ THIS!

1982 AUC COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
and CONFERENCE  
June 6 - 19, 1982



Conference is a time for sharing and learning with others! Ministers please don't forget to share with your Boards what happened during the 1981 Conference. This drawing was submitted with love from Bob Cleland, Board Member, Unity Church of Truth, Seattle, Washington.

NOTICE: It has recently been brought to the attention of Unity Church of Richmond, Brian Eenigenburg, minister, that a psychic healer has been using them as a recommendation for other Unity centers. Unity of Richmond does NOT recommend any psychic healer to other Unity Centers.

CLEARINGHOUSE: Unity of Montego Bay, West Indies, would like to have your help in locating the following items:

- used books for their library
- songbooks (green)
- overhead projector

If your ministry would like to share any of these items with our friends in the West Indies, please contact Pearl Davis, minister, at Unity of Montego Bay, 12 Domes Street, St. James, Montego Bay, West Indies.

Unity Center for Growth, Omaha, Nebraska, needs blue or gold hymnals. Contact Ann Elarton, UMS Office, or Colleen Lehnus, MIT, if you have any information on obtaining hymnals.

David Travis, Unity in Augusta, Georgia, would like a copy of A More Wonderful You. Please contact David at Unity of Augusta, 2301 Central Avenue, Augusta, Georgia 30904, if you have access to a copy.

## Youth Services Report

### *Except Ye Become as Little Children . . .*

Recently I was at a YOU rally at a camp in Independence, Missouri. A workshop I gave included a hike in the woods and experiencing the silence in a natural setting. On the hike was a YOUer with braces on her legs and I realized that my normal fast-paced hiking was too fast for her, so she led the hike through the woods as we all held hands. Going at a slower pace I was able to take the time to look at nature around me and enjoy the simple pleasure of a beautiful setting and beautiful companions. I give thanks for this "seemingly" handicapped YOUer and the opportunity for her to teach me to SLOW DOWN and enjoy.

The other day, I took a walk on the Plaza with a six-year-old friend of mine. I led for awhile as I ran some errands, then gave her the lead. She led me to a group of sculptures that I had walked by many times. I had never stopped to really look at, touch or talk to these beautiful penquin sculptures. We spent the next half hour doing just that. I joined her in climbing on them and appreciating their beauty. She carried on an active conversation and fantasy with them. As I watched her I thought how delighted the sculptor would be if he could experience this accolade of his work. On the way home I would have missed a beautiful mosaic that was at my friend's eye level and not mine if not for her keen perception. I also would have missed an anthill in the midst of the city! I give thanks for small friends that remind me to be in the here and now and reap pleasure from life's hidden beauty.

I was teaching Sunday School a few weeks ago in Kansas City, Kansas. Some teachers were sitting in and a parent decided to stay. Our class consisted of twenty people--the youngest was five and the oldest was in their 50's. There was a special love and energy in that room as all ages shared together and learned "I Am the Light of the World." There was a special light in hearing Truth expressed by all ages, colors, shapes and sizes. I give thanks for wisdom expressing in all ages.

Sunday, I attended a family service at Overland Park. All ages were worshiping together, singing, praying, listening, thinking. I give thanks for times for church families to come together rather than always be fragmented into special groups.

During AUC Conference, I was sitting in a business meeting feeling very tired. A young child sat in my lap and snuggled close for the rest of the meeting. Her love, trust and warmth rejuvenated me. I give thanks for the attunement of a young child to my need for affection.

Much has been said about the ministry for children and with children. Churches that are healthy and growing I believe are those that are realizing the ministry of children. Children are profound teachers of the qualities of love, honesty, spontaneity, affection, joy and the here and now that we as adults in Truth are trying to regain. Their presence in our church family helps us to keep vital and alive. Sometimes the lessons are hard as we learn patience and nonresistance and often they are touching moments in realizing the simplicity of Truth.

Sara Barnes shared a book with me (that I wish I would have written) about two ministers who have experimented with ways to affirm the ministry of children and have been profoundly moved. They expound on the ways they have been ministered to by children in the church. The basic assumptions of the book are:

1. The childlike quality underscored in the gospel is the key to faith and life.
2. Babies, toddlers and young children have been naturally granted the quality needed by the church if it is to be faithful to its true essence. If acknowledged and valued Starchildren can help enable the community of faith to be whole.
3. Starchildren are those of any age who permit the spirit of God to lead them to become "as little children" again and again.
4. The time is right to affirm strongly that the starchild has a unique ministry to individuals, the church and the society.
5. STARCHILDREN NEED THE CARE OF ADULTS IF THEY ARE TO SURVIVE; ADULTS NEED THE CARE OF STARCHILDREN IF THEY ARE TO GROW!

The book also provides a six-week course for group study and a plan for an intergenerational celebration for the entire congregation.

The book is The Ministry of the Child, by Dennis C. Benson and Stan J. Stewart, available from Abington Press or the MIT Gift Shop.

There is a Starchild within you! Celebrate this gift in yourself and others! Let me hear from you about your special starchild experiences and let me know in what ways I can serve you! Take a chance!

Blessings of light and love,

*Maggie*

### **ATTENTION!! WOMEN IN MINISTRY**

Copies are now available for the inspiration Marilyn Rieger shared at the Tuesday morning breakfast during Conference week. If you would like a copy please send a self-addressed envelope to:

**Marilyn Rieger  
Unity of Independence  
14204 E. 39th St.  
Independence, MO 64055**

# SPARKPLUGS

## Unity School Promotion and Editorial Departments

Charles Lelly's The Beautiful Way of Life is a book of inspiration and beauty. It is potentially rich for center classes in meditation or to support specific talk topics. Seven chapters address themselves to the beauty of being, awareness, life, action, nuance, control, and evolving. There are forty-two short sub-chapters, skillfully written to inspire meditative experiences, and ideal in length for short classroom use.

You may find "Know Thyself" of assistance in a class on self-esteem. "The Way We All Must Go" asks the question, "Why are we afraid to be what we intuitively know we can be?" and explores the theme of being true to oneself. "Oh, That Spiritual Plateau!" will help in understanding that periods of frustration and doubt are not unusual on the path of spiritual growth.

A sample of sub-chapter titles includes: "The Hem of Reality"; "The Spiritual Dimension"? "Why Is It Difficult to Choose?"; "Fear of Silence"; "Change Without Fear"; "Look at It the Way It is!"; "Can We Accept Our Good?"; "A Time to Sow, A Time to Reap"; and "The Door to Inner Guidance."

This book is an endless resource for meditative ideas that can open classes and counseling sessions, setting the mood for the hour.

## *What Comes After the Call?*

A workshop entitled, "What Comes After The Call?" presented by Carl Bergstrom, PHD, June 9-11 gave the Ministers-in-Training at Unity Village an intensive learning experience which focused on the minister's need for self-esteem and personal relationships. To design the workshop, Dr. Bergstrom combined his expertise in education and psychology with personal research into the work of ministers.

The workshop provided experiential exercises to build self-esteem, to discover what might be blocking change, and to find alternative ways of relating to others. He emphasized the ministers' need to take care of themselves in all areas of living so that they can serve and stressed their need to have fun and be themselves.

To be a successful minister, Dr. Bergstrom suggests that ministers 1) set aside "alone time" so they can stay in touch with their real purpose; 2) form supporting relationships with other ministers, friends or professionals; 3) clean up "frits" (those activities that take time and energy without yielding the reward of good feelings); 4) affirm their own greatness and uniqueness; 5) be willing to risk in order to change and grow; 6) release and let go of any blocks to change and blocks to self-love; 7) form a clearer picture of what they love; 8) be working at a love relationship in which they are willing to be vulnerable and more trusting; and 9) prioritize their activities and manage time wisely.

Dr. Bergstrom received his BA and MA in psychology from

the University of Michigan and his PhD from Michigan State University. He is a psychological educator and is presently the School Psychologist for the Waterford Schools in Waterford, Michigan. Dr. Bergstrom also teaches a self-help course called "Winners Do What Losers Won't." He and his wife, Alice, are members of Unity of Livonia in Livonia, Michigan.

— Dee Thompson  
Minister-in-Training

## NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

**FINALIZED PLACEMENTS:** **Bill Wilson** (1981) to Richmond, California; **Robert** (1980) and **Mary Ann** (1981) **Detzler** to San Jose, California; **Robert Hungerford** (1977) to Asbury Park, New Jersey; **Rebecca Clark** (1976) to South Bend, Indiana; **Florence Allen** (1969) to Boise, Idaho; **Phyllis Jamison** (1974) to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; **Robert Wasner** (1965) to Tacoma, Washington; and **Robert Ellsworth** (1981) to Vancouver, Washington.

There is a possibility that our ministries could have some chancel dramas available through the AUC office. These plays are short and creative ways to present metaphysical truths, written by Marcus Bach. If you are interested in seeing these vesper dramas made available or reprinted in our publications please drop a brief note or postcard to Maggie Finefrock in the AUC office to indicate your interest in this service.

Unity of Livonia, Livonia, Michigan, Gene Sorensen, minister, celebrated a Rededication Sunday on May 3, 1981. Gene writes, "Dedication involves the focus of energies toward purpose. And anyone who is committed to living the Truths of Jesus Christ must, as Jesus said, come to "know the Truth... and the Truth will set you free."

Bill Clark, Unity School of Christianity, Queensland, Australia writes that he is now situated in his new position in Australia. Bill would love to hear from you and perhaps one day you may want to visit Australia and discover just how God's love through Unity is blessing.

## Retreat News

Great Lakes Unity Regional Conference is to be held at Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park, Angola, Indiana, September 14-16, 1981. The location is on beautiful Lake James in northern Indiana's playground.

Activities available at the park are tennis, swimming beach, horseback riding, nature trails, fishing and boating. Contact Glenn Mosley, Regional Representative, for more details.

# RADIO THE EASY WAY

Jim Fisher

Minister, Unity Church of St. Joseph

St. Joseph, Missouri

"Nice to meet you, Reverend Jim, I've heard you talking about Unity on radio." What a pleasure to have Unity, and you, recognized with an open, positive attitude. This is the number one benefit of a radio ministry. It's an opportunity that 75% of us can now add to our outreach tools—only one quarter of us use either radio or TV in our ministries.

True, a number of folks begin studying Unity because they heard about it on radio. One listener has even moved to St. Joseph from rural Iowa so that she could be near a Unity congregation. There are always a few class and seminar participants who heard about it on radio. There are some love offerings too, including special support from the congregation, who like to hear their church on radio. But the primary benefit of a radio ministry is creating a more positive, receptive attitude toward Unity. Out in your community, you'll meet more friends and less fear.

Unless you've had radio/TV experience, the thought of spending time, energy, and money to produce a really first-rate radio program has held you back. You're aware that radio time is not too expensive, and sometimes even available free if the program quality is high. But to educate yourself in radio announcing and production techniques does take time.

There's another way. You can use "A Habit of Miracles," with you, your church, and upcoming events publicized at the beginning and end of the 30-minute program, for \$20 a week.

"A Habit of Miracles" is a co-ministry of four Unity folks with radio savvy: Jim and Judy Fisher, Unity of St. Joseph (who have college radio experience); Michael Davenport (a student of Eric Butterworth and professional radio actor, producer, director); Mark Weddle (formerly of the Unity Radio Department and a professional sound engineer). Consciousness is high at every recording session. The result is inspiring and explicitly designed and paced for radio.

It is easy for us to edit these programs to add your name, address, and events, deleting the St. Joseph promotional material. Your voice, our voices, or a combination can be used. The result is a 30-minute program with you and your church identified, followed by "Jim and Judy" (no last name needed) discussing Truth, with songs by Janet and Wayne Manning interspersed, ending with you again.

Demonstration cassettes are available. Get one and test the availability of public service time and program costs on stations in your area. This is another product of your Media Communications Committee at work. Write to **Unity of St. Joseph, 1202 Felix St., St. Joseph, Missouri 64501** for more information.

## NEW ARRIVALS

**Scott Thornton**, minister of Unity in the Valley, Eugene, Oregon, and his wife, **Patti**, are pleased to announce the birth of a new baby boy. **Andrew Scott** was born March 25, weighing 8 lbs., 4 oz. Mother and baby are doing great! Congratulations to Scott, Patti and Andrew's big brother, **Ian**.

**Linda** and **George Babbish** are proud to announce the birth of their first child, **Kyle Jevon**, born May 8. Many of the ministers attending Conference were able to share in the joy of seeing Kyle and Linda.



## Memorials

*Although a loved one passes from our sight we know the real person has but moved into another of the Father's many mansions. So we release these dear ones to their ongoing good, in a consciousness of love and trust.*

**John Cuddeback**, minister of Unity in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, made his transition on June 16. John was attending the AUC Conference and was surrounded by the light and love of his many friends.

## CONFERENCE ATTENDEES!

The following group of Urban Ministers-in-Training from Detroit, Michigan, were able to attend the Ordination Services and June Conference. We were blessed to have them with us during this time of celebration!

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Carol Amos         | Vera Jenkins    |
| Melvera Jean Brown | Helen Saunders  |
| Justine Burnell    | Carrie Sewell   |
| Ronald Coleman     | Alfred Wilson   |
| Mary Ann Finch     | Marice Williams |
| James Green        | Leanna Williams |
| Mercedes Hill      |                 |

## UMS News & Views

by Hypatia Hasbrouck, Dean of the Faculty

"New Beginnings Now," that theme of this year's AUC conference is also the theme for UMS. Gary Jones has returned to the field and Kathryn Rowbotham has left to take some much needed "R & R" before seeking direction for her next mode of service to the Unity movement. As always, Spirit has provided three other dedicated teachers to complete the core faculty--**Martha Giudici, Bill Esslinger and Ed Rabel.**

With her return to full-time faculty duties, Martha brings a total of seven years of experience in preparing new ministers for the Unity field movement. While this quarter will be Bill's first experience in teaching MITs, it will not be his first in teaching adults; his ministry emphasized classes-- often two or three a week--and in college he studied educational psychology and teaching methods.

Ed Rabel's long teaching experience is well known throughout the Unity movement. He has often taught in the ministerial school, but this time he will be implementing the new "revolving chair" concept. That is not a piece of furniture but a unique form of service. For the first quarter, Ed will teach in UMS. In following quarters, he will be available as an interim minister either for centers temporarily without leadership or to fill the pulpit of a minister who has been invited to serve for a short time on the faculty of UMS.

It is hoped that each year several experienced field ministers will participate in the regular curriculum for periods ranging from two to ten weeks so that UMS courses stay related to the contemporary needs of center ministries. It is also hoped that the involvement of field ministers in UMS will afford them a time of renewal while they contribute to the expansion of the Unity movement through the preparation of new ministers.

This year's new beginning for UMS is rich with promise. •

### ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

#### Statement of General Funds Operations

Two Months Ended May 31, 1981

|                                      | April              | May                  | Year to Date       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>INCOME -- OPERATIONS:</b>         |                    |                      |                    |
| Love Offering                        | \$52,983.02        | \$46,906.58          | \$99,889.60        |
| Other Income                         | <u>5,976.97</u>    | <u>2,658.64</u>      | <u>8,635.61</u>    |
|                                      | 58,959.99          | 49,565.22            | 108,525.21         |
| Less: Tithe Transfer                 | <u>5,298.30</u>    | <u>4,690.66</u>      | <u>9,988.96</u>    |
|                                      | 53,661.69          | 44,874.56            | 98,536.25          |
| Gross Profit Materials               | <u>4,192.77</u>    | <u>2,591.24</u>      | <u>6,784.01</u>    |
| Total Income                         | 57,854.46          | 47,465.80            | 105,320.26         |
| <b>EXPENSES -- OPERATIONS:</b>       |                    |                      |                    |
| Ministry Services                    | 32,817.05          | 38,000.07            | 70,817.12          |
| Ministerial Education                | <u>13,479.22</u>   | <u>12,228.22</u>     | <u>25,707.44</u>   |
| Total Expenses                       | 46,296.27          | 50,228.29            | 96,524.56          |
| <b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b> | <u>\$11,558.19</u> | <u>\$ (2,762.49)</u> | <u>\$ 8,795.70</u> |

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#### Unity School Contribution To The AUC & UMS Through Services Provided

May 1, 1980--April 30, 1981: \$102,960.59

(Note: This contribution is a non-ledger item and does not appear in the AUC financial statement.)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## JULY

- 4-17 UICE Session 4, Unity Village, Mo. (Youth Ministry Workshop)  
 18-24 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 28- Snow Mountain Retreat, Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colo.  
 Aug. 1

## AUGUST

- 1-7 August Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 2-8 O.W.V.A.M.P.I.K. Retreat, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio  
 9-15 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Mo.  
 18-23 Young Adults Conference, Unity Village, Mo.  
 23-27 Northwest Regional Conference, Harrison Hot Springs Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, BC, Canada  
 29- Summerset Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 Sept. 4

## SEPTEMBER

- 12-18 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 14-16 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Lake James, Indiana  
 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

## OCTOBER

- 4-8 Eastern Regional Conference, Holiday Hills, Pauling, New York  
 9-11 West Central Unity Students Retreat at Asilomar  
 11-14 Southeastern Regional Conference, Savannah, Georgia  
 10-16 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.  
 24- UICE Session 5, Unity Village, Mo.  
 Nov. 6

## NOVEMBER

- 7-20 UICE Session 6, Unity Village, Mo.  
 21-27 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, Mo.

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## *The President's Letter*

### **WEARING THE MINISTRY AS A LOOSE GARMENT**

I stood watchful as the young woman rose to address her eagerly awaiting club members. As she commenced to speak, you could hear the strain and urgency discharged in her voice. The muscles of her face were stiff and tightly drawn, causing a slight distortion of her youthful features. This was the first time she had made any public remarks to the entire group, as their new president, and her reaction to the occasion was stress filled, causing her to project a ruffled state of mind to the members.

Suddenly, a tender and compassionate, yet powerful voice emerged from a pleasant woman seated nearby. "My dear," she uttered with a peace that could calm a raging sea, "wear your office as a loose garment." Pleasingly astonished and not the least bit annoyed by the interruption, the president replied, "Do you mean like our master teacher taught?" The woman gently acknowledged by nodding her head in answer. Upon realizing she had grasped the true nature of the words the woman had imparted, a wide bright smile spread from the corners of her mouth and one could actually feel the chains of tension release her from its bondage. The remainder of her speech reflected the placidity of that moving instance when she experienced an understanding and acceptance of the Truth.

Today we have many ministers, as well as teachers, who have not yet appropriated the essence of how to wear their ministry as a loose garment. As a result they encounter a burnt out exhausted feeling, influenced and perpetrated by the daily demands of their ministry. I know if we adhere to these simple words of Jesus Christ, "Wear this world as a loose garment," no longer will we feel the constraints of tightly fitting raiment . . . no longer will we be limited by the overwhelming apparel of responsibilities . . . no longer will we dress ourselves in the restrictive garb of stress and anxiety. For in its place, we will adorn ourselves in soft flowing fabric of God's promise. We will loosely drape the robe of Spirit around us and avail ourselves to the boundless expression of God, just as the sun stretches forth its magnificent shimmering rays into the entire universe.

Oh, how wonderfully different and excitingly refreshing to put on the beautiful garment of your ministry with the ease and joy of Spirit, never pausing to struggle, never questioning its size, always knowing it will fit.

I am prayerfully reminded of David as he went forth to face Goliath. He knew he worked for God and more importantly he knew God worked through him. Equipped with this knowledge he spoke with the utmost conviction and authority to the God of his being. He stirred up and released the power and energy of God, to go before him and do the work. David really understood that it was not him, but the Father within who does his works. David also understood he had to move the personal self out of the way to receive an individualized quickening of the Spirit. Once he had done this he was immediately relieved of the burden which accompanied the act he was stepping out to experience.

All of us can achieve instant success. All of us can embrace instant energy. All of us can enfold ourselves in instant power, as we learn as David and the new president did, to wear this world as a loose garment.

So today step into the loose flowing garment of your ministry. Let it fall gently around your shoulders and augment the nature of your true being. For we are free and unlimited as the universe, yet the only way our garment can compliment and enhance our endeavors is to wear our ministry as a loose garment, today!

*Ruth*

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## **MINISTRY SERVICES PERSPECTIVES**

Hello Friends:

Today's Daily Word (August 7) is "Begin Again." Nothing could be more appropriate for me as I sit down to write this article to you. As you are already aware, I'm sure, I am about to "begin again."

My resignation as Director of Ministry Services is effective

as of September 30, 1981. On October 1, Kathryn and I will climb into our little car and head out West for a time of rest and recreation before moving into our perfect place of service—wherever that might be! We give thanks for your expression of love and prayer support as we watch the unfolding of beautiful new experiences in life along the path of ministry.

Both Kathryn and I have felt blessed by being here at the Village for the last two years. It has been a growing, learning experience that has brought its share of challenges, opportunities and enjoyment. We feel privileged to have served here and to have had some part in bringing a greater measure of harmony and cooperation during a time of challenge and change.

As I look around here at our AUC office, I feel good about the feeling of harmony and cooperation that exists among our staff. It is only because the office staff is now working together so well as a team that I feel comfortable leaving at this time. I want to say, too, that especially during this last year the Board of Trustees of the AUC has been completely supportive. I have appreciated their concern for the well-being of the staff and their ready response to our needs.

You have already received the first issue of the new *CIRCLE OF LIGHT Study and Meditation Guide*. No doubt you are praying with us for the Unity centers and ministers on their special day of the month. Will you join with us also in praying for just the perfect person to succeed me in this position? We here in the AUC office are already knowing that just the right person will be drawn here to carry on the harmonious and productive atmosphere that has been established—even more, that the person will be able to move us forward easily and skillfully into the next phase of growth for this Association. Thanks for your love and your prayers. You are really special people!

God bless,



## UWS News & Views

by Hypatia Hasbrouck, Dean of the Faculty

From the north and the south, from the east coast and the west, from Australia, Canada and Germany, twenty-six women and nineteen men came together at Unity Village on July 21 to make a new beginning in life as Unity ministers-in-training. By the end of orientation week, they knew that MITs are very important people at the Village and throughout the Unity field movement.

As is their gracious custom, **Charles R. Fillmore** officially welcomed them into the Unity family, **James Dillet Freeman** and Silent Unity blessed them, **Bill Dale** introduced them to Unity School, **Wilson Hembree** oriented them to Justus Credit

Union and **Alan Rowbotham** told them about the services of AUC and its function in their lives for the next two years.

Orientation week concluded with a symposium, entitled "Becoming a Professional," to acquaint the new MITs with and remind the second-year MITs of the AUC Code of Ethics. Symposium members were **Ruth Mosley**—President of AUC, **Connie Strickland**—from the Board of Unity School, **Gary Jones**—member of the Education Council, **Bill Hines**—co-chairman of L & O, **Alan Rowbotham**—Director of Ministry Services of AUC and **Gladys Branscum**—Administrator of UMS. The MITs recognized and appreciated that only deep interest in their successful progress toward the Unity ministry could draw such busy people from their own work to participate in the symposium and the other orientation activities.

As you read this column, the new MITs are well into their studies and continuing the journey toward the goal begun when they left their former homes. Here is where they started: Arizona 1, Arkansas 1, California 3, Colorado 1, Florida 9, Illinois 2, Iowa 1, Michigan 6, Missouri 8, Nebraska 1, New York 1, North Carolina 1, Ohio 1, Texas 3, Virginia 1, Australia 1, Canada 2, Germany 1.

The presence of the new MITs reminds us once again that the Unity message has spread throughout this land and the whole world. •



## NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

**FINALIZED PLACEMENTS:** **Doug Bottorff** (1981) to Bay City, Michigan; **Rudy Nan** (1971) to McAllen, Texas; **Gary Redfern** (1975) to Grass Valley, California; **Mel Ryman** (1981) to Columbus, Ohio; **Phil Nicola** (1968) to Tempe, Arizona; **Lynette Griffith** (1981) to Lawrence, Kansas; **S. Colleen Graham** (1977) to Olympia, Washington; **Tom Hopper** (1959) to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; **Harriet Baumeister** (1981) to Rochester, New York; **Tia Couvillion** (1980) to Cincinnati, Ohio; **Richard Tweedy** (1981) to Grand Rapids, Michigan; and **Blair Tabor** (1981) to San Leandro, California.

Unity Truth Church, Vista, California, **Bert and Eva Coffey**, co-ministers, received a half-page story recently in the Ocean-side, California Newspaper. The theme of the story was showing proof that an idea can become reality. Starting as a small study group of seven in 1950, they now own four buildings and have a congregation of 180. Services are conducted in Spanish and English. This is another great way to receive free publicity for your center. Newspapers are always looking for stories of human interest and we all have something to share.

The Youth Education Department of Christ Church Unity, El Cajon, California, is sponsoring three worthwhile service projects. They are sponsoring "Christian Children" in Mexico, Brazil and the St. Labre Indian School in Montana. With all of the love and joy of the YOUers going out to the children, we know they will become strong, healthy individuals. The

Youth Education Department is completely self sufficient and solicit no funds from the church. Congratulations to the Youth Department in El Cajon for a job well done--we salute you!

The Youth of Unity, Unity Church of Alhambra, California, **Greg Barrette**, minister, held a "Rock-a-thon" on July 19. Each YOUer had a pledge sheet with donations pledged by the hour. The rocking chairs on the church porch were filled for hours by this group of happy YOUers. Funds made from this event will be used toward the purchase of a "Sunshine Van" that will provide transportation for Unity friends.

Unity Church of Living Truth, Overland Park, Kansas, recently had the opportunity of having Twelve Moon Storytellers, **Elizabeth Ellis** and **Gayle Ross** do a Sunday morning worship service. They used the time as an opportunity to have a family worship service, which included the Youth Education Department. **Peter Rhea**, minister, shares his views on the service in these words, "The storytellers related stories and tales with a Truth message. They made us laugh and cry and truly experience a oneness of the Spirit of Christ in all God's creatures." If anyone is interested in more information on the storytellers, please contact **Maggie Finefrock** in the AUC office.

The Associated Press recently picked up a story on First Church Unity, Nashville, Tennessee, **Frieda Olsen**, minister. The article was titled "Garage Sale to Exemplify Biblical Spirit." Another Circulation Day made a hit across the country! More and more of our Unity centers are holding Circulation Days practicing "For as you give, so shall you receive." If anyone would like more information on Circulation Days, contact the AUC office.

Unity of Fairfax, Virginia, **Alan Stanley**, minister, celebrated a Silver Celebration Retreat on August 29. **Sig** and **Janie Paulson** and **Tom** and **Louise Newman** were guest speakers and special music was provided by **Bill Provost** and **Alan Stanley**. We love and appreciate all of our friends in the Fairfax congregation.

Unity By The Sea, Corpus Christi, Texas, recently hosted a "Pounding Day" for their new minister, **Ron Ballenger**. To welcome Ron as their new minister everyone brought a pound of something useful in setting up housekeeping. Food, linens and other items were included in Ron's welcome to Unity By The Sea Celebration.

**Miki Bowen** has moved away from the West Central region to make her new home in Sun City, California. Miki has spent the past 23 years living and ministering to those in the West Central region. Miki will be doing writing, liaison work and substitute services in the field. We bless Miki and Ed as they enter into a new phase of their service to God and man.

Unity Truth Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, where **Charles Roth** is minister, hosted "CHARLES AND ELIZABETH ROTH DAY" on July 12th, celebrating twenty-five years of service to Unity Truth Center. The Mayor of Indianapolis and the Governor of Indiana awarded certificates to the Roths for their dedication and service to the community. **Connie Strickland** was on hand to lead the morning worship

service. Following the service a party was held in honor of the Roths. The Roths started Unity Truth Center twenty-five years ago with sixty people and they now have a membership of over 1,000. Our love is sent to you and we behold the Christ in you and all of the members of Unity Truth Center.

Congratulations to ten-year-old **Ilena Korb** from **Jack Barker's** congregation in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her WonderWord story from the ENTHUSIASM issue was quoted by a board member of Dale Carnegie and reprinted in the Fall magazine "Carnegian." Hurray for the talent and wisdom of our Unity youth! •

**RETREAT SCHOLARSHIPS** are available and two will be given to each region. We would like each region to select two people and one alternate. Upon arrival at the retreat they will be presented a check for \$175.00 to defray some expenses. **Bill Fischer**, Director of Retreats, should be notified who is coming. It is necessary that the individuals make their own reservations for the retreat and make the required deposit.

## YOU/YAU Reports

by Brooks Myers, YOU/YAU Coordinator

As a service project during the Conference, the Conference Body will divide into groups and each group will visit one department of Unity School or Silent Unity. The purpose of the visits will be to share our love, enthusiasm and appreciation with the Unity Village employees for the work they do.

Also the Unity Inn will be providing special salads and deserts made with honey and whole-wheat flour, so that delegates desiring health foods will have some available choices. It is a tremendous job to get all the accommodations ready in the short time available after the summer retreats, but once again **Jean Chambers** and **Greg Pomeroy** and the Unity Village Staff are doing an outstanding job in meeting the deadline.

This year's Conference will include some exciting innovations.

At this writing it's only two days until the start of the 1981 Youth of Unity Conference, Refractions Of The One. The theme affirms the Truth that we are unique and beautiful self expressions of the One source, God. The Conference promises to be an exciting life transforming week. We are expecting that the air traffic controller strike will result in only minor delays in arrival times and that attendance will reach the 400 expected.

More people actually reside on the Village grounds during YOU Conference than any other time.

I would like to thank the ministers who encouraged their groups to send in their Conference registrations before the announced due dates. Your cooperation enables us to more smoothly welcome the YOUers from your center. We are grateful to share this experience with people you love. •



## Congressional Invocation



The United States House of Representatives was convened on May 5 with a prayer written and delivered by **Bill Fischer**, Unity School of Christianity's Director of Retreats. Bill received a personal invitation to serve as guest chaplain from Missouri Rep. Ike Skelton.

Bill went to the floor of the House with Congressman Skelton and was introduced by Speaker O'Neill. For the invocation, Bill used the same podium used by President Reagan in delivering the State of the Union message the previous week.

Bill delivered the invocation to the assembled Congressmen and gallery full of visitors, including Bill's wife, **Lucille**. As is the custom of the House, Rep. Skelton requested and was granted permission to speak for one minute. He used that opportunity to talk about Bill and about Unity.

In commenting on the experience, Bill says, "It was one of the most memorable days of my life." •

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A clergyman was in the habit of going to his little girl's bedside and telling her a story before she went to sleep.

One such evening he told her such a thrilling tale that the youngster sat up in bed, looked at her father and asked, "Daddy, is that a true story or are you preaching?" •

## WEDDING BELLS

**Beverly Alberstadt** (1980), Unity Church of Greenville, South Carolina, and **Gerry Bartholow** (1980), Unity of Birmingham, Alabama, were united in marriage at Unity Village on June 14. **Gary Simmons**, Unity Church of Christianity, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and **David McArthur**, Missoula Unity, Montana, performed the ceremony.

Beverly has resigned from Unity of Greenville to join Gerry as co-minister of Unity of Birmingham. We bless you and have faith that the good in your lives is magnified and multiplied to bring forth many blessings.

**Debi Martin**, Outreach Services Coordinator and Editorial Assistant for CONTACT, and **Rob Maynard** were united in marriage on August 29. The ceremony took place at Unity Village and was officiated by **Alan** and **Kathryn Rowbotham**. The AUC staff would like you to join with us in sending love, blessings, and every good wish for peace, joy, and happiness to Rob and Debi. •



## "UNITY WAY OF LIFE"

Unity of Louisville, Kentucky, **Charles Lelly**, minister has developed an interesting new program on the "Unity Way of Life."

Each month when the newsletters are sent out a copy of a lesson on Unity is enclosed. The lessons are based on Sunday talks given by Charles. Each lesson is printed on paper with three holes punched in the side. Blank punched notebook paper is available in the pews for the use of the congregation in making notes during the lessons. Members are encouraged to take notes.

Notebook binders with "The Unity Way of Life" printed on the cover are also available through their bookstore. Each notebook contains five dividers with the following indexed sections:

- a) Personal Journal and Diary
- b) Goals and Planning
- c) Notes from Sunday Lessons
- d) Introduction to Unity (24 lessons to be received with newsletters)
- e) Glossary of frequently used metaphysical words as defined in the Revealing Word.

At the end of each lesson a bibliography is included. All of the suggested books are available in the church bookstore.

This is a fantastic way for members to have a readily available Home Study Course of Unity principles they can personalize to meet their own needs. •





## NEW ARRIVALS



The AUC office is happy to announce the birth of their baby boy, born July 10th at 5:30 a.m., weighing in at 7 lbs. 11 oz. The entire AUC staff had anxiously been awaiting the arrival of **Nathan Bowin Vestal**, or **Bo**, as he is now known. Bo was due to make his grand entrance during Conference, but patiently waited until all of the conference festivities were over before making his appearance. Bo's proud parents are **Bob and Cheryl Vestal**. Cheryl is the AUC graphics and layout artist. In fact, this will be the first issue of **CONTACT** done without Cheryl's expertise, but she'll be back for the next issue. We congratulate Bob, Cheryl, and sister, **Brandi**, on the newest member of the family. Congratulations are also in order to Bo's Grandmother, **Mary Oberweather**, AUC book-keeping department. •



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Association of Unity Churches Board of Trustees had many changes made during the June Conference.

New members elected by the Conference Body are **Jim Rosemergy**, Unity of Raleigh, North Carolina and **Sadye Thomas**, Unity Church of Truth, Los Angeles, California.

**Pat Filiault**, Unity Church of Christianity, Valley Stream, New York was elected by the Board of Trustees. Reelected to the Board were **Michael Murphy**, Unity Church of Hawaii; **Jack Barker**, New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati, Ohio; and **William Cameron**, Unity Society of Practical Christianity, Kansas City, Missouri.

New Regional Representatives elected by the Regions were: **South Central**—**Polly Dozier**, Unity Church of Beaumont, Texas; **West Central**—**John Wingfield**, Unity Christ Church, San Luis Obispo, California; **Northwest**—**Scott Sherman**, Unity Church of Truth, Seattle, Washington.

Departing members of the AUC Board of Trustees are **Jane Paulson**, **Les Saunders**, **G. Richard Rieger**, **Tom Sikking**, **Miki Bowen**, **Bill Clark** and **David McClure**.

We give thanks for all of the love and support the outgoing members have contributed to the Board and know the new members are surrounded by His light and love. The entire Board of Trustees is truly one of God's richest blessings of love to the Unity movement. •

## Involvement Opportunity

"SING A JOYFUL SONG" is Unity's song book for the young at heart. It was published by Unity Church of Spokane, Washington, a couple of years ago. The reception for it has been outstanding. However, all copies have been sold and it is time to reprint.

This song book project was spearheaded by wonderful Margaret Skidmore, but since her transition a year ago, Spokane Unity has not had anyone to handle the reprinting. Also, Spokane Unity no longer has the facilities nor inclination to again take up this very worthwhile service.

If any church, center or individual would be interested in taking on this song book project, Unity of Spokane will be glad to release all rights. The "leg-work" has been done; now it is just a matter of reprinting and distributing.

This could be a very good prosperity venture for the right person or persons inasmuch as there is a demand for these books. The AUC has had many, many requests, as has Spokane Unity Church. Copies have sold for \$4.75--and the printing costs were, of course, less than that.

Anyone interested may contact **Maggie Finefrock** at Unity Village, or **David McClure**, at Unity of Spokane, S. 2900 Bernard, Spokane, Washington 99203; (509) 838-6518. •



## HOLISTIC HEALTH NEWS

by **Bill Newsom**, Minister  
Unity of San Diego, 7403 Princess View Drive  
San Diego, California 92120

At our annual AUC Conference at Unity Village in June, 1981, you expressed an interest in holistic health and the holistic approach to life, especially as it is expressing itself in Unity centers and churches around the world.

A small group of us are publishing a bulletin to keep you informed about what IS HAPPENING in the Unity movement. We would like you to contribute to this bulletin a brief article, a story, or even a short paragraph about what you are DOING NOW in your center regarding the holistic approach. Describe any projects, facilities, ideas, resources, potential guest speakers, or anything else you feel the other Unity ministers, teachers and friends would like to know about.

Please keep your contributions brief, because our bulletin is going to be brief. But send us your entries as soon as possible, so we can begin in September.

God speed! •

**Bill Provost** has completed a revised edition of "Truth As I Sing It," forty songs with musical accompaniment. Publication is forthcoming. Contact Bill, Unity Village, Missouri •

# ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

## Statement of General Funds Operations

Three Months Ended June 30, 1981

| INCOME—OPERATIONS                   | June 1981         | Year To Date    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Love Offering                       | \$42,474.41       | \$142,364.01    |
| Other Income                        | 3,998.68          | 12,634.29       |
|                                     | 46,473.09         | 154,998.30      |
| Less: Tithe Transfer                | 4,247.44          | 14,236.40       |
|                                     | 42,225.65         | 140,761.90      |
| Gross Profit Materials              | 3,701.35          | 10,485.36       |
| Total Income                        | 45,927.00         | 151,247.26      |
| <b>EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:</b>         |                   |                 |
| Ministry Services                   | 32,630.19         | 103,447.31      |
| Ministerial Education               | 18,563.81         | 44,271.25       |
| Total Expenses                      | 51,194.00         | 147,718.56      |
| <b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE:</b> | <b>(5,267.00)</b> | <b>3,528.70</b> |

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Unity School Contribution To The AUC & UMS Through Services Provided

May 1, 1980—May 31, 1981: \$11,817.18

(Note: This contribution is a non-ledger item and does not appear in the AUC financial statement.)



## As We Grow

When I was first appointed to the Outreach Committee I felt that my primary dream had come true. For some time I had believed that as a movement we had failed to grow to meet the expectations of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore. Having spent countless hours in the Archive Room studying the writings of Charles and Myrtle I am convinced irrevocably that they were committed to reaching the world with our message. Under the leadership of Linda Pendergrass and Jim Rosemergy, our Outreach work continues to blossom into a magnificent tool for effective growth.

You might be interested to know that during the calendar year 1980 there were hundreds of inquiries from people all over the world wishing to form study groups. From these inquiries few groups were actually started. Using our new system thus far in 1981, many groups have been started. Thanks to the response we have received from you, our systems are working. In each case when I have called a field minister requesting her or his help in reaching out to assist lay people, you have responded overwhelmingly. Thank you!

It seems we are finally moving beyond the old philosophy suggesting that, "when people are ready for Unity they'll come to us." No philosophy could be further from Fillmore's

beliefs. They saw the Unity movement as the channel through which the Kingdom of God could be ushered into our planet. I share their enthusiasm and their belief.

Permit me to share one important point which has surfaced as I have worked with Debi Martin in the AUC Office. In the past, many of us have questioned the position of Unity School in our movement. I was guilty of believing that they are not as committed to church and center growth as is the AUC. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact Unity School has gone farther than could even be expected to serve the expansion of this movement. Each time Silent Unity receives a request from someone even remotely interested in forming a church or study group the letter is sent immediately to our Outreach department. If Unity has failed to grow at an acceptable rate it has not been because of Unity School. It has been because in the past we have not had the proper system to use the information they have given us.

That has now been changed. During the next decade Unity will grow at an unparalleled rate. It will be because we will continue to work together to support each other. As Unity School continues to help us learn of people interested in Unity, we will continue to support the School with our prayers and love. Thanks to us all, Unity is changing the planet!

—Mark Yarnell, Co-Minister  
Unity Northeast, Kansas City, Missouri

# SPARKPLUGS

You will find in *UNITY Magazine* a number of articles that are valuable for classwork, counseling, and sermon material. Marcus Bach's *Questions on the Quest* is no exception. An endless abundance of resource material is there each month, and you may consider it worthwhile to log it on file cards for future reference.

Listed below are many of the subjects Dr. Bach has addressed in 1980-81:

|   |          |
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| Animals and Pets . . . . .                      | Jan 1980 |
|   | Aug 1980 |
| Funeral Gifts . . . . .                         | Jan 1980 |
| Various Expressions of Love . . . . .           | Jan 1980 |
|   | Feb 1980 |
| Birth Control . . . . .                         | Jan 1980 |
| Born Again . . . . .                            | Feb 1980 |
| Mary Baker Eddy and Christian Science . . . . . | Feb 1980 |
|   | Nov 1980 |
|   | Jan 1981 |
| Exercises and Diagrams . . . . .                | Mar 1980 |
| "Greater Works" . . . . .                       | Mar 1980 |
| Releasing Loved Ones for Transition. . . . .    | Mar 1980 |
| Nicolaitans . . . . .                           | Apr 1980 |
| "Nature's Tragedies" . . . . .                  | Apr 1980 |
| Religious Conflicts . . . . .                   | Jan 1981 |
| Sex-related Words . . . . .                     | Jan 1981 |
| Sin, God of Vengeance, Baptism . . . . .        | Jan 1981 |
|   | Feb 1981 |
| "... with Me in Paradise" . . . . .             | Feb 1981 |
| Unity Retirement Homes . . . . .                | Mar 1980 |
|   | Feb 1981 |
| Forgiveness . . . . .                           | Feb 1981 |
| Androgeny Movement . . . . .                    | Feb 1981 |
| Money vs Love . . . . .                         | Feb 1981 |
| Enoch and the Book of Enoch . . . . .           | Mar 1981 |
| "Ask and You Shall Receive" . . . . .           | Mar 1981 |
| Unity vs "Back to the Bible" Movement . . . . . | Apr 1981 |
| Faith and Works . . . . .                       | Apr 1981 |
| Good Friday . . . . .                           | Apr 1981 |
| Letting Go Of Past . . . . .                    | May 1981 |
| Unity and Vegetarianism . . . . .               | May 1981 |
| Positive Thinking . . . . .                     | May 1981 |
| Anger . . . . .                                 | Jun 1981 |
| Prayer in Public Schools . . . . .              | Jun 1981 |
| Fasting Programs . . . . .                      | Jun 1981 |
| Roots of Christianity . . . . .                 | Jul 1981 |
| All Saints' and All Souls' Days . . . . .       | Jul 1981 |
| Translating Body Atoms to Light . . . . .       | Apr 1980 |
| Fear of Lack and Limitation . . . . .           | May 1980 |
| Why Learning Comes Late . . . . .               | May 1980 |
| Perfectionism . . . . .                         | May 1980 |
| Reincarnation and Dreams . . . . .              | Jun 1980 |
| The Aquarian Age . . . . .                      | Jul 1980 |
| Astrology . . . . .                             | Jul 1980 |
| "Father-Mother-God" Nomenclature . . . . .      | Aug 1980 |
| Unification, Unitarian, Unity . . . . .         | Aug 1980 |
|   | Oct 1980 |
| "The Christian Ethic" . . . . .                 | Sep 1980 |
| End of the World . . . . .                      | Sep 1980 |
| Innate Appearance of Evil . . . . .             | Sep 1980 |
| Why Healings Are Delayed . . . . .              | Oct 1980 |
| Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross . . . . .             | Nov 1980 |
| Death, Dying, and Unity . . . . .               | Nov 1980 |
| Christmas for Non-Christians . . . . .          | Dec 1980 |
| The Name "Jesus" vs "Immanuel" . . . . .        | Dec 1980 |
| Father Christmas/Santa Claus . . . . .          | Dec 1980 |

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| Virgin Birth . . . . .  | Dec 1980 |
| Depression . . . . .  | Dec 1980 |
| Sacraments and Sacramentals . . . . .   | Jan 1981 |
| Unity's Approach to Reform Movements, i.e., alcoholism, non-Christian and starving nations, ecclesiastical laws . . . . . | Jul 1981 |
| Holy Spirit and Speaking in Tongues . . . . .   | Aug 1981 |
| New Thought Roots in Ceremonial Magic . . . . .   | Aug 1981 |
| Investment Losses vs "No Loss in Spirit" . . . . .  | Aug 1981 |

## LIGHT ON THE PATH

by Catherine Garvey, Minister

More than 40 licensed teachers gathered together for breakfast June 15th at the Unity Club House. Once again it was a beautiful experience to get together and share our experiences and dreams. Ruth Mosley joined with us and answered questions and offered her support for our future plans.

During pre-Conference the following proposal was presented and accepted by the AUC Board of Trustees:

### Proposal for Licensed Teacher Development Committee

*This Committee will be made up of four ministers and three licensed teachers who will serve terms of three years. The purpose of the Committee will be to encourage the professional development of licensed teachers.*

### Criteria for Licensed Teacher Development Committee:

1. Have an interest in the role of the licensed teacher in AUC.
2. Desire to upgrade the continuing education of licensed teachers.
3. Work to promote a compatible relationship between ministers and teachers.
4. Clarify the role of the licensed teacher in the ministry.

*Each minister in a region will be asked to submit the name of a licensed teacher, qualifications to be forthcoming in a letter to each minister in the near future.*

*From the names submitted, the teachers will select their own Regional Ambassador during the next Licensed Teacher Post-Graduate Week, to be held Feb 26-Mar 5, 1982.*

*All licensed teachers attending will select from these seven ambassadors three to serve on the Licensed Teacher Development Committee for a period of 3 years, in graduated terms.*

You will note each region will select its own ambassador from those in attendance whose names have been submitted by their minister. If you are interested, and have the time and incentive to serve the licensed teachers in your region speak with your minister about it. My letter to the ministers will go out in the next month.

I would also like to hear your suggestions for classes during this special week. We will have plenty of time for praying and sharing together, and more free time too. Remember this is *your week*. If it's important to you, take the responsibility to support it.

I cannot close without thanking you for your wonderful gift of love at Conference, and for the many cards and notes of congratulations. You are all a very special blessing to me and I love you — each one!

*Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things; in which smiles and kindness and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.* — Sir H. Davy

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- 12-18 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 14-16 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Lake James, Indiana
- 21-24 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 25-27 Southern California, Arizona & Nevada Unity Ministers & Teachers Laymen's Retreat
- 26- Oct. 2 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO

## OCTOBER

- 4-8 Eastern Regional Conference, Holiday Hills, New York
- 9-11 West Central Unity Students Retreat at Asilomar
- 11-14 Southeastern Regional Conference, Savannah, Georgia
- 10-16 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 24- Nov. 6 UICE Session 5, Unity Village, MO

## NOVEMBER

- 7-20 UICE Session 6, Unity Village, MO
- 21-27 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, MO

## DECEMBER

## JANUARY

- 6-8 West Central Regional Ministers Retreat, Capitola, California
- 18-22 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

## FEBRUARY

## MARCH

- 12-13 West Central Minister/Board Seminar
- 22-25 SCUCA Regional Conference, Albuquerque, NM

## APRIL

- 26-29 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

## MAY

- 5-7 West Central Regional Conference, Santa Cruz, CA

## JUNE

- 6-10 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 12-17 AUC Conference, Unity Village, MO

## JULY

- 11-17 YOU Conference, Unity Village, MO

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## The President's Letter

We ended August with a spirit of excitement and commitment at the Northwest Regional Conference in Harrison Hot Springs, Canada. Joann Landreth and I were warmly greeted by Dick Everts and Scott Sherman and the whole Northwest gang. Gee! What a relaxing self-exploration experience for all of us—just being together. Dr. Merckle, from the Robert Schuller Institute, inspired us and challenged us to a ministry of excellency in his two-day workshop. Everyone seemed to be on fire with his thirteen Principles. All were eager to get home and start on their ministry of excellence.

As I settled back and began my drive to Vancouver to catch the plane, I thought of Dr. Merckle and some of the things he had said. They reminded me of a minister I had heard a long time ago who asked his parishioners a question. He asked, "If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" As I thought of that, I chuckled to myself and wondered the same about us AUC'ers.

If you were asked, "How far does your commitment extend with the Association of Unity Churches?" How much do you really love this Truth that frees?" or "Do you love God enough to go all the way in giving, in doing, and in supporting the Association of Unity Churches?" . . . Could you, without a doubt, be convicted on the grounds that you are loyal to the Association of Unity Churches, that you are loyal to the Unity Movement, and most of all, that you are loyal to your God-self?

Again, is there enough evidence to convict you of being a thoroughbred AUC'er?

In the book of James we read:

*. . . be ye doers of the word, not hearers only . . .*

In our many churches, temples, prayer centers and study groups, we find students of Truth listening, working and developing themselves into a greater awareness of the Christ-self. But one thing we find sometimes missing in our lives is, our words are not working overtime for us, but most of the time, against us. The word is spoken in affirmation form, but until it becomes commitment giving, serving, supporting and straight forwardness in us, nothing happens.

Today, let's be doers of the words! Why not let your Association of Unity Churches office hear from you. Let us know some of the exciting things you are doing so we may pass them on. Let us, together, set a goal for the Association of Unity Churches, and together, let us bring it into manifestation! . . . Because we are the *doers* of the Association of Unity Churches, there is plenty of evidence of our love and support to AUC.

## MINISTRY

## SERVICES

## PERSPECTIVES



### AN AFFAIR OF THE HEART

We say that Unity is a way of life. For this to be really true for any of us, I believe that Unity must first become an affair of the heart.

When Unity is an affair of the heart, we live it wholeheartedly. Faith fills our minds, love flows in our living, grace guides our way. We trust in our abilities. We remain open and teachable. We reach out to others in encouragement, cooperation and mutual respect. We are confident in the creative Spirit that is everywhere present and evident in all that we do.

When Unity is an affair of the head, it seems that we tend to forget the heart of the matter. Petty differences occupy our minds, distrust marks our relationships, suspicion limits our creative efforts. Dis-unity often becomes a way of life and frustration dogs our footsteps.

I remember a story of an athlete commenting upon his achievement of a record high jump. He said, "I just threw my heart over the bar first and my body followed." That seems to be about the size of it. If Unity is an affair of the heart for us then everything is sure to follow. But if it's just in the head then the feet have a habit of tripping us and the heart just gets

lost in the game.

Believe me, since being in this position as Director of Ministry Services, I've seen ministers and ministries forget that Unity must first be an affair of the heart. I've seen many hearts hurting because heads were pushing hard and knocking against one another. But when someone remembers that the heart is supposed to lead the way, then understanding begins to surface and wisdom joins the heart's remembering.

Just recently, I was asked to review a section of Marcus Bach's book, *The Unity Way of Life*, to see if the material on Unity ministers and ministries was still relevant. The upshot of it was that I got so engrossed in the book I couldn't put it down.

This book which I had read and enjoyed so many years ago still filled me with excitement about Unity and what it has to offer the world. It again captured for me the romance of what Unity is all about and stirred in me the affair of the heart that I pray I'll always have with Unity. Maybe it will do the same for you, or maybe it will take something else to do it. Whatever it takes to stir your heart, I suggest you do it. Let Unity be an affair of the heart again and again. It's so easy to get caught up in the head when there are many details to attend to, but you can be sure your head will follow if you throw your heart in first.

This is my last article for CONTACT as Director of Ministry Services. I had hoped to be telling you about the person who will be succeeding me in this position. That is not to be, since at the time of writing the Board has yet to meet to consider applications. You can rest assured that you will be informed just as soon as any decision has been reached. Until then, know that your AUC office is in very capable hands and that your needs will continue to be met by the office staff. We look forward to your continuing and increasing support of your AUC office as we seek to continually upgrade our services to the field.

Since this is the last time I will be writing to you from this office, I want to thank you again for all the love and support you have given me. I have a great love and respect for each of you and I wish you the best of all that's good. If there is one thing I've observed and learned from serving in this capacity, it is that which I have tried to share with you in this article. I just ask that you might give it some serious consideration and perhaps renewed resolve:

Let Unity be for you an affair of the heart—and your head will surely follow. Your life and ministry will be filled with new meaning and fresh vitality. You'll find yourself reaffirming that which you've always known—Unity is a way of life that is conceived and brought forth in love!

Au revoir! Adieu! God Bless!

*Alan*



Members of the AUC staff bidding a sad farewell to the Rowbothams as they go forward into a new journey in their lives.

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## Prosperity Checklist for Churches

By Edwene Yarnell

Unity Northeast Church, Kansas City, Missouri

1. Are you tithing faithfully to where you receive your spiritual food?
2. Are your tithe checks the first ones written each week?
3. Are you flexible in your tithing so that you are consciously aware of the channels through which your spiritual food comes?
4. Have you dropped all money-raising projects? (activities which have as their primary purpose money-making) The Prosperity focus is "service-giving."
5. Does the Board treasurer have a high prosperity consciousness? Has he/she read Prosperity by Charles Fillmore?
6. Are the members of the Board and the minister willing to change?
7. Have you dropped from your Board discussing statements such as, "We can't afford it," or "It costs too much."? These are statements of mammon-worshippers.
8. Is your church truly serving, following the giving laws and the teachings of Jesus Christ?
9. Are you praying together?
10. Are you willing to receive God's great abundance now?
11. Are you tithing on the building fund and other special funds?
12. Is your minister paid as well as other professionals in the community?

## Responsibilities of a Unity Ministry and its Outreach Group

The relationship between a Unity ministry and its outreach group can be equally fulfilling for each activity of spirit. For the ministry, there is the knowing that another group of people is being helped toward a deeper understanding of the principles of the Christ teachings and for the outreach activity, there is the excitement of growth and that loving contact with a Unity group dedicated to their harmonious unfoldment. In order for this union to be fostered, it is necessary that certain legal and financial responsibilities be understood.

As a study group evolves, people will begin to give to this new channel of their spiritual good. In order for these gifts to be tax deductible, the group must be under the tax umbrella of a parent, nonprofit ministry. The outreach facility should send written notice to the board of the mother ministry indicating a desire to become affiliated with this particular ministry. This letter should become a part of the board minutes of the ministry.

Since the Unity ministry has financial and legal responsibility for the fiscal action of the outreach group, certain guidelines should be agreed upon. Minimum responsibilities include financial reports revealing income and itemized expenditures. In addition, it is helpful to have a copy of the steering committee minutes so the ministry is aware of the future as well as the current plans and activities of the study group. Also, there should be a mutually agreed upon maximum expenditure per month that the group must adhere to. This maximum expenditure will be adjusted upward as the group grows or if a special need arises.

Finally, it should be understood that if the group dissolves, the funds may not accrue to the members of the group since it is under the auspices of a nonprofit organization. The funds of the group are to revert to the Unity ministry to be held in escrow until another group is formed at some future time.

With the ministry and the outreach group in full awareness of these guidelines, it is possible for the two activities of Spirit to develop into the harmonious relationship that is an innate part of Unity.

## SPARKPLUGS

This time of year children's lives are often filled with changes, many seeking friends in new neighborhoods and schools. The October issue of WEE WISDOM Magazine contains a story about a young girl whose family moved during the summer months. Jenny found a friend in her teacher, but did not know how to reach out to the children on the playground. *Jenny's Discovery* is a story that Sunday school teachers and counselors may want to share.

Youth education departments may enjoy October's WEE WISDOM for Halloween. Games and crafts include instructions for making a papier-mache pumpkin, a two-Sunday project

that provides each youngster with a take-home decoration. Other stories include:

*The Scarecrow's Halloween.* This ragamuffin couldn't frighten birds, but he discovers he has an important gift that makes him a "good-for-something scarecrow."

*A Broken Pumpkin.* A lesson on turning a disaster into a blessing.

*The Night I Got Scared.* Imagination and the omnipresence of God are highlighted.

*The Moose.* A study of the largest member of the deer family.

*Rodney Delivers the Goods.* A boy's unhappy experience teaches the value in recognizing the good that can follow a mishap.

If you have extra back issues of WEE WISDOM that are not being used, consider offering them to a local children's home, school for the mentally retarded, or children's hospital. Your local prison may be pleased to have a supply on hand for children who are visiting inmates, since children are not allowed to bring toys with them and have few items to keep them entertained.

If you have unusual ideas for WEE WISDOM, we in the Promotion Department would enjoy hearing from you.

## NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

**FINALIZED PLACEMENTS:** **Richard (1979)** and **Lola (1981) Andrews** to Cedar Rapids, Iowa; **Frank Munkel (licensed minister)** to Omaha, Nebraska as associate; **Barbara Williamsen (1980)** to Jefferson City, Missouri; **Pat Staples (1978)** to Bermuda, as interim; **Joyce Mech (1981)** to San Bernardino, California; **Stan Smith (1981)** to Lakeland, Florida; **Robert L. Marshall (1973)** to Ft. Pierce, Florida; and **Brian Eenigenburg (1978)** to San Rafael, California, as associate.

Many Unity friends will long remember the loving face of the Peace Pilgrim. Traveling across country spreading love and peace she stopped at many Unity centers to share her story. The Peace Pilgrim was killed in an automobile accident in Indiana recently while on her way to speak at the Unity Church of Christianity in Memphis. We know she is with us in thought and the love we all shared serves as the bridge between dimensions, uniting us eternally.

Unity School of Christianity has established a Health and Recreation Department. A fitness program is being developed with immediate plans for a preventive exercise program to be initiated. John Strickland explains, "Unity teaches that there is a three-fold nature of being (Spirit, soul, and body), and that all three must be developed and function harmoniously for each person to be whole. If Unity makes a commit-

ment to fitness and provides the facilities, instructors, programs, and encouragement, many benefits would be found. We could expect better physical fitness, greater productivity, and growth in spiritual consciousness on the part of those who use this facility." The director of Health and Recreation is Heidi Wallace, a physical fitness consultant with the Kansas City YMCA. Heidi is a world record holder in the women's 24-hour marathon relay. She received the honor of being named an Olympic Torchholder of the 1980 Olympic Winter Games. Heidi states, "A setting like this fosters the holistic approach to life. We hope to offer programs that people will enjoy and utilize in discovering their own potential."

**Linda Pendergrass**, minister of the Unity Church of Arlington, Texas, writes that they have decided to utilize the tremendous potential of our Unity MITs. Unity of Arlington has decided to bring a MIT to Arlington every three months. This is their way of investing in the development of skills that the Ordinands take to the field. The MITs present a workshop on Saturday and the Sunday lesson. The center provides transportation, lodging and a love offering.

**Stan Hampson**, minister at Christ Church, Unity in San Diego has a new book out called Stop-Think-Start! published by DeVorss and Company. Stan's book emphasizes that you can get out of your own shadow and start enjoying more of life's light. The more you appreciate the miracle of your mind, love yourself and set about to choose a happier existence, the more fulfilling your life will be.

Unity Church of Truth, Massillon, Ohio, **Eunice Chagnon**, minister, celebrated its 50th Anniversary on September 13 with a special anniversary service and fellowship. Congratulations Unity Church of Truth.

Unity Church of Today, Warren, Michigan, **Jack Boland**, minister, celebrated a week of dedication beginning September 4, for their consecration of their building. The "dream come to life" was celebrated by over 5,000 people. Guests included Dr. Robert Schuller, Berj Zamkochian, organist for the Boston Pops Orchestra, Vicki Jamison and Sharon Stromberg.

**The AUC Tax Exempt Number is: 44-0668175.**

This last year's Christmas bulletins, L.O. envelopes and stationery (Silent Unity tower at night with Christmas lighting) and Thanksgiving bulletins and L.O. envelopes are now available on a love offering basis. Hurry and place your order before the holiday rush.

A newly released book, To Parent or Not by C. Norman Shealy, M.D. and Mary-Charlotte Shealy, R.N., copyright 1981 by C. Norman Shealy and Mary-Charlotte Shealy, published by the Donning Company Publishers, Virginia Beach, Virginia, has a fantastic accolade for the Unity Movement included in the book. The quote reads as follows: "If parents have no church of their own, or if they have been turned off

by a more guilt-provoking church, we encourage them to seek a positive spiritual haven at least as an occasional exposure for their children. 'New thought' churches, as positive-thinking sects are called, offer parents a valuable and pleasant support system; the Unity Church is one. Counseling is usually high quality and open-minded. As with all churches, the individual minister and the ambiance of the parish are more important than the professed belief system. Parents who have basic conflicts in their church affiliation may find that a positive thinking church offends neither of them and provides a common spiritual bond as well as spiritual values easily shared with youngsters."

Unity Center of Lexington, Kentucky, has a new Bible Coloring Book available for purchase. The proceeds will go toward the Unity Building Fund. For more information, contact the Unity Center, c/o Rangel Dynamics, No. 2, 386 Waller Avenue, Lexington, KY 40504.

In commitment to peace within and the world around them, members of the Unity Church of Knoxville, Tennessee, have vowed to pray at 12:00 noon each day for one minute, wherever they are. Through the powerful commitment of their minds they see the earth surrounded in light and all people living in peace.



## Youth Services Report

By Maggie Finefrock

Looking back on this summer's activity I am excited by the growth and quality of our services for youth.

In July, Lani Hickman and I trained sixteen teachers and Youth Education Directors in the UICE Youth Education Seminar at Unity Village. These dedicated leaders spent over thirty-six hours in training.

They are skilled in teaching skills, creative use of the curriculum, storytelling, learning centers, drama, meditation puppetry and administrative skills of motivation, support, recruitment, training and evaluation of teachers.

This is a fantastic group of enthusiastic and dedicated leaders. I am excited to think of them implementing their skills and creativity in Unity centers throughout the country. See the Fall 1981 issue of AGAPE for their names, addresses and a picture. Call upon them for help in your region.

At the end of July, I was privileged to be a part of the staff at the '81 Snow Mountain Family Retreat in Colorado, sponsored by SCUCA. This is a tremendous service for the families of the South Central Unity congregations. This week-long retreat provided an opportunity for families to vacation together in the beautiful Rockies and study and reflect on the use of

Truth in their lives. A full adult program of speakers, workshops and small discussion groups was held each day and evening along with a full children's program for young children, junior high, and senior high. Additional activities such as a hay ride, candlelighting service, campfire, and talent show brought the whole Unity family together. With a crowd of over 200 participants, SCUCA still had to turn people away so you can see how popular this yearly event is. If you would like information on how to conduct family retreats in your region, contact G. Richard Rieger. For information and assistance in youth programming for retreats contact me or Judy Fisher at Unity of St. Joseph, Missouri.

YOU Conference surely raised the spiritual vibrations of at least this planet by quantum leaps. YOU delegates, sponsors, and MITs celebrated their oneness and their individual gifts and service in this blessed event. They experienced dynamic speakers, small group workshops, a service project to Unity Village, a top notch talent show and on and on. It is difficult to describe this event if you have never experienced it. Some of the most beautiful and touching work goes on a one to one basis as YOUers support and counsel each other on crucial issues in their lives using Truth principles.

A friend of mine from Cleveland who works with a federally funded project for desegregation in public education dropped in to observe last year's YOU Conference. She left in tears, hardly believing that a group of people could be so loving and so committed to spiritual principles. She was inspired to know that this level of love and cooperation — indeed the kingdom of heaven — could be established in our society.

Thank you for supporting youth ministry in your center and allowing this dynamic activity to take place. When you have the opportunity to attend a YOU meeting, regional rally or international conference, jump at it!

The Young Adult Retreat is also increasing in popularity and consciousness. "Young" people ages 18-118 are obviously hungry for the experience of learning and practicing Truth in an intensive community setting. We see this AUC retreat experience growing and expanding to meet the needs of the "young at heart" in your congregations. The group expressed an interest in possibly having this event twice a year, perhaps in a different location. Keep us informed as to your needs and dreams.

This fall presents outstanding opportunities for training your teachers and sponsors. Every region will host several one-day or weekend events for you and your teaching staff, conducted by your regional youth education facilitators and coordinators. We are proud of the expertise of our regional youth teams and invite you to call upon them frequently.

The fall seminar for youth education is entitled "Imagine Me... A Teacher." It combines an inner look at commitment in youth ministry with a live teaching demonstration and creative ideas for Y.E. departments. Many regions also include a separate training for Directors of youth education departments. Training for YOU sponsors will also be available in every region this year.

An additional intensive training for Y.E. directors is offered by Joy Powell at Unity of Denver. Joy will personally train your director on-site in the Denver open space Montessori-

based youth department. This one-on-one on site training with Joy is a valuable experience as your director can follow Joy through her daily activities in creating and implementing the structure and guidance in this outstanding example of youth ministry—a real "hands on" experience. For further information, contact Joy Powell whose address is listed below.

Every teacher on your volunteer and paid staff deserves the opportunity to be trained by your local center and have that training supported and reinforced by a regional workshop. Often this is the key to recruiting and maintaining an effective, committed and enthusiastic staff. If you have not had the opportunity to register for a fall training, take time to contact your regional YE facilitator or your coordinator for dates and details. Their addresses are listed below. They are trained by AUC and hired by your region to assist you in any area of need in youth ministry. As a member of this team I will be conducting weekend workshops at Unity Village, Denver and Ft. Worth this fall.

Looking for a special consecration service to install your teachers this fall? See the Fall 1981 issue of AGAPE. If you are not receiving AGAPE and would like to, please let me know. YE teachers love and appreciate it! Don't let it end up in file 13!

I have been hearing from ministers recently that they feel the Unity movement is experiencing a shift from emphasis on primarily elderly congregations to a younger, family oriented focus. They have expressed that this change of consciousness has enabled their ministry to expand in service and enthusiasm. Many are experiencing a rapid growth in the number of young people and families attracted to Unity and their increased leadership in the church.

We in Youth Services are also feeling this explosive expansion and our own joys and growing pains. Business is booming and we are hard at work to meet your needs. The services are available at the national and regional levels that you have asked for. We are also working at expanding those services primarily in the areas of communication, materials, training and family services. The services are there for you to take advantage of. There is no reason for your Unity church not to be the leading center of youth ministry and family services in your area. Please continue to communicate your needs to us and let us know in what greater ways we may serve you. Our combined gifts and prayers can meet the ever-increasing opportunities for service around the world. Thank you for providing the support of prayer, prosperity, vision, openness and just plain rolling up the sleeves hard work that enables your church family to grow in love and spread that love to the community and to the universe.

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**SPECIAL NOTE TO MINISTERS:** We need your smiling face and your support as we conduct the Fall "Imagine Me . . . A Teacher" Seminar series.

Your church will be making a major financial investment when they send the teachers. The teachers are making a major time investment too. Being with them throughout the day will result in immediate communication, many new ideas and mass enthusiasm for all. All the research shows that success increases dramatically when ministers accompany teachers and directors to training. The teachers want to share their ideas with you when they're fresh.

Plan to be there—please! We know it helps.

## YOUR YE FACILITATORS

## DATES OF INTEREST

### SEPTEMBER

11–13 YOU/YE Workshop, Clearwater, Florida

12 Teacher Training, Portland, Oregon; Bettendorf, Iowa; Washington, D.C.

12–13 Teacher Training, San Jose, California

19 Teacher Training, Spokane, Washington; East Lansing, Michigan; Cincinnati, Ohio (tentative)

23 Teacher Training, Bremerton, Washington

### OCTOBER

2–4 Teacher Training, Unity Village, Missouri

3 Teacher Training, Bellingham, Washington

5 The first Monday in October is designated by the United Nations General Assembly as Universal Children's Day. It is a time to honor children with special ceremonies and festivals and to make children's needs known to the government.

11–17 Handicapped Awareness Week

17 Teacher Training, Bellevue, Washington

### NOVEMBER

5–8 National Association for Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Detroit, Michigan  
Contact (202) 232–8777

6–8 Teacher Training, Denver, Colorado

10–14 National Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon. Contact (501) 767–6933

13–15 Teacher Training, Ft. Worth, Texas



## ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

### Statement of General Funds Operations

Four Months Ended July 31, 1981

| INCOME—OPERATIONS             | MONTH                | YEAR TO DATE         |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Love Offering                 | \$40,126.45          | \$182,490.46         |
| Other Income                  | 6,647.91             | 19,282.20            |
|                               | <u>46,774.36</u>     | <u>201,772.66</u>    |
| Less: Tithe Transfer          | 4,012.65             | 18,249.05            |
|                               | <u>42,761.71</u>     | <u>183,523.61</u>    |
| Gross Profit Materials        | 3,904.75             | 14,390.11            |
| Total Income                  | <u>46,666.46</u>     | <u>197,913.72</u>    |
| EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:          |                      |                      |
| Ministry Services             | 36,944.91            | 140,392.22           |
| Ministerial Education         | 18,611.96            | 62,883.21            |
| Total Expenses                | <u>55,556.87</u>     | <u>203,275.43</u>    |
| INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES: | <u>\$ (8,890.41)</u> | <u>\$ (5,361.71)</u> |

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Unity School Contribution To The AUC & UMS Through Services Provided

May 1, 1981–June 30, 1981: \$29,652.93

(Note: This contribution is a non-ledger item and does not appear in the AUC financial statement.)

# YOU/YAU Reports

By Brooks Myers, YOU/YAU Coordinator

The recent Young Adults Retreat was a tremendous success. With 150 participants, this retreat was the largest ever. Many people gained a new vision of themselves and their world. As a group we also gained a new vision of what YAU can be--a dynamic and growing part of Unity.

At the retreat it became clear that YAU needs a more efficient system of disseminating information to the local centers. I would like to establish a list of all churches with an active YAU group, and further, I would like to identify one contact person within each group with whom I can correspond on a continuing basis. Having a key contact in each church will enable me to share detailed information with greater frequency.

Please take the time to fill out the following form and mail it to the address provided:

YAU Contact Group Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Brooks Myers  
YAU/AUC  
Unity Village, MO 64065

## STRESS AND DISTRESS

"Stress" is the result of the total cumulated pressure created chemically, physically and emotionally:

| Chemical                                      | Physical    | Emotional   |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Sugar (table sugar, corn sweeteners, lactose) | Inactivity  | Fear        |
| Caffeine                                      | Trauma      | Anger       |
| Nicotine                                      | Pregnancy   | Guilt       |
| Alcohol                                       | Infections  | Depression  |
| Salt (over 2gm/day)                           | Excess work | Intense Joy |
| DDT, PBB and other chemical poisons           | Weather     |             |
| Smog  | Light       |             |

All of these factors lead to chemical changes inside your body. Ultimately, they raise the blood sugar to prepare you for "fight" or "flight." Since physical fleeing and fighting are rarely done, the body must deal with the stress in a less healthy way--by producing insulin to reduce the blood sugar. And since there is often an excess, erratic input of stress, the pancreas begins to become less efficient, often over shoots and produces hypoglycemia. And hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) is a stress which starts the entire vicious cycle all over again.

Stress becomes distress only when it exceeds the individual's capacity to deal with it well. Let us assume that an average individual has a stress reserve of 32 oz.; 33 oz. of stress will lead to illness.

The average American consumes 42 tsp. of sugar, three cups of coffee, 1 pack of cigarettes, and two or three ounces of alcohol per day. This uses up at least one-half, or 16 oz., of the stress reserve.

The average American is extremely inactive and has limited exposure to natural light. This and other physical stressors probably create another 12 oz. of stress.

This leaves only 4 oz. of reserve for emotional stress. With superb habits, the average American could reduce chemical stress to about 2 oz. and physical stress to about 2 oz., leaving a reserve of 28 oz.!

Incidentally, intense joy is so rare and short-lived that you need not worry about it! Joy, laughter and happiness generally reduce stress.

The simple fact of their all pervasiveness makes chemical and physical stress the most important determinants of health. Thus the "final straw" in many persons is emotional stress, often one that is relatively small but which is too great for individuals who are barely coping.

Stress reduction requires will-power and determination that health and happiness are more important than temporary "lifts" from poor habits. But it is possible for all of us to reduce stress enough to improve health and well-being.

For more information on Self-Health publications, contact C. Norman Shealy, M.D., Ph.D., Self-Health Systems, Route No. 2, Welsh Coulee, LaCrosse, Wisconsin 54601.

*A lady married a doctor so she  
could be sick for nothing.*

*He died so then she married a lawyer so she  
could be bad for nothing.*

*He died so then she married a minister so she  
could be good for nothing!*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- 12-18 Autumn Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 14-16 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Lake James, Indiana
- 21-24 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 25-27 Southern California, Arizona & Nevada Unity Ministers & Teachers Laymen's Retreat
- 26-Oct. 2 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO

## OCTOBER

- 4-8 Eastern Regional Conference, Holiday Hills, New York
- 9-11 West Central Unity Students Retreat at Asilomar
- 11-14 Southeastern Regional Conference, Savannah, Georgia
- 10-16 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 24-Nov. 6 UICE Session 5, Unity Village, MO

## NOVEMBER

- 7-20 UICE Session 6, Unity Village, MO
- 21-27 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, MO

**CLEARINGHOUSE:** Unity of St. Paul, a newly developed ministry, is looking for 75 green hymn books. If anyone would like to help in the development of this new center, please contact **Doug Quimby, 2166 Glenridge, St. Paul, Minnesota 55119.**

## JANUARY

- 6-8 West Central Regional Ministers Retreat, Capitola, California
- 18-22 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

## FEBRUARY

## MARCH

- 12-13 West Central Minister/Board Seminar
- 22-25 SCUCA Regional Conference, Albuquerque, NM

## APRIL

- 26-29 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

## MAY

- 5-7 West Central Regional Conference, Santa Cruz, CA

## JUNE

- 6-10 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 12-17 AUC Conference, Unity Village, MO

## JULY

- 11-17 YOU Conference, Unity Village, MO

## AUGUST

- 22-26 Northwest Ministers & Teachers Conference, Couer d'Alene, Idaho

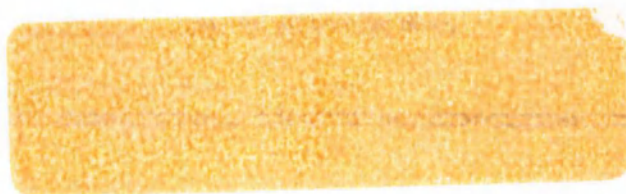
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WORKSHOPS

Workshops can be done for centers and/or retreats. They can be for an evening, several consecutive evenings, or on the weekends. Centers can choose any combination of topics.

I Deserve It! 2-8 hours

Playfair (designed for groups of 10-1000 to have people interact playfully and lovingly. See the book Playfair: Everybody's Guide to Non-Competitive Play.) 1-2 hours

How To Utilize Playfair In Your Settings 1-4 hours

How To Design Workshops 1 or 2 days

Your Inner Joy 2-8 hours

De-Stressing Stress 2-8 hours

Friendship: Your Chosen Family 2-8 hours

Transforming Our Relationships 1 day

Feeling Good About Your Body 2 hours

The Pleasuring Principle ½-1 day

Time Management 2-4 hours

Assertive Training 2 hours - 2 days

Leadership and Motivation ½ - 2 days

Communication Skills 2 hours - 1 day

How Not To Make A Meeting Boring 2-4 hours

Other topics, and custom designed programs.

EDUCATION AND CREDITS

Doctoral Work: Counseling Psychology.  
Arizona State University, 79-80.

Double Masters: Counseling; & Personnel.  
Southern Illinois University, 74.

Double Bachelors: Photography; & Cinema.  
Southern Illinois University, 72.

UICE classes, 80 - present.

Human Development Consultant, designer and facilitator of workshops, therapist for 10 years.

Unity Village: workshops for regular retreats, UICE, YAU and YOU.

Unity Centers: workshops at centers around the country.

Writing Handbook of Structured Workshops, Vol. I. Published articles in professional journals.

Wrote two weekly newspaper columns entitled "Making It" and "With Feeling".

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Listed in Dictionary of International Biographies, XVI ed; International Who's Who in Community Service, 3rd ed; Men & Women of Distinction, International Edition, 1st ed; World Who's Who of Women, 5th ed, & others

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## The President's

### Letter



#### WHEN GOD FORGETS

The Great Lakes Conference was held in the beautiful Pokagon Park in Angola, Indiana. The Unity consciousness was at an all time high. With ministers like **Edie Skalitzky**, **Glenn Mosley**, **Eugene Sorensen** and **George and Winifred Hausmann** sharing with us various techniques they have used in their ministries. This will always be a memorable experience for **Joann** and me.

Glenn taught us how to handle the terminally ill, while Eugene taught us how to enhance our relationships in marriage, and the Hausmanns taught us how to put a workshop or seminar together.

This brings a lesson to mind that I taught sometime ago. In reliving that lesson, I thought of this thought, "When God forgets, what happens?" To me the workshops showed what happens when we forget to love or forget to share. Did you know forgetfulness is forgiveness? God always forgives and forgets the guilt or the reasons for those conditions or situations that were caused by the guilt. We are very forgetful. We sometimes forget each other's name. We forget each other's faces. I know you have heard the thought, "I remember the face, but I can't put a name to it." Sometimes we can get away with this, but most of the time we are humiliated because we cannot remember such a wonderful face and such a wonderful person. We forget our promises, we forget our pleasures, we forget our wedding vows, we even forget our promises to God.

I am reminded of a man who some years ago called and asked us to come and pray with him. We prayed with him and he made a promise to God that when he got well he would attend church. That man never got around to attending church. He called us two years later as he was very ill again. He was feeling very guilty because he had not kept his promise to God. I think sometimes we forget that God has already forgiven us for the things we have forgotten. I read once of a little boy that was coming home after visiting his grandmother. When he got to the train station he was in a desolate place--there were very few people standing around. The conductor lifted up this boy and you could see that he had a problem with his legs. He took up the two little crutches as he stepped off the train and the little boy was looking, searching everywhere for a familiar face and he saw none. But then the conductor stood

him up beside the depot and he put his little crutches under each arm. The little boy was still searching and looking for someone. His mother had forgotten to pick him up. I think sometimes we are like that. We forget to do the things that are important. And perhaps some of you as you read this will say, "Oh, that's awful to forget that little crippled boy." But what about those people that are not crippled? Those people that love us and care about us and that feel a part of our lives. Sometimes we, as ministers and teachers, forget those that we love. We forget to reach out to them. I am saying there are people in your congregation that perhaps need you to reach out. You cannot reach everyone, but you can touch, through your consciousness, those you love.

Yes, we forget, but God remembers! He remembers to breathe through us. He remembers to live within us. He remembers to pump the blood through our veins, and yet for a moment if he forgot, we would be in trouble. But he does forget! According to Jeremiah, He said, "I will forgive thy inequities and I will remember thou sins no more." God forgets the hurt we cause one another. He forgets we have not lived the way we should perhaps. He forgets because it is His nature to love, just as it is our nature to love. Jeremiah's instructions were that if we were weak God would teach us. Because he was one that spoke of himself as a child, and that inner voice within him said not to speak of himself any longer as a child, but to think of himself as a teacher. In paraphrasing this scripture, I find that even though we sometimes forget as ministers, if we could only remember that our job is no different than that of Jeremiah's. That God gave Jeremiah strict instructions to establish Truth. It is each minister's job to do this. God touched his palm and he began to think in Truth. He taught the people that they were to build houses; and dwell in them. That they were to plant gardens; and they were to take a mate and bare children. That they were to go out and be happy. Isn't that the message that we are teaching today? But in order to teach that, we have to remember that when God forgets, He forgives. So if you, as the minister, cannot do all the things that need to be done by you even after you have been involved in many workshops, remember that God forgives and forgets our shortcomings. That He loves us so much that He gives us energy and the stick-to-itiveness that is necessary to do a good job. When God forgets--He forgives. When you forget, don't criticize yourself. Begin right now to do that which you know is best. He will put the words in your mouth, He will teach through you this day, for you are God's ministers.

*Deith*

## MINISTRY SERVICES PERSPECTIVES

Dear Friends,

"I hold fast to my faith in God, no matter what." Most appropriately this is the DAILY WORD theme for this day as I write these lines in the AUC office.

At this time I am being briefed by **Alan Rowbotham** and the staff in the intricacies of the AUC's office organization. It is impressive. Around me is a constant buzz of purposeful activity. I am delighted to find myself among a crew of very capable people who make up our staff.

This office has one primary purpose: to serve its member ministers and ministries. It started out in a modest way with **David Williamson** as the first full-time secretary of the Unity Ministers Association producing aids for ministers. With the foundation of the AUC, **Bob Sikking** created an efficient office organization, that with the modifications made necessary by experience, is essentially that which serves us today.

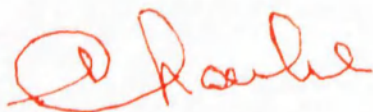
**Stan Hampson**, **Scott Sherman** and **Frank Giudici** each made their special contributions, and **Alan Rowbotham** has welded the staff into an exceedingly cooperative and smooth-working team.

Having observed this team in action I am assured that any minister can confidently call on **Joann Landreth** and the other various administrative assistants listed in your Yearbook for help if the need arises. They are well-informed, capable and truly sensitive to the needs and challenges faced by our member ministries.

The main thrust of the AUC office in the ensuing months will be to do some creative thinking that will result in the continued expansion and growth of the Unity ministry at the grass roots. Along with this we will continue to foster the fine cooperative spirit that now exists with the officials of Unity School, while preserving the integrity and freedom of action of the AUC.

The Board of Trustees is very conscious that we have in our Ministerial School two classes of Ministers-in-Training of great promise. In them lies the opportunity of unprecedented growth in the number of Unity centers. The challenge that lies before us all is to provide these three-score or more potentially fine ministers with new centers in which to operate.

We stand on the threshold of a new era of expansion. With your help we can make great progress in the unfolding of the liberating idea that Charles and Myrtle Fillmore left with us.



## AUC OVERVIEW . . .

by **Joann Landreth**

Since coming to the Association of Unity Churches Office, I have seen many changes, especially a change in individuals holding key positions. We know, however, that God is changeless and that the changes being made are God's way of unfolding what is for the highest and best of our entire AUC.

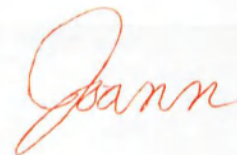
As Executive Assistant, I am excited about the most recent change--Charles Neal is joining the staff full time as Director of Ministry Services. It is my feeling that with Charles' expertise and longevity with the Unity Movement, a new dimension will be added to all of our activities.

As you will note from Charles' article in this issue, he spent a few days with us the last of September. On behalf of all of the staff, it was our feeling that Charles was very receptive to each one of us as individuals and perceptive to our needs as well as the operations and functions of the office, and we welcome Charles to our office.

Until Charles is able to be with us full time, which will be around November 1st, let me assure you that all of the members of your AUC office staff continue to work as a team in a harmonious and, we trust, in an efficient and effective way. We are here to serve you and if we can help or assist you in any way, you have only to let us know.

As an added note, it has been my privilege to visit a number of regions by attending regional conferences as the AUC Representative. This has given me an added dimension of our work as a whole, and I want you to know I have enjoyed this experience tremendously.

Again, on behalf of the staff, we love you, we bless you and we appreciate you. You and your ministry are what make up your Association of Unity Churches.



## UMS News & Views

by **Martha Giudici, Faculty Member**

The unfolding educational process for Unity Ministers-in-Training and faculty is an exciting adventure in exploration of the Truth as revealed through Charles and Myrtle Fillmore and other dynamic Truth teachers. It becomes even more exciting when the dimensions of modern science and noetics (the science of consciousness) are added to the learning process.

UMS now has provisions for an ongoing educational process for faculty members. I was privileged to attend the Expanded Learning Workshops in Wichita, Kansas, presented by the Biosynergetics Institute. **Marilyn Ferguson**, editor of Brain/Mind Bulletin, author of the Brain Revolution and the Aquarian Conspiracy and Conference keynote speaker and principle workshop leader, introduced us to new paradigms that spoke to truths Charles Fillmore and others have already mystically perceived.

Her presentations were augmented by **Steve Halpern's** beautiful correlations between music, sound, color and human functioning. Other guest workshop leaders expanded the learning process to include the latest awareness in biofeedback, right brain/left brain training, and other new methods of education.

These new perspectives of the Truth have been and are being incorporated into the classroom experience of our Ministers-in-Training giving them new tools and new insights that shall bring new dimensions to the Truth message we love.

The faculty of the UMS is dedicated to the ongoing educational process so that future ministers shall be prepared to impart ageless Truths in the most contemporary modes.



## NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

**FINALIZED PLACEMENTS:** **Susan Burson (1981)** to Wichita, KS; as Youth Minister; **Cathy Plemmons (1981)** to Erie, PA; **Audrey McGinnis (1981)** to Harrisburg, PA.

Unity Church of Joplin, Missouri, **Larry Church**, minister, celebrated their first ten years of growth on October 20. **Sallye Taylor**, minister at Unity of the Inner City in Kansas City, Missouri, was on hand with a special message to commemorate the past and catapult into the future.

Saturday, October 24, was a special day in St. Louis, Missouri. All of the Unity Churches of the St. Louis metro area joined forces to hold a city-wide "Unity Circulation Day."

The O.W.V.A.M.P.I.K. Retreat held its 13th Annual Retreat on August 2-8. The retreat was well attended and the GLURC ministers and teachers enjoyed a spiritual and uplifting week at the Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio.

**FOR SALE:** Wurdlitzer 950+A—Total Tone professional console organ, theater styling, sable cherry, six months old. List price of \$13,200, will sell for \$8,500.00. Call **Raymond Paschal** for more information at 816-257-2591.

Harbour House Publishers are proud to present a book by **Gregory E. Penn**, minister at Unity of Escondido, California. The book is entitled Reincarnation, The Same Old, Brand New You. The book takes a spiritually logical approach toward reincarnation that all can realize.

**Bill Kozy**, minister of Unity on the Gulf in Venice, Florida, has recently been elected to two board positions in his community. Bill was elected to the Board of the Venice Area Ministerial Association, where he serves as secretary and Community Liaison Resource Person and he was also elected to the Board of the Florida Holistic Health Foundation, which is a pilot for holism in the United States.

Unity of Tallahassee, Florida, **Roy Fox**, minister, recently held an "I Am Grateful Day," in which the members of the congregation wishing to participate took five or ten minutes to tell how the Truth has blessed their lives or how they had been blessed by attending Unity of Tallahassee.

**Bill George**, minister of Twin Lakes Unity, Flippin, Arkansas, and Unity Prayer Chapel in Yellville, Arkansas, is recuperating from open-heart surgery. Our prayers are with Bill and Lyla as they take the next six months off, knowing that good is constantly manifesting in their lives.

Unity Church of Positive Living in Jackson, Mississippi, served by **Robert Eagan**, held their first service at their new location on September 6th with a dinner following. Congratulations on your new church home!

Unity Church of Ft. Worth, **Floyd Howard**, minister, celebrated its 32nd birthday on Sunday, September 27 with a special program and dinner.

Unity Institute for Holistic Living, Detroit, Michigan, held their dedication ceremony on September 20 with the ceremony conducted by **David Williamson**. The Institute will have a wellness clinic, a counseling center, a bookstore, a co-op health food store, a cafe serving health foods and a farmers' market selling organic foods. The institute will use doctors, psychologists, ministers, teachers, nutritionists and administrators in its holistic approach. The institute is sponsored by Detroit Unity Association.

Unity in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, held their first service on Sunday, September 20. **Audrey McGinnis (1981)** has taken over as minister for this newly developed work. Audrey is also holding services in York, Pennsylvania on Sunday evenings. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of these new groups as they look forward to the rich reward of total fulfillment in their new Centers.

Unity of Anchorage, Alaska, is in the process of forming a Holistic Center. They would like to have information on how other Unity centers have incorporated holistic centers. They would particularly like any information available concerning guidelines and policies for staff, clients, physical facilities and use of space, program successes and areas for needed change. They also are interested in finding a physician interested in working with their center. If you have any information on forming a Holistic Center or the names of physicians interested in moving to Alaska, please contact **Don Jennings** at Unity of Anchorage.

# YOU/YAU Reports

by Brooks Myers, YOU/YAU Coordinator

Parents are a vital supporting part of the Youth of Unity, but because their involvement is indirect it is sometimes overlooked. It's easy to forget that whenever a Sunday meeting is held, parents often are providing the transportation; when a bake sale is scheduled, it's the parent's kitchen that is used; when a regional rally is planned, the parent's permission and sometimes financial assistance are required.

If we want to have dynamic and exciting YOU programs in our church, then it makes sense to seek the enthusiastic support of parents with teenagers.

Hosting a Friends of YOU Night is one way to appreciate, inform and more fully involve parents (and other interested adults) so they can identify with the YOU group and support its activities. Before parents can feel a part of the group they need to know what's going on. One purpose of a night like this is to share with the parents the YOU group's plan of activities for the year ahead (this presupposes that the sponsor, minister and YOUers have worked out a one-year plan which they all approve). By offering the schedule to parents a year in advance, it allows parents to have some input into the planning process and makes it possible to revise plans which parents don't support.

A Friend of YOU Night also offers the opportunity for parents to get to know one another and for the minister to establish links with a segment of the congregation that shares unique joys and challenges.

I have intentionally labeled this event a "Friends in YOU Night" rather than a "parents" night to include a wider range of adults. Some teenagers live with relatives or sometimes parents are unwilling to attend but another adult friend (like an aunt or uncle) will come. Also there may be adults in the church who are willing to assist with transportation or occasional chaperoning, but do not have teenage children.

All of the benefits of a Friends of YOU Night can be accomplished in an atmosphere of fun and mutual acceptance. Here is a suggested schedule:

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Pot Luck Dinner  |
| 7:45 - 8:00 p.m. | Mixers/Non-competitive Games                           |
| 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. | "The Year Ahead"—Presented by minister and YOU sponsor |
| 8:30 - 9:00 p.m. | Questions and Answers                                  |
| 9:00 - 9:15 p.m. | Prayer and closing                                     |

The question and answer period is also used as a time to determine which activities the majority of parents are willing to support and which activities should be thought over again.

While the adults are having their meeting, the YOUers can be having a rap session in another part of the church with the YOU President leading the meeting. This makes it possible to bring both groups together for the prayer and closing.

This may seem like a large investment of the minister's

time in meeting with the sponsor and YOUers to go over the proposed schedule and then presenting the schedule to the Friends of YOU. The payoff is that you avoid time-consuming problems throughout the year that come from lack of parental support and lack of clear communication.



## Youth Services Report

by Maggie Finefrock

### INVOLVEMENT IN YOUTH MINISTRY

Here is a self inventory to help you "check your pulse" for your involvement with youth:

|  | Already Done | Need To Do | Need Assist. |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. When I greet and speak to children, I bend down to their eye level.   |              |            |              |
| 2. I have hugged a child today.  |              |            |              |
| 3. I have been hugged by a child today.  |              |            |              |
| 4. I make time in my schedule to interact with and listen to people of all ages.   |              |            |              |
| 5. I regularly pray with and for our youth education dept.   |              |            |              |
| 6. I have healed the majority of hurt and frustration from my own youth and have made peace with my younger years and adolescence.   |              |            |              |
| 7. I know that the age of the soul is not known and I can learn much from children and teenagers.  |              |            |              |
| 8. I provide families with opportunities to worship together.  |              |            |              |
| 9. I involve children and teenagers in the activities and responsibilities of the church. (committees, ushers, leading prayers, service projects, etc.)  |              |            |              |
| 10. I have spent thirty minutes in the last six months listening to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. a toddler</li> <li>b. a young child</li> <li>c. a junior high student</li> <li>d. a teenager</li> <li>e. a young adult</li> </ul> |              |            |              |
| 11. I teach a children's sermon at least once a month.   |              |            |              |

|   | Already Done | Need To Do | Need Assist. |
|---|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 12. I meet with the YOU to talk informally once a quarter.  |              |            |              |
| 13. I regularly present to the congregation opportunities for ministry in youth education.                                |              |            |              |
| 14. I have a clearly written job description for our youth education director and YOU sponsor.                            |              |            |              |
| 15. I personally interview all prospective teachers.  |              |            |              |
| 16. I have implemented a well planned pre-service and in-service training for new teachers and sponsors.                  |              |            |              |
| 17. I read Agape newsletter quarterly.  |              |            |              |
| 18. I know what and how YE teachers and sponsors are teaching.  |              |            |              |
| 19. I take every available opportunity to appreciate workers in youth ministry by letter, phone, in person and in public. |              |            |              |
| 20. I have attended at least one YOU event or retreat this year.  |              |            |              |
| 21. I have talked with the children in their Sunday assembly at least once this year.                                     |              |            |              |
| 22. I feel comfortable with young children in the sanctuary during the service.   |              |            |              |
| 23. I attend at least one teachers' meeting per quarter to show appreciation and lead planning and problem-solving.       |              |            |              |
| 24. All youth events are on our master church calendar.   |              |            |              |
| 25. I provide financial support for teachers to attend regional workshops.  |              |            |              |
| 26. I accompany my teachers to at least one training workshop per year.   |              |            |              |
| 27. I take time to celebrate the child within me.   |              |            |              |
| 28. I make sure that volunteer teachers pay no expenses out of their pocket.  |              |            |              |
| 29. My attitude shows that I believe that youth ministry is a high priority in the church.                                |              |            |              |
| 30. I have hugged our regional YE or YOU Facilitator this year.   |              |            |              |

|   | Already Done | Need To Do | Need Assist. |
|---|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 31. I keep my reading and training in youth education up to date.                                     |              |            |              |
| 32. Our church activities provide activities for all ages to come together.                           |              |            |              |
| 33. I include youth activities in our newsletter and newspaper ads.                                   |              |            |              |
| 34. I know every YE teacher and YOU sponsor by name.  |              |            |              |
| 35. I know the names of all children in our youth department.   |              |            |              |
| 36. All teachers in our youth department clearly know what is expected of them.                       |              |            |              |
| 37. Our budget for youth education is realistic to meet the needs of children, teachers and families. |              |            |              |
| 38. I contact our regional facilitators or AUC office when we need resources, ideas or information.   |              |            |              |
| 39. I am genuinely happy to be able to minister to all age groups.                                    |              |            |              |
| 40. I am praying for the day when we can hire a fulltime youth minister.                              |              |            |              |

As you identify areas that you need assistance in, please contact your regional YE facilitator, YOU coordinator, Brooks or Me!

## CAN YOU HELP US?

Do you know the whereabouts of **Bernice Parker Dixon**? She wrote the words to "Peace, Be Still" — #84 Unity in Song. We need to contact her for permission to use her words in the new Unity songbook.

Also, we need your help in finding **Gloria McGill** who wrote the words to "Let There Be Unity," and **Harriet Haner**, arranger.

We would like to include their songs in the new hymnbook but cannot do so without permission. Some of the long-time members of your congregation may know the whereabouts of these people. Please ask if anyone has such information.

Thank you!

Marilyn Rieger, Chairman  
AUC Hymnbook Committee

# SPARKPLUGS

Cassette recordings offer a unique way to gather information, and Unity's Cassette department produces a wealth of pertinent instructional and inspirational material. Centers can use cassettes in a variety of ways. Some suggestions are:

1. For personal edification and information;
2. To gather stories, anecdotes, etc., to support talk topics;
3. As a follow-up for classes;
4. To help people meet challenges, for counseling.

A recent Cassette department release that can be helpful is a new series of six taped lessons, "The Art of Successful Living," by **Judith Ann Childress**, associate minister of the Unity Church of Today, Warren, Michigan. Judith's lessons are based upon her understanding and interpretation, from a Truth viewpoint, of the book, The Game of Life and How to Play It, by Florence Scovel Shinn.

The first lesson is designed to help you to go beyond intellectualizing and to inaugurate changes in four areas of your life experience: health, wealth, love, and perfect self-expression. The next four lessons deal more thoroughly with behavior, ideas, and belief systems, and raising expectations in these areas.

Lesson six is a wrap-up that stresses how to change cherished but possibly defeating or impeding attitudes, defines true patience, and tells how your intuitive nature serves you best.

Judith Ann Childress incorporates many illustrations, stories, and humor to support her main points. The lessons are recorded before an enthusiastic audience and contain a wealth of practical information, well-presented and well-organized.

## BOOK REVIEW

**Teen Age Survival Manual**  
by H. Samm Coombs

This book deals with more than teen survival; its sub-title is "How to Enjoy the Trip to Twenty." The teen years can be enjoyed, not merely endured.

The essential attitude presented here is that life is good, people are good, teenagers are good. Yes, there are many experiences a teenager must go through. For example, just as my generation had to deal with alcohol, today's youth must deal with alcohol and drugs. No teenager can avoid drugs, for drugs are thrust upon them. But no one has to accept drugs. There are fun alternatives. Since teenagers are essentially good, they can and should accept responsibility for their own behavior.

The book is written to be read by teenagers. Sentences are short and slang abounds. According to teenagers of my experience, the book communicates. Teenagers are willing to

accept responsibility for their own actions, but they need adult support and love, especially from their parents.

Here are Unity principles pared to teen-sized bites: give to get, everyone is worthwhile, life is sacred, enjoy, one is never alone, cause and effect, and positive thinking. This wholesome, straight-talking book should be around the house. Devour it yourself and watch any teenager in range devour it. Then talk it over. Refer to the book from time to time. Treat it as a reference book, as a reminder that teenagers are special people.

—Phil Schlaefter  
Second-Year MIT

## PHYSICAL EXERCISE

by C. Norman Shealy, M.D., Ph.D.

Physical inactivity is stressful, and our society increasingly discourages physical activity. Automobiles, escalators, elevators, even "moving sidewalks" in airports are signs of "progress." Our first suggestions for physical fitness are:

1. Walk whenever possible, especially if your destination is less than a mile. If more, consider a bicycle.
2. Walk up and down stairs whenever possible. If you work up gradually, you will easily be able to walk up at least 10 flights of stairs. In many buildings it will save time.

Walking and stair climbing are partly limbering and partly cardiovascular strengthening. But, even intensely used they are not adequate for keeping the body flexible. Each joint, muscle and tendon needs a full range of motion daily. The following simple exercises can be done in 10 or 15 minutes. Start with one repetition; each week add another repetition; build up to 10 of each. Breathe slowly and deeply, exhaling during the most strenuous part of the exercise.

**NECK** — Roll head slowly in all directions, clockwise and counter clockwise, stretching to limits.

**SHOULDERS AND ARMS** — Shrug shoulders up and back, relax. Raise arms over head, swing out to shoulder level and make circles with each hand in both directions.

**TRUNK** — Stand erect and bend to either side. Return straight. Keep feet flat and straight ahead; turn as far to either side as possible. Straighten. Let your head and body drop gently forward stretching as far as you can loosely go. Go further each day or week.

**LEGS AND HIPS** — a) Lying on back, with one knee bent, raise your other leg straight up as far as it will go; lower to floor; repeat with opposite leg. b) Pull one knee up to your chest; then turn knee out to side; hold foot in crotch as you stretch knee to side; gradually straighten leg; repeat with other side.

**SPINE** — a) Lying on back; bend knees with feet flat on floor; raise buttocks as high as they will go; lower slowly. b) Get on all fours; arch your back up while you bend your head forward; raise your head up and back while you arch your back down, (buttocks up).

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

Jul. 1981 CONTACT

**ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES**  
**Statement of General Funds Operations**  
**Five Months Ended August 31, 1981**

| <b>INCOME — OPERATIONS</b>           | <u>Month</u>         | <u>Year to Date</u>  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Love Offering                        | \$37,968.19          | \$220,458.65         |
| Other Income                         | 387.54               | 19,669.74            |
|                                      | <u>38,355.73</u>     | <u>240,128.39</u>    |
| Less: Tithe Transfer                 | 3,796.82             | 22,045.87            |
|                                      | <u>34,558.91</u>     | <u>218,082.52</u>    |
| Gross Profit Materials               | 4,793.57             | 19,183.68            |
| Total Income                         | <u>39,352.48</u>     | <u>237,266.20</u>    |
| <b>EXPENSES — OPERATIONS:</b>        |                      |                      |
| Ministry Services                    | 28,448.81            | 168,841.03           |
| Ministerial Education                | 14,286.65            | 77,169.86            |
| Total Expenses                       | <u>42,735.46</u>     | <u>246,010.89</u>    |
| <b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b> | <u>\$ (3,382.98)</u> | <u>\$ (8,774.69)</u> |

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Unity School Contribution To The AUC & UMS Through Services Provided

May 1, 1981 — August 31, 1981:      \$42,894.98

*(Note: This contribution is a non-ledger item and does not appear in the AUC financial statement.)*

## Survey for Youth Services

Because of interest in the past, we are exploring the possibility of having a retreat for the children of ministers during the 1982 AUC Conference. Please indicate your preference on this form and mail back to **Maggie Finefrock**, Association of Unity Churches, Unity Village, MO 64065, by **December 10, 1981**.

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**YOUTH SERVICES SURVEY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Yes, I am interested in having my children participate in a special children's program during the AUC June Conference on a love offering basis.

**AGES OF CHILDREN**

☐ MORNING

☐ AFTERNOON

☐ EVENING

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

- 5-8 National Association for Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Detroit, Michigan. Contact 202-232-8777
- 6-8 Teacher Training, Denver, Colorado
- 7-20 UICE Session 6, Unity Village, Missouri
- 10-14 National Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon. Contact (501) 767-6933
- 13-15 Teacher Training, Ft. Worth, Texas
- 21-27 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, MO

## JANUARY

- 6-8 West Central Regional Ministers Retreat, Capitola, California
- 18-22 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Missouri
- 24-26 UMTC Conference, Descanso, California

## MARCH

- 12-13 West Central Minister/Board Seminar
- 22-25 SCUCA Regional Conference, Albuquerque, NM

## APRIL

- 26-29 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Missouri

## MAY

- 5-7 West Central Regional Conference, Santa Cruz, CA
- 22-24 Suncoast Unity Retreat

## JUNE

- 6-10 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, Missouri
- 12-17 AUC Conference, Unity Village, Missouri

## JULY

- 11-17 YOU Conference, Unity Village, Missouri

## AUGUST

- 1-7 Great Lakes Unity Lay Persons Retreat, Delaware, Ohio
- 22-26 Northwest Ministers & Teachers Conference, Couer d'Alene, Idaho



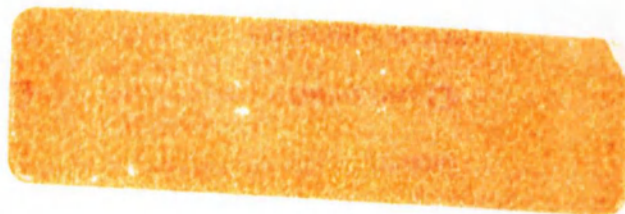
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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Dearest Friends,

The Christmas season is full of opportunity. It is a season that we have the special opportunity to give thanks and bless all those who have made our lives special and meaningful. We all have the opportunity to become receptive to the Christ-child within us.

The entire staff of the Association of Unity Churches would like to take this time to give thanks to our Father for Christmas and for the privilege of feeling close to you, our special family of Unity. Our hearts reach out to you, blessing, sustaining and strengthening you in this busy holiday season. May the peace of the newborn Christ bless you and yours in this great Unity we share.

*From all of us — To all of you —  
MERRY CHRISTMAS and a  
JOYOUS NEW YEAR!*

*The Association of Unity Churches  
Staff*



## The President's Letter

The Eastern Regional Conference met in Pawling, New York, where Joann Landreth and I were warmly greeted by Ed Myler, John Salunek and other conference participants.

We found the Eastern Conference to be very exciting and stimulating. We were introduced to some very interesting techniques that teaches one how to relax and release stress and strain that our jobs seem to cause. Tom Coates, Unity Center of Pittsburgh, involved us in meditation using stress-related techniques. We learned that stress is one of our most powerful enemies. Tom pointed out that ministers, spouses, and teachers face similar stress. All three try hard to make things happen; whether in their ministry, services or personal projects.

One of the main reasons for stress is caused by being programmed to be stress symbols 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 12 months a year, with no time off for vacation. We live in skin-tight situations and conditions that are guaranteed to excite, energize, frustrate and dominate our professional and personal life.

In spite of our constant meditation we sometimes find it difficult to deal with day-to-day challenges such as: death, marriage, births, children, divorce, parties, shopping, personal care, church, board and many other day-to-day activities.

Tom said that he had to take the time to really get in touch with his real self before he could relax. He had been in Unity most of his life and because of this he took his meditation periods for granted.

His experience reminded me of a lady I once knew, who prayed The Lord's Prayer daily and fervently. Yet, had no inclination of what she was really saying. She was just going through the motion. Never once did she take time to really understand the words. She said, "I pray The Lord's Prayer because I have always done so."

Sometimes we, too, pray and meditate without reason and find ourselves still frustrated, uptight and disillusioned over certain situations that we face or in which we find ourselves. As a remedy for this Tom recommends that we take time at various intervals to care for the body.

His recommended techniques are:

- Five minutes of deep breathing
- Five-Ten minutes of mental relaxation
- Five-Ten minutes of tensing and relaxing muscles
- Twenty minutes of thinking about the parts of the body
- Three-Ten minutes of a deepening exercise by counting down and also a health and wholeness technique

If you are interested in the full details of these techniques, write to Tom Coates and request them. I am sure he will send them to you.

Let us as ministers, spouses, teachers and board members learn to deal with our tasks or challenges with ease and the

joy of Spirit . . . take time to be holy . . . take time for YOU. "Would you believe that in your ministry the most important aspect is MINISTERING to YOURSELF"?

One of the real joys of Christmas is the opportunity to say thank you and wish you the very best of the New Year!

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## MINISTRY SERVICES PERSPECTIVES

First a word of thanks to all the many ministers in the field who have written or sent me words of congratulations, confidence and encouragement on my appointment to this office. I very much appreciate the good wishes of you all. I would write you all individually but believe you will accept this blanket acknowledgement as being a more prudent use of AUC funds.

Because this is being written for the December issue of CONTACT, already thoughts of Christmas come to mind. As ministers, we are accustomed to moving ahead in consciousness and placing ourselves in the mood of the great spiritual festivals as we prepare programs and services. Before we can enjoy the fruits of the season we have the essential work of planning, but in so doing we actually experience double satisfaction, first anticipation, then the realization.

We have been very gratified at the heartwarming response to the Thanksgiving and Christmas stationery produced by the AUC this year. The demand far exceeded the expectations, necessitating reprinting of both series.

We are giving consideration to making special holiday bulletins available to you in the future without requiring you to also buy the printed mailing envelope. These are relatively expensive and you may prefer to use a plain white envelope, or your own locally printed envelope with your church return address. This will undoubtedly save you money. Let us know what you think about this proposal.

Supplies of the general service bulletins now in print are running low. These will not be reprinted, instead we will be sending you samples of six new bulletins soon, all featuring attractive subjects previously used by Unity magazine. Our warm thanks go to Unity School for their cooperation in making these fine color separations available to us.

In the meantime we are making preparations for the mid-year Council of Committees in January 18-22. It would be helpful if all Committee Chairmen would write to me stating whether or not your Committee will meet--and how many members you expect to attend.

Charles A. Neal  
Director of Ministry Services

## UMS News & Views

By Bill Esslinger, Faculty Member

"Unity Ministerial School is a ministry, not an educational organization." I have thought much on this idea since a fellow faculty member first shared it with me, four months ago. I feel strongly now that my position in UMS places me in a special ministry in our Association. Through the many fine ministers-in-training the love and knowledge that I share will soon reach over so many Unity students. I feel very much at the grass roots level of our entire field movement.

I have the opportunity to research some of the Biblical concepts that have long interested me. I enjoy the excitement I experience when I am thrilled about a new idea or awareness gained in my life and then have the opportunity to share that feeling. Sharing in a UMS class environment is exciting; the ministers-in-training are very interested and are capable of deep reflection and sharing. My work here is proving to be an invaluable learning experience for me, as well as for others.

As I am primarily involved in teaching Bible-based courses, my objective has been to stimulate interest in Unity's understanding of the Bible. I receive a thrill and a deep sense of fulfillment each time a minister-in-training expresses a new found personal interest in the Bible. Our special Unity approach to Biblical Truths is really something about which to become excited. In my ministry I not only share my inspiration, I have the opportunity to read and hear dozens of new Truth lessons every quarter.

I urge my fellow ministers to consider serving in the rotating faculty chair position for a quarter if they are invited. The experience of sharing feelings, thoughts and impressions with people who are genuinely interested can be uplifting. The opportunity to reflect upon experiences in the field work, explore and share new ideas has brought me in touch once again with the deep feeling I had years ago, when first I knew that I had been called to be a Unity minister.

Unity Ministerial School is a fulfilling ministry. In this ministry what the minister shares does indeed come back multiplied, and many are blessed. Enthusiasm really is contagious!



## Planning Ahead

### MIDYEAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Association of Unity Churches' Midyear Committee Meetings will be held January 18-22, 1982, at Unity Village.

If you are a committee member you will be receiving a letter by the middle of December as to the day and time your committee will begin meeting. Some of the Committees may choose not to meet in January; if this is applicable to your Committee, you will be notified by your Committee Chairperson.

## Divisions Become A Shame To Religion

*The following article, written by Howard Caesar, minister of Unity Church of Olympia, Washington, appeared in "The Daily Olympian" newspaper, Saturday, September 19, 1981.*

Every community has its churches and variety of denominations. Consequently, every individual has the opportunity to choose from any number of spiritual paths within that community.

Denominations vary and even different churches within a denomination vary. But that which makes one different from another, a Catholic from a Methodist, a Baptist from a Pentacostal and so forth, is the beliefs and doctrine which accompany each. There are always similarities, as well as diversities.

It goes without saying that every person in this land is free to choose the church of his choice. Upon making that choice, the person usually feels a certain commitment to the beliefs and doctrines of the particular church. Some are more zealous than others. It is this zealousness to which I will speak.

There has been a trend throughout our country that is both good and bad. People are finding their way to spiritual paths and getting "turned on to religion." Certainly that is good.

The bad news is that in the "turn on" many people and church leaderships have begun peddling a message that is unhealthy. It is said in many ways, but the bottom line is essentially that there is one way to God and that is their way. Any other way is either scoffed at, belittled or condemned.

It is a shame, but divisions within friendships and family units are being created because somewhere and somehow in getting turned on to religion, they missed the essence of spirituality.

Spirituality creates no divisions among anyone. The spiritual minded person respects the right of every soul to pursue the path of his own liking and blesses that soul whatever the path.

Spirituality does not stand in judgement of anyone or any path. Spirituality is universality. It recognizes that everyone is a growing, unfolding being.

Unfortunately, some people have become so heavenly minded, they are no earthly good.

It is the person who has become so self righteous that he feels justified in almost harrasing others who either have no faith or have one that isn't to his liking. It is the person who lets his religion give him license to stand in judgement over all other paths and will terminate associations with even family members and friends, not because they are bad people or of questionable character, but because they have chosen a different set of beliefs.

How sad to think that religion has in many instances become paranoid about the preservation of its beliefs and the maintenance of its members that it has resorted to turning people against one another in the name of religion.

Certainly not all people are guilty of this and hopefully only a few churches are. It would be my hope that every church leader and member take an honest look at whether or not they are thinking, speaking and behaving condescendingly

and judgmentally to others of different faiths.

It is not our place to deny anyone the right to pursue the spiritual path of their choice. It's time we respect each others choices and not create divisions among people in the name of religion.

Jesus emphasized that it was not "the letter" but "the Spirit" that was all important. It seems that the judgements and divisions being made are over "the letter," or doctrinal differences. The Spirit beholds the good in every soul and loves unconditionally. The Spirit moves one toward unity among all, not separation and division. One doesn't have to agree with another person's beliefs to apply the spiritual virtues of love and acceptance for the person.

Consider the spokes on a wheel. They come from a variety of directions, but all head toward the center or hub. The spokes are the different spiritual paths and the hub is God. We all may be a little ways apart in our beliefs, doctrines and approaches, but we are all seeking the one true God at the center of all life. I respect your spiritual quest and bless you on your chosen path.

## Request



Do you have original responsive readings or responsive services that you would like to share?

At your request, the Hymnbook Committee is reviewing the responsive reading section and considering additions. There was a lukewarm response at Conference for keeping that section as it appears in either of the two hymnbooks. There was a greater response for having a section that is more useful. **WE NEED YOUR INPUT!** So far, six ministries have submitted possible responsive readings/services and more are needed.

If this section is to serve our Centers' needs, we must have your help. Take a moment right now to send me whatever responsive readings or services you have used. Thank you!

We appreciate you!  
Marilyn Rieger  
Hymnbook Committee



### ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Funds Operations Six Months Ended September 30, 1981

|                                      | Month            | Year to Date         |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <b>INCOME—OPERATIONS</b>             |                  |                      |
| Love Offering                        | \$47,587.34      | \$268,045.99         |
| Other Income                         | 5,271.15         | 24,940.89            |
|                                      | <u>52,858.49</u> | <u>292,986.88</u>    |
| Less: Tithe Transfer                 | 4,758.73         | 26,804.60            |
|                                      | <u>48,099.76</u> | <u>266,182.28</u>    |
| Gross Profit Materials               | 10,705.48        | 29,889.16            |
| Total Income                         | <u>58,805.24</u> | <u>296,071.44</u>    |
| <b>EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:</b>          |                  |                      |
| Ministry Services                    | 40,060.61        | 208,901.64           |
| Ministerial Education                | 17,965.62        | 95,135.48            |
| Total Expenses                       | <u>58,026.23</u> | <u>304,037.12</u>    |
| <b>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:</b> | <u>\$ 799.01</u> | <u>\$ (7,965.68)</u> |

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#### Unity School Contribution To The AUC & UMS Through Services Provided

May 1, 1981—September 30, 1981: \$50,153.88

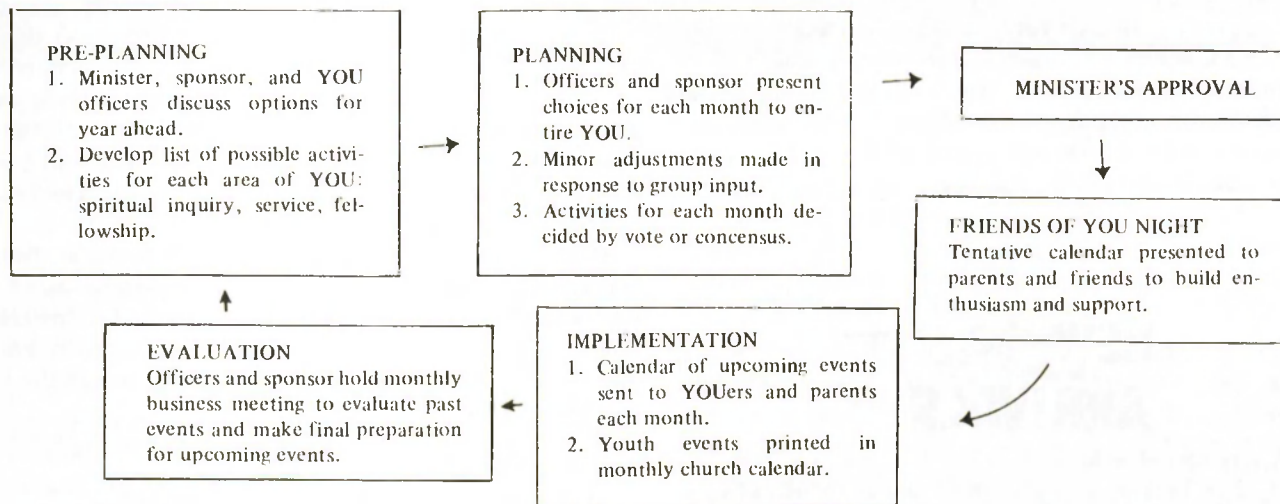
(Note: This contribution is a non-ledger item and does not appear in the AUC financial statement.)

# YOU/YAU Reports

## PLANNING AHEAD BUILDS ENTHUSIASM

In YOU we teach that order, good judgment, and dominion are aspects of each individual's Divine nature. Our teenagers are eager to discover how to express these qualities and they need creative and practical opportunities through which they can learn. If the YOU programs in our churches emphasize order, wisdom, and mastery, then the young people in our churches will discover through example and direct experience the importance of these spiritual powers. At the same time, an emphasis on organization in the activities of our groups will help insure that our programs are meaningful and satisfying.

I recently attended a weekend seminar for youth workers and youth ministers presented by David Stone. At that seminar I learned a method of long-range planning which can enable a church to develop a six-month or one-year plan for youth activities, and I would like to share this method with you. The following diagram shows the basic steps of advance planning.



### PRE-PLANNING

First, the YOU Officer gathers ideas from the members of the group informally or with a simple written survey. After talking among themselves, the YOU chapter officers and the sponsor meet with the minister (or youth minister) in a pre-planning meeting. The participants brainstorm a list of all possible activities for the year ahead, incorporating ideas gathered through the survey. The ideas are categorized into three areas: topics for spiritual inquiry, service activities, fellowship. The aim is to get as many ideas as possible, so every idea, regardless of how wild and crazy is written down.

Following a break, the list is evaluated to identify those activities which everyone (officers, minister, sponsor) find desirable and can support. The number of potential activities should be many more than can be accomplished in one year.

The next step of the pre-planning meeting is to develop a tentative calendar that frames choices of activities for each month. In the full planning meeting, the YOU as a whole will have a chance to select between the alternatives provided for each month. For example, in the pre-planning meeting you might decide that in September the YOU will study either Sunlight Packet No. 3 (The Nature of Man) or the Parables of Jesus. Another example--you might decide that the fellowship activity for October will be either a hayride or a roller skating party. The technique for framing choices saves time and still leaves the YOU members some say over what happens.

### PLANNING

Next, the sponsor and officers present the tentative calendar to the entire YOU group. The sponsor and officers describe

the choices for each month, then time is provided to discuss and vote on activities for each month. It is good for the officers to set a maximum amount of time that will be allowed for discussion of each month. When time has run out--the group votes. Since this planning meeting will take a few hours, it is good to make it part of an overnight retreat or a "lock in" at the church.

### MINISTER'S APPROVAL

If changes have been made in the calendar in response to input from the YOU as a whole, then the plan is again reviewed by the minister.

### FRIENDS OF YOU NIGHT

The schedule of events that comes out of the planning meeting can then be presented to the parents of the YOUer at an evening meeting. In my last CONTACT article, I outlined how a meeting like this could be conducted to present "the year ahead." The purpose of this meeting is to gain the support and approval of the parents and other adults for the YOU program.

### IMPLEMENTATION

The next step is to carry out the plan. Each month a calendar is sent to parents and YOUers to remind them of upcoming events. Youth activities are also listed on the church master calendar and in the monthly bulletins.

### EVALUATION

Once a month the YOU officers meet with the sponsor to

evaluate the past month's activities and prepare for future events. The evaluations should be brief written descriptions of the events and the main points to consider in planning similar activities in the future. The evaluations from these meetings are used as the foundation of the next annual pre-planning meeting.

Ministers, sponsors and YOUers who have been involved in a planning process like the one just described, report many benefits from the YOU and the church. Ministers like the involvement of parents which increases communication and reduces confusion and complaints. Sponsors and YOUers like having events to look forward to and enjoy the continuity that planning brings.

I have shared this planning approach with the ministers in the recent issue of *reSPONSE*. I hope you will talk with your YOU Sponsors about ways to adapt this planning model to the needs of your church and YOU. I believe the rewards will justify the time investment.



A very special welcome into the Unity family goes forth to **Marc Allyn Evason**, newborn son of **Alec and Marilyn Evason**. Marc made his entrance into this life expression on September 22, weighing 5 lbs, 12 oz.

We rejoice with Alec, minister of Unity of Evanston, Illinois, and Marilyn, and know that the Evason family is being especially blessed.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Would you like to share a visual transparency of your center with the visitors at Unity Village? The lighted display will be placed in the lobby of the AUC offices, in order that all of the visitors will be able to view the many beautiful centers we have throughout the world. The Association would like have the project completed for the January Committee meetings.

If you are interested in having your center represented, please send a color slide of your church building to the AUC office. We are also asking for a love gift in the amount of \$50.00 from each center participating. This is to help defray the cost of the display case. If you have any questions, please contact Joann Landreth at the AUC office.

## Does Your Center Have A "B.E." Fund?

Here's an idea you may be able to use in your Center:

Our Unity Center of Independence Unlimited has just launched a three-stage program for expansion. First, to pay off the mortgage on the new building site property. Then to build a new all-purpose facility at the right time as Spirit directs, and finally to open a New Age School and Holistic Health Center. Pray with us for the unfoldment of this Divine Plan.

Several months ago our Board of Directors took a step on faith and set up a "B.E." Fund--Building Expansion Fund. This is not the usual drive for funds, but truly a step in faith. In addition to the regular weekly tithe (right off the top of all income and offerings) which goes to the greater Unity work (AUC, UMS, Silent Unity, SCUCA, and new ministries) our Center now sets aside 10% of the Sunday tithes and love offerings as the "B.E." Fund.

Unity of Independence is like many of the other Unity Centers--its weekly income just about equals expenses, so to take 10% of the regular operating fund and put it toward a Building Expansion Fund was indeed a step in faith. We knew that if we upset the balance in this way, Spirit would give the increase. And Spirit has!

If your center is in need of funds for expansion, why not try a "B.E." Fund? It has several advantages:

- 1) It puts your faith where it belongs--in God.
- 2) It quickly and effortlessly raises money for architect's fees, etc. (In a short period we had \$4,000 in the fund with no effort.)
- 3) Every contributor is a part of the building program, even those who are already giving as much as they are able. Regular titheers know that 10% of their gift each week goes into this fund.

We give thanks to Spirit and to our wonderful Board of Directors for implementing this Divine Idea, and we wanted to share it with you.

In love,  
G. Richard and Marilyn Rieger



## Memorials

Our dear friend **Helene Mueller** has passed from our sight into another mansion in God's plan. We do not say goodbye, we simply say "Godspeed."

Helene, licensed teacher at Unity of Ft. Worth and mother of **Marilea Howard**, will be remembered for all of the beauty and friendship she gave us while on this plane.

## UMS Classes of 1982 and Faculty Members



*First Row, left to right:* Renate Luxburg, Ann Elarton--UMS Secretary; Gladys Branscum--UMS Administrator, Faculty Members--Ed Rabel, Janet Manning, Phil White, Marvin Anderson, Martha Giudici, Jane Waddington, Class Officers--Dee Farr, Vice-President; Lafayette Seymour, President; Thora Hess, Treasurer; Shirley Katrobos, Secretary; Hypatia Hasbrouck--Dean of Faculty, Faculty members--Connie Strickland, James Dillet Freeman, Bill Dale, Bill Esslinger, Michael Davenport; Mike Fotheringham--student.

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### SPECIAL NOTE!!

Jack Fries, Chairman of the AUC Media Communication Committee, no longer holds the position of Media Consultant for the Association of Unity Churches. "The Best Is Yet To Be" series with Phil and Dorothy Pierson is a well-paced and informative production time tested on a commercial television station and has been well received by viewers. This series may be furnished on a "per cost" basis to local centers. This would be coordinated by Unity of Sacramento through Public TV Channel 6 in Sacramento for distribution and dubbing, if approved. This eliminates the need for a Media Consultant; however, Jack will remain Chairman of the Committee. The Cable-TV series "Your Thoughts Can Change Your Life" had poor viewer response in the California area and Jack has recommended that it not be utilized as the test series for the AUC Media Communications.

Funding of the Media Communications budget is approaching 50% of the \$16,000 originally accepted. A Media Communications Handbook is suggested to be given next priority. More information will be given to the Centers after the January Committee meetings, as to the vital growth of this vital outreach work.

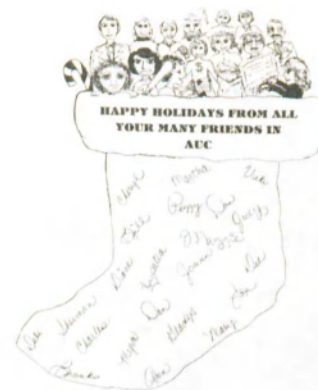
Clearinghouse



**Ruth Langdon**, licensed teacher at Unity of Oroville, California, would like to have a copy of The Unity Treasure Chest by Lowell Fillmore. If you know of any copies available please contact Ruth at: **501 W. Cedar St., Apt. 1, Willows, CA 95988.**

**Colleen Lehnus**, second-year MIT and leader of the study group in Omaha, Nebraska, reports a need for blue or gold songbooks. The group has 35 copies of the blue book but has grown upwards to about 100 people. Known as Unity Center for Growth, this group plans to incorporate by mid December. They will buy books in small quantities even, if you have more than your group uses, or will be responsible for books you might loan until new AUC songbook is published. If you have as few as five extra, please consider sending them to Colleen in care of **AUC-UMS, Unity Village, MO 64065**. The Center will pay postage, give a love offering, or pay upon invoice. Their goal is to acquire 50 additional books.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## JANUARY

- 6-8 West Central Regional Ministers Retreat, Capitola, CA
- 18-22 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 24-26 UMTC Conference, Descanso, CA

## MARCH

- 12-13 West Central Minister/Board Seminar
- 22-25 SCUCA Regional Conference, Albuquerque, NM

## APRIL

- 26-29 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

## MAY

- 5-7 West Central Regional Conference, Santa Cruz, CA
- 22-24 Suncoast Unity Retreat

## JUNE

- 7-11 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 13-17 AUC Conference, Unity Village, MO

## JULY

- 11-17 YOU Conference, Unity Village, MO

## AUGUST

- 1-7 Great Lakes Unity Lay Persons Retreat, Delaware, OH
- 22-26 Northwest Ministers & Teachers Conference, Couer d'Alene, ID

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Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance has a new address and telephone number. Please change your records accordingly.

Address: P.O. Box 6610  
Leawood, Kansas 66206  
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