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The President's Letter



SURRENDERING

When Joann and I visited the Southeast Region last October, we found Shay St. John, Jay Dishman and the entire region in a pot of gold consciousness. With Wendy Miller searching for the pain and aches of the body, thereby relieving the pain by relaxing the muscles, I was reminded of some of the letters of concern that I had received from various AUC members from the field.

There was a strong indication for the need for loving support and leadership in our AUC churches, study groups and temples. I believe the only way we can have this is through total surrendering of all our limited concepts of leadership and of the AUC.

We have ministers, board members and teachers we look to for leadership. A strong leader may not always be the one who raves and rants and pushes and shoves in an ongoing way to get the job done. It could be the one who follows in the footsteps of Jesus; quietly doing his or her work. Remember, we do have a choice.

Remember the scripture where there were two gates, two fruits and two foundations. There was a wide and narrow gate, which means that there is a wide road and a narrow road. When traveling down these roads one may choose the wide road because the majority walks that road. It is where the fad walks, it is where the trend walks. But the narrow road is not always available, not always easy to follow because there are not many people on that road. It is not walked or used by others a lot, but on the narrow road we sometimes discover some of the great leaders. If you think about Columbus, he was told the world was flat but he thought the world was round. The road was very narrow for Columbus, and yet he walked that narrow road. He chose his own thoughts and he dreamed his own dreams.

There was a man who lived in Philadelphia, who first discovered how to take a bath in a bathtub and hot water. He thought it was beautiful and wonderful, but then the Philadelphia government banned taking baths in Philadelphia in the early 1900's because they felt it would cause rheumatism

and inflammation of the bones if they would follow that procedure. So they banned taking baths in the winter. This man chose to follow his dream and today we can take baths anytime we get ready. He chose to walk down the narrow road. There are many people like that, the Wright brothers, for instance. They were laughed at and called fools for wanting to fly in the early 1900's. But they chose that narrow road with one chance in a million that they could fly from one place to another. Today we think nothing of stepping on a jet and going across the ocean. Many people have dared to walk down that narrow road.

A leader is one who stands on that which he or she believes and loves those that don't believe them in spite of the difficulties they may be facing. Sometimes in a board situation, and sometimes in a membership situation, there is a wedge between the minister, the board and the licensed teacher. If we could just know that the narrow road is where the dreamer, and the person that gets the job done, chose to walk and follow in Jesus' footsteps in saying "Forgive them for they know not what they do." Yet Jesus did not condemn them, he continued to walk in that road.

Today you and I have that same privilege of walking that narrow road. In our board meetings, with our teachers, with our ministers, we can be loving and supportive. We can care enough to listen, but also care enough to forgive.

A good leader sets the example and follows that example he or she has set. There are two fruits that Jesus talked about. There is the bad fruit and there is the good fruit. The person that walks down the wide road does not always produce good fruit, but if you choose the narrow road to walk down your tree can bear good fruit. What we're saying is that if you prune your tree with denials and affirmations and if you are one of those who dare to lead in love, who dare to share in love, dare to walk in love, that you, too, can bear good fruit in your ministry.

We talked about two foundations. When you think about the two foundations you have to think about the foolish man and the wise man. The foolish leader builds his or her hopes and dreams upon a sand bed and it shifts like sand under their feet. But the wise leader builds his foundation upon a solid rock of Truth. How do we do this? We do this with integrity, stick-to-it-iveness, by being honest with ourselves, and through loving support of each other. As we love and support each other we can and do experience good and our foundation is as solid as a rock. But if our hopes and dreams are hanging on a thread of misconception, backbiting and all of the other things that cause trouble in our ministry, then we will not be able to experience that Truth that we seek.

Today would you surrender all and walk in the footsteps of Jesus? Let Spirit be our guide, as Spirit guides us, we will be able to face the world with a greater faith. Our ministry will grow and so will we.

Ministers, teachers, ministers-in-training, and board members, in 1982, let us surrender any thoughts of holding on to that which is not Christ ideal. Let us put unity in Unity, by standing firm in the Truth, loving one another in a greater measure. A true leader forgives and leads in faith, in wisdom and in love. Total surrendering right now can enhance your ministry today. Why not do it now?

May God bless your year!

Truth



MINISTRY SERVICES PERSPECTIVES

Traditionally leaders of Unity centers have seemed to place emphasis on the simplicity of persons joining their centers. The pamphlet published by the AUC, "Membership in Unity," states that it is not necessary for the candidate to sever his connection with any other church. Usually all that is required is for the person to sign a card applying for membership. In most cases this is automatically approved by the board and the candidate receives spiritual baptism at a designated Sunday service. In addition, some ministers extend an open invitation to any and all others to come forward and be received into membership, immediately, on that Sunday.

This free and easy method, while at first appearing to offer welcoming love and to show signs of vigor of the center, is not without its pitfalls. What can happen is that we may have handed to persons who are basically orthodox believers from various denominations all the rights and privileges of a full voting "stockholder" and part-owner of all the assets of the center, as well as power to influence the direction in which the center moves. In their initial exposure to a vital and meaningful expression of the Jesus Christ teaching, such ones often are carried away with enthusiasm, but remain traditional, mainline Christians at heart. The danger lies in them bringing with them the traditional ideas as to how a church should be run.

But Unity is different! Unity is the cutting edge of the New Thought movement! Not merely do we have a different way of interpreting the Scriptures and a different perspective of our beloved Teacher and Wayshower, but we have a different

approach to organization, to finances, and to the place of purely social activities. Failure to make these differences clear can have the effect of the voting membership becoming weighted with well-meaning individuals who are not really Truth students at all. Sometimes with dire results!

Recognizing this possibility, many centers impose conditions of membership. These need not be onerous, but do have the effect of educating or eliminating applicants who are not genuinely Truth-oriented. Some ministers conduct a special orientation class explaining Unity's uniqueness and also insist on the candidate having studied "Lessons in Truth."

One church I served required candidates to follow a course of study, following which they met a committee comprised of representatives of the ministry, licensed teachers, Sunday school, men, women and in fact all departments. Membership in that center is a prized and coveted privilege, and its growth over the years is testimony to the effectiveness of this method. The voting membership is made up of individuals who are able to evaluate proposals from the Truth standpoint, and by the time they reach the board, they are mature Truth students, steeped in Unity's way of looking at situations. It follows minister/board problems are very rare in that center.

It is possible many problems within centers would be avoided if we were to rethink our approach to membership, and consider taking steps to ensure that all persons desiring membership are helped to realize that we are not just another church, but belonging does involve a new way of thinking. Comments and discussion are invited from both ministers and board members for publication in CONTACT.

Charles Neal
Director of Ministry Services

HEARTBEAT

Unity was featured in a 30-minute public radio program broadcast nationwide in November. The program is part of a series called HEARTBEAT, produced by the Public Media Foundation at the studios of WGBH public radio in Boston. Unity's segment "Letter From Unity Village" is one of the 26 half-hour documentaries featured in the series which explores human spiritual growth.

A cassette tape of the Unity program will be provided upon request in writing to the following address:

Mr. David Freudberg
Executive Producer
HEARTBEAT
PO Box 777
Cambridge, MA 02139

The broadcast was outstanding and the producers would appreciate receiving letters indicating if you have an interest in the series.

Memorials

Elizabeth (Beth) Winters, minister of Unity of Albany, Georgia, passed from this life experience on December 9, 1981. Beth was ordained in 1981 and had served Unity of Albany since 1980. We release Beth to her ongoing good, in a consciousness of love and trust.

Frank Hanson, minister of Unity Temple of Truth, Cincinnati, Ohio, passed from our sight on December 9, 1981. Frank was ordained in 1968 and had served ministries in St. Petersburg, Florida; Rockford, Illinois; Louisville, Kentucky; and Cincinnati. We know each member of the AUC joins in thought and prayer as we bless Frank in his spiritual ongoing.

Wilson Hembree, President of the Board of Directors of Justus Credit Union, Unity Village, Missouri, made his transition November 12. Wilson had a combined total of 53 years of service to Unity School and Justus Credit Union.

We bless Wilson as he goes to this next phase of growth and development. The love we shared serves as the bridge between dimensions, uniting us eternally.



UMS News & Views

by Gladys Branscum, UMS Administrator

Through the years as the old year comes to an end and a new year begins I have followed the practice of writing a Letter to God. I look at the letter I wrote the previous year or years and reflect on the growth that has taken place in my life. I then write a Letter to God outlining the growth and good I anticipate for the future.

As the new year, 1982, begins let us reflect on the history and growth of our ministerial program. We give thanks for those who have been in charge of the in-residence program which was established in 1946 and for the Training School through which many of you received your training. We give thanks for the instructors and faculty who have taught through the years. As you read this, certain persons will come to mind as being a positive influence in your learning and growing experiences here. Give these persons your special blessings and prayers as you think about them (perhaps write them a blessing.) And, think about all of our Unity ministers and the fine work they are doing. What a wealth of spiritual consciousness has been generated through the years! I am happy to have been associated with so many of you.

My Letter to God this year will include this paragraph for UMS: "God, during this new year we want to be even more aware of our individual responsibilities to uphold and expand the consciousness of Unity. We will strive to truly live the Truth we know and will help others as we express our understanding of Truth. We see great promise for the AUC and UMS as we work together in unity. Thank You, God."

SPARKPLUGS

Unity School Promotion and Editorial Departments

A Book Review

When we let the warmth of our love flow out from us in a complete circle, we touch everyone with it, and the world becomes a better place. We meet each person Christ-to-Christ and automatically let our love reach him. To love in God's way we have to let it flow freely, not withholding it from anyone.

This quote is from The Simple Truth, A Basic Guide to Metaphysics by Mary-Alice Jafolla, which will be available on April 15. The Simple Truth clarifies Unity teachings and presents metaphysical ideas in language that children can understand--but it is much more than a book for children. Sunday school teachers and parents will find this an indispensable teaching guide and source book--and new Truth students will enjoy the book's basic approach to metaphysics.

A whole range of metaphysical material is examined and explored. Simple definitions of God, Jesus, the Christ Spirit, and explanations of such subjects as the origin of ideas, faith, health, the Bible, and heaven (heaven is an inside job) can help children to develop sound understanding. Later chapters develop these topics into practical guidelines so that children can learn how to handle problems, to forgive and forget, to love, to be thankful, to know the power of thought, and to see the good in everything.

The reading level is beyond that of the very young child but most children ten years or older should be able to read and understand the book. The ideas are simple, clear, and uncomplicated, with easily apprehended examples. With guidance, even younger children can grasp most of the contents. Pre-teens will find that The Simple Truth can shed light on many of their questions, particularly the sections that will help them to apply the concepts in daily living. The book can be useful in opening up areas for further discussion in any age group.

From "Our Love Should Go to Everyone":

Love is a mighty magnet. Whatever we love we attract into our lives. If we love God we will attract goodness. Eventually each of us will have to realize that he is part of everyone else. And he must love everyone because we are all one.

What are you loving? Are you holding your love back in places? Try letting it beam out in a complete circle like a candle or a bright light, falling on everyone and everything in its path. People will notice your radiance and will love you in return.

From "Heaven Is Where You Are":

You have always lived in heaven. You just didn't realize it. But now you do. And you will begin to see how beautiful, good, and loving your life is.

Once you know you carry heaven inside you, you

see the world as God sees it. And God sees everything as perfect. God sees with your eyes and hears with your ears. God's ideas flow into your mind. God uses your hands and expresses Himself through your body. It is your job to realize this. And when you do—that's heaven!

The Simple Truth contains twenty-seven main chapters with many short sub-headings which cater to a child's shorter attention span. The book is richly illustrated with a color cover and pencil drawings by Carolyn Bowser and one illustration by Betty Chaisson.



NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

PLACEMENTS: **Alan Stanley** to Miami, Florida; **Larry Church** to pioneer a new ministry in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; **John Tant** to Royal Oak, Michigan--effective February 1; **Catherine Garvey** to Amarillo, Texas; **Sune Richards** to Topeka, Kansas--as Interim Minister; **Joe Bettencourt** to Toronto, Canada--as an Associate; **Betty White** to Kailua-Kona, Hawaii; **Jim Dawson** to Ocala, Florida; **Pat Staples** to Richmond, Virginia; **Gerrie Schober** to Hamilton, Ohio; **Kerrie Ellis-Hubatsek** to Chattanooga, Tennessee; **Jeri Jones** to Knoxville, Tennessee; and **Virginia Clement** to Anderson, Indiana.

Barbara Van De Vyvere, minister at Unity In The Seven Hills, Lynchburg, Virginia, has been elected as Treasurer with the Lynchburg Ministerial Association and is the only woman minister in the Association. Barbara is also serving on the Executive Committee of this Association. Unity in Lynchburg also reports that they had a wonderful "Circulation Day" in October and are planning another one for the Spring.

Dick Tweedy, minister of Unity of Grand Rapids, Michigan, writes that he is now a grandfather. A baby girl, Ashley Lauren, was born on November 19, in Wichita, Kansas, to Dick's daughter and son-in-law. Congratulations to the entire Tweedy family.

W.E. (Goodi) Goodison-Orr, minister of Unity Church of Applied Christianity, Atlanta, Georgia, writes that they have a suggestion for the use of the AUC *Circle of Light* for our centers. "In our prayer time we consciously recognize ourselves as Christ beings--channels or transmitter for Universal Christ Energy, or Light, acknowledging the Truth of Jesus Christ about ourselves--You are the light of the world, let your light shine. In this consciousness we beam forth or transmit the Christ energy flowing through us to all the countries of the world. We have before us or visualize a map of the world and work with one section. Some in the group begin speaking the word that the Christ light is being beamed forth in China, Japan, etc., until all countries have been named. Others in the group would be seeing themselves as consciously transmitting the Christ Light upon the countries named and

knowing that the Universal Radiance never fails to touch every corner or infiltrate every mind. If all Unity ministries would be one in this continuous prayer exercise the results of peace, love, brotherhood, justice and plenty would be recognizable in places where they are not and expand in places where they seem to be."

Unity Church of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, celebrated their Fourth Anniversary on November 20 with a dinner and fire-side sing-a-long. The anniversary service was held on November 22. Congratulations to Unity of Cape Cod.

Ed Rabel was privileged to act as Interim Minister at Unity of Salem, Oregon, November 16 through December 11, while **Betty Owers** filled the Rotating Chair position at Unity Ministerial School. Ed conducted Sunday services and held classes during his stay in Salem.

First Unity Church of St. Louis, **Leila Fischer**, minister, celebrated the burning of their mortgage on November 22. They combined their Thanksgiving celebration with the mortgage burning. The mortgage was burned and already they have funds accumulating toward an expansion program. Leila has also been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Holistic Health Center of St. Louis and to the Board of Directors of the Metro Saint Louis YWCA. God's richest blessings to Leila and the entire congregation of First Unity Church of St. Louis.

Unity of Tallahassee, Florida, **Roy Fox**, minister, recently held "Circulation Day." A car was donated by a generous couple. Many people wanted it, but it was to go to someone who had no car, could not afford to buy a car, and preferably, unemployed. During the time people were attending the project, no one fitting that description attended. After everything was cleaned up and all had left to go home, one person stayed at the church, sitting in her car, while people came to pick up things they needed. A young couple came by that had just moved from Miami with a four-month-old daughter. The man was unemployed and without a car and unable to buy a car to get around to find a job. The couple was eligible for the car and it was given to them. It turned out that the young man has obtained employment by being able to get around in the car seeking interviews. Due to the enthusiasm of everyone involved, Unity of Tallahassee has scheduled another Circulation Day.

Roy Fox, minister of Unity of Tallahassee, wants to express his gratitude to all of you who have been with him in prayer and sending him loving thoughts, cards and letters while in the hospital for open heart surgery in November. Roy will be back at work soon. Special thanks to **Joann Landreth**, **Charles Neal**, **Jim Freeman**, **Ruth Mosley** and the Unity centers for praying with us.

Unity Church of Modesto, California, **Roger Tiffany**, minister, has formed a "PTL" Club. The "PTL" Club is People Transfer Logistic Technicians and was organized to give rides to members of the church family who cannot otherwise make it to church, especially to a special event held at night.

The Unity Center of Boise, Idaho, **Florence Allen**, minister,

reports that they have moved from the YWCA building to a beautiful church building and the membership is growing and prospering, looking forward to a beautiful new year.

The South Pacific Unity Conference 1981 was held during October in New Zealand. The Oktoberfest Retreat was held before the Conference, so all who attended the Conference were in a wonderfully prosperous frame of mind. **Reverend Samuel Oti** of Nigeria gave a special prayer for world peace. The workshops and classes offered were stimulating and varied and responded to the needs of all attending, on all levels of understanding. **Pauline Beauregard**, Carlsbad, California, was a special blessing at the Retreat. Next year the Conference will be held in Australia and they hope to see many of the ministries represented.

Christ Church Unity in El Cajon, California, with **Arthur Hammons** serving as minister, recently donated two formal weddings to be auctioned off during a fund raising campaign for the San Diego County performing arts organization.

Unity Truth Church, Vista, California, **Bert and Eva Coffey**, ministers, was chosen "Church of the Week" on November 13, in the "Vista Press" newspaper. Photographs of Bert and the

center were featured along with an article explaining what the Unity church teaches.

Carol Nash, ordained Unity minister and Chaplain at the Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri, was certified as a Full Supervisor of Clinical Pastoral Education at the National Association for CPE in Estes Park, Colorado. This is the highest achievement for teachers of chaplains in the national education process.

Unity of Lubbock, a study group affiliated with Unity in Amarillo, is interested in receiving any information you may have on a way of physically demonstrating a spiritual truth. They have used the burning bowl, a replay of the Wizard of Oz with Unity concepts and Your Mind is a Magnet. If any of the centers have ideas of other demonstrations, please send them to **Joe Mat Smith, Unity of Lubbock, Box 2590, Lubbock, Texas 79408**. Joe Mat would be happy to share the demonstrations Unity of Lubbock has used if you are interested.

If your center has considered having Greg and Marga Sanderson come and speak before your congregation, **Larry Swartz**, Tucson, Arizona, suggests that you contact him.



ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES **Statement of General Funds Operations** **Seven Months Ended October 31, 1981**

	Month	Year to Date
INCOME—OPERATIONS		
Love Offering	\$41,497.24	\$309,543.23
Other Income	6,250.53	31,191.42
	<u>47,747.77</u>	<u>340,734.65</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	4,149.72	30,954.32
	<u>43,598.05</u>	<u>309,780.33</u>
Gross Profit Materials	2,908.47	32,797.63
Total Income	<u>46,506.52</u>	<u>342,577.96</u>
EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:		
Ministry Services	31,539.38	240,441.02
Ministerial Education	14,247.90	109,383.38
Total Expenses	<u>45,787.28</u>	<u>349,824.40</u>
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 719.24</u>	<u>\$ (7,246.44)</u>

Unity School Contribution To The AUC & UMS Through Services Provided

May 1, 1981—October 31, 1981: \$61,035.26

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

NEW PRAYER COMMITTEE!

Are you aware that a PRAYER COMMITTEE has been formed by **Ruth Mosley**? This Committee is made up of our ministers-in-training; **COLLEEN LEHNUS** serves as Chairperson. We are indeed pleased and excited to have our MITs utilizing the *Circle of Light* and including ministers and ministries in their prayers each day.

Each MIT is assigned one ministry each month to include in his or her prayer time. They hand-write a note to the minister, giving their prayer support, faith, and love. In addition to the ministries listed on the *Circle of Light* which are to be included in our prayers, they also pray with some of the open ministries and ministers who are needing special healing prayers. The MITs started this prayer project in September when our first *Circle of Light* was published. By next September every ministry and affiliated study group will have received a letter from a minister-in-training.

We love, bless, appreciate and give thanks for our ministers-in-training. Thank you for joining us in this very important work--prayer!

Journey of Love

Bicycling over 2,000 miles alone may sound like an exhausting and lonely way to travel. But to Dan Cady, a 19 year old student from Vancouver, Washington, it was an adventure he will never forget.

Dan traveled by bicycle from Vancouver to Unity Village in October to attend two sessions of the Unity School for Religious Studies (UICE). He traveled through windstorms in the Blue Mountains, across the narrow roads of the Rocky Mountains and through the desolate plains of Nebraska and Kansas in order to reach Unity Village in time to attend the seventh and eighth sessions of USRS (UICE).

Dan, a member of Unity in Vancouver, became interested in Unity through Bill Esslinger, then minister of Unity in Vancouver. When Dan heard that Bill would be coming to Unity Village to become an instructor in the ministerial school, he decided to take a semester off and journey to Unity Village in order to expand his knowledge of the Unity teachings.

During the sojourn Dan compiled his thoughts and experiences in a three-part journal (mind-spiritual-physical). He hopes to one day publish the journal and share with others the unfoldment process that he experienced during the month-long journey.

Dan summed up his journey in the following statement, "The trip was physically exhausting, but the experiences encountered were loving and challenges I met were dealt with easily through the everlasting love of God.

How is Dan traveling back to Vancouver? THE BUS!!

Youth Services Report

by Maggie Finefrock

Joyous New Year! As we embark upon this adventure of 1982, I would like to share these blessings with you. For three years I have had the great opportunity to work closely with the Y.E. Facilitator team. These dedicated teachers have been responsible for the progress and improved quality in Youth Services. The evidence of their love and skill is demonstrated in increased awareness of the importance of children's ministry in churches, in increased quality and quantity in youth education departments, and in the continuing development of youth leadership skills through the country.

Your Youth Education Facilitator is hired by your region to assist you in the following areas:

- ✓ Consultation with individual churches on starting or maintaining an effective Y.E. program by letter, phone or on site.
- ✓ Weekend workshops on children's ministry for you and your congregation.
- ✓ Children's sermons.
- ✓ Speaking on youth ministry and the ministry of the child.
- ✓ Conducting post-graduate courses at regional conferences.
- ✓ Assist you in planning and implementing a teacher training program for your center.

Please take a moment to consider your needs in youth education and drop a line to your facilitator. Here is some background information on each facilitator so you can begin to know them as I do. I look forward to the new year and the opportunity to work with these beautiful examples of love and to work more closely with you! (Southeast and Southwest regional facilitator positions are vacant at this time.)

EASTERN

Helen Kehmeier Fooshe (pronounced Foo-shay), is a Unity licensed teacher and holds a Masters Degree and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Guidance and Counseling from Old Dominion University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Virginia, with a specialty in Marriage and Family Counseling. Her work experience in the helping profession



has been with the Eastern Virginia Medical Authority Community Mental Health Center, specializing in treatment of drug addiction, and with the State Department of Corrections, Chesapeake Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court as a family counselor.

WEST CENTRAL



My name is **Lei Lanni Burt**, a child of God, and an active Truth student. My expression of activity finds me wearing many hats. Currently I'm West Central Region's Youth Education Facilitator, a Licensed Unity Teacher/Counselor for Christ Church Unity in San Jose, California, Youth Education Director at San Jose, advisor for our region's Youth of Unity,

wife and mother. I feel very blessed to have such a loving, supportive family with two fine daughters, ages 21 and 19. The focus of my service is in response to Myrtle Fillmore's question, "Who will take care of the children?". I consider it a blessed privilege to help adults unfold their inner potential through serving youth education. I give thanks for all the many dedicated people who have also responded to Myrtle's question by tithing their time to the ministry of the children.

GREAT LAKES



"Being a good mother to my step-children is my most valuable source of spiritual education," says **Lani Hickman**, Youth Education Consultant for Great Lakes Region.

"People have an opportunity in Youth Services to develop close, honest relationships that will reflect themselves back to them, and--if they will answer--will call them up

higher in every dimension of their personality."

Lani became Youth Education consultant for Great Lakes in 1978 when she married her husband, Tom, and moved to Indianapolis from Lee's Summit where she had served AUC as curriculum coordinator for four years. She is on call as a substitute and helper in the Y.E. department at Unity Truth Center, Indianapolis, where she also teaches adult classes in Unity Fundamentals. This year Lani is finishing a BA degree at Indiana University and plans to enter graduate school next fall.

GREAT LAKES



I always smile when I think of my simple prayer 21 years ago when I asked "Lord show me the way that I can guide my children as you would have me do."

Becoming a Youth Education teacher was a complete surprise but I came to realize this has been my path to learning and a great influence in unfolding my own spiritual growth. Be-

coming a licensed teacher helped to qualify me even further.

As a very real experience I have seen Unity as a growing, ongoing way of life. How have I seen this? Recently one of my students that I had in Kindergarten, years ago, came

and placed their treasure in my hands--their child.

I feel teaching "affects human destiny." What a joy to be a part of it all. -- **Betty Fleming**

NORTHWEST



Warmth and vitality radiate from **Judy Sherman**--a person who has said Yes! to life. Wherever she's gone, whatever she's done--from secretary in large corporations to counselor--Judy has looked at her life as an exercise in expanded awareness and has directed herself to learning to say yes.

Judy now serves as director of Prayerline and Youth Education Services at Unity of Seattle and spends part of each week counseling, mostly with women. Whatever she's doing, says Judy "I do my best to perform my duties with love and appreciation for all my co-workers and those we serve."

Judy has served as Youth Education Facilitator, first in the Great Lakes region and now in the Great Northwest, for a total of four years.

SOUTH CENTRAL



Joy Powell has been Youth Education Director at Unity of Denver for the past six years. During this time they have developed a Montessori-based program, designed to have a highly trained staff of teachers and aides, with the understanding that the children are the "SEEDCORN OF THE FUTURE" (Maria Montessori).

"In working with my own son Mark, who is presently a student at Colorado State University, in applying the principles, I discovered that as a mother and gentle guide, the greatest teacher was my own unspoken Consciousness. That which I lived and held within myself in deepest faith became that 'which goes before us, it shouts so loudly that I cannot hear what you say!'"

VISUAL DISPLAY UPDATE

Sometime ago a letter was sent to our Unity ministries informing you of the visual display of Unity ministries which is being created for the entryway of the AUC Office. We still have room for 35 ministries to participate in this project. If you are interested, please send a slide transparency of your church along with \$50 to Joann Landreth. If you do not have a slide immediately available we would appreciate you telephoning Joann to let her know of your interest. We need confirmation before the January Committee meetings. We need a total of 50 ministries to participate in order to proceed with this project.

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

Clearinghouse

Unity of Jefferson City, Missouri, is looking for 50 used blue Unity song books. If your center is replacing the blue books with a newer edition, please consider contacting **Unity of Jefferson City, P.O. Box 1792, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-1792**, or call 314-634-2610.



I think you better sit down.

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THINK...

Love is Being

June 13-17

1982 Conference of the Association
of Unity Churches

Keynote speaker: Jean Houston

also

Charles King

Holistic Health Youth Ministry
Death & Dying Church Building
Marriage Enrichment

programs for licensed teachers, spouses

Board members and congregations are
encouraged to attend! Conference begins
Sunday with opening ceremonies and
a program and closes Thursday evening.
Make plans to attend now!

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The President's

Letter



Love is being . . . obedient to the Christ within. . . Love is being a friend, through the Christ, to each other. Every summer when we return to Unity Village, some of us say, "I am coming home." This is a beautiful way to feel; but unless we see love in action wherever we are, it is just a sham. When Jesus was asked which is the greatest commandment, he said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. . . And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." (RSV) This scripture clearly points out to me that we must love one another. Our love for each other must be so broad that it expands beyond all boundaries, all cultures, all races, all nationalities; and most of all, above all faults that we see in each other. It also means that our love should be so long that no one feels left out. Our love should be so high, no one feels they are shut out. Our love should be so deep no one feels lost. In other words, Unity itself is love. The world is calling for Unity. At our Conference in June, bring your love consciousness with you and share it with all of your friends. If we *be* love in every aspect, we are living our unity. Jesus did not stop talking about love when he gave the commandments. He also told us what would happen if we would keep his commandments. He said, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you, . . . love one another." (RSV) Love is being a friend to Jesus through each other. Love is being at the right place at the right time. A friendship must be nurtured and the only way to nurture a relationship

is by sharing yourself, your money, your love with each other. Our Association of Unity Churches needs you. We need your support financially, spiritually; and, most of all, AUC needs a friend like you. Remember, Unity is love and love is being together in June, 1982, at Unity Village.

Love,

MINISTRY
SERVICES
PERSPECTIVES



To the average person who attends a Unity church or center, Unity is a two-fold structure. First, there is his local Unity church with its beloved minister, dedicated board of trustees, teachers, counselors and others. Here he is able to receive inspiration, one-to-one counseling and instruction for a meaningful life. Second, there is the Unity School of Christianity, the home of Silent Unity and publisher of helpful literature, like *Daily Word*, that has become the invaluable aid to his daily devotions. This, he thinks, is the Unity movement.

But there is a third element, largely unpublicized, but nevertheless, essential to the long-term well-being and, indeed, the very existence of the local church. This is the Association of Unity Churches. The AUC is not unlike the cement that holds a brick building together. The mortar binding the bricks into a solid structure is almost invisible, yet, without it the building would collapse. Similarly, the AUC is the not often perceived factor that continues to make Unity available to thousands of students nationwide.

The AUC is not an appendage gratuitously added to the more obvious Unity field ministry and Unity School. It is a federation of ministers and ministries who have banded together to unitedly do better those things that we are unable to do as well alone, if at all!

The AUC trains and ordains ministers, licenses teachers, supplies youth education and Sunday school materials and

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by Hypatia Hasbrouck, Dean of Faculty

facilitators. It offers group health and hospitalization insurance, pension and retirement plans. The AUC is the channel through which centers are able to select their ministers. It provides a procedure to assist in the adjustment of minister/board/congregation relationships. It provides unified by-laws, an acceptable moving policy, codes of ethics and an IRS umbrella. It is a resource center, it publishes helpful manuals for board members, ushers, membership and the like; it provides attractive bulletin covers.

Probably no one center or minister uses all these services. Some use many, others few. These are some of the services that we ministers and churches have provided for ourselves and our churches by the fact of our uniting in an association. Together, we did it. Directly or indirectly you had a hand in it, for you are the AUC.

This then is the AUC--not an entity separated from us, or imposed upon us. The AUC is all of us, ministers and congregations alike. We are IT. We need each other!

Some, secure in their strong churches, may ask, "What do we need with the AUC?" The answer is, "You need the AUC, and the AUC needs you. The AUC is not an optional, expendable adjunct to the Unity movement. The AUC is the ministries in the field giving each other mutual support." If you doubt this, remind yourself that the greatest single New Thought ministry of all time disappeared without a trace on the passing of its leader. Emmet Fox's church had no effective national organization behind it!

The Unity ministry in the field, welded together by our common membership in the AUC, is the cutting edge of the New Thought movement. Unity School provides us with the authority of 95 years of unsurpassed inspirational literature. Its superbly produced publications provide us with valuable tools. Our link with Silent Unity and its wide acceptance as a prayer center that has helped millions, is a tremendous asset. Through the AUC you are part of all this. It forms the impressive backdrop against which your local center operates.

Charles Neal

Director of Ministry Services

The enclosed "Journal Calendar" is a gift to you from **Charles Roth**, minister in Indianapolis, Indiana. Open it and you will find it embraces the full year of 1982. The possible uses are almost infinite. One can enter Sunday scripture, hymn numbers, platform chairmen and soloists (if rotated), mid-week class subjects, attendance, offerings. Charles says it takes but a few moments to enter information as it happens, and he is able, at a glance, to get any data he wants in the last nine years!

He needs only a few copies around his center, but as the printing set up is quite expensive, he found an additional 350 copies for AUC members cost very little more, so he got the idea of sharing a copy with you. Write to Charles direct if you have any comment. Thank you, Charles, for the loving thought.

Occasionally, this column tells Unity field ministers how they can help ministers-in-training; this one tells you how ministers-in-training can help Unity field ministers--not in the future, but right now. If you want to have a radio ministry which can offer practical help to people in your area and arouse interest in your Unity center, the Radio Practicum of UMS can help you.

Thanks to the generosity of the UMS student body and a field ministry which had faith in this project, the UMS Radio Practicum has ready for distribution a 13-week series of half-hour talk shows called "Open Mind." Each allows time for two one-minute announcements by a local sponsoring center of study group. Each also deals with a timeless or timely topic like developing a good self-image, contemporary marriage, family problems, tolerance, changing the world, prosperity or decision making. Most are simulated "call-in" shows; MITs role-play ordinary people giving typical worldly views on the topic of the day and the MIT hosts subtly give the Unity view.

For variety, there are straight interview shows: one is an interview on attitudinal healing with **Gerald Jampolsky**; another is an interview on the new holistic healing center in Detroit with **David Williamson**; a third is an interview on the Third Wave and the Aquarian Conspiracy with **Jim Sherman**. One show is a combination interview and call-in; **Nan Wire**, now an MIT, but formerly in charge of employee benefits for a national corporation, appears as an expert on retirement planning and answers questions.

The shows can be aired in any order. Of professional quality, they are produced under the guidance of **Michael Davenport**, a long-time Unity student and a broadcast expert with many Clio awards to his credit; the chief engineer is **Mark Weddel**, who for several years was involved in producing "The Word" for Unity School.

The shows are available to Unity centers for a donation of only \$300.00 for the series--approximately \$23.00 a show--to cover production costs, but new churches and study groups can have them for a ten-percent discount. If a group can afford broadcast time but is not yet able to afford production costs, the shows are available for a free-will offering or absolutely free.

Regardless of how they are ordered, the tapes are the property of the center. They may be reproduced for distribution or used as discussion starters. Should Unity field ministries find the tapes effective, the Radio Practicum will produce special tapes for study purposes only. It is also ready to produce fifteen-minute shows if enough centers request them.

Because of the volume of mail to Unity School departments and the AUC, the Radio Practicum has a separate mailing address to assure speedy service. If you wish further information and a free audition tape, write:

OPEN MIND PRODUCTIONS

Box 492

Lee's Summit, MO 64063

All of us at UMS hope that you will accept the MITs' offer to help you spread the Truth in your area.

GOOD IDEA!

The following article, from Larry Swartz, minister of Unity of Tucson, Arizona, was picked up by local and national television. (Another fantastic way to share the Truth of Unity with others.):

"'The mark of success is upon me. I cannot fail.' 'The prize of the high calling is yours.' 'God within you is your prosperity and success.'"

"Who wouldn't like to find a message like one of these upon cracking open a fortune cookie?"

"Members of the Unity of Tucson did just that during services last week, when pastor Larry Swartz dispensed nearly 400 'blessing cookies,' as he calls them.

"They were accompanied by a sermon on success, written by Swartz, with the theme that people are their own 'programmers,' and that success is 'between God and yourself.'"

"Swartz wrote all the fortunes, which were printed and stuffed into the specially made cookies at a Los Angeles bakery.

"He got the idea for the cookies during a trip to Atlanta last summer when he ate dinner in a Chinese restaurant and opened his fortune cookie, only to find it empty.

"I started thinking about it and how we make our own fortunes," he said.

"The incident churned around in his mind and finally emerged as a sermon possibility, to be illustrated with the cookies.

"Swartz was very pleased with his idea and said the whole experience was 'lovely.' He does not plan to repeat it, however, so his congregation, which meets at 1212 N. Sahara, will just have to pay heed to the sermon and begin writing their own tickets to success."

Arizona Daily Star
Sat., Nov. 14, 1981



NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

FINALIZED PLACEMENTS: Robert Eagan (1978) to Everett, Washington.

The Center of Light Unity Study Group in Hernando, Mississippi, has only been meeting for three months. The group has been studying prosperity and has taken as their purpose the manifestation of Jesus Christ's purpose "I have come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly." The group expressed a desire to practice the law of giving and receiving during the Christmas holiday by offering financial assistance to a local family for the treatment of their son's leukemia. The group feels blessed to be a channel of God's abundant supply.

The Celebrate Life Company is currently providing speaker

scheduling services for some of the Northwest Unity ministries. They are interested in setting up speaker schedules for other Unity ministries and are now in the process of setting up a national tour for Jean Segal and would like you to contact them if you are interested. For more information please contact **Brook Moon, 1901 6th N., Seattle, Washington 98109** or call **206-282-8255**.

Michael Murphy, minister in Honolulu, Hawaii, completed the 26-mile Honolulu Marathon on December 13, 1981. **Marilyn Smedstad**, wife of **Phillip Smedstad**, associate minister in Honolulu, reports, "... Thought it might be an inspiration for other ministers to get off their affirmations and start moving in the new year!" Congratulations Michael!

Unity Church of Mont Chalet, **Joan Gattuso-Lear**, minister, had a give-a-Christmas-mitten tree in place for the holidays. Mittens, gloves, scarves and other practical gifts were hung on the tree and distributed to needy children in the area.

Unity of Livonia, Michigan, **Gene Sorensen**, minister, has a couple of new ideas to share with other ministries. On the fourth Sunday of the month they give away a Daily Word magazine for the upcoming month, enclosing in it a special card explaining about Daily Word and giving the name of the center and times of services, Dial-A-Thought and Joyline numbers. They announce that this is NOT a gift for them, for they are no doubt Daily Word readers, but that this would be an excellent way to bless someone that week. They also invite guests to tour the facility, receive a packet of information, sign the guest register and enjoy a cup of coffee. A group of people with name tags is easily accessible for visitors to ask anything they wish about Unity or their program. The Committee attended three training sessions before they started the project.

Roy Fox, minister of Unity of Tallahassee, Florida, has a suggestion for any minister or regional representative who hears of a minister who is ill or in the hospital. Call and let AUC know about the problem, and contact the Regional Representative so they may call the minister and spouse assuring them of the Region's love and prayer. The other regional ministers could then be notified by phone call or letter so they could send a card or letter to the minister experiencing the challenge.

Unity Retreat, Descanso, California (45 miles east of San Diego), **Robert Stevens**, Director, now has a color brochure with complete details for the 1982 scheduled retreats. For more information contact **Unity Retreat Descanso, PO Box 278, Descanso, California 92016** or call **714-445-3610**.

*Better an open enemy
than a false friend.*

— George Washington

SPARKPLUGS

Unity School Promotions and Editorial Departments

"The theory of reincarnation has only slowly been accepted in the Western world, although it has been considered Truth in Eastern philosophy for thousands of years," says **Miki Bowen** in her article, "I'll Be Right Back." Miki writes on this interesting and controversial subject for the February 1982 issue of UNITY Magazine.

Some people accept the idea of reincarnation in theory only, others as truth, still more as simply a fascinating but unprovable hypothesis. People who say they believe in reincarnation are not always in accord. Evidence of this are the many terms used by authors who write on the subject--rebirth, re-embodiment, metempsychosis, and palingenesis. ("Transmigration involves the theory of rebirth in an animal body, and is not the same as reincarnation," says Miki.)

Regardless of the personal belief of the center leader, many ministries permit or prompt discussion of reincarnation because of the popularity of and interest in the subject. Ministries that have an extensive file regarding reincarnation will find that Miki Bowen's article is a good review of the subject. Center leaders and teachers who are beginning to explore and gather information will find this article a good one to read.

Miki mentions that Charles Fillmore had a personal belief in reincarnation and the subject was often discussed in Unity's early days. Then and now, in accord with Unity philosophy, people are encouraged to draw their own conclusions and to develop their personal belief systems about reincarnation.

Miki's article is well-researched and encourages you to open your mind and consider the possibilities. Be sure to read "I'll Be Right Back," in the February 1982 issue of UNITY Magazine.



"I miss the dial. Somehow it doesn't seem proper to 'punch a prayer'."

In Response . . .

The following excerpt was taken from a letter received from Jim Fisher, minister of Unity Church of Practical Christianity, St. Joseph, Missouri, in response to the "Ministry Services Perspective" column in the January issue of CON-TACT:

"We'll continue to welcome people into membership whenever they feel ready and without measuring their consciousness. I stand on my faith that our congregation is attracting exactly who we need for our perfect growth, even if it isn't obvious to us at the time.

"A church must take the shape of its congregation, according to and in proportion to the energy that each individual invests as time, attention, and money. Judy and I are afforded the incredible luxury of being supported so we can devote full time to our goals and directions. If this doesn't give us all of the influence we need for our programs, we'd better check ourselves out carefully.

"A million things 'might happen' as we let life flow freely in the area of membership, but why be concerned? Love is letting go of fear."



Sweeter Than Sugar

By the end of the year, aspartame will be an ingredient in cold cereals, powdered drinks such as iced tea and Kool-Aid, instant pudding, dairy topping and chewing gum. Small packets of a new sweetener, called "Equal," will appear in restaurants containing the equivalent of two teaspoons of sugar.

Aspartame has so many appealing qualities it is sure to be popular. It is 180 times sweeter than sugar so you use very little. The calorie count is tiny. It is not known to promote tooth decay or contribute to heart disease or diabetes and it has no bitter aftertaste.

The FDA which approved it on October 24th for specified foods, is however, under attack by some scientists who find a link to a possibility of brain tumors. It will carry a warning alerting individuals who must avoid phenylalanine because they have an inherited disease P.K.U. (a rare condition). It is to be marketed only in two-teaspoon packets to prevent consumers from cooking with it. It must NOT be used in cooking because heat breaks up the two amino acids and allows a sour-tasting chemical to develop.

The FDA commissioner ruled "There is no reasonable certainty . . . that aspartame will not be harmful to the public under its proposed conditions of use."

Taken from newsletter of First Unity Church
St. Petersburg, FL

Youth Services Report

by Maggie Finefrock

HUG COUPON

*This coupon is good for
one free hug from any
Youth Services Staff
Member.*

Offer expires 12/31/82

February is a great month for a hopeful romantic like me. It is also a time of evaluating our progress in Youth Services in the last two and a half years and taking a serious look at long-range goals and planning.

We are blossoming with ideas, workshops, teaching aids, classes, consulting, and great future visions. WonderWord is having a great time as s/he now spreads love in other countries and to other denominations and frequently makes live guest appearances in Unity centers! You have asked for additional materials for families and for Youth Education Directors. I am glad to let you know that we have a workbook of object lessons and a Y.E. Directors' Handbook off the drawing boards and hopefully ready for you by June 1.

We are seeing great benefits and less volunteer turnover from ministries that take seriously the task of recruiting, motivating, training, supporting, appreciating, and evaluating youth leaders and teachers. Some of the people we have trained have continued to serve Unity centers by making youth ministry a full time career. We are seeing great creativity and progress in the services offered to people of all ages in Unity centers.

But we are also frustrated at times too. This week I heard about yet another faithful Unity family who transferred their membership to another denomination because they felt a great need for a church that ministered to families and had a strong program of spiritual education for young people.

There is absolutely no reason in the universe that you cannot have the best youth education department in your area! We are sometimes frustrated because we have all the skills, creativity, experience and love needed to aid you and every Unity center in having an outstanding educational program for young people, teachers and families. But we must be used! As our team travels around the country we see churches that do not provide a loving and accepting environment for people under 25--this is a not-so-subtle form of discrimination. There are actually a few Unity centers that do not train teachers, do not support and meet regularly with YOU sponsors, do not provide an adequate climate and environment for learning and do not make people of all ages feel welcome in worship.

In March, the regional Youth Education Facilitators and YOU Coordinators will be meeting at Unity Village for training and planning. During this five days together we will evaluate our '81 programs, learn new skills, set goals and plan training events and services for 1982. We need your input! This is your chance to tell us how we can serve you better this year. What services have you used this year? (AGAPE,

Image for Living, Y.E. workshops, Director's training, WonderWord, Y.S. Coordinator, UICE Youth Education Seminar, Regional resource people, reSPONSE, YOU Conference, individual consultations, etc.) How have you benefited? What could we be doing differently to meet your individual needs? What future programs and training would you like to see implemented? What is your greatest roadblock to creativity and how can we help? What is the sound of one hand clapping? Will you take just a moment and jot down a few thoughts on these questions and any other joys and concerns you have and send them to me? I will personally reimburse you for your postage!

Last month in CONTACT you read about WHO our Youth Education Facilitators are; this month here is WHAT a facilitator does:

I. At the national level

- ✓ attends yearly meeting for training, planning new seminars and creating new projects and services (March-Unity Village)
- ✓ contributes to writing, planning and marketing of WonderWord
- ✓ writes articles quarterly for AGAPE newsletter
- ✓ supports other regional facilitators with ideas and prayer
- ✓ informs Youth Services Coordinator of needs in the field and offers feedback on how services can be improved

II. At the regional level

- ✓ serves as a member of the regional team composed of ministerial regional representative, regional YE facilitator and regional YOU coordinator
- ✓ attends regional conferences and gives yearly report
- ✓ conducts post-graduate training in youth ministry for ministers and licensed teachers
- ✓ sends out mailings to all ministries in the region informing them of workshops and services
- ✓ establishes a warm personal relationship with regional ministers, YE directors, YE departments and congregations

III. At the local level

- ✓ conducts one-day or weekend workshops for motivating YE departments
- ✓ assists ministers and YE directors in planning and implementing teacher training (pre-service and in-service)
- ✓ provides training opportunities for youth education directors
- ✓ consults with individual departments on site, by letter or by phone
- ✓ speaks on Youth Ministry
- ✓ is a resource for ministries planning intergenerational activities, family services and children's sermons
- ✓ conducts specialized training workshops for churches on request



ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES
Statement of General Funds Operations
Eight Months Ended November 30, 1981

INCOME — OPERATIONS:	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Love Offering	\$ 37,498.38	\$347,041.61
Other Income	4,955.39	36,146.81
	<u>42,453.77</u>	<u>383,188.42</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	3,749.84	34,704.16
	<u>38,703.93</u>	<u>348,484.26</u>
Gross Profit Materials	733.24	33,530.87
Total Income	<u>39,437.17</u>	<u>382,015.13</u>
 EXPENSES — OPERATIONS:		
Ministry Services	36,657.52	277,098.54
Ministerial Education	<u>14,226.07</u>	<u>123,609.45</u>
Total Expenses	<u>50,883.59</u>	<u>400,707.99</u>
 INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$ (11,446.42)</u>	<u>\$ (18,692.86)</u>

Unity School Contribution To The AUC & UMS Through Services Provided

May 1, 1981 — November 30, 1981: \$72,593.38

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

Wedding Bells

Ron Ballenger, minister of Unity By The Sea at Corpus Christi, Texas, was joined in marriage to **Carmen Alvarez** on December 19, 1981, in Corpus Christi.

Glenn Mosley, minister of Akron Unity Center of Truth, Akron, Ohio, was united in marriage to **Karin Goodwill** on December 11, 1981. This was a unique ceremony as Glenn was the officiating minister.

On Saturday, January 16, 1982, **Bob Wasner**, minister of Unity Center of Tacoma in Tacoma, Washington, and **Connie Goodson**, were united in marriage. Their ceremony was officiated by **Howard Caesar**, minister in Olympia, Washington.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to changes in our schedule we are happy to inform you of a retreat not previously announced. It is the **APPLE BLOSSOM TIME RETREAT, May 1—7, 1982**. This is an especially beautiful time of the year to visit Unity Village. If you would like to attend this retreat, please send your reservation and a \$25 deposit to:

RESERVATIONS OFFICE
Unity Village, MO 64065

***NOTE:** Don't forget to announce this change to your congregation!*

YOUR PLACE

Is your place a small place?
Tend it with care;--
He set you there.

Is your place a large place?
Guard it with care;--
He set you there.

Whate'er your place, it is
Not yours alone, but His
Who set you there.

John Oxenham

Physical Exercise

Strengthening the Heart

C. Norman Shealy, M.D., Ph.D.

Exercise can and should be fun. The minimum requirements for adequate heart exercise follow:

Start very slowly and build up gradually to the final recommended amount; take at least 16 weeks to build up to maximum; if you're over 40 and haven't exercised regularly take 24 to 32 weeks to build up.

WALKING

Start with 1/4 mile at your own pace. Work up (over 16 to 20 weeks) to 3 miles in 45 minutes; four times per week.

STANDING JOGGING

Use either a jogging trampoline (start with one minute) or a mattress on the floor.

Start with one minute at your own pace. Work up slowly to 20 minutes 4 days a week, stepping down at least 180 steps per minute.

BICYCLING

Start with 2 miles at your own leisurely pace. Work up slowly to 10 miles in 50 minutes, 4 days a week (take 20 weeks to work up).

STAIRS

Start with one flight at your own pace. Build up to 50 flights up and down as rapidly as you can go, 5 days per week. (Build up over 20 weeks).

SWIMMING

Start with 100 yards at a leisurely pace. Build up to 100 yards in 30 minutes, 4 times a week (take at least 16 weeks to build up).

New Licensed Teachers

The following individuals were awarded Unity Licensed Teacher Certificates in January, 1982: **Deanna Allen**, Lee's Summit, MO; **Floy Armbruster**, Colorado Springs, CO; **Grace Avery**, Nelson, BC, Canada; **John Benson**, Sacramento, CA; **Nancy Benton**, Lee's Summit, MO; **Sue Boles**, Durham, NC; **Jeanne Carter**, Seattle, WA; **Evelyn Casper**, Miami, FL; **Debbie Chenoweth**, Lake Lotawana, MO; **Bernadette Ellsworth**, Vancouver, WA; **Doris Finke**, Spring Valley, WI; **Jean Foertsch**, Cincinnati, OH; **Charline Gardner**, Folsom, CA; **Nancy Henson**, Deltona, FL; **Sarah Hesselgesser**, Urbana, OH; **Barbara Mapes**, St. Joseph, MI; **Barbara McAdams**, Houston, TX; **Sylvia Minty**, Montclair, NJ; **Shirley Newman**, Bushnell, FL; **Sarah Purnell**, Detroit, MI; **Patricia Robinson**, Kansas City, MO; and **Bundy Yarbrough**, Nashville, AR.

Boy Scout Troop Services

Any of the Unity ministries that sponsor or provide meeting facilities for a Boy Scout troop please contact the Association of Unity Churches before February 29, 1982. The Director of Protestant Relationships for the Boy Scouts of America is conducting a study and must have the information by the above deadline. Thank you for your cooperation.



"In as much as I couldn't take it with me, I hid it--just in case there's anything to reincarnation."

Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 5-10 Annual Training and Planning Session for Youth Education Facilitators and Y.O.U. Coordinator's Team, Unity Village, MO
- 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
- 25-31 SCUCA Laymen's Regional Retreat, Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, CO

AUGUST

- 1-7 Great Lakes Unity Lay Persons Retreat, Delaware, OH
- 22-26 Northwest Ministers & Teachers Conference, Coeur, d'Alene, ID

CLEARINGHOUSE — Bob Wasner, minister of Unity Center of Tacoma, Washington, would like a copy of Jet's Adventures, a Unity publication released in the late 40's or early 50's. If you have a copy of this book please contact Bob at, **Unity Center of Tacoma, 2102 S. 23rd St., Tacoma, Washington 98405** or call **206-383-2684**.

***** NEWS BULLETIN *****

First Unity Society, Tampa, Florida, was badly damaged in a fire on New Year's Eve. They are presently meeting in rented quarters. Please hold Ross and Joann Goodman and the congregation of First Unity Society in your prayers, knowing that God's love is always present as a sustaining power.

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Love Is Being . . .

home at Unity Village in June,
attending the AUC Conference!



Conference '82 promises to be a valuable, exciting and stimulating experience for each one of us. The program is varied and new insights will be generated. There are programs of interest not only for ministers and licensed teachers, but for your spouses, church boards, and congregations.

Our featured guest speaker will be **Jean Houston, Ph.D.** Many years of work as a behavioral scientist, emphasizing latent human capacities, underline Jean Houston's teachings. An extraordinarily effective speaker, Dr. Houston has taught myth and sacred psychologies in Egypt and Greece and has lectured throughout Europe, Canada and the United States. Dr. Houston's topic, "New Waves of Being" promises to awaken unknown powers of your consciousness. She will also be giving a six-hour Post Graduate workshop. *(5 credits)*

This year **Gene Sorensen**, minister at Unity in Livonia, Michigan, will present a Marriage Enrichment Program and **David Williamson**, minister of Detroit Unity Temple, will be sharing his expertise on Holistic Health. *(These are enrichment programs--not for credit.)*

Other Post-Graduate workshops will include a three-hour presentation by **Glenn Mosley**, minister at Akron Unity Church, on Death and Dying. *(2½ credits)*

Joyce Kramer, minister in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and **Jay Dishman**, minister in Atlanta, Georgia, will co-officiate a presentation on church finances and building a new church. This will deal with financial growth, planning and development of a new church building. *(2½ credits)*

Maggie Finefrock, Youth Services Coordinator, and **Brooks Myers**, YOU/YAU Coordinator, will present a three-hour program on Youth Ministry. *(2½ credits)*

This year's Conference banquet will be unlike any previous banquet (full of surprise entertainment). The banquet will be held at the **Sheraton Royal** in Kansas City, Missouri, and will be followed by an ethnic festival conducted by members of our Unity family. *(Dance band will follow.)*



To make this Conference the best, please plan to attend and bring members of your church family to participate in *Love Is Being . . .*
together in June!

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ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Association of Unity Churches is a global network of ministries, ministers, teachers and laypersons sharing the vision and aim of furthering the Fillmore tradition of "Practical Christianity" as demonstrated by Jesus Christ. While maintaining a viable central organization, the AUC's larger purpose is to support the spiritual development of individuals through local ministries.

As an international service organization dedicated to spiritual unity, AUC supports the interdependence of its members through prayer, communication, and the combining of energies and resources to serve humanity. Support services provided by the Association include administration of international Association affairs, training and materials in youth education, media and communication of dynamic ideas, educational and inspirational retreats and conferences, placement and support of ministers and other evolving functions deemed beneficial by the membership.

The Association is people in churches, centers, temples and study groups around the world in spiritual fellowship spreading the universal Christ message of love in action.

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The
President's Letter

1982 has begun with a bang and we in AUC across the world are experiencing changes in weather, political life, finances, as well as the upcoming change in our Unity movement. We humans don't always agree with changes, especially if it seems to be a sudden change.

During our mid-winter committee meetings we discovered another reason to grow and unfold. None of us can say which is the best way for us to grow into. But, if we take a look at the whole Unity movement, minister by minister, teacher by teacher, region by region, at that time we can decide what is the best thing for us to do. I believe that every minister can tell us exactly what is the best thing for us to do at this time for our movement.

While visiting the Southwest Regional Conference, some mentioned that the best thing is for us to build or establish a better school, regardless of who is in charge. One said, "the best thing is to broaden the AUC services in the field." Another said, "the best thing is to strengthen our liaison training that it might better serve our ministers, teachers, church boards and churches." But are any of these things best for us? No, I don't have the answer. But together in June, we can share and decide upon what the majority of us think is the best thing.

When I think of the AUC, I am reminded of the man who wanted to travel across country by stagecoach. He went to the depot and asked the agent what it cost to go across country. The agent said, "There are three fares; first class, second class and third class." The man asked the agent, "What is the difference since everyone is traveling in the same coach and there are no differences between the passengers?" The agent said, "Just buy the ticket and you will see later." Not knowing what to do the man bought the first class ticket. They rode all day and late that evening they came to some mountains. The driver hopped off top of the coach and opened the door. He said to the passengers, "First class keep your seats, second class get out and walk and third class get out and push." The natural thing for us to say or do at that time would be that it is good to ride first class. It is better than being second class or third class. But was it really the best thing? Yes, we all like to go first class in our ministries and sometimes it seems that we are not particular about too much walking with those in need or nurturing ailing ministries or doing what is necessary to establish a first-rate school. But if all of us could become pushers for God over this mountainous area in our movement we could prosper and our churches, temples, centers and study groups could become havens of peace and love. And at the same time, together we could find some answers.

The time for a change is now! What kind of change and how best this change must take place is up to all of us. Whether we are riding first class, second class or third class, the best thing is for us to come together in June to work together for a better Unity movement.

My deepest thanks to Bob Stevens, Bob Hill, Arthur Hammons and everyone participating in the Southwest Regional

Conference held January 24-26, at the Descanso Retreat Center. Throughout the conference the feeling of love and warmth was shared by all those attending. Many heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the Southwest Regional Conference the joy that it was.

Love,

Ruth



MINISTRY SERVICES

PERSPECTIVES

Leafing through the new AUC Yearbook for 1982 I found myself meditating on the differences in consciousness, size and influence of some of the Unity centers and the ministers that I know. What, I asked myself, accounted for the differences. The answer came in a single word: dedication.

Dedication might loosely and variously be defined as singleness of purpose, the concentration of mind and energy toward an end, persistence beyond difficulties and determination to achieve a goal. Dedication of this sort is the quality that separates the spiritual men/women from the boys/girls.

Many Unity centers started just as study groups, but they grew because, at some point, someone, either the teacher/leader/minister or the students/congregation or both decided to dedicate themselves to building an enduring consciousness of spirituality. They made a determination to work with what they had at hand, and not yield to the temptation of seeking greener pastures.

Building a successful ministry is truly a joint project, it calls for dedication on the part of both minister and congregation. In the AUC we have a policy of discouraging ministers from seeking a change of ministry within two years of their appointment. Equally, we discourage boards from terminating their ministers within the same period. It is so easy for one or the other to become impatient for results in the form of capacity attendance or greater income. But it is a fact that it takes at least two years for a ministry to recover from the trauma of a change in minister. It takes at least that time for the minister to lay the foundations for an enduring ministry.

Alas, all too frequently one or the other loses patience and seeks a change. Both minister and the center are losers. The minister moves on with a sense of being unfulfilled, and the center is left to start over with a new minister.

My mental tour of the Yearbook showed me how this destructive trend can be halted. I discovered many centers where some years ago a minister had gone into a small work, but unlike his/her predecessors, had stayed. Working with a dedicated board the minister's persistence has paid off and now a solid work has resulted. More important than possible larger numbers and increased income is the expanded consciousness of love and understanding, a stable work serving genuine truthseekers. Let us recognize that two years is but a preparatory period. Meaningful growth comes only after this term. Then the fruits of the Spirit begin to manifest.

This is not a plea for bigness, but for soundness. This is Unity at its best. Dedication to the Jesus Christ teaching where we are is the secret of fulfillment for ministers. And dedication to the loyal support of their Spirit-appointed minister makes for harmonious and fulfilled center boards. When we all, ministers and board members alike, put personal ambition and personalities aside, and dedicate ourselves to building with the material and people at hand, then will our centers grow in consciousness and Unity will become a new force in our communities.

Charles Neal
Director of Ministry Services

ONE-TO-ONE PRAYER OUTREACH

David Monument, minister, Unity Church of Peoria, Illinois, has devised an attractively printed card bearing a prayer that he asks all his people to join in, wherever they may be, at 1:00 p.m. daily. He will happily furnish cards to anyone on request. The prayer reads:

*God, the Father, and I are one with the universe.
Divine Love is now at work bringing forth Divine
Order in all things. Happiness, health, harmony
and prosperity are now manifesting throughout
the universe. Thank you, Father.*

The velvet glove of love always

has God's hand in it.—Mary Hinkle

UMS News & Views

by Hypatia Hasbrouck, Dean of Faculty

Good news! Soon, you can tell persons who want to become Unity ministers exactly what UMS offers. When the UMS Catalog of Courses is distributed in either April or May, you can see what kind of curriculum has evolved to prepare ministers to serve in the Unity field movement which Unity field ministers have formed and are still forming.

However, it is one thing to read course descriptions and credit values and quite another to know the kind of experience the curriculum provides. So here is information to help you understand and explain what is in store for the person who becomes a minister-in-training at the school you have helped to form--UMS.

FIRST: UMS offers an integrated core curriculum--the kind which educational experts say is most effective for preparing adults quickly for new, multi-faceted careers. The Unity ministry is multi-faceted and two years is a short time to spend preparing for it. However, no educational expert advised that the ministerial school adopt an integrated core curriculum; apparently Spirit worked through the AUC and Unity School faculty members to evolve it. I know that ten years ago the principle was already being used by William Fischer to integrate some courses and that when Frank and Martha Giudici joined the faculty, integration became apparent among more courses. The process has continued until now the entire curriculum is integrated. An integrated curriculum accelerates and reinforces learning because development of skills keeps pace with and utilizes acquisition of knowledge. For instance, in the first quarter students must use what they learn in The Synoptic Study of Unity Teachings in short talks for Communication Skills and short articles for Ministerial Writing. What they learn in Management Skills, Teaching Methods and Communication Skills, they immediately use to prepare group presentations in Prayer Techniques. What they learn in Bible History is used for talks in Communication Skills, and what they learn to do in Communication Skills they do every time they lead an opening statement for a class or do any oral work in any class. Furthermore, each quarter's work provides a foundation for the courses of the next quarter.

SECOND: Though one credit is given for each ten class hours, the credit values assigned major curriculum areas do not always reflect the total time devoted to them. The UMS core curriculum has eight broad areas. With credits in parentheses, they are: Communication Skills--which includes all teaching courses, special services and speech skills (37); Bible Studies--History and Interpretation (29); Truth Fundamentals (24); Center Operations--which includes Management Skills (10); Credo (9); Historical Studies--World Religions, Christianity, New Thought and Unity (7); Counseling (6); Prayer and Meditation (6). It seems that prayer and meditation are slighted, but they are not. During the two years at UMS, students spend 80 hours in chapel and 80 hours in Silent Unity. If given academic credit, that time would yield an additional 16 credits. The same is true for counseling. To fill the practicum requirement of approximately 40 hours each

quarter, MITs serve in one or more of the following: the Counseling Center, Help Line, Hospital or Prison Chaplaincy. Of course, much historical material is woven into Bible Studies, Truth Fundamentals and Meditation Workshop.

THIRD: The UMS curriculum now has a ninth area which could be considered the growing fringe. It is Electives and Practicum (32). For several years, the practicum alone has been the growing fringe and has yielded no credit, but it has given MITs actual experience in traditional and new activities of Unity ministers. Recognizing that today many progressive colleges award credit for experience, UMS now grants credits for practicum work. While all 32 credits may be earned in practicum work, some may also be earned in electives. The elective program has just been initiated. It consists of courses of variable duration to satisfy special needs or interests of students or provide information and training required by new field activities. Depending on the nature of the course, it offers classes in the afternoon, evening or on weekends at Unity Village or elsewhere. The teachers are local or visiting Unity ministers or qualified experts. At this writing, Brooks Myers and Maggie Finefrock are conducting intensive elective workshops in Youth Leadership at the Village; Sallye Taylor is starting a long-term elective in pioneering and urban ministry at her center, Unity in the Inner City in Kansas City (it will be followed by practicum work at the center); Carol Nash is giving a long-term elective in chaplaincy training at Research Hospital in Kansas City. As you read this, some students will be in the Directed Studies elective to do individual research or prepare materials for distribution to the field in response to requests of Unity ministers, others will be in the Newsletter and Journalism Workshop under the direction of an expert, still others will be taking the Psychology of Leadership & Assertiveness Training under the guidance of a clinical psychologist. Many students have already earned elective credit for the Help Line and Silent Unity training periods and for the training period required for participation in the Radio and TV practicum.

Without disturbing the integrated core curriculum, the elective and practicum area permits us to enrich the background of the MITs, prepare them for today's field ministry, and discover what new material should be included in core courses.

FOURTH: Continuing curriculum work is consistent with the most enlightened educational practices. The faculty and all committees involved with the preparation of Unity field ministers constantly re-examine the core curriculum to see that it meets both the historical and the current needs of the field. In the process some separate courses seem to disappear but usually their content has been absorbed by another course. For instance, though Unity and Contemporary Issues has disappeared as a course, its content provides the material for exploration in mock radio and TV group interview programs in the first year of Communication Skills and mock retreat panels in the second year.

When you read the UMS Catalog of Courses, remember that it is largely the product of field ministers. Whether or not you have made suggestions directly to the faculty or Education Council, your field activities influence the curriculum,

and when you say that you wish you had had more preparation in some area, as quickly as possible the appropriate course reflects your wish.

The faculty from AUC and Unity School, the Education Council, the Educational Liaison Committee, and all others involved directly with the preparation of MITs for service in the field are grateful that they can minister to the entire Unity movement through their work at the school that Unity ministers have brought into existence--the AUC's Unity Ministerial School.

NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

FINALIZED PLACEMENTS: Deanna D'Ambrosia (1980) to Flint, Michigan as interim; David (1979) and Alice (1979) Durksen to Victoria, Canada; Max Lafser (1971) to Bellevue, Washington as interim; Carolyn Hart (1977) to Butte, Montana, and Marilou Smith (1976) to Merced, California.

Christ Church Unity, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, has purchased a new church home and held their official opening on March 7, 1982. Renovation and beautification projects were done by devoted members of the congregation. Congratulations to all of the members of Christ Church Unity and Elizabeth Aitken, licensed teacher/leader, for a beautiful demonstration of love and willingness to work together as a team as they move into a new beginning for Christ Church Unity.

Every Sunday morning the interior of the Women's Club of Carlsbad is transformed into a lovely church design, lending itself to one hour of metaphysical study and worship. Unity of Carlsbad, California, Pauline Beauregard, minister, has just celebrated its second year of being. Pauline, founding minister, can look back with a fulfilling sense of accomplishment for herself, and pride in the efforts of the church board members and congregation. Community spirit of Pauline has been responsible for much of the growth in membership. Activities such as her participation in the Chamber of Commerce and the Soroptomist Club. Pauline arranged for a community service organization circulation day and hopes that it will become a yearly event. Efforts such as these have increased the citizens' awareness of another church in town and they come to visit and some have elected to become members.

Unity of Greater Lansing, Michigan, Dick Ammons, minister, shares that their bookstore is using Gift Certificates and the rewards have been demonstrated over and over again. The cost was minimal to have them printed and during the holidays or as birthday gifts, they are used by many of the members of the congregation.

Unity Church of Peace, Punta Gorda, Florida, Mary Hinkle,

minister, celebrated with a happy "Second" birthday party on February 28, immediately following their morning worship service.

Christ Church Unity of El Cajon, California, Arthur Hammons, minister, is in the news again in California. Many members of the church family worked together to create a float to enter in the Mother Goose Parade, the second largest parade in California. This year they were awarded the Director Award for the uniqueness and ingenuity for the non-mechanized and non-polluting ideas. Where else could so little money be invested and share the Unity church with the community and the nation? Next year the float will be made of aluminum cans and the float will be recycled for the first float to ever make a profit. (*Send all your aluminum cans to Christ Church Unity.*)

Unity Church of Greenville, South Carolina, Carol Hollister, minister, celebrated with a special dedication service on January 24, 1982. On their first anniversary of incorporation they dedicated and consecrated the church to the service of God, to becoming an ever-growing and effective channel of God's light and love to the congregation and to the greater Greenville area, and to all mankind.

Unity of New Zealand, Auckland, Graeme Johnson and Lora McAfee-Gaut, ministers, sponsored a retreat, "Discover the Power Within," February 24-28, 1982. Nine guest speakers were present for the retreat, seven of which were from the United States.

Unity of Livonia, Michigan, Gene Sorensen, minister, has shared another valuable idea that may be of interest to other field ministries. They have a "Love Network" publication, which is an in-house publication featuring items which are especially interesting just to those who are coming to the center regularly. It features the people behind the scenes and events which would not ordinarily be publicized in the major publication, "The Lamplighter," which is sent to the entire mailing list. It gives the center a chance to recognize those that are helping in the center and projects that may not be of interest to those not attending regularly. If interested in hearing more about the publication, please contact Gene at the Livonia Center.

****ATTENTION**ATTENTION**ATTENTION****

We have a supply of about 200 copies of the sheet music "There's A Light In The Window of Heaven," by Jill Jackson and Sy Miller. We will give them away on a love offering basis. If you are interested in a copy of this song, please write to the AUC Office.

Expansion Committee Report

The Expansion Committee met January 18 and 19, 1982, at Unity Village. The following action took place at that time:

Special funding was earmarked for expansion of new ministries in the following manner:

- a) Funds should be used for the revitalization of old ministries with excellent facilities.
- b) Small study groups with potential for growth and who are ready to assume the responsibilities of a full-time ministry.
- c) The growing needs of urban ministries.

The Committee believes this work can be accomplished by use of energetic and eager ministers interested in pioneering work. When a ministry is led by this type of minister a healthy church will result.

The Committee envisions five or six new ministries being funded when they meet again this year in June. Funded ministries will be reevaluated every six months. Regional Outreach Facilitators or neighboring ministries will be asked to accept responsibility for overseeing the new works. These responsible people should have demonstrated in their own ministries positive leadership qualities resulting in stable, healthy ministries.

Criteria for selection of ministry as follows:

- a) Statement of goals for utilization of funds.
- b) Willingness of ministry to provide salary package recommended by AUC.
- c) Financial statements for six or twelve months, showing clear picture of need.
- d) Description of meeting facility including seating capacity.
- e) Schedule of services, classes (and office hours if applicable).
- f) Indication of size, age span, and attendance records of group.
- g) Statement of how long group has been in existence, with information about any prior study group activity in area.
- h) Indication of strong, dedicated core group willing to work.
- i) Population study of area, showing potential for growth.
- j) Statement of group's target date to be self-supporting.
- k) Interview with group leader during January or June Committee meetings or in region with committee member.

Criteria for minister:

- a) Commitment to pioneering work.
- b) Statement of past ministerial experience and/or recommendation from UMS faculty.

- c) Ability to work with and motivate people.
- d) Demonstrated unquestionable leadership qualities (or potential for same).
- e) Primary thrust toward total self-sufficiency as quickly as possible.
- f) Firmly grounded in and dedicated to Unity philosophy and teachings.

Each case will be evaluated with funds administered in the manner most helpful to each group. The assistance given to new ministries is to be considered a gift.

If you are interested in the program or know of a ministry that would qualify, please contact **Debi Maynard** at the AUC office, no later than May 1, 1982, for consideration at the June Committee meetings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You should be receiving your conference registration cards soon. If you have not received your card by the end of March, please contact the AUC office. Everyone is requested to pre-register for the 1982 "Love is Being" Conference. The cost of the Conference activities is \$50.00 per person for pre-registration or \$60.00 per person if fees are paid at time of arrival at the Village. Please make an effort to have your registration fees to the AUC office before the May 1st deadline.

Come and join in on the "Love is Being" theme and share your loving ideas and thoughts with all of your Unity family and friends. The program for Conference 1982 promises to bring new ideas for you to take back and utilize in your ministry.

Planning and Goals Report

In January, the Planning and Goals Committee met for five days to evaluate current programs and plan for the future. This Committee is the President's Ad Hoc Committee to create a larger vision for our Association. During Committee week four proposals were submitted to the Board and passed. At this writing, they are all in the beginning stages of implementation. We submit this report to you and will welcome comments and suggestions.

Dick Everts—Chairperson	Maggie Finefrock
Mary Rowe	Etta Farrior
Bernard Dozier	Ruth Mosley
Jim Sherman	Brooks Myers
David Williamson	

PROPOSAL I—Statement of Purpose:

BACKGROUND: The Circle of Light project was an initial step designed to draw our field ministries together in a spirit of

cooperation and prayerful mutual support. The time is now right to build on that progress in consciousness. We feel a clear statement, which accurately describes our Association and our activities, would serve to heighten our appreciation for our shared purpose.

All or part of such a purpose statement could be used in our literature, bulletins and materials to more clearly establish the scope of AUC in the minds of our members and friends.

RECOMMENDATION: The Planning and Goals Committee recommends that the AUC Board approve the following statement of purpose (see front page of **CONTACT**) for use in AUC materials and further recommends that the Board permit its use by field ministries and study groups.

STATUS: Passed.

IMPLEMENTATION: The statement of purpose appears on **CONTACT** and Circle of Light. A camera-ready copy is available for ministries. The AUC Statement of Purpose will also appear in other newsletters, return envelopes, AUC Yearbook, Conference schedule, etc.

PROPOSAL II – Income Expansion:

BACKGROUND: The AUC has traditionally depended on tithes and love offerings to support its functions at the AUC headquarters. Annual income has only provided for a maintenance posture of operation with creative expansion set aside due to fund limitations.

RECOMMENDATION: We suggest that the Planning and Goals Committee in fulfilling its function of short, medium, and long-range planning be authorized to explore new income producing activities and services to enable complete funding of current operation and expanded services.

STATUS: Passed.

IMPLEMENTATION: Committee formed to explore funding projects for expanded service to field ministries. Suggestions are welcomed from the field.

PROPOSAL III – Future Projects:

BACKGROUND: The AUC's income level has been used as a rationale to limit serious consideration of creative future projects.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend that a list of projects be established and ranked by priority, ready for funding and implementation.

STATUS: Passed.

IMPLEMENTATION: A letter has been sent to all Committee Chairpersons to inform them of this proposal. Each Chairperson has been given a form to complete for each project that they would like to have considered for future services. These forms will be compiled into a notebook and prioritized by the AUC Board of Trustees for future funding and implementation. AUC ministers and staff members who have ideas for future projects are encouraged to submit them. Please contact a Committee Chairperson or **Brooks Myers** in the AUC office for the one-page project form.

PROPOSAL IV – MIT Creative Services Project:

BACKGROUND: "What does the AUC do for us?" is a common refrain. The Planning and Goals Committee sees a need for increased visibility of services and better use of available resources. As one way to accomplish this we recommend that the professional services of MITs (lawyers, accountants, management specialists, etc.) be available on a love offering basis, to field ministers through the AUC office.

RECOMMENDATION: That this project be implemented on an experimental basis until evaluation by the Board in June.

STATUS: Passed.

IMPLEMENTATION: In this issue of **CONTACT** you will read about this project under the direction of Etta Farrior (attorney), MIT, and the consulting services that will be offered. You can begin to use this service immediately on a love offering basis. The success of this project will be determined by your feedback within the next six months.

The Planning and Goals Committee seeks to serve your needs as a field minister by prayerfully developing long-range visions and plans. It is our desire to provide you with optimum support and services and enable you to do your job easily and creatively. During the next few months we will be developing a long-range plan for AUC and discerning ways that we can increase actual service to you. We welcome your dreams, ideas, goals, needs, and prayers for ways to more effectively and lovingly serve humanity, and provide strength to one another. Please join with us in considering these questions: (Let us know your insights and needs.)

1. How can we become more effective as an association . . . as churches . . . as ministers . . . ?
2. How can AUC grow organizationally without becoming bureaucratic, rigid and institutionalized?
3. Will we need to expand our educational program to include professional training for ministers of music, ministers of education and youth ministers? If so, when?
4. As we grow, do we need to think about buying or building our own headquarters and educational facilities?
5. How will the current economic programs and unemployment affect local churches?
6. What kinds of outreach programs will be needed?
7. What should our priorities be for the next five-year period?
8. How can we better unite worldwide Unity ministries through prayer?
9. What would Jesus Christ have us do?

— Planning and Goals Committee



ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES
Statement of General Funds Operations
Nine Months Ended December 31, 1981

	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
INCOME – OPERATIONS:		
Love Offering	\$55,924.43	\$402,966.04
Other Income	1,567.47	37,714.28
	<u>57,491.90</u>	<u>440,680.32</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	5,592.44	40,296.60
	<u>51,899.46</u>	<u>400,383.72</u>
Gross Profit Materials	1,077.15	34,608.02
Total Income	<u>52,976.61</u>	<u>434,991.74</u>
EXPENSES – OPERATIONS:		
Ministry Services	34,913.42	312,011.96
Ministerial Education	17,493.67	141,103.12
Total Expenses	<u>52,407.09</u>	<u>453,115.08</u>
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 569.52</u>	<u>\$ (18,123.34)</u>

Unity School Contribution To The AUC Through Services Provided

May 1, 1981 – December 31, 1981: **\$85,679.49**

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

The following idea was submitted by Florence Allen, minister of Unity in Boise, Idaho. We invite you to send in your suggestions and ideas to share with other field ministers.

Season Pass
TO ALL SERVICES AT
UNITY CENTER OF BOISE

Florence H. Allen
Minister

Seriously,

We invite you to participate in the Life of

Unity Center of Boise
(208) 377-4547

Worship 10:00 A.M. Each Sunday
Youth Education 10:00 A.M. Each Sunday

Adult Education Classes, Prayer Circle &
Counseling

Dial-a-Good-Word-for-the-Day—377-4364

FRONT

BACK

These season passports are sent out with newsletters and are available at the Center for distribution.

New Service From AUC

MIT Creative Services Project

This project was proposed by the Planning and Goals Committee to use the professional experience and skills of the ministers-in-training and establish meaningful contacts between field ministries and MITs.

A skills survey of the student body was conducted for areas in which students are willing and eager to serve as consultants on a love offering basis. These services can be provided by telephone (WATTS Line) or at your center. They may take the form of brainstorming over the phone, receiving professional advice, having a student do a research project or any other creative ways you can think of.

The general areas of service are listed below but this list is by no means complete. Please ask if you have a specific area of need that is not covered as this list is being continually expanded.

To use this service, contact Etta Farrior, project coordinator from 1-5 p.m. any afternoon through Maggie Finefrock in the AUC Office--816-524-7414.

Etta Farrior
First Year MIT

LAW

General-Legal
Property Management
Corporate Management
(three lawyers available)

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

Self-Awareness
Creative Problem Solving
Values Clarification
Quest: Skills for Living
Meditation
Alpha Awareness
Biofeedback
Use of Mass Communications
Right Brain Learning and Drawing
Stress
Autogenics
Empowering the Child
Adult Self-Esteem
Non-Competitive Play
(New Games, Playfair)

LANGUAGES

Spanish
French
Italian
German

MARKETING

Promotional Activities
Publishing
Public Relations
Advertising

MUSIC

Piano, Organ
Choral and Instrumental
Church Music
Program Planning

ART

Graphic Design
Layout

DRAMA

Directing
Writing
Creative Arts in Worship

EDUCATION

Sunday School Planning
S.S. Teacher Workshop
Meditation for Children
Teaching Skills
Children's Sermons

MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Organization and Training
for Telephone Prayer
Ministry
Planning and Long-Term
Development
Bookkeeping
Ordering and Inventories
Retirement Planning
Organization Structure
of Businesses
Budgeting
Group Dynamics
Retreat Planning
Conference Planning

MULTI-MEDIA COMM'

Radio Programming
Broadcasting
Slide Presentation: Holy Land
Interviewing Skills for Radio/TV
Photography—Developing
Commercials
Newsletters
Radio-TV Production

FRIVOLITY (Assorted Misc., and other skills)

Skiing
Football
Resting and Reflecting
Equestrian
Softball
The Art of Procrastination
Licking Envelopes/Stamps
The Art of Saying No
Clown Ministry
Humor
How To Cut Through
Government Bureaucracy
Creative Sabbaticals
The Checkbook Experiment: Not recording
checks in my check-
book for one year!



ORDINATION BIBLE PROJECT

Once again, 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-four 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.

YOU/YAU Reports

by Brooks Myers, YOU/YAU Coordinator

YOU SPONSOR JOB DESCRIPTION

When I talk to new or prospective YOU sponsors, I tell them that the sponsor's most important task is to create a positive atmosphere of affirmation, acceptance and love in which the YOUers can share and grow. With this general goal in mind, new sponsors also have a need to know specifically what a sponsor is asked to do. The following outlines the responsibilities of being a sponsor, some ideal qualifications for being a sponsor and resources the sponsor can turn to in carrying out his or her job. It is suggested that the sponsor commit to carry out these responsibilities for at least six months, preferably a year. I hope this sample job description helps you in recruiting and orientating new sponsors.

RESPONSIBILITIES

THE YOU SPONSOR(S):

Regularly attends Sunday YOU Meetings. . .

The sponsor participates in all Sunday meetings of the YOU group. As much as possible he or she supports the YOU officers in conducting the prayer and meditation activities. The sponsor teaches the spiritual lessons and facilitates activities which enable the YOUers to apply the principles taught in a practical way. The sponsor may arrange for guest speakers to present the lesson on occasion to provide a broader range of views. (YOU curriculum is available from the AUC office.)

Accompanies the group to Rallies and Retreats. . .

The sponsor makes sure that registration and medical release form for Rallies and Retreats are filled out correctly and are submitted to the host chapter in an orderly manner. The sponsor also oversees the group's transportation to and from these events. At the Rally or Retreat, the sponsor serves as chaperone for his or her chapter.

Helps with Service Projects. . .

The sponsor assists the YOUers in planning and conducting service projects for the community and the church. The sponsor works with the minister and YOU officers to identify possible projects. At least one major project is conducted each year.

Participate in planning meetings. . .

Once a month the sponsor meets with the YOU chapter officers to plan future activities for the group. At these meetings the sponsor also spends time teaching leadership skills.

Every three (3) months, the sponsor and the chapter officers meet with the minister to evaluate past events and gain authorization for future projects. The sponsor is under the direct supervision of the minister and communicates with the minister on a periodic basis to coordinate YOU activities with other church activities.

Attends Training Workshops. . .

The sponsor is expected to attend either a Youth Education teacher training seminar or a YOU sponsor training at least once a year.

The sponsor is encouraged to develop an individual friendship with the members of the group and, if possible, to spend time with group members in addition to the Sunday meetings. The sponsor is urged to hold the members of the YOU group in the Light of prayer on a regular basis.

As a relationship of trust is established between the sponsor and the members of the group, it sometimes happens that individual members of the group may want to share their difficult challenges and feelings with the sponsor. The sponsor's role is to be an accepting, non-judgmental adult friend who listens and supports without trying to solve the YOUers problems for them. The sponsor seeks to draw out the Christ potential in each YOU member, and this enables them to take responsibility for as much of the group's activities as is possible.

QUALIFICATIONS

It is suggested that the YOU sponsor be a member of the church and at least 25 years of age. He or she needs to have a general understanding of Unity principles in order to teach. The YOU sponsor must be willing to lovingly spend an average of 2-4 hours per week with YOUers in meetings, planning, listening and prayer.

Ideally, the sponsor has had some previous experience working with teenagers. It is also desirable if the sponsor has had counseling experience or training in communication skills.

SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

The sponsor has several people to turn to for assistance and ideas. The minister is the sponsor's closest support person as well as their supervisor. The minister can assist the sponsor as well as define his or her role and can consult about the week-to-week activities of the YOU.

The regional coordinator is another resource person who can answer questions involving regional activities like retreats, rallies and sponsor trainings. The regional coordinator can also offer help with social activities.

The international YOU coordinator provides support through the sponsors' newsletter, reSPONSE, and the YOU curriculum, Sunlight and other written resource material. The international coordinator provides information concerning the international YOU conference and is available for consultation at regional rallies.

SUMMARY

The YOU sponsor is a teacher, a planner, a supervisor, a counselor, a mentor, a friend, a chaperone, a prayer partner, a liaison with the YOU group and the church and community and an advocate for the needs of youth.

SPARKPLUGS

Unity School Promotion and Editorial Department

WEE WISDOM is a true asset to its readers, their parents, schools, teachers, and to Unity centers. Do we sometimes take this magazine for granted? Let's look at some of its many uses:

FOR CHILDREN

- ✓ It improves reading skills--children can read to themselves or aloud. It keeps minds busy and is much better than most TV programs.
- ✓ It teaches language skills, correct grammar and usage, and vocabulary. (The Good Words Booster Club is tops for this.)
- ✓ It teaches winning attitudes and positive behaviors.
- ✓ It helps children improve their social skills, solve their problems, and cope with change by providing good role models.
- ✓ It helps develop imagination and manual dexterity.

FOR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS

- ✓ WEE WISDOM can help open areas of discussion between generations. When grandparents read to grandchildren, or vice versa, they will learn from each other about their lives.
- ✓ Older children and younger children can read to each other to improve their communication skills.

FOR EDUCATION

- ✓ Each issue can help children learn about the needs of plants and animals. WEE WISDOM engenders a reverence for all life.
- ✓ Customs and habits in other countries and ways of life in different geographical areas are often featured.
- ✓ It imparts a sense of history. Children learn ways of the past.

FOR TEACHERS, PARENTS, SCOUT LEADERS, ETC.

- ✓ WEE WISDOM provides monthly craft projects. Use these to entertain and teach on rainy days, during vacations, at camp, at meetings, or when a child is housebound.

FOR CENTERS

- ✓ Take WEE WISDOM with you on home visits and give to prospective members.
- ✓ Take copies to children in hospitals or shut-ins.
- ✓ Make sure that your Sunday school has copies to use to supplement regular lessons. Substitute teachers often teach from WEE WISDOM.
- ✓ WEE WISDOM can be used for lessons or counseling purposes. Life-changing issues are sensitively covered in many stories. If one of your pupils is having a challenge--coping with death, illness, moving, a new brother or sister, for example--WEE WISDOM can help.

- ✓ Some stories provide material for youth sermons or serve as illustrations and examples for young people.

FOR HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

- ✓ WEE WISDOM is a wonderful and economical gift for children for birthdays, Christmas, Easter, Valentine's Day, or just to say, "I think you are special." Remember children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, or neighbors' children in this nice way.
- ✓ Back issues of WEE WISDOM can be given away as Halloween "treats," when available.

A glance through the March issue of WEE WISDOM shows superb material that can be used as suggested. Its seven fictional pieces concern history, animals, geographical habitats, learning to cope with changes, and getting along with others. Intellects and abilities are stirred with the "Things to Do" projects, and a sense of belonging is imparted by the regular participation features, such as the Good Words Booster Club and the Writers' Guild.

This is a superior magazine for children, published at a very reasonable price. Are you putting it to good use in your Center? Are you receiving enough copies to meet your needs? Be a WEE WISDOM booster!



"Color Me Bright"

What enthusiasm! The children raised the roof with their energy, enthusiasm and JOY. They sang, laughed and gave of themselves with such love, in this program of song, that many a watery eye was seen in the audience.

The program was based on our study this year of the Twelve Powers. The colors and the powers were woven into a musical program, which was all brought together by WonderWord. . . YES WonderWord!!

The parade of all the children into the sanctuary was lead by a beautiful stitched banner, carried by two students, displaying a young child, jumping high, carrying six balloons, each of which represented one of the Powers. The banner was a wonderful creative work of art through needlework of one of our teachers. She pulled together through the symbology of the child, the colors and the powers, illustrating a story of understanding how the powers teach us of the full flowing of the Christ Life.

Next came WonderWord in full dress, leading the children with a banjo player, singing the Twelve Powers song. WonderWord then proceeded to lead the program, giving the congregation an understanding of the part WonderWord itself plays in the children's meditation workbook and how the idea was born.

And so it continued with WonderWord leading in an under-

standing of what the Powers are as written and used by the children in WonderWord, and then the children singing the supporting song.

WonderWord adds: "And so it is with our children, they are constantly coming forth imbued with the new consciousness, heirs of God's Kingdom, and a new understanding of the Twelve Powers.

It was a wonderful experience for child and adult alike, with the grand finale taking place after church, when all came together in the Youth Education room for snacks. Children, parents, grandparents, friends, babies, teachers and WonderWord. A lot more people now KNOW about WonderWord: It's NOT WONDER WHO or WONDER WHAT anymore; it's WONDER WORD!

Joy Powell
Youth Education Director
Denver, Colorado

A tape of this service and the original joy songs are available from Joy Powell, Unity of Denver, Colorado.



IS HERE!!

With Spring being just around the corner, we want to remind you of the wide selection of AUC Spring Bulletin Covers. We have many new bulletin covers that we would like to have produced, but would like to decrease our stock of the existing bulletins. Bulletins that are appropriate for the Spring season are: Apple Blossoms (1072), View/Silent Unity Prayer Room (1076), Peace Chapel (1080), and Reflecting Pool (1086). We also have the Fillmores' Covenant (1078) and Fillmores, Co-Founders (1075), which are excellent all-purpose bulletins. The cost for the bulletins is \$2.50 per 50. If you are interested in purchasing any of the above bulletins for Spring, please contact the Order Department at the AUC office.

Sharing of Ideas

During the week of Conference we would like to have a sharing of ideas from the Unity centers. If you have any ideas you would like to share with other center leaders, such as bulletins, newsletters, music programs, computer services, Sunday School programs, photographs of your building, etc., please contact **Debi Maynard** at the AUC office before May 15. For this project to be of benefit to the field ministries we must have input from as many of you as possible. Please take time to participate in this shared experience.

Relaxation

The Key To Inner Balance

by C. Norman Shealy, M.D., Ph.D.

Relaxation is a tremendous restorer of body balance of homeostasis. In a diabetic, for instance, 30 or 40 minutes of daily relaxation lowers insulin requirement up to 50%. Virtually everyone benefits from good relaxation, practiced regularly.

The first requirement is to put yourself into a comfortable position. If sitting, let the back of your chair support you; keep feet flat on floor, legs uncrossed; one hand should rest on each thigh; head in a neutral position; eyes closed. If lying down, place your arms beside you, bent slightly at elbows. Use a small, soft pillow if needed. You may also have a pillow beneath your knees. Be sure clothes are loose.

Breathe slowly, deeply, regularly. As you breathe in, say to yourself, "I am." As you breathe out, say to yourself, "relaxed." After five or six breaths, feel inwardly, with your mind, each part of your body. If any body part feels tense or has no feeling, tighten it for a moment; then let go; appreciate that body part.

As you practice this technique, you will experience a variety of feedback feelings; allow them to come and go without getting carried away with any one feeling.

Practice the above three to four minutes. Then change to "I am" as you breathe in, "calm and serene" as you breathe out. After 10 or 20 breaths and phrases, slowly open your eyes and stretch, filled with renewed energy.

Practice the entire exercise at least twice and preferably three times daily. Choose a time when you will do this. Try mid-morning, mid-afternoon, and end of workday--instead of coffee breaks and cocktails. It feels better and is healthier.

If you are nervous and/or smoke, try practicing this simple exercise two minutes out of every hour, and after awhile you'll find yourself relaxing well just by taking one or two deep breaths and thinking "relaxed." Once relaxed you still need internal balance.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

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

MAY

- 5-7 West Central Regional Conference, Santa Cruz, CA
14-16 Suncoast Unity Retreat, Safety Harbor Spa

JUNE

- 7 Regional Liaison Training, Unity Village, MO
8-11 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
13-17 AUC Conference, Unity Village, MO

JULY

- 11-17 YOU Conference, Unity Village, MO
25-31 SCUCA Laymen's Regional Retreat, Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, CO

AUGUST

- 1-7 Great Lakes Unity Lay Persons Retreat, Delaware, OH
22-26 Northwest Ministers & Teachers Conference, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Aetna Insurance Information

If you have not received your new Aetna identification card and/or benefit information booklet, please contact Myra Moore at the AUC Office and she will be sure that you receive one.

Clearinghouse

Mary Alice Brown, 2723 Columbia, Des Moines, Iowa 50313, is looking for two copies of the publication, The Wonderful Child. If you know of any extra copies, please contact Mary Alice at the above address.

Unity Church of Waco, Texas, is looking for copies of the Unity in Song songbooks. If you have any extra copies you would like to get rid of, please contact Unity Church of Waco, P.O. Box 8540, Waco, Texas.



YEARBOOK SUPPLEMENT

Polly Ann Quinn has started a new group in Alfred, Maine. Their name and address is Community Truth Seekers, P.O. Box 8248, Portland, ME 04101.

Catherine Easley, Chicago, Illinois, was listed as an Inactive Licensed Teacher in the 1982 Yearbook. She should have been listed active with the Unity Church of Oak Park, Illinois.

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WONDER-FULL NEWS!



You asked for it, you got it!

- * Now you can order *WonderWord* from AUC at half price for your Youth Education departments, bookstores, gifts, etc. *WonderWord* will be sent to Unity Churches at \$.50 per copy and \$6.00 per set plus postage starting February 1.

Also . . .

- * Packet #3 of *Sunlight*, Y.O.U. Curriculum, is available. The topic is "Man, Know Thyself" and based on Chapter Three of *Synoptic Study of Unity*. This thirty-six page packet is full of exciting teaching strategies, visual aids and activity sheets for use in Y.O.U. classes. This material is also a rich resource of ideas for adult classes. *Sunlight* Packet 3 can be ordered now from AUC for \$2.50. Also available in this series are:

Packet # 1: "What is Unity?"

Packet # 2: "The Nature of God"

Coming soon for a Y.O.U. class near you!

Packet # 4: "Jesus Christ"

Packet # 6: "As He Thinketh"

Packet #15: "The Twelve Powers of Man"

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ANNOUNCEMENT!

AUC HAS A NEW ADDRESS!

In order to expedite mail service to field ministries, we have decided to get our own address. When writing to us please use the following address exactly as it is stated:

AUC
P.O. Box 610
Lee's Summit, MO 64063



The

President's

Letter

As we come closer to our June meetings, these words are being said over and over in many ways: "What is Unity?"; "What does the Unity School proposal mean?"; "What is behind it?"; "What is AUC going to be if the proposal is accepted?" None of us have the perfect answer for these questions, but all of us have an opinion on how we would like to see AUC and Unity School work together. My opinion is Unity is oneness. Therefore we all can sing, pray and teach as one--the perfect picture of Unity.

I once read that there were five reasons why Jesus came. First, he came to send his disciples, you and I, to do the work he himself had done. He sent us to heal the sick, to educate those who come to us seeking God's help. He sent us to demonstrate prosperity in our lives and to show others how to demonstrate his blessings in their lives. Remember, Jesus did not choose perfect vehicles to work through. He chose doubters, betrayers, prostitutes and the good folks to do his work. He came to teach us that we must love one another and that we must bless everything, from the poor spirit to the peace maker. He taught us that we were more valuable than a sparrow. Yes, he taught us many things. But most of all, he taught us to love one another. Jesus came that we might live and live life more abundantly. Jesus said to his disciples and those around him, "I came that you may have life and may have it more abundantly."

We, in Unity, can have life if we follow Jesus by meeting the needs wherever we find them. Jesus met the needs in this manner. If it was sick, he healed it, if it was dead, he raised it. Let us live our oneness by healing the hurts and bruises of yes-

terday. By resurrecting those parts in our Unity movement that have stopped functioning you will be more Christlike than ever before. Jesus came to feed those that were hungry and protect those that were in danger. Our beloved Unity movement has the power to do Jesus' work through you and me. Just as Jesus came to send, to teach, to live, to feed and protect, you and I are in this Unity movement, not by accident, but by mutual agreement between us and God. As we love one another, we can truly say, "Oh, what is Unity, that means we're one!" We are one with everything and everyone. But we must know that we are one in Unity and we must live as one for it to be. Yes, we have a decision to make in June. Let us make it in love and in oneness!

Blessings of love,

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Association of Unity Churches is a global network of ministries, ministers, teachers, and laypersons sharing the vision and aim of the Fillmore tradition of "Practical Christianity" as demonstrated by Jesus Christ. While maintaining a viable central organization, the AUC's larger purpose is to support the spiritual development of individuals through local ministries.

As an international service organization dedicated to spiritual unity, AUC supports the interdependence of its members through prayer, communication, and the combining of energies and resources to serve humanity. Support services provided by the Association include administration of international Association affairs, training, licensing and ordination of ministers, licensing of teachers, consultation in liaison and creative projects, training and materials in youth education, media and communication of dynamic ideas, educational and inspirational retreats and conferences, placement and support of ministers and other evolving functions deemed beneficial by the membership.

The Association is people in churches, centers, temples and study groups around the world united in spiritual fellowship to apply the universal Christ message of love in action.



MINISTRY SERVICES

PERSPECTIVES

The next step in the expansion of the Unity movement may rest with you who read these lines. Last month's issue of **CONTACT** contained the full report of the meetings of the Expansion Committee. This forward-looking report included a detailed policy for the use of AUC tithes in three general areas: (1) the revitalization of old ministries in possession of excellent facilities; (2) the further development of study groups with potential for growth that are ready to assume the responsibilities for a full ministry; and (3) the development of urban ministries.

The article also set out the criteria for the selection of ministries or groups. Individuals who believe their work may fall within these guidelines are urged to reread the article and submit a detailed application to Debi Maynard at the AUC office without delay.

This is only one part of an aggressive program to expand the number of Unity centers throughout the country. One thing we can all do is to reexamine the possibilities in our own localities. It is our policy to encourage the formation of more Unity centers in both metropolitan and suburban areas. By this time most ministers and boards have gone beyond the fear of "territorial infringement" and no longer feel comfortable claiming a large metropolitan area as an exclusive preserve. To this end we encourage existing centers in large cities to actively set about forming one or more satellite groups with a view to them fairly rapidly evolving into self-sustaining Unity centers. At first this will be a missionary project with the existing center assuming responsibility for all expenses. But as the satellite group grows it will progressively take over more and more of the load until eventually it attains independence.

Far from this proliferation of centers being detrimental to existing churches, it has actually been found to be advantageous to all concerned. The multiplicity of Unity works in and around Detroit and Chicago and in California and Florida testify to this. Every new center will draw fresh people. A student who becomes disenchanted with a church or minister is not then lost to Unity, but can find another center within driving distance. The announcements of several Unity services on the church pages, rather than the single advertisement lost in the sea of major denominations, will serve to underline that Unity is not an obscure sect, but is a growing force to be reckoned with.

Perhaps your attendance is increasing to the degree that you are considering enlarging your physical plant. Before you do this, ask yourself whether the needs of the community would not be better served by establishing an additional group on the other side of town. This can quite often be better than attempting to build a "mega-work," for it will result in a more personal ministry being offered to a handier number of people and in the long run it will touch more lives.

So dear friend, you who read this, whether minister or board member, take a new look at the size and influence of your center in relation to the population and extent of your community. There will almost certainly be an area into which the population is expanding where it would be advantageous for a new Unity work to be developed. As you prayerfully consider these ideas, the next step in the expansion of the Unity movement may well depend on your acting upon the ideas you receive.

Charles Neal
Directory of Ministry Services



UMS News & Views

by Hypatia Hasbrouck, Dean of Faculty

Someone recently remarked that Unity Ministerial School is a school for success. He pointed out that the men and women accepted by the school have already been successful, that the teachers were successful field ministers, the curriculum is designed with an eye to what successful field ministers say is needed, and L & O recommends licensing or ordination only for graduates who show promise of being successful ministers. Then he added, "Since that usually means the whole class, UMS is a school for success." The comments were more than music to the ear, they were a whole symphony--not because UMS emphasizes success but because what it does emphasize during the two-year program leads to success. UMS emphasizes what the Association of Unity Churches emphasizes in its Statement of Purpose--service.

The men and women selected to be ministers-in-training have indeed been successful because they already know that the secret of continuing success is service. They come to UMS eager to learn how to be of spiritual service in the Unity field ministry, and, as the UMS Catalog of Courses shows, every part of the curriculum points them toward service. But, as the new MIT Creative Services Project indicates, the MITs do not want to wait until they are in their own churches to be of service. They want to serve the AUC member ministries right now and they hope that you will keep, and not hesitate to consult, the list of services that appeared in last month's **CONTACT**.

They really are eager to serve. Already, through their new Work Pool, MITs provide short-term temporary help for various departments of Unity School. Of course, the present MITs continue to greet retreatants and USRS students at the airport and provide transportation for them.

More in keeping, however, with the spiritual service for which they are preparing, in addition to participating in Silent Unity healing meetings every Tuesday and Thursday, MITs hold a before-school Prayer Service every Wednesday and Friday morning and activate a prayer chain whenever anyone needs prayer support. For over a year, they have happily accepted the invitation to read the Daily Word for retreatants on the steps of the Activities Center at 7:00 a.m.!

The Radio Practicum is busy with a new service. Now that it has a backlog of "Open Mind" programs, it has begun recording discussion programs for use by study groups or church discussion classes. Each professionally produced program deals with an aspect of Unity teachings and includes a study guide. The series is called "Helping Hand" and will be available soon. If you are interested write **OPEN MIND PRODUCTIONS, Box 492, Lee's Summit, MO 64063.**

Most of the new service activities were initiated by the MITs, for during the two years while they are surrounded by service-oriented individuals, they develop an even greater consciousness of service than they had when they entered. That consciousness prepares them not only to serve as successful spiritual leaders of Unity churches but also to serve as active participants in the AUC. UMS is a school for success but only because the school, like the AUC itself, is devoted to service.



NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

FINALIZED PLACEMENTS: **Alan (1971)** and **Kathryn Rowbotham (1971)** to Unity of Roanoke Valley, Roanoke, Virginia; **Edd Dawson (1971)** to Unity Temple of Practical Christianity, Denver, Colorado; **Robert Hungerford (1977)** to Unity Church of Pompano Beach, Pompano Beach, Florida; **Jack Fries (1978)** to Unity Ministry of Reno, Reno, Nevada; and **Hope Fries (1979)** to work with the study group in Carson City, Nevada.

Mel and Sidney Ryman, ministers of Unity Church of Christianity, Columbus, Ohio, are blessed with an overflow attendance at their 11:00 a.m. service in their 350 seat sanctuary, but are unable to attract a substantial congregation for the 9:30 a.m. service. If you have been faced with a similar challenge and have a workable solution, please contact Mel or Sidney.

The Oregon Unity Retreat was held at beautiful Salishan Lodge, Gleneden Beach, Oregon. The special guest speakers were **Jack and Karen Boland**, who shared Goal Setting with the Master Mind. The participants of the retreat had time to explore the beautiful beach and hiking trails as well as learning, laughing, meditating and enjoying the friendship.

The Great Lakes Regional Retreat is to be held at Ohio Wesleyan College, Delaware, Ohio, on August 1-7, 1982. The keynote speakers will be **Ruth Mosley** and **Gene Sorenson**. Other ministers from the Great Lakes region will participate throughout the week. Contact **Glenn Mosley** for more information. Reservations must be made before June 1st.

Unity of Savannah, Georgia, **Shay St. John**, minister, celebrated their fourth birthday on Valentine's Day. They shared a day of joy, fellowship, and festivity together. The special attraction of the day was Peter Pan flying in to visit. Congratulations on your fourth birthday.



SPARKPLUGS

Unity School Promotion and Editorial Department

A Review of the Cassette Series "The Parables of Jesus"

"Seek as diligently as you can for that which you need in your life. Seek not in the outer way, but in the inner way. Go within. Light the light. Sweep the floor. Turn your soul upside down so that it can reveal to you exactly what needs to be revealed in your life."

-- Arthur Hammons

from his discussion of the "Parables of the Lost Coin"

Second only perhaps to Jesus' life-example is the importance of his teachings in the parables to our spiritual unfoldment. The parables contain the essence of Jesus' messages about life and the workings of Spirit. Arthur Hammons skillfully distills this essence in his six-cassette series.

The themes of the major parables--"The Prodigal Son," "The Good Samaritan," and "The Lost Sheep"--are familiar to most of us. Perhaps we are not as knowledgeable about the lesser-known, more obscure ones, such as, "The Fishing Net," "The Two Sons," and "The Barren Fig Tree." Arthur proficiently extracts the meaning from all of these and provides background information that helps to make their message more meaningful for us today. By using contemporary analogies and an ingenious sense of humor, he brings us a fresh interpretation and clear metaphysical explanations of the laws that work for us. His commentary inspires us to apply these teachings in a practical way in our lives.

Educational, inspirational, and enlightening--these tapes can provide Center personnel with a wealth of information and anecdotes to enliven and illustrate pulpit talks and classroom discussions. These tapes can also be used by individuals to augment their personal growth. Centers and congregations will benefit by listening to and employing suggestions from "The Parables of Jesus" by Arthur Hammons.

YOU/YAU Reports

By Brooks Myers, YOU/YAU Coordinator

YOUTH OF UNITY REPORT:

A couple of months ago I attended a weekend seminar for people who facilitate group activities. Most of the other participants were co-workers and professionals working in the area of employment and career development. After a full day and evening of classes, we all decided to go for a late night swim in the retreat center pool. While we were in the pool some of the women sneaked into the men's dressing area and stole the clothes of their friends. The men who had to walk barefoot down the rocky dirt road in their swim suits on a cool night vowed revenge. At 1:00 a.m. a group of about 15 raided the offenders and covered them with shaving cream. While all this was going on it occurred to me that if these people had been a group of YOUers, I probably would have talked to them about respect for property (shaving cream takes off paint) and suggested that if they kept it up I would have to send them home. But in this case, since they were adults (whose ages ranged from 25-40) I thought these

folks were a little rowdy and fun loving but certainly not out of hand.

What I discovered was that to an extent I still had a double standard in how I interpret the actions of teenagers as opposed to how I interpret the actions of adults. It came to mind that if I were at a YOU retreat and the participants came late to a scheduled meeting I might think to myself that it was because they were irresponsible or immature, but if a group of adults did exactly the same thing I would pass it off saying that they probably had something important to do or just got involved in a conversation.

The point is that teenagers deserve the same respectful treatment afforded adults, because teenagers are not that different from adults in many ways. Teenagers are looking for love, for a purpose in life, for a sense of fulfillment for a degree of self-respect and self-worth, just like us. The extent to which I remember and act on that truth is the extent to which I am able to establish an honest rapport with teenaged people.

Wings of Love



1982 Young Adults Conference

Activities

*Prayer Workshops
Meditation
Creative Relationships
Spiritual Dance
Small Group Discussion*

Re-Creation

*Picnic
Talent Night
Dance
Banquet
Tennis/Swimming/Golf*

Speakers

*James Dillet Freeman
Oman & Shanti
Maggie Finefrock
David McClure
and many more*

The Young Adults Conference is a six-day spiritual retreat which will be hosted at Unity Village, August 24-29. The YAU Conference is open to adults 18 years of age and above. While we don't place an upper age limit on the Conference, most participants are in their 20's and 30's. Last year our ages ranged from 18 to 65.

Last year we called this event the Young Adults Retreat, but at the request of Unity School we have changed the name to Young Adults Conference. While we've changed the name, the nature of the activities is the same.

The Conference emphasizes learning through activity, discussion and practical application. For that reason the Conference includes more workshop activities rather than lectures. The program of activities strives to provide time for spiritual inquiry, personal reflection/relaxation and fun social activity.

This year's Conference features David McClure, Unity Minister from Spokane, who will be presenting workshops on developing creative and loving human relationships. Oman and Shanti will be sharing their very special music with us on several occasions, and we will also spend an evening with James Dillet Freeman, Unity's prominent author and poet.

Please help us get the word out about this retreat opportunity. Flyers announcing the Conference have been sent to your center. Additional flyers are available on request through AUC headquarters.

TOGETHER WE WILL FLY ON THE "WINGS OF LOVE"!!!

Youth Services Report

By Maggie Finebrock

Joyous Easter Celebration!

I have heard lately from ministers whose youth population and family services are growing and expanding. They are requesting a sample job description that is being used in the field by a Youth Education Director. So, here is a sample from Unity of Denver, one of the most successful youth departments of any denomination.

Use these ideas as a guide to write your own. If you would like a sample outline for writing a job description for volunteers or staff, write me and I will send you one. Blessings!

In general the Youth Education Director:

1. Guides leaders in planning, conducting and evaluating their work.
2. Recruits needed leaders for the Y.E. Department.
3. Secures human and physical resources for Y.E.
4. Helps leaders set goals for their work.
5. Provides training for leaders.
6. Coordinates the creation of new classes and activities as needed.
7. Conducts planning and support meetings.
8. Communicates with minister to choose leaders, establishes policies, procedures, changes.
9. Coordinates with other church departments, regional and national.

Skills and knowledge required:

- Love of children
- Receptivity to learning
- Ability to motivate and support people
- Commitment to personal prayer and ongoing spiritual growth
- Enthusiasm in working towards fulfilling the overall ministry of the church

JOB DESCRIPTION

OVERSEES & TRAINS: Youth Education Staff of 33 teachers, Preschool through Uniteens. Conducts Orientation/training seminars to train new staff—approximately 1 per month.

WRITES: Monthly teachers' letter, which contains short article on Truth Principles, which teachers can study and consider for month. This is specifically done, so that the group consciousness of the Youth Education Department is maintained at the highest spiritual level. Also contains complete information on month's curriculum and agenda.

CONDUCTS: Monthly teachers' meetings for all Y.E. staff, covering new teaching ideas, program development, administration necessities, and generally keeping staff motivated, enthused, informed and spiritually uplifted. A short lesson and meditation is also conducted at these meetings.

RESEARCHES: Music, films, filmstrips, visual aids, and all material used in the presentation of Truth to the children, and the development of the Y.E. department.

RECRUITS: Volunteers to work as teachers and greeters through regular church channels.

TRAINS: New Y.E. Teachers for teaching duties. Also Y.E. Directors sent from other centers throughout the country to Denver, for specific Director training. This program is endorsed and approved by SCUCA. One of two such programs in operation throughout the Unity movement.

COORDINATES: With church office on all announcements, articles, etc., to be printed; i.e., bulletin Communicator, other publications of church.

DEVELOPS: Ideas for, and conducts 30 minute assemblies at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. session of Youth Education. This consists of a lesson, meditation, singing and overall discipline.

Ideas, and the implementation of same, of theme for the whole year, to be used in Y.E. department; for example 1979 was the International Year of the Child, and this theme was used extensively during Assembly time, combined with the 12 Powers of Man. This involves research of material, films, coordination with all staff, and training teachers for the right implementation into their classes. Providing as much informative materials as possible to teachers for theme.

Ideas for 10-11 activities, oversees correct implementation by person responsible for these activities.

Holiday theme ideas, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, etc. Ideas for bulletin boards, social functions; i.e., Parent Pot Luck Dinners, Parent Coffee Hour, Open House.

Ideas for programs to be presented in church. Implements same. Trains children in singing and program. Oversees development of whole program. Leads program in church.

Vacation Bible School Curriculum. Trains volunteers. Oversees program and working in same.

Seminars on parenting and teaching children Truth principles. Develops, organizes and conducts these all-day seminars.

COUNSELS: Parents and children. Also teachers both at church and at home.

RESPONSIBLE: For ordering all AUC material from Unity every three months. Making sure each teacher receives correct material at correct time. Filing same in order. Studying and becoming acquainted with all AUC

teaching material for all grades. Each grade has it's own theme and material. This involves seven different grades. Refiling old materials.

Researches material for teacher's resource books. Researches magazines suitable for teaching resources. Researches children's books on teaching Principles of Truth. Also those suitable for Parents.

Composes and compiles resource list for teachers at each grade level.

LOGISTICS: Keeping supplies maintained and orderly. All teachers supplied with correct concrete materials to work with. Ordering and developing holiday materials, printing, etc.

WRITES: Articles and suggestions for Y.E. program throughout the movement. Submits articles to Youth Services Coordinator at Unity Village for AGAPE, the Youth Education publication from AUC.

OVERSEES: The Uniteen program and the development of same, spiritually and socially.

AND!!: LOVE THE KIDS... KNOW WHAT KEEPS THEM HAPPY!! SMILE A LOT... AND FIND TIME FOR MY OWN SPIRITUAL STUDY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT!!

Wedding Bells

Marion Collins, minister of Unity Church of Christianity, Bozeman, Montana, and **Bradley Wadhams** were united in marriage on January 9, 1982. The AUC staff would like you to join with us in sending love, blessings and every good wish for peace, joy and happiness to Marion and Bradley.

Vicki Walden, minister of Unity Church of Crystal Lake, Illinois, and **Larry Miller**, minister of Westside Unity, Beaverton, Oregon, were united in marriage on February 19, 1982. Vicki has joined Larry in Oregon as co-minister. We bless you and have faith that the good in your lives is magnified and multiplied to bring forth many blessings.



Harriet TenBrook, Unity Licensed Teacher from the Kansas City, Missouri, area, passed from this life experience on November 4, 1981. We know Harriet is with us in thought and the love we share serves as a bridge between dimensions, uniting us eternally.

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Funds Operations Ten Months Ended January 31, 1982

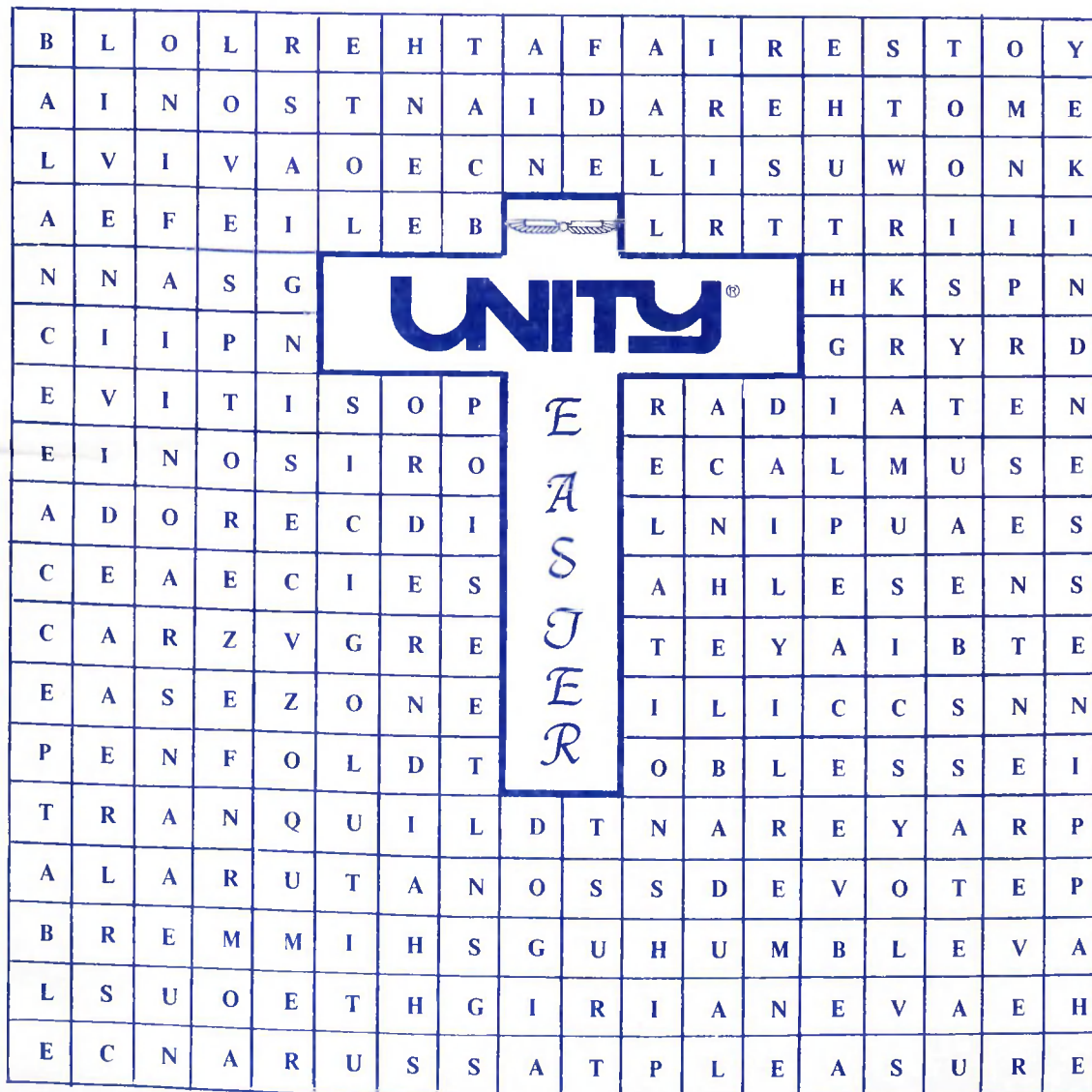
	Month	Year to Date
INCOME—OPERATIONS:		
Love Offering	\$49,169.32	\$452,135.36
Other Income	7,253.87	44,968.15
	<u>56,423.19</u>	<u>497,103.51</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	4,916.93	45,213.53
	<u>51,506.26</u>	<u>451,889.98</u>
Gross Profit Materials	6,742.89	41,350.91
Total Income	<u>58,249.15</u>	<u>493,240.89</u>
EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:		
Ministry Services	36,526.65	348,538.61
Ministerial Education	16,297.34	157,400.46
Total Expenses	<u>52,823.99</u>	<u>505,939.07</u>
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 5,425.16</u>	<u>\$(12,698.18)</u>

Unity School Contribution To The AUC Through Services Provided

May 1, 1981—January 31, 1982: \$96,380.18

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

An Easter Cryptic



FIND THESE 60 WORDS . . . There will be 14 unused letters, making up 3 important words (what Easter is all about!):

ACCEPTABLE	DAZZLING	HAPPINESS	LIVE	ORISON	REVERENT
ADORE	DEVOTE	HEAVEN	LIGHT	PEACE	RIGHTEOUS
ALL	DIVINE	HUGS	LOGIC	PLEASURE	SHIMMER
ASSURANCE	DOVE	HUMBLE	LOVE	POISE	SILENCE
BALANCE	EASE	IDEA	MARK	POSITIVE	SING
BEAUTY	ENFOLD	KINDNESS	MOTHER	PRAYER	TRANQUIL
BELIEF	FAIREST	KEY	MUSIC	RADIANT SON	TRUST
BLESS	FAITH	KNOW	NATURAL	RADIATE	VISION
CALM	FATHER	LAUDABLE	OMNIPRESENT	RELATIONSHIP	VIVA
DAILY	GOD	LEAP	ORDER	REST	ZONE

Our thanks to G. Herald Keefer, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, for sharing this Easter cryptic with the Association of Unity Churches.

Calendar of Events

MAY

- 1-7 Apple Blossom Time Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 5-7 West Central Regional Conference, Santa Cruz, CA
- 14-16 Suncoast Unity Retreat, Safety Harbor Spa
- 15-21 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 29- June 4 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO

JUNE

- 7 Regional Liaison Training, Unity Village, MO
- 8-11 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 13-17 AUC Conference, Unity Village, MO
- 22-28 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, MO

JULY

- 3-9 Freedom Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 11-17 YOU Conference, Unity Village, MO
- 24- Aug. 6 UICE Session 1, Unity Village, MO
- 25-31 SCUCA Laymen's Regional Retreat, Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, CO

AUGUST

- 1-7 Great Lakes Unity Lay Persons Retreat, Delaware, OH
- 7-20 UICE Session 2, Unity Village, MO
- 22-26 Northwest Ministers & Teachers Conference, Coeur d'Alene, ID

AUGUST

- 24-29 Young Adults Conference, Unity Village, MO

SEPTEMBER

- 4-10 Retiro Para Amigos Hispanos (Spanish-speaking only) Unity Village, MO
- 18-24 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO

OCTOBER

- 2-8 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 9-22 UICE Session 3, Unity Village, MO
- 23- Nov. 5 UICE Session 4, Unity Village, MO

NOVEMBER

- 20-26 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, MO



EXPANSION PACKETS

The Association of Unity Churches has Expansion Packets available for study groups. We now have Expansion Packet I and II available for distribution. Expansion Packet I contains sample financial report, welcome from Silent Unity, prayer, meditation, sample news release and order forms from Unity School and AUC. Expansion Packet II includes a suggested reading list, pamphlets that will be helpful, and a Lessons in Truth study guide prepared for new Truth students. If you are interested in receiving a copy of either packet please send your request to **Debi Maynard, AUC, PO Box 610, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063**. These packets have proven very effective for the study groups that have already received them.

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The

President's

Letter

The time is NOW for us, the AUCers, to get together and claim our divine inheritance; which is a healthy organization that produces prosperous, successful, God-filled ministers and churches.

During my travels in March I visited Trinidad, where I saw what a fantastic job Violet Assam and Sylvia Chevalier are doing. This spirit of enthusiasm is evident throughout our movement. The people in Trinidad sing, live, and demonstrate the teachings of Unity. So does every other church I have visited during my year as President.

If I was granted one more wish, it would be to visit every Unity ministry and tell the world what a glorious feeling it is to feel such a dynamic movement of people.

I once read how Jesus was king for a day, how people showered Him with praises and thanksgiving. In June, I would like for each person attending the AUC Conference to feel like a king or queen for a week. It can happen if we all start praying and send love to each other, right now! As the Trinidadians sing, "Oh I love you, love you, love you, yes, I do! Oh I love you, love you, love you, yes, I do! Oh, I love you, love you, love you, no matter what you do! I behold the living Christ in you!" If each of us could sing this praise and send forth our love to each other, we can have a powerful experience in June. What a powerful time it is to be loved in action!

For those who dare to love without reservation can resurrect a new spirit of enthusiasm and a renewed Unity movement. Let's make it happen! This was the determination of the South Central Region. Let us all join them, world-wide. Let us love. Love is BEING IN UNITY!!

Love,

ORDINATION BIBLE PROJECT

There is still time to participate in the Ordination Bible Project. This project gives you the opportunity to provide the Dickson Analytical Bibles, which are presented to the ordinands. Thirty-four 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. If you would like for the Bible to go to a particular student, let us know. Please send your check to: **UMS Office, Attention Gladys Branscum.**

MINISTRY

SERVICES

PERSPECTIVES



The licensed teacher is a member of the Unity ministerial team, whose value to the movement has not yet been fully realized. Here we have an asset whose potential has not been adequately exploited. And yet, in another respect, perhaps licensed teachers have been exploited in that they are seldom rewarded commensurately for the services they perform.

Generally our licensed teachers are those dedicated Truth students whose love of Truth and desire to serve have impelled them to embark on a long and demanding course of study, and to stay with it until they graduate. The course is tough. It involves sitting through hours of lectures, and writing many papers. It calls for several stays of resident study at Unity School. The applicants are then subjected to the rigors of a Skills Development Seminar. The process may take four or more years, and cost the individual \$3,000.00 in travel and accommodations. Some applicants receive some assistance from their centers, but most are on their own. Not all applicants make it!

On return to their centers, proudly bearing their hard-won certificates, the various newly licensed teachers, face widely differing, and often uncertain, futures. How now will they be used? What opportunities will be afforded them to share their skills and knowledge, to express their pent-up Truth lore?

And what will be the rewards? Will it just be the occasional class when the minister happens to be too busy or too burned-out to teach? And the rewards? (perhaps 50% of the class offering?)

This may have been the fate of some in the past, but we hope we are getting beyond this. We are being helped by the endeavors of the Licensed Teacher Committee, chaired by **Catherine Garvey** (co-chairpersons **Betty Jacunski** and **Bea Copeland**, all ordained ministers) aided by experienced licensed teachers from the regions. This committee is entrusted with the encouragement of the professional development of licensed teachers. The committee believes that in their licensed teachers, ministers and boards have a wealth of professionalism that is seldom used to the full.

Licensed teachers can be employed in many ways beyond the obvious teaching and counseling. Their wide and thorough knowledge of Unity's and other New Thought books and authors, make them uniquely suitable to be placed in charge of the bookroom or library. Many do yeoman service as visitors of members in hospitals, nursing homes and other shut-ins. After the first visit by the minister, the licensed teacher is wonderfully qualified to make subsequent visits bearing the love and greetings of the minister and congregation.

In addition, depending on the capabilities of the individual, licensed teachers may be considered for the prayer ministry, assisting on the platform, coordinating youth and other programs, guest speaking, business managers or secretarial posts. As center finances permit licensed teachers should be considered for full-time or part-time employment in any of the above mentioned roles.

We are awaiting the product of further meetings of the Licensed Teacher Committee. In the meantime, it is a challenge to the imaginative genius of all ministers and board members to discover for themselves new ways in which this dedicated group of Truth seekers can share their very real talent to the greater advantage of our movement.

Charles Neal
Director of Ministry Services



Wedding Bells

Ann Elarton, Secretary for the Unity Ministerial School, and **Fred Alish**, St. Joseph, Michigan, were united in marriage on April 5th in Chicago, Illinois. The ceremony was officiated by **Mike** and **Sara Matoin**. The AUC staff would like you to join with us in sending love, blessings and every good wish for peace, joy and happiness to Ann and Fred. Ann has resigned her position with the UMS and they will be residing in St. Joseph, Michigan.

IT CAN BE DONE

UNITY TRUTH CENTER in Santa Rosa, California, sincerely wanted a full schedule of activities. They longed to have a minister in charge of their work. Their group prayed and they prospered. In their prosperity they faithfully tithed ten percent of their income to the region, the AUC and Silent Unity. The center had two folks who gave their time to have the office open four hours for four days each week. They conducted Sunday services and had classes for the young people. They faithfully put money in their savings account to prepare for the day when they would have their own minister.

Their prayers were more than answered when they attracted a ministerial husband-wife team to them in July. Their faith kept them in a state to meet all of their obligations each month. Then, the Center received the notice that they could not use as much space as they had been having where they rented. In other words, the sign was clear that they would have to move.

The membership and the ministers wanted to expand. They soon discovered that today's economy is expensive. Quarters are being rented by the square footage. They were guided to a very fine location in a shopping district. The quarters allowed for excellent parking space, a chapel, a prayer room, offices and large rooms for youth education. The entrance was spacious for large literature displays. However, the rental and the heating and lighting were many times larger than they had been paying. So, they stepped out on faith!

Miracles began to happen! Channels began to open! Money came in to purchase two thousand dollars worth of chairs! A piano, an organ, a refrigerator, a stove, a sink, and a lectern were contributed. In the three weeks that the center had before its move doors of plenty opened.

Every Unity Center has something to meet. Prayer and faith go hand in hand in bringing about constructive demonstrations. It is important that each ministry work with the universal laws to bring forth the results it is seeking. This is what makes Unity such an exciting adventure.

— Submitted by Warren & Marguerite Meyer

SPECIAL NOTE

UPS RATES INCREASING!

The cost of UPS service is rising a considerable amount in May. This will be reflected in your shipping charges after this time. In order to save on UPS, you must order your supplies and materials far enough in advance for us to use 3rd class mailing.

NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

*****SPECIAL NOTICE*****

FINALIZED PLACEMENT: Kent Kessinger (1980) to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In a recent issue of **CONTACT**, we asked for any information on Center's sponsoring a scouting program. We had no response from any Center that is currently sponsoring a program. If you are interested in sponsoring a scouting program, please contact the **Boy Scouts of America, 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75062-1296.**

Christ Church, Unity, San Diego, California, **Stan Hampson**, minister, announced to the congregation that a fire had destroyed the Unity Center in Tampa, Florida, **Ross Goodman**, minister. A donation box was placed in the foyer of the church for those wishing to send a gift from San Diego to help rebuild the church. The following affirmation was used by the congregation: "God's light, love and abundance fill His Unity work in Tampa and we rejoice in His miracle now." A check was sent to First Unity Society in Tampa by the members of Christ Church Unity to help in the rebuilding of the church.

Sig Paulson, minister of Unity Church of Christianity, Houston, Texas, recently visited Bogota, Columbia, South America. The Unity Center in Bogota is doing fine under the guidance of minister, **Luis Perez**. Sig also visited a holistic healing clinic in Popayan, where they are doing an incredible job with homeopathy, neuro-therapy and other techniques.

Unity Center, Portland, Oregon, **Tom Sikking**, minister, held a Frog Kissin' Celebration. The program was for cool cats, kooky kids, paranoid parents, groping group leaders, fervent feminists, shameless chauvinists, tickleless teachers, hurried housewives and lonely lovers. . .in other words--everyone! For more information on the Frog Kissin' Celebration contact The Portland Center.

Unity of Livonia, Michigan, **Gene Sorensen**, minister, celebrated twenty years since the founding of Unity of Livonia and twenty years since Gene was ordained. In honor of these special events, the entire month of May was designated a month of celebration. A special Sunday service was held each week, as well as two very special evening programs. Congratulations to Unity of Livonia and Gene Sorensen!

Unity Church of Hawaii, **Michael Murphy**, minister, held their First Annual Unity Fun Run, on Sunday, March 7. A drawing was held and the winner received an Outer Island trip for two including airline tickets, hotel and car rental.



The pamphlets **Blessings for a Marriage** and **Four Causes of Health** are no longer carried by the AUC office as Silent-70 literature. They are now a charged item, ordered through **Unity School of Christianity Sales Department.**

Special Day of Blessings



State Senator Jackie Vaughn presenting the Governor's Certificate for Outstanding Citizenship and Service to Ruth Mosley.

Ruth Mosley, President of the AUC and minister of West Side Unity Church, Detroit, Michigan, was honored at a Birthday and Appreciation Tea on Sunday, March 14, in the River Room of Detroit's downtown Veteran's Memorial Building.

Radio personality, Martha Jean "The Queen," served as Mistress of Ceremonies, sparking the capacity filled room with a beautiful combination of spiritual sincerity, wit and humor.

Ruth was showered with an array of salutes, proclamations, declarations, monetary and floral gifts of members and friends of West Side Unity, plus an impressive list of political, civic and religious community leaders representing the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan.

Michigan State Senator, Jackie Vaughn, emphasized Ruth's many contributions to the state as he presented the Governor's Certificate for Outstanding Citizenship and Service.

There were tributes from many associates and friends of Ruth, but there was scarcely a dry eye when Ruth received the "Tribute of Tributes" from her children, Peggy, William and Richard, as they bowed at her feet and announced to the world, "She is your minister, your friend, your teacher, your mentor. . . We realize she is many things to many people, but we thank God that Reverend Ruth M. Mosley is Momma to us."

UMS News & Views

by Hypatia Hasbrouck, Dean of Faculty

Routine is rarely really routine at Unity Ministerial School, but perhaps it is least routine at this time of year, and this year there are more non-routine activities than ever before.

During the final quarter, second-year ministers-in-training usually have difficulty focusing attention on the present because they must spend weekends trying out for their future churches while they must spend weekdays polishing skills and rounding out knowledge needed for starting their work as Unity ministers.

The first-year MITs have just as much difficulty focusing upon the present; they assume the student government, plan festivities to honor the graduating class, organize welcoming activities for in-coming students and begin increasingly complex course work. This year they have added responsibilities: they are preparing not only to welcome a new class into the UMS program but also to welcome into their class the first group of students from the Detroit Urban Ministerial School. Although the Detroit MITs will not be physically part of the class until the beginning of the school year at the end of July, each one has been spiritually a member of a first-year prayer group for a long time. As a result, the class of 1983 is readying itself to say farewell to one group of spiritual brothers and sisters while it readies itself to welcome two other groups.

It is a confusing but rewarding time, and in a way it is as important to preparation for the Unity ministry as a required course, an elective or a practicum activity. For first and second-year MITs alike, the apparently conflicting demands upon them constitute a course in the "hidden curriculum"—that series of growth tasks presented each person. Some must learn to organize time or finances more efficiently; some must discipline themselves to complete assignments before the last minute because the "last minute" tends to be filled with an unexpected demand; some must learn to stay spiritually centered so that outer confusion does not cause inner confusion; some must release valued friends; some must deal with disappointment; some must cultivate patience with themselves, classmates or UMS and AUC (or all of the foregoing). The tasks differ, but every year MITs learn important lessons during the hectic period. By conference time, all have made progress; the first-year MITs have more confidence in themselves and the second year individuals are ready to drop the "in-training" and become Unity ministers.

At the AUC Ordination Ceremony on the evening of June 14, the AUC Conference body will witness the final step in the process through which the UMS Class of 1982 has moved to answer the call to service in the Unity field movement.



SPARKPLUGS

Unity School Promotion and Editorial Department

Charles Roth's imagination and writing skill provide us with an excellent article in May's UNITY Magazine. "Three Magic Words" tells us in symbolism about the curse of the "Reverse Echo" and about the magic words that counteract it.

We are introduced in the article to the daughter of a king who is surrounded by beautiful things, but who is miserable nonetheless. As the story unfolds we learn why she is unhappy.

"The cause of her misery was a curse that an evil witch had placed on her while she was sleeping.

"It was called the curse of the Reverse Echo. It was a frustrating curse, and it went like this:

"Whenever the princess, the little child of the king, would think a good thought, the Reverse Echo curse would echo a contrary thought into her mind.

"For instance, she would think, I am going to knit a sweater for my sister. And the Reverse Echo thought would come back, you can't knit well enough, it will look amateurish; don't make a fool of yourself. . . .

"No matter what good action or positive accomplishment our 'child of a King' tried to do, the curse of the Reverse Echo would contrive obstacles and discouraging circumstances."

The princess's older brother facilitated her exit from this cycle of despair by telling her to use these three magic words--"With God's help!" Before undertaking any task she was to remind herself that she was the child of a King and repeat these words. She uses this information, overcomes the curse, and the evil witch vanishes.

Charles Roth explains the symbols: The king is God and we are all His children. The elder brother is Jesus and the power that enables the princess to overcome the curse is the Christ Spirit. The witch is the programming of the outer world that tells us that we are inferior and helpless and it can come to us, as it came to the princess, while our spiritual nature is "sleeping."

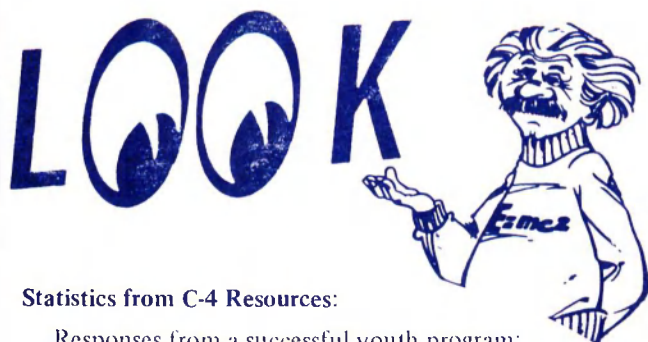
The curse of the Reverse Echo can also be called the curse of mental polarity. Sometimes we get entangled in negative corresponding thoughts when we try to affirm the positive but approach it in a negative way. For example, when we say, "I am going to curb my temper this coming week," we are usually bombarded with troubling events that discourage our good intentions. We become mired in our own version of reverse echo. We can overcome this curse in the same manner as the Princess did--by identifying with our Christ-self and prefacing our heart's desire with the words, "With God's Help!"

This fascinating story can easily be adapted into a youth sermon. Children will be intrigued with the story characters and events and the symbolism is clear and easy to understand. Look for "Three Magic Words" in the May issue of UNITY Magazine.

YOUTH SERVICES PAGE

REGIONAL COORDINATORS AND FACILITATORS GATHER AT UNITY VILLAGE!!

On March 5-10, fifteen members of the Regional Youth team met to sharpen their skills in teaching, communication and facilitating, evaluate '81 programs, share ideas and support and plan new programs and directions for 82-83. After six intensive days of workshops, discussions, brainstorming and goal-setting, the coordinators and facilitators left with renewed enthusiasm and a shared sense of purpose. What a beautiful, inspired, dedicated group they are! Take time to know and appreciate them and reap the benefits of their many talents!



Statistics from C-4 Resources:

Responses from a successful youth program:

- 94% of the young people know that the minister generally liked and cared for them.
- 89% said that the Sunday sermons were meaningful.
- 76% had ministers that regularly participated in their programs.

Responses from a barely functioning youth program:

- 42% knew that the minister generally liked and cared for them.
- 40% said the Sunday sermons were meaningful.
- 18% had ministers that participated in their programs.

WHY NOT DROP IN ON A Y.O.U. RALLY?!!!

Eastern - April 16-18 - Camp Letts, MD
North West - April 23-25 - Seabeck, WA
West Central - April 30-May 2 - San Jose, CA
South West - April 30-May 2 - Phoenix, AZ
Mid West - May 14-16 - Camp MoKan, MO
Great Lakes - May 28-31 - Albion College, MI
South Central - June 3-6 - Tulsa, OK

Contact your Regional YOU Coordinator for more information.



Oh what a tangled web
do parents weave
when they think that their children
are naive.

— Ogden Nash



Don't miss the excitement of the 82-83 Youth Education Workshop "LIGHT ON NEW AGE LEARNING." This "forward to basics" playshop will focus on 1) Preparation of the Environment; 2) Preparation of the teacher; 3) Preparation of the materials; 4) Preparation of the learner AND will include a real-live-honest-to-goodness teaching demonstration. When you get a chance to host or attend this motivating event in your region, JUMP AT IT!!

Watch for further information, coming to your Region soon!!

How's Your Laugh Life?

There are three things which are real: God, human folly and laughter. The first two are beyond our comprehension, so we must do what we can with the third.

— John F. Kennedy

YOUTH SERVICES CALENDAR

May 7,8,9 - WonderWord Weekend-Denver, Colorado
June 17 - AUC Conference Post-Graduate Course - Youth Ministry
July 11-17 - International YOU Conference - "We Are Masters"
July 25-31 - Snow Mountain Family Retreat
August 9-20 - Youth Education Seminar, USRS, Unity Village
August 24-30 - YAU Conference - "Wings of Love" Unity Village

Group Services Committee

For the past 2½ years your committee has been actively involved in updating and refining our Association's group health and accident coverage. Over the past decade the cost of medical care has had the highest percentage of increase in an individual or family's budget. Your committee has endeavored to keep pace with this rapid change. With the revised coverage and lowered monthly premium that becomes effective May 1, 1982, we are confident the cost of our plan has been stabilized so a maximum coverage at reasonable cost is available to our members.

The Group Services Committee is now involved in giving our main attention to the retirement programs now available to our Association members. At this writing Banker's Life, the underwriter of our Tax Deferred Annuity, is updating the program in line with the new tax laws enacted in 1981. The final figures will be presented to the Board of Directors for its approval in June prior to conference.

Our other investment vehicle is known as the Money Purchase Pension Plan (MPPP) which is operated by Wright Investor's Service. This is based on the stock market and is not guaranteed as the Tax Deferred Annuity Plan is. The main difference there is the possibility for greater return on the investment with this plan. We are in close communication with Wright Investors' Service on its performance.

Remember, in addition to the return on these investments these plans meet the requirements of IRS so no income tax is paid on the principle or interest until the retiree begins to collect the benefits on retirement. (Exception: The members own contribution to the MPPP is taxable. The church's 8% contribution is not.)

Effective January 1, 1982, even though you are participating in the TDA and/or MPPP you are now eligible to participate in an Individual Retirement Account at banks, savings and loans, insurance companies, investment houses, etc. Maximum for one year for a working individual is \$2,000.00. Individual and non working spouse \$2,250.00. A very good opportunity for all of us to set aside additional funds not taxed by the IRS until retirement.

As we prepare for our retirement years in advance of need we are in the flow of the prosperity principles all of us Totally Accept Belief (TAB) in.

Group Services Committee

NEW AUC EMPLOYEE

The Unity Ministerial School is happy to announce they have a new secretary, **Joyce Ogilvie**.

Joyce is not new to Unity, as she came to the AUC from the Silent Unity Prayer Room. Joyce also worked part-time for the AUC office in 1979-80. We welcome Joyce to the AUC staff, and hope you will all get to know her when you visit here in June.

NOTICE

All ministers should have received a copy of the first packet available for the new Minister Resource Handbook. Included in the first packet were "Is Unity A Cult?" and "Public Relations in Your Ministry." If you have not received your copy and would like to have one, please contact the AUC office.

We now have packet two available upon request. Topics included in this packet are:

Counseling

AUC Placement Procedures

Whose Church? Minister/Congregation Relationships

Following In Another Minister's Footsteps

If you have additional suggestions for future topics, please contact Cheryl Vestal or Debi Maynard in the AUC office.



New Hymnbook

I know everyone in our movement is eagerly awaiting word on our new hymnbook.

Since beginning our preparatory work in 1979, good progress has been made. The process of selecting songs and hymns to be included was completed by our committee in June of '81. Our final task is the review of responsive readings and services which we will complete in June of this year.

The bulk of the hymnbook preparation is now in the hands of Unity School and the Editorial Department. Sharon Patterson, Unity School representative, has obtained copyright clearances for approximately 350 selections and is transposing much of the music to lower keys, as well as indexing and categorizing the titles. This is a big job, and we appreciate her thoroughness and dedication.

As Sharon prepares the selections, they are sent to Lau Music Engravers of Cincinnati, Ohio, who is doing the musical type-setting. We have seen samples of Lau's work and feel it is satisfactory--the print is bold enough and large enough. (Hopefully, we will have samples for review at Conference time.)

Lau's work is expected to take from six to nine months to complete. After that, printing and binding all require an additional six months to a year. Fall of 1983 is the projected target date for availability of our new hymnbook. This gives our Centers adequate time to plan for the purchase of these new hymnbooks. Why not set up a fund right now so that you will be able to place your order as soon as the books are available?

Join us in knowing that Divine Light and Love will continue to guide the unfoldment of this project in Divine Order!

Blessings,

Marilyn E. Rieger, Chairperson
AUC Hymnbook Committee

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES
Statement of General Funds Operations
Eleven Months Ended February 28, 1982

INCOME—OPERATIONS:	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Love Offering	\$48,024.15	\$500,159.51
Other Income	<u>3,417.89</u>	<u>48,386.04</u>
	51,442.04	548,545.55
Less: Tithe Transfer	<u>4,802.42</u>	<u>50,015.95</u>
	46,639.62	498,529.60
Gross Profit Materials	<u>7,567.27</u>	<u>48,918.18</u>
Total Income	<u>54,206.89</u>	<u>547,447.78</u>
 EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:		
Ministry Services	35,038.41	383,577.02
Ministerial Education	<u>16,588.11</u>	<u>173,988.57</u>
Total Expenses	<u>51,626.52</u>	<u>557,565.59</u>
 INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 2,580.37</u>	<u>\$ (10,117.81)</u>

Unity School Contribution To The AUC Through Services Provided

May 1, 1981 – February 28, 1982: \$104,572.70

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



ETHNIC FESTIVAL



June 16, 1982
Sheraton Royal

The 1982 Conference will be highlighted by an Ethnic Festival to be held following the Conference Banquet with an entree of Chicken cordon bleu, by renowned chef, Oscar!

The Festival will be starring members of our Unity family from Trinidad, West Indies; Lansing, Detroit, Michigan; and Kansas City, Missouri. Be sure not to miss this gala event filled with laughter, love and a variety of talents. *(The Festival will be followed by dancing to the music of the George Salisbury Band.)*

Join with your friends, world-wide, for a night of "surprise and sunshine."

COST: \$20.00 per person

TICKETS: available through the AUC Office



Calendar of Events

MAY

- 1-7 Apple Blossom Time Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 5-7 West Central Regional Conference, Santa Cruz, CA
- 14-16 Suncoast Unity Retreat, Safety Harbor Spa, FL
- 15-21 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 29- Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- June 4

JUNE

- 7 Regional Liaison Training, Unity Village, MO
- 8-11 AUC Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 13-17 AUC Conference, Unity Village, MO
- 22-28 Summertime Retreat, Unity Village, MO

JULY

- 3-9 Freedom Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 11-17 YOU Conference, Unity Village, MO
- 24- UICE Session 1, Unity Village, MO
- Aug. 6
- 25-31 SCUCA Laymen's Regional Retreat, Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, CO

AUGUST

- 1-7 Great Lakes Unity Lay Persons Retreat, Delaware, OH
- 7-20 UICE Session 2, Unity Village, MO
- 22-26 Northwest Ministers & Teachers Conference, Coeur d'Alene, ID

AUGUST

- 24-29 Young Adults Conference, Unity Village, MO

SEPTEMBER

- 1- 3 UMTC Laypersons Conference, Las Vegas, NV
- 4-10 Retiro Para Amigos Hispanos (Spanish-speaking only) Unity Village, MO
- 18-24 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO

OCTOBER

- 2- 8 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 9-22 UICE Session 3, Unity Village, MO
- 23- UICE Session 4, Unity Village, MO
- Nov. 5

NOVEMBER

- 20-26 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, MO

1983

JANUARY

- 23-25 UMTC Southwest Conference, Descanso, CA



***** ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK *****

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Blessings of Love

Now that I am home, reminiscing over the past year, I feel so grateful to each of you for the faith you had in me, for the love and support you gave me. I thank you most of all for allowing me to serve.

On the behalf of the Voices of Unity of the West Side Unity Church, we thank you for the love offering you shared on the last day of Conference. We also thank you for the many, many letters of praise. I personally thank you, each of you, for being love in action throughout our 1982 Conference.

As I turned the gavel over to Reverend Jack Barker, whom I respect and believe in, the song from "The Wiz" became my real thought for you and him for the coming year. "If you believe in your heart you will know that no one can change the path you must go. Believe what you feel and know you are right because the time will come around when you will say it is yours. Believe that you can go on, believe you can float on air, then click your heels three times. If you then believe, you will be there. Believe in yourself right from the start, believe in the magic right there in your heart, believe all these things not because I told you to believe in yourself, just believe in yourself as I believe in you."

Love,

POLICY

Policy reads: "The Director of Ministry Services, or his designate, shall be in attendance at all Regional Conferences. The Regions are encouraged to reimburse the AUC for the expenses required of the DMS and the President to attend the Regional Conferences."

The President's Letter



Conference 1982 is complete and all is well. In Truth we know the activity of Spirit has once more accomplished its purpose.

Let us be mindful of the words of Paul:

"Forgetting what is behind me, and reaching out for that which lies ahead, I press towards the goal to win the prize which is God's call to the life above, in Christ Jesus."

The forgetting may take many forms, but most importantly, let us rededicate and reconsecrate ourselves to the will and the work of our inner Christ.

Your Board of Trustees has done just this, we have unanimously adopted the following:

"That I, as a board member, am dedicated to establish the Board of Trustees of the AUC as a policy-making body, and allow the Executive Committee to make the pertinent decisions appropriate for the AUC, and that I commit myself to the spirit of a healthy organization in which trust and love are my primary attitudes and for one year our board fully commits itself to learning effective management, employing the services of an executive consultant agency."

Responding to this commitment statement, those members of our Association, present and voting, remanded the disposition of the Unity School proposal to the Executive Committee with the instructions to negotiate the best possible agreement relative to the training of Unity ministers.

We have begun the process and your Executive Committee has met with the Board of Unity School and this meeting was the best we have ever had. I see a harmonious beginning to our discussions. We will be meeting again in September.

Unity School will be continuing the development of a ministerial training program with our input, cooperation and expertise being utilized.

We are seeking and finding points of agreement and I personally feel that we are closer in harmony with the spirit of unity in Unity than ever before.

Unity is you, me, our churches, AUC and Unity School--all parts of one body, committed to one purpose--the sharing of Truth to the world.

Blessings,

Jack C. Barker

MINISTRY

SERVICES

PERSPECTIVES



The concluding sentence of Jack Barker's message that appears above left a deep impression long after I read it in manuscript. His words are so true, and worth repeating, because sometimes I feel we overlook the significance of the principle they enshrine. He said, "Unity is you, me, our churches, AUC and Unity School--all parts of one body, committed to one purpose--the sharing of Truth to the world."

We all, for all our apparent individuality and separateness, are parts of a whole; and the whole, the sum of our parts, is greater than the total of all our parts when viewed separately.

The bruised and bleeding world needs Unity; suffering mankind aches for what Unity has to offer. Americans need the solace of Silent Unity; they need the listening ear of Unity's prayer room; they need the strength offered by wholesome and inspired reading material; they need the practical help and local availability of dedicated Unity ministers reaching out in worship services, helpful messages, and instruction in Christ-centered living. America needs both Unity School as the heart, and the AUC ministries as the means of reaching people where they are face to face. Yes, America needs Unity. America needs a Unity with a strong central organization and it needs an increasing number of dedicated, well-trained Unity ministers in the field.

Over the years, by trial and error, we have been developing a system of training ministers that has been steadily improved. We have zigged and zagged in our progress, but progress has been there for all to see. Now Unity School has proposed another zig. During recent months, much time and energy has been expended in debating the pros and cons of this zig. Should Unity School resume the primary responsibility for training Unity ministers? Why should the AUC relinquish a task it is performing well? Is this an implied criticism of

present methods? But, after all, as the name suggests, Unity School is concerned with education, and it owns the facilities and the library, so why not? But what about the present faculty, the quality of education and future curriculum? All these are relevant questions, but somehow in seeking answers we must be wary of losing sight of the woods for the trees.

As Jack states, the AUC Executive Committee and the Trustees of Unity School have been meeting in an atmosphere of cordiality and friendliness that far surpasses any previous experience. The two groups are well aware of each other's position. Independently they are seeking ways of bringing those positions into agreement. In September they will meet again to share.

Then the onus will pass to the AUC membership. The probability is that not all of the elements that any one of us would desire to see included may be part of the final package. In the interest of retaining unity in Unity, concessions may be called for. Our overriding concern should be to remain a cohesive whole. Our greatness as a movement will become evident as we, as individuals, are willing to submerge our points of view in the interest of maintaining a united and effective movement. Our ability to become an increasingly effective influence on national thought and behavior depends on our remaining a united movement. Again, in the words of our president, "Unity is you, me, our churches, AUC and Unity School--all parts of one body, committed to one purpose--the sharing of Truth to the world."

Charles Neal

Director of Ministry Services



New UMS Faculty Member

The Unity Ministerial School has hired a new faculty member, **Thora Hess**. Thora is a 1982 graduate of UMS. Thora taught in the public school system for twelve years before beginning ministerial school. She has developed workshops in communications skills; designed and implemented support programs and has participated in the process of budget setting and evaluation of church programs.

Thora's husband, **Weaver**, is currently manager of the Counseling and Resource Center at Unity Village. He is licensed as a Marriage, Family and Child Counselor.

We welcome Thora to the staff of the Unity Ministerial School and know that she will be a great asset to UMS.

Youth Services Report

Maggie Finefrock

In past articles in this column you have read about: 1) how to start a Youth Education department; 2) creating and maintaining your vision for effective youth ministry; 3) the material and human resources available to help you achieve your wildest dreams; 4) how to recruit volunteer teachers and appreciate them; 5) a job description of a YE director, etc. These are key elements in a creative and expanding youth ministry.

One of the most important responsibilities in your Youth Education department is teacher training. Every volunteer deserves to receive training! This often makes the difference between a YE department that is alive, vital, fully staffed, effective and exciting and the department that never quite gets off the ground because teachers are not trained.

In churches where volunteers are not trained, supported, appreciated and evaluated I have observed a lack of motivation, frustration when teachers and students don't feel successful, high turn-over rate of teachers, directors and children and a general lack of the love and sharing that makes ministry with youth so special.

To help you evaluate your current teacher training program or create one, here is a sample outline. This is the teacher training course taught by Betty Fleming, Southeast YE Facilitator and formerly Youth Education Director at Unity of Livonia. Betty is a dynamic and beloved licensed teacher, with many years of experience in Unity and Youth Ministry.

GUIDELINES FOR TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

by Betty Fleming

All sessions are conducted with a pre-session activity, modeling, demonstrations, and always planned activities to involve the trainee in practicing the ideas presented.

Session I—Philosophy of Youth Ministry and Unity Principles

1. Philosophy-Aim of Youth Education program
2. Fundamental Truth Principles
3. Qualifications for a Youth Education teacher
4. Teaching "The Whole Child"—physical, social, mental, emotional, spiritual

Assignment: Observe a Youth Education class on Sunday (be 20 minutes early). Begin a personal study of Lessons In Truth by Dr. Cady. Read Unity and the Bible, a pamphlet by Meyer

Session II—Overview of Y.E. Department

1. Share what they observed in Youth Education class last Sunday
2. Discuss rewards of teaching
3. Explanation of student groupings, curriculum for each grade (published by AUC) Youth Education staff
4. Guidelines for leading youth in prayer

Assignment: Observe Sunday Youth Education class, help with pre-session activity planned by

established teacher. Write a step by step preparation and open prayer for students (select a grade)

Handout: Guidelines in Leading Prayer-Prayer of Faith (card)

Session III—Creative Teaching Methods

1. After Teacher Trainer has read prayer and given constructive corrections, allow trainee to present their prayer.
2. Conduct a workshop on Teaching Methods, demonstrate or model:
 - A. Importance and use of visual aids (objects, pictures, puppet, puzzles, flip chart, films, tapes, chalkboard, flannel figures, etc.
 - B. Storytelling
 - C. Creative Ways To Use The Bible
 - D. How To Ask Questions
 - E. How To Answer Questions
 - F. Role-playing
 - G. Rediscover the Student Take-Home Sheet
 - H. Learning centers

Assignment: Following Sunday the trainee will conduct the pre-session activity, opening prayer and help the teacher in any way possible during class—as planned and cleared by the teacher before hand.

Session IV—Self-esteem of Teacher and Child

1. Importance of praise and encouragement
2. Pre-session—What it is, purpose, ideas for activities
3. Discipline (uplifting behavior in class). Present a workshop--"What to do with a student who. . ." (give examples)
4. General principles for creating good classroom environment

Assignment: Following Sunday conduct opening and closing prayer, pre-session activity, tell a story as planned by the teacher.

Session V—Creative Planning

1. Share experiences and observations about their part in the Sunday teaching hour.
2. Explain the assembly time—object
3. Explain concepts, objectives, writing a lesson plan
4. Explain lesson overview for two year curriculum
5. Discuss lesson preparation (Using Teachers' Guide and Student's Take-Home Sheet)
6. Creative ways to open your class

Assignment: Give trainee the lesson to be taught 2 or 3 weeks away. Set up meetings on the same evening as you have been meeting or another to personally (on a one-to-one situation) help with the preparation of their lesson (established teacher could con-

duct this). Trainee is to come the next week with some written ideas and plans for the lesson.

Sessions VI & VII—Practice

Individual instruction on planning the lesson. Suggestions on what to do if you have extra time.

Familiarize trainee with location of materials and equipment, procedure of keeping attendance records, if or when there is a prayer time for teachers, date of next teachers' meeting.

ADDITIONAL HELPS

1. Meet early the day they teach to make certain the materials needed are there.
2. Answer any questions the trainee may have.
3. Pray with the trainee. Encourage and bless.
4. After class, encourage Trainee to tell you in what areas, if any, they feel they need help.
5. Praise and encouragement are essential for the Trainee as you review their class hour.
6. Make arrangements to meet for the planning of next week's lesson (this could be done over the telephone).
7. Follow-up training will occur from week to week as it is called for by the Trainee. Keep in mind that the Trainee is now largely on his own.
8. The key to effective Teacher-Training is making oneself completely available to new teachers.
9. Equipment for each teacher will include a prepared loose leaf notebook containing AUC material for one quarter or one year or two years, teachers Guide and Take-Home Sheet and a Bible.
10. Continue communication, support, appreciation, evaluation regularly and training at monthly teachers' meetings.

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NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

FINALIZED PLACEMENTS: **Ross Tucker** (1977), Port Richey, Florida; **Frank** (1982) & **Louise Munkel** (1982), Lincoln, Nebraska; **Jack Van Orman** (1982), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; **Jim Dawson** (1974), Cincinnati, Ohio; **Ed Hoge** (1962), St. Petersburg, Florida; **Jack Graf** (1981), Warren, Michigan (as Jack Boland's associate); **Ken Brabeau** (1960), Fresno, California; **Julie Keene** (1982), Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; **Mary Fourchalk** (1969), New Westminster, BC, Canada; **Irma Oestman** (1982), Palm Springs, California (as Dale Batesole's associate); **Maya Brandenberger** (1970), Montreal, Quebec, Canada; **Rod Tally** (1975), Topeka, Kansas; **Dan Mueller** (1982), Carlsbad, California; **Sylvia Scherer** (1982), Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; **Dee Farr** (1982), Crystal Lake, Illinois; **Giita Clark** (1982), Unity Center of Joplin, Missouri; **Dee Thompson Meek** (1982), Unity of Joplin, Missouri; **Don Bould** (1972), Orlando, Florida; **Clotia Robinson** (1982), Oakland/Berkeley, California; **Edna Sampson Powers** (1970), Long Beach, California; **Judith Childress** (1980), Honolulu, Hawaii (as Michael Murphy's associate); **Sue Ellen Kelly** (1976), Wichita, Kansas (as Co-Minister with Marlin White); **John Williamsen** (1982), Jefferson City, Missouri (as associate with wife, Barbara); **Lafayette Seymour** (1982), Washington, D.C.; **Teresa Lee** (1982), Canton, Massachusetts; **Bryan Graham** (1982), Jupiter, Florida; **Thora Hess** (1982), Unity Ministerial School; **Mark Yarnell** (1979), Austin, Texas; **Joyce DelViscovo** (1982), Salina, Kansas; **Jeannette Hedge**, Santa Barbara, California (as associate to William Helmbold); and **Onita Meyer** is serving as interim minister in Sarasota, Florida.

Unity of Salt Lake, Utah, Ruth Burkett, minister, moved into their new building on Easter Sunday. The building has been refurbished with members doing all of the labor. Unity of Salt Lake began as a small study group in 1976 and was incorporated in 1979. The center has now grown to over 100 members. Congratulations to the entire congregation of Unity of Salt Lake knowing that the new center will be blessed with love and light.

Christ Church Unity of New Hampshire, Wallace Rd. RFD 2, Bedford, New Hampshire, has 50 of the Unitv in Song blue hymnals that they will be happy to share with any group interested in having them. They ask that the postage be paid on shipping the books but the hymnals will be given as a gift of love. If interested contact Mrs. Joy Richardson at the above address.

Unity Church of Decatur has copies of the Donald Curtis videotapes, "Your Thoughts Can Change Your Life," in both Beta and VHS system modes. There are 12 lessons on the tapes which may be either borrowed or copied on a love-offering basis. These tapes are available for in-church use as part of the pilot project completed by the AUC Media Communications Development Committee. Paperback books of the same name may be ordered from DeVors Publishers for class use. Tapes

will be sent on a "first come, first served" basis.

Unity of Pensacola, Florida, Glory Andersen, minister, hosted a seminar for study groups on May 1st for study groups in the Southeast Region. Thirty participants learned about organization, advertising, self-growth and importance of prayer and harmonious group activities. If you would like to receive any information about the workshop please contact Glory Andersen.

Unity of Livonia, Michigan, Eugene Sorensen, minister, has formed a group of Senior Adults called "The Wise Guys." "The Wise Guys" are a group of people 50 years of age and older that meet once a month for a special luncheon and day of fellowship based on Unity concepts and principles. The name comes from "Senior Citizens of this period in time are the wise people among us; having wisdom, judgement, and experience of age." The group symbol is "The Wise Old Owl." The group is coordinated by Bonita Steele, Licensed Unity Teacher.

Ralph Seelig, minister of Unity Centre of Truth, PO Box 101, Brighton, England BN1 6SY, is looking for a copy of the book All Things Made New by F. Foulks. If you know where Ralph could obtain a copy of the book please contact him.

Unity Truth Church, 171 Unity Way, Vista California 92083, Berton Coffey, minister, has an Elliott desk-top addresser, Dispatcher model. It uses five line typewriter addressable stencils and will do 1000 addresses an hour. The center is asking \$90.00 to pay for having it serviced, plus a love offering. A supply of trays, ink and other supplies will be included. The addresser was recently appraised at \$400-600. For further information, please contact Bert Coffey.

The First Annual Workshop at Sea will be held December 4-11, 1982. The program is entitled "Creative Balance: Stress Management for Human Services Professionals." It will be led by a group of experienced specialists, including Gerald Jampolsky. The self-care program is co-sponsored by the Center for New Learning and the Division of Continuing Education, University of Florida. For more information contact Holbrook Travel, 3520 NW 13th St., Gainesville, Florida 32601.

The following article appeared in the San Diego Union: "When Bob and Marky Watkins got married in the Church of the Little Flower in Oklahoma City, they vowed that if all worked out well, they would renew their vows in 25 years. Happily, they will do so tonight at Christ Church Unity in El Cajon, with daughters, Maria and Shari as bridesmaids. They waited for arrival of Bob's parents, Bryan and Bess Watkins, from Oklahoma City, who are celebrating their 50th anniversary. Now the two couples will renew their vows together." Arthur Hammons, minister in El Cajon, California, performed this special ceremony.

The Northwest Region YOUers held a Rally at Seabeck,

Washington. The theme was "Living a Life of Illusions," based on the teachings of the Course In Miracles. Speakers included Charles King, Bob Wasner, Dick and Alice Everts and Shirley Zobrist. There were 164 YOUers in attendance, all coming together for enthusiastic caring and sharing.

Unity Church of the Valley, Eugene, Oregon, recently held a surprise appreciation day party for their minister, Scott Thornton. A box filled with letters and notes of love and gratitude for Scott and for Unity was presented to him, to be read at his leisure. Scott also received a gift of a portrait of Jesus, head thrown back in laughter. As a coincidence Scott's service that day had been on the medicine of mirth and the healing of laughter.

Gerrie Schober, minister of Unity of Hamilton, Ohio, was pleased to be asked to give the Protestant worship service for the District Convention of the Kiwanis Key Club in Cincinnati. She was told it was the first time a woman minister had given this service since the Kiwanis is a men's organization.

Unity Center of Truth, Anderson, Indiana, served by Virginia Clement, minister, celebrated their first service in their new church home on April 25th. Blessings of love and light to everyone at Unity Center of Truth, knowing that you are being blessed every day in every way!

Unity of Whidbey, Freeland, Washington, celebrated their fifth anniversary with Scott and Judy Sherman as guest speakers. Other special guests included Helen Hampson and Joe and Helen Stiegler. Congratulations to Unity of Whidbey. God's light is shining on your pathway always, guiding you to your highest good.

Jim Dawson, Unity Temple of Truth, Cincinnati, Ohio, is looking for blueprints and drawings of church buildings. If you have any you would like to share, please send them to Jim at 18 W. 9th St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. He would like facilities that would be one quarter of a million to three-quarters of a million dollars. Jim will be happy to pay postage and return the prints to you.

Another—YOU ASKED FOR IT!

A beautiful new resource—Twelve Power I AM Mandala poster. This poster is a sun with twelve rays, each color-coded with a power and the corresponding disciple. The twelve powers poster on 10 pt. card stock is an excellent teaching aid for those using the AUC Color Key Program, WonderWord, The Twelve Powers of Man by Charles Fillmore or as a way to enhance your teaching environment. Posters can be ordered for \$5.00, plus postage, from AUC, P.O. Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063.

Special Recognition

In recognition of exceptional leadership skills, devotion to Unity principles and dedicated service to the Unity movement, the Association of Unity Churches lovingly conferred *ordination* to the following persons at our 1982 Conference:

Milly Collins, Ann Arbor, Michigan; **Carmen V. Figuerora**, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; **Donna J. & Edward T. Hooper**, Hollywood, Florida; **Charles King**, Walla Walla, Washington; **Laurel Marston**, Brooklyn, New York; **Paula McClellan**, Unity Village, Missouri; **Frank K. Munkel**, Lincoln, Nebraska; **Nancy L. Neal**, Unity Village, Missouri; **Shay St. John**, Savannah, Georgia; **Olga L. Rojas De Sanchez**, Caguas, Puerto Rico; **Leddy Schmelig**, Clearwater, Florida; and **M. Virginia Wolford**, Lima, Ohio.

The following persons received *Licensed Minister* status also at that time:

Dorothy Mae Curtis, Dallas, Texas; **John L. Dupree**, Denver, Colorado; **Joan M. McKee**, Kerrville, Texas; **Margaret J. Pounders**, Dallas, Texas; **Betty Sikking**, Portland, Oregon; **Nicholas Sidovar**, Austin, Texas; and **Shirley M. Zobrist**, Kent, Washington.

On June 15, 1982, the following persons received recognition as *Licensed Unity Teachers*:

V. J. Barnes, Unity Village, MO; **Paul Borden**, Rochester, New York; **Judith Carpenter (Fisher)**, St. Joseph, Missouri; **Lorien S.V. Cohen**, Kansas City, Missouri; **Violet Headley**, Scarborough, Ont., Canada; **Laurie Killam**, Salem, Virginia; **Marilyn J. Olson**, Greenwood, Missouri; **Brenda S. Owens**, Santa Monica, California; **Garnet Quimby**, St. Paul, Minnesota; and **Marjorie W. Todd**, New Canaan, Connecticut.

SPARKPLUGS

Unity School Promotion and Editorial Departments

Thousands of children worldwide have a friend who will be 89 years old in July, 1982. This friend is *WEE WISDOM Magazine*.

WEE WISDOM maintains a lively correspondence with many of its young friends; hundreds of letters are received monthly. Many contain children's original writings submitted to the Writers' Guild, a popular participation feature of the magazine, or a "good word" for the Good Words Booster Club. Other more poignant letters are written by children who seek advice on particular living challenges, such as getting along with teachers, friends, parents, and other family members. These are sensitively answered by *WEE WISDOM* staff members. Letters with prayer needs are often referred to Silent Unity.

Many delightful letters are published in *WEE WISDOM*.

Here are excerpts from recent issues--they tell, in children's own words, what they think about their friend *WEE WISDOM*:

"Thank you for sending me *WEE WISDOM*. I love reading the stories and doing the puzzlers. *WEE WISDOM* helps me get closer to God." Barbie, Indiana.

"I like *WEE WISDOM* because it makes me happy when I am sad. It gives me a chance to be kind and loving to others. I can be nice and say that it's part of the Booster Club." Treasa, California

"I love, love, love, love, love, love to read *WEE WISDOM*." Robbie, Missouri

"*WEE WISDOM* cheers me up when I'm down and puts love in my heart." Madona, Washington

"I notice in the stories and the Good Words Booster Club that you try to bring the readers together in love to have a happier life. If I ever owned an awards company, you would get the best." Cheryl, Maine

"I wish I could have your magazine every other day. It helps me a lot in reading at school." Jeremy, Kansas

"I would love to be in the Booster Club. I really like using the 'four actions' of the club. When I use them, I find people treating me the same way." Kristin, New Jersey

"*WEE WISDOM* has taught me that there is something nice about everything and everyone. One story I read a while ago taught me that a promise made is a promise kept. I am very careful when I make promises now." Araba, West Africa

"What I like best is "What's the Good Word?" The words really help me to be a better person. Keep putting in all that good stuff, and I'll keep reading." Brittany, Texas

"Fan" letters come not only from children. Many letters arrive from adults who were introduced to *WEE WISDOM* as children. They are, in turn, presenting it to a younger generation. An affectionate letter from a grandmother says:

"I'd like to add a sentimental word about *WEE WISDOM*. When I was a little girl in the 30's I had to live with an aunt in the country and I had no other children to play with. That dear aunt saved pennies in order to get *WEE WISDOM* for me and what a treat when it came in the mail. I really learned to read from *WEE WISDOM*. I would take it and go out and catch one of the big white hens or the cat and her kittens or the dog and I would read every word to them and show them the pictures. I will never forget how much *WEE WISDOM* meant to a lonely child so many years ago." M.F.B., California

WEE WISDOM has blessed and continues to bless many lives. Let us join voices to wish this remarkable magazine enduring success in speaking Truth to children of all ages. Happy 89th Birthday, *WEE WISDOM*!



The Art of Appreciation

The AUC office recently received a letter from one of the Unity ministries concerning the art of appreciation. We wanted to share these ideas with you. The essence of the letter was that the Center had been tithing to other Unity Centers but an acknowledgement of the gift was never received.

We have extracted parts of the letter which we felt would be helpful to all of us in remembering others:

"I do not think we have received one reply from any Unity Church to whom we have sent gifts. They have been in various parts of the country, and the gifts have been over many months. It is not always easy for me, month by month, to suggest yet another church to our board when we haven't had any acknowledgements at all. Our board does not complain--in fact I marvel at their willingness to continue to listen to me. I feel this is important and perhaps we can come up with some suggestions."

We urge all Unity Centers and study groups to acknowledge any gifts of love, small or large. Gratefully acknowledging friends as being loving channels of His substance is an important part of the church building and growing process.

"HINK-LINKS"

If God did not want us to have
the joy of surprise, He never
would have created blossoms . . .
He could have just made STEMS!

Tapes are now available for the Conference activities. The breakdown is as follows:

Jean Houston Lecture--The Possible Human--Two 90-minute tapes--\$9.00

Jean Houston Lecture--New Ways of Being--Two 90-minute tapes--\$9.00

Concert (Unity Village Choir--West Side Unity Choir/Charles King)--One 90-minute tape

Church Building and Finances (Jay Dishman/Joyce Kramer) Two 90-minute tapes--\$9.00

Death and Dying (Glenn Mosley)--Two 90-minute tapes--\$9.00

Conference attendees who already ordered copies of the tapes will be receiving them within the next four weeks. If you would like to receive any of the above tapes, please send your order to the AUC, P.O. Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063. You will be billed for them upon dispatch of tapes. The Concert tape is offered on a love offering basis.

ANNOUNCEMENT!!

The World Federation of Healing invites you to participate in a five-day seminar on Wholistic Health & Spiritual Healing--"Man, Know Thyself." Join this learning experience September 12-17 at Unity Village.

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Memorials

Vera Dawson Tait made her transition on May 21, 1982. Vera worked in Unity since 1942 and was ordained in 1966. She had been a Unity minister for many years and had been living in Kansas City since her retirement. Vera had served in Edmonton, Alberta, and Vancouver, B.C., Canada; and Nashville, Tennessee. She also taught in the Unity ministerial training program.

Margaret Nichols, Unity Licensed Teacher from Dallas, Texas, made her transition recently.

Kay Arndt made her transition on June 30, 1982. Kay was ordained in 1963 and served as assistant minister in Portland, Oregon, before accepting Bellevue, Washington in 1965.

Mabel Butts made her transition on June 29, 1982. Mabel was ordained in 1952 and has served in Atlanta, Georgia, since that time. It was reported that Mabel had just turned 100 years old on her birthday this year.

We have recently received word that **Gertrude Tuntland**, minister of Unity Church of Truth, Pomona, California has made her transition. Gertrude had been ordained 1956 and served Unity Church of Truth since that time.

Ernest C. Wilson made his transition on July 9, 1982. Ernest first came to Unity in 1927 where he conducted Sunday school classes and served as editor of all Unity publications. In addition, he served with Charles and Myrtle Fillmore at Unity on the Plaza, and was appointed minister upon the resignation of Charles Fillmore in 1933. He was ordained a Unity minister in 1934. In 1942, Ernest founded Christ Church, Unity, in Los Angeles, California, which had a membership of 8,000 when he left in 1965 to return to Unity on the Plaza. He retired from active service as a Unity minister in May, 1976, and lived in the Kansas City, Missouri, area since that time.

David Schumacher made his transition on July 13, 1982. David was ordained in 1967. He served as Editor of Progress Magazine before accepting Springfield, Missouri, in 1968.

1982 UMS GRADUATING CLASS



Row 1--left to right: Cisley Malmi, Riley Allen, Dawne Brooks, Dee Farr, Bryan Graham, Thora Hess, Colleen Lehnus, Phil Schlaefel, Walter Jones, Lafayette Seymour.

Row 2--left to right: Hypatia Hasbrouck, Dean of Faculty; Julie Keene, Clotia Robinson, Sherman Olson, June Robison, Walter Larick, Shirley Katrobos, Bill Katrobos, Giita Clark,

Greg Neteler, Louise Munkel, Joyce DelViscovo, Ruth Mosley, President of the Association of Unity Churches.

Row 3--left to right: Irma Oestmann, Sylvia Scherer, Dan Mueller, Vivian Huber, Dee Thompson Meeks, Freddi Parysek, Pete Parysek, Helice Greene, Jack Van Orman, Sonja Creech, Teresa Lee, Harald Szemkus, Renate von Luxburg, and John Williamsen.

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

Statement of General Funds Operations

Two Months Ended May 31, 1982

	April	May	Year to Date
INCOME—OPERATIONS:			
Love Offerings	\$51,033.45	\$48,867.75	\$99,901.20
Other Income	6,151.01	1,777.53	7,928.54
	<u>57,184.46</u>	<u>50,645.28</u>	<u>107,829.74</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	5,103.35	4,886.78	9,990.13
	<u>52,081.11</u>	<u>45,758.40</u>	<u>97,839.61</u>
Gross Profit Materials	3,814.42	3,955.01	7,769.43
Total Income	<u>55,895.53</u>	<u>49,713.51</u>	<u>105,609.04</u>
EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:			
Ministry Services	39,329.61	32,987.82	72,317.43
Ministerial Education	14,498.70	13,114.40	27,613.10
Total Expenses	<u>53,828.31</u>	<u>46,102.22</u>	<u>99,930.53</u>
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 2,067.22</u>	<u>\$ 3,611.29</u>	<u>\$ 5,678.51</u>

Unity School Contribution To The AUC Through Services Provided

May 1, 1981 – April 30, 1982: \$127,354.56

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

1982 AUC Conference Committee Reports

EXPANSION COMMITTEE:

The Expansion Committee met on June 8 and 9 and the following recommendations were made and approved by the AUC Board of Trustees: The Committee reviewed all applications for funding under the Expansion Tithe Program. Funding was to be used for revitalization of old ministries with excellent facilities; study groups with potential for growth ready to assume the responsibilities of a full ministry; and for the growing needs of urban ministries. The Committee felt that the following ministries met the criteria and funds were allotted for a six-month period of time. The churches to be granted funding are: Christ Church Unity, Lincoln, Nebraska, Frank and Louise Munkel, ministers; Unity Church of Denton, Texas, Cheryl Trafton, minister; One in Spirit Unity Center, Canton, Massachusetts, Teresa Lee, minister; Oakland/Berkeley Unity Church, California, Clotia Robinson, minister; Unity of Jupiter, Florida, Bryan Graham, minister; a new Unity center in Washington, D.C., Lafayette Seymour, minister. The Committee requests that any other interested ministry wanting to apply for a funding grant to please do so before the Committee reconvenes the week of January 17-21, 1983. The criteria will be available to you through the AUC office. Other progress to date reported by the committee is as follows: Spring and Summer issues of Helping Hand were completed and mailed to 700 study groups and ministries; 21 new affiliated groups have been established and 21 informal study groups were located. There are 14 study groups within the vicinity of Unity Village, being led by MITs on a weekly basis. Seminars were offered on a regional basis for study groups for the purpose of sharing techniques and ideas. Forty outreach packets were mailed as a result of the announcement in CONTACT.

PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

The Professional Enrichment Program Committee recommended that all regional presidents and representatives be sent reminders of procedures for applying for and receiving credit approval for regional professional enrichment classes or workshops held in the region; that an article or questionnaire be placed in CONTACT asking readers to inform the professional enrichment Committee about interesting workshops or seminars which they are aware of that are either conducted by Unity ministers or other qualified experts. The workshops and seminars for post-graduate credit were approved for the 1983 Conference.

LICENSING AND ORDINATION COMMITTEE:

The L & O Committee recommended that they would meet with the graduating MITs in January and again in June prior to final decisions on graduates regarding ordination or licensed minister status. The MITs will not give a talk in June prior to ordination, but will have an evaluation session with them. MITs will be permitted to start placement procedures in April. This has been the practice in the past.

AUC MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

The Committee reported that a ten-week pilot series of 30-minute programs, based on "The Best Is Yet To Be," has run on cable TV in several areas. Based on this experience, Unity of Maui, Phil and Dorothy Pierson, ministers, are prepared to work with ministries that would like to present this program over local cable television facilities. A twelve-part video tape class series based on "Your Thoughts Can Change Your Life," featuring Donald Curtis, has successfully run in Decatur, Illinois. Copies of this are available on a love offering basis from Unity of Decatur. Contributions on Media Communications have been contributed to the new Ministers' Resource Handbook.

AUC OFFICE EVALUATION COMMITTEE:

The Basic Four System Word Processor has been installed in the AUC office. Additional printer will be needed as soon as possible to utilize the capabilities of the equipment. Full use of this new equipment, along with extra peripherals that will be required, will enable the AUC to provide many new services to our member ministries.

HYMNBOOK COMMITTEE:

The Committee reported that Sharon Patterson had approximately one-half of the 350 selections returned from the engravers ready to be printed. The balance should be completed by Fall. Complete indexing will need to be done before the material can be turned over to editorial for printing and binding. The projected completion time is Fall 1983, though Conference of next year is still a possibility. The price is expected to hold at \$4.95. Responsive readings were submitted and it was suggested that the readings be placed throughout the hymnbook in respective sections, such as twelve powers, candlelighting, etc. Any materials received by August 31 of this year will be considered and appreciated. Please submit this to Marilyn Rieger, chairperson.

EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE:

Education Liaison Committee reported suggestions for establishing a cassette library for AUC and initial investment of up to \$1,200 for the first two years. The Committee reported the level of satisfaction with the ministerial school is very high. Of the MITs answering the recent survey, 98% responded with the statement "in general I am satisfied with my UMS education so far" with either very high or high agreement. There is a feeling of cooperation among members of the Education Council and the Education Liaison Committee, the faculty and the MITs. The Committee wished to commend the faculty for their responsiveness and recommendations made at the result of the meeting with the ministers-in-training.

COUNCIL OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

The Committee reported to the Board that UMS school is functioning successfully and suggested an urgency in filling the open faculty position. The new elective program is developing well, classes in electives include Journalism, newsletter workshop, youth education leadership, hospital chaplaincy, music in ministry, and group dynamics. Progress assessment report

of the AUC Urban Ministerial was received from West Side Unity Church of Detroit. Eight graduates of the Urban school will be joining the second-year class of AUC ministers-in-training in July. The Council coordinated the admissions process for new students to the ministerial program. Thirty four were accepted of the ninety six interviewed.

GROUP SERVICES COMMITTEE:

The Groups Services Committee reported that they had been reviewing possible IRA carriers for the purpose of making individual retirement account investment which are tax deductible. They concluded that since there are so many worthy potential plans, each ministry would benefit by going through their own consultants. The Committee investigated professional liability mal-practice insurance. Some states, there may be maintenance of the common law charitable immunity exclusion from suit rule. The committee recommends that purchase of professional liability insurance be done on an individual basis from local insurance representatives and counselors. The Committee reviewed the MPPP and recommends that we continue with the present program with KC Bank and Trust and Wright Investment Services. We believe that their service over the past ten years is a good or better than any other plans being offered. Eight Unity churches have contracted property and liability coverage with Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance Company. Committee recommends more participation by member churches. The Committee elected to retain Aetna Insurance Program as is, however, to raise the deductible to \$500 to help stabilize costs as recommended by the Group Services Committee. The Committee recommends all AUC employees and covered dependents pay first \$100 of covered medical expenses. Thereafter AUC will pay 80% of covered expenses between \$100 and \$500. This should be made retroactive to May 1, 1982, so benefits remain as before. Victor Rosencrans will be broker and agent for committee programs and appointed him to the Committee as a member. Committee recommends associate ministers working for Unity School to continue with Bankers Life program upon agreement of Unity School. The continuing information series explaining and promoting various aspects of programs will be published in CONTACT magazine in the future. The Committee report was accepted and approved.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE:

The Finance and Budget Committee included provisions for an additional faculty member. Income was revised to reflect the percentage of love offerings in 1981-82. A review of the financial reports from May 31, 1982, showed love offerings were in line with the January income projection but fell short of the revised projected income by \$1,500 per month. The amount owed to Expansion Funds for Tithe Transfer at the end of 1981 was totally paid. The Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Finance and Budget to discontinue publication of *Circle of Light*. The Committee requested a written directive from the Board to each committee chairperson to present an itemized cost analysis for every major project to the Finance and Budget for consideration before obligating

funds. The 1983 Conference cost analysis needs to be available prior to the September meetings of the Executive Committee.

EXCEPTION FOR LICENSING COMMITTEE:

Exception for Licensing Committee recommended Joan McKee and Margaret Pounders to be considered to meet with the Licensing and Ordination Committee.

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE:

The International Ministries Committee reported that the Association of Unity Churches will communicate with the Instituto in Puerto Rico by mail in Spanish and express our support for their work, while expressing our decision to discontinue financial support from the headquarters. The Board of the AUC has expressed that the original purposes for the Instituto have been served. They recommended that an Ad-Hoc Committee be formed to develop a plan for an AUC sponsored retreat in Spanish to be held in a location suitable for such a program. A proposal for such a retreat will be prepared and presented to the Board in June 1983. The proposal will be budgeted so that the activity will be self-supporting. The Director of Ministry Services will express to Unity School the AUC recommendation that consideration be given to increasing the number of USRS courses available in Spanish and increase the amount of Unity literature available in Spanish.

LICENSED TEACHER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The Committee reported that the exact role of a Licensed Teacher varies within each ministry. Licensed teachers serve as a resource person for their ministers in the planning and execution of activities for the betterment of the ministry. Each minister should take time to clarify with the Licensed Teacher their mutual expectations of the teacher's role in that ministry. As church finances permit, licensed teachers should be considered for permanent or part-time employment. They will continue to work to upgrade the education of licensed teachers, with recommended classes for licensed teacher week and correlating and funneling information regarding educational needs of future licensed teacher for input to USRS. The Committee also suggested that there is more work at a regional level with licensed teachers, such as newsletters or other communications, licensed teacher representatives providing aid as requested to teachers, discussion groups of ministers with licensed teachers and special teacher-to-teacher sharing. The Committee will continue to work on an informational booklet to be used in local ministries that explains what a Licensed Teacher is and does, the training and dedication required and explaining the importance of the Licensed Teacher Code of Ethics, and defining his or her relationship with the minister, the Board of Directors, and other key persons in the ministry.

URBAN MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE:

The AUC Urban Ministerial School has completed its first two years and will be sending its first group of students to UMS for their final year of study. Students have participated in many community activities and services, including hospital and prison ministry. It has been a productive year for students

and teachers. Students have filled in the pulpit for ministers in Ann Arbor, Lansing, Flint, Jackson, Birmingham, Michigan and Down River.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

The Committee reported that all Conference plans for 1982 were finalized and at this time the registration stands at approximately 350 ministers, licensed teachers, and guests. Plans for the 1983 Conference were discussed with Conference speakers to be Charlie and Martha Shedd, who will be doing a "Fun in Marriage" Workshop on June 14 and 15. Some of the books written by the Shedds are Celebration in the Bedroom, and The Stork is Dead. Next year's banquet will be a street dance held in the parking lot across from the Unity Inn, featuring a picnic style dinner with country western dancing following. Any suggestions for next year's Conference will be gladly accepted by the Program Committee.

NOTE: For further information on Committee reports, please contact the AUC office and a complete copy of the report will be sent to you.

ALSO: If you are interested in serving on any of the AUC Committees for 1983, please contact our new President, Jack Barker, as soon as possible.



Mortgage Burning Ceremony

What do you do when you burn the mortgage on the church? "You burn the mortgage and give those attending a memento of the occasion," says Ross Tucker, minister of Unity Church of Decatur, Illinois, who had this experience.

Ross came across some unused "Faith Bonds" which helped raise funds to finish the interior of the sanctuary when Unity Church of Decatur was constructed in 1957. When an anonymous gift was recently given of more than \$2,000 to retire the mortgage, the ceremony was held. The mortgage was burned and the souvenir Faith Bonds were distributed. Ross added that "This doesn't mean we can rest on our laurels. Our Board also has decided that from here on out to use monies previously directed to retiring the mortgage to begin a capital fund where needed improvements can be made on a cash and carry basis, thus avoiding high interest rates and indebtedness."

Calendar of Events

JULY

- 3-9 Freedom Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 11-17 YOU Conference, Unity Village, MO
- 24- UICE Session 1, Unity Village, MO
- Aug. 6
- 25-31 SCUCA Laymen's Regional Retreat, Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, CO

AUGUST

- 1-7 Great Lakes Unity Lay Persons Retreat, Delaware, OH
- 7-20 UICE Session 2, Unity Village, MO
- 22-26 Northwest Ministers & Teachers Conference, Coeur d'Alene, ID
- 24-29 Young Adults Conference, Unity Village, MO

SEPTEMBER

- 1-3 UMTC Laypersons Conference, Las Vegas, NV
- 4-10 Retiro Para Amigos Hispanos (Spanish-speaking only) Unity Village, MO
- 18-24 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 27-30 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

OCTOBER

- 1-3 Texas R & R Retreat, Camp Waldemar, Kerrville, Texas, Family Activities
- 2-8 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 9-22 UICE Session 3, Unity Village, MO
- 23- UICE Session 4, Unity Village, MO
- Nov. 5

NOVEMBER

- 20-26 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, MO

**1983
JANUARY**

- 17-21 AUC Mid-Year Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 30- UMTC Southwest Conference, Descanso, CA
- Feb. 1

APRIL

- 25-28 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

JUNE

- 7-10 AUC Pre-Conference Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 12-17 AUC Conference, Unity Village, MO

SEPTEMBER

- 19-23 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

Dear Ruth,

The staff of the AUC Office wishes to take this opportunity to thank you for the pleasure of working with you as President during the past year.

The love and caring you have shown all of us during the past twelve months has been a lesson of love none of us are soon to forget.

Your past year was filled with hectic schedules, traveling across the continent, and guest speaking throughout many of our Unity centers, but we were never forgotten. Not a holiday passed that the AUC staff was not remembered in a special way by you, Ruth.

The wisdom and guidance you have provided for us are treasures most people never find. The eternal law of giving and receiving assures us that the more happiness we give away--the more happiness returns to bless us. We see you, Ruth, living and enjoying this law to the fullest.

We hope that you will take time for yourself now that your responsibilities of President have passed, and are able to enjoy some quiet time alone.

Thank you, Ruth, for all you have done for us. You are enfolded in our love, and we see all good coming to you. You are blessed and you are a blessing to the Unity movement.

In love and light,

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES
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The

President's

Letter

I once saw a sign above a cash register in a small store that read: "In God we trust, all others pay cash." These words may elicit a thought of humor or one of sadness at this sense of the human condition.

We, who are teachers/students of Truth, have long acknowledged that we are all the expressers of God and His ideas into creation. We are His instruments, His hands, His voice or anything else that is.

So, when we speak of trust in God, where do we draw the line? At what point do we feel that God is no longer in charge? Is God in you to be trusted more than God in me?

The word "Trust" is defined as "faithful." We are all faithful to the Spirit of Truth, as we understand it.

Trust also means: "assured reliance on the character, ability, strength or truth of someone or something." It would seem that we can rely upon the Spirit of Truth in each of us to see us through all things."

Trust means as well: "one in which confidence is placed." You and I are the ones in whom God has placed Himself. Is there any greater confidence to be shown?

Trust in God! There is no other.

Blessings,

Jack



Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It overwhelms and engulfs all obstacles. It is nothing more nor less than faith in action.

— Henry Chester

NOTICE

Please use the AUC's new address for all mail. We are still receiving much of our mail at the old address. In order to expedite our services to you, please use the new address:

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It is an unusual day when we do not receive an inquiry from some individual living in a city or town where there is, at present, no Unity center, asking about the possibility of starting a center. This provokes the conflicting emotions of both satisfaction and frustration. We feel satisfaction at the knowledge that more and more people are becoming aware of this healing, harmonizing and prospering ministry that is Unity, yet frustrated that we are unable immediately to satisfy the demand.

Debi Maynard, Outreach Coordinator, sends most of these inquirers information as to how to start a study group, and many new study groups are formed in this way. When the inquirer is situated reasonably close to an existing ministry, the minister is informed. It is those groups that are able to receive the help of a nearby minister that are most likely, one day, to result in the establishment of a new center.

The frequency of these inquiries prompts me to suggest, once again, that ministers and boards of existing Unity churches should aggressively seek opportunities of founding new centers in, and around, their cities. Very few of our larger urban centers can be regarded as being saturated by facilities for obtaining Unity teachings. Most have but one church, and this is convenient for a relatively small proportion of the people.

There is a law of supply and demand. In spiritual matters,

these two factors are equal. But in the slow-moving world of people and material things, there can sometimes be apparent inequality. At this time, seven of the 1982 Ordinands and fifteen experienced ministers without centers are seeking placement. This is a total of twenty-two leaders. Not all of the centers listed month by month in The Minister's Letter are to be considered as available ministries. Some are filled by interim leaders, and others are not able to offer enough to attract a person with normal financial requirements. Thus we would seem to have more trained leaders available than there are suitable slots to place them. Further, in June of 1983, we will be graduating, and ordaining, upwards of 50 new Unity ministers. I cannot conceive that we will be able to absorb that number by the normal attrition of retirement.

At the last Conference, the Board of Trustees acted on the recommendation of the Expansion Committee and allocated \$66,000 to approved developing centers to assist them to becoming completely self-supporting. We suggest that every ministry and board reevaluate their local situation and give consideration to actively engaging in some missionary work by encouraging the formation of groups that one day can develop into new, self-sustaining Unity centers. In this way, the needs of our communities for Truth teachings will be met and our movement will grow.

Charles A. Neal
Director of Ministry Services



HEART OF TEXAS RETREAT

OCTOBER 1-3, 1982

The Unity Heart of Texas Retreat will be held at Camp Waldemar, Hunt, Texas, on October 1-3, 1982. The program will feature inspirational lectures, question and answer panels, meditations, joy singing, motivational workshops, children's programs, and hiking, swimming, putting greens and tennis. The Unity Churches throughout Texas are sponsoring this exciting program. The housing facilities will be cabins, with the campsite offering an awe-inspiring view of the beautiful Texas Hill Country. The "Heart of Texas Retreat" will be a time of experiencing growth together in fun, fellowship and love in the inherent ONENESS we are. For more information contact "Unity of the Hill Country," 413 Lois Street, Kerrville, Texas 78028. **FINAL DATE FOR REGISTRATION: September 15.**

UMS News & Views

by Hypatia Hasbrouck, Dean of Faculty



If the size of the UMS student body indicates the future of the Unity field movement, it is one of continued expansion. UMS has the largest enrollment ever. The second-year class reached a total of 51 when the 8 former Urban MITs (who completed the first year program in the Urban Ministerial School in Detroit) joined it. The first year class numbers 31. That means that UMS is now preparing 82 individuals to serve as Unity field ministers.

Of course, not all will serve in the United States. Every year, the call to the Unity ministry is heard by persons beyond its borders. This year, the call was answered by one person in Nigeria and one in British Columbia. The rest of the first-year MITs responded in the following states: California 5; Colorado 4; Florida 1; Idaho 1; Illinois 1; Kansas 1; Missouri 8; Montana 1; New Jersey 1; New York 1; North Carolina 1; Ohio 1; South Carolina 1; Virginia 1; Washington 1.

Although the student body is large, UMS can now accommodate it comfortably. During the summer, a wall was removed to make one large classroom out of the medium-sized and the small one. In addition to more space, there was a bonus of increased flexibility; the new, large classroom has no windows, so the huge second-year class can move into it whenever an instructor needs to show films.

The full-time faculty increased, too, when Thora Hess joined it as Assistant Faculty member. A 1982 ordinand, Thora has a rich background in education to enhance her ability to teach Unity fundamentals and assist in other curriculum areas. Sallye Taylor is also with us, serving part-time this quarter on the communication skills team.

Last school year, the curriculum was expanded by the elective program. Now with expanded space and expanded faculty, UMS can meet the needs of the expanded student body as MITs prepare to meet the needs of the expanding Unity field movement.



Wedding Bells

Alan Stanley, minister of Unity Center of Practical Christianity, Miami, Florida, and Catherine Clancey, were united in marriage at the church on August 7th. Barbara Provost performed the ceremony. We bless you and send you our love, and every good wish for peace, joy and happiness.

YOU Report

Brooks Myers, YOU Coordinator

Before accepting my current job as YOU Coordinator, I served in several churches as a YOU Sponsor. During my years as a Sponsor I was fond of telling people that I was involved with YOU because "young people are the future of the church." I no longer make statements like that. From talking with people inside and outside of Unity who have devoted much of their lives to youth education, I have learned that it is more accurate to say "young people are an important part of the church now!" I have expanded my concept of "church" from a Sunday morning lesson to a community of people dedicated to the journey of spiritual unfoldment. It is a community of all ages and in this community the spiritual development of each individual is equally valid and important.

The "church of the future" notion fails in a number of ways. It encourages a subtle form of discrimination that can influence the allocation of attention and resources given for youth programs.

If the choice is between the church of tomorrow and the church of today, it seems natural to focus on the group we consider to be the current church. Immediate needs usually take priority.

The church of the future notion also fails to recognize that youth need the Truth teaching in their lives just as much as adults. The challenges faced by young people are no less difficult or spiritually demanding than those faced by adults. In fact, the life philosophy decisions made at 13 or 14 probably have a more permanent and powerful force in directing life patterns than decisions made later in life.

Finally, the church of tomorrow idea ignores the fact that young people, not only receive from the church, but also make a great contribution to the church, if we are willing to accept their gifts. Young people bring an innocence, an idealism and an enthusiasm that can teach, serve and enliven a congregation.

In letting go of the "church of the future" idea, I have adopted a wholistic perspective. Wholistic approaches are getting considerable attention these days and I think young people in Unity will benefit as a result.

To me a wholistic approach in ministry means that everyone is included, every need is valued and every person is served. I believe that by adopting this perspective, the sense of spiritual community will be strengthened in our churches and centers and we will see more clearly that all ages are one in a bond of love.



FAREWELL . . .

I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY

*I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard—
I felt the answer in my heart
Although he spoke no word!
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind)—
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small—
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all!*



Author Unknown

Maggie Finefrock, Youth Education Coordinator, will be leaving the Association of Unity Churches on the 31st of August. She will be traveling to Ohio for a week of hectic packing and a short visit with her family. She will leave Ohio on September 7th to journey to Nepal. Once reaching Nepal she will undergo a 90 day training session; learning the Nepalese language, customs and becoming acclimated to her new surroundings. When the training period is over she will then go to her post, where she will be the only Westerner. Maggie will be teaching English, among other subjects, to the people in the Village. It will be a two-to-three-day walk to visit Villages where other Peace Corps volunteers will be stationed. Maggie will be in Nepal for the next two years.

Maggie is a beautiful, dedicated to her profession, soul-inspired lady. She will be missed by all of her co-workers and the many members of her "Unity family." We wish Maggie God-speed in her new career and know that she will touch the lives of all those she meets in her travels. As soon as we have Maggie's address in Nepal, we will publish it in **CONTACT**, so you will be able to write to her and let her know all of the fantastic work you are doing with the youth in your centers. We hope that you will especially remember her during the holidays in the next two years.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Never before has one person influenced my life in the way Maggie has in the past three years. I am grateful for having the opportunity to get to know this incredibly beautiful lady. She has taught me more about the gift of giving and receiving love than I ever knew was possible. Maggie, I love you, bless you and appreciate you!*

I know that God's light will shine on your pathway always! You have our prayers and blessings daily knowing that God is your help in every need! Until we meet again. . .

I love you!

NEW EMPLOYEE



The Association of Unity Churches is happy to report that the position of Youth Education Coordinator has been filled by **Ron Tyson**. Ron has served as an executive leader in the Boy Scouts of America for the past 21 years, serving in Georgia, Japan, Florida and the Panama Canal Zone. Ron's strong background in program planning, training volunteers, communications and seminar coordination on an international level will be an asset to the AUC Youth Ministry Department. Ron will be working with Maggie Finefrock, until her resignation on August 31, when she will be leaving for Nepal with the Peace Corps. We ask you to join us in welcoming Ron to the staff of the AUC.

SPARKPLUGS

Unity School Promotion and Editorial Department

Talk topics and sermon starters from Unity publications... this month: "To Give Is to Receive"--the writings of Dr. Gerald Jampolsky in UNITY Magazine.

"Is it possible to experience inner peace rather than periods of pain, misery, and grief? Is it possible to find another way of looking at the world? Is it possible in the world we live in to apply the principles that Jesus taught centuries ago? I believe the answers to all of these questions is a firm yes."

Gerald G. Jampolsky, M.D.

Dr. Gerald Jampolsky, the founder of the Center for Attitudinal Healing, Tiburon, California, and a good friend of Unity, introduces his UNITY Magazine articles "To Give Is to Receive" with this quotation. "A Course in Miracles," says Dr. Jampolsky, was his inspiration for writing "To Give Is to Receive--a Mini Course for Healing Relationships and Bringing About Peace of Mind." Dr. Jampolsky is lavish in his praise for "A Course in Miracles," and gives it credit also for helping himself and many others to make beneficial changes in their personal and professional lives.

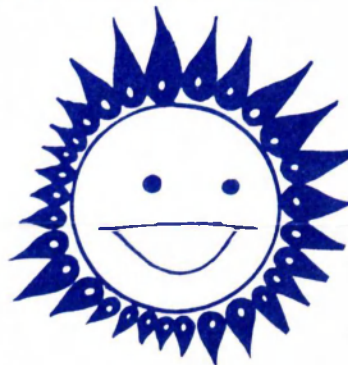
UNITY Magazine begins a series of twenty articles based upon the Mini Course in September. The first article introduces the Mini Course by printing the principles in their entirety. October's issue gives an overview, and for the following eighteen months Dr. Jampolsky discusses each principle individually and suggests practical ways they can be used to transform situations in daily life.

You will want to follow the series as it examines each point. Any of the Mini Course principles printed here can

inspire talks, sermons, or classes and the series can be helpful to counselees:

1. I am never upset for the reason I think.
2. I am determined to see things differently.
3. I can escape from the world I see by giving up attack thoughts.
4. I am not the victim of the world I see.
5. There is another way of looking at the world.
6. I could see peace instead of this.
7. There is nothing to fear.
8. Fear is not justified in any form.
9. To give and to receive are one in Truth.
10. Forgiveness is the key to happiness.
11. All that I give is given to myself.
12. In my defenselessness my safety lies.
13. Today I will judge nothing that occurs.
14. This instant is the only time there is.
15. The past is over. It can touch me not.
16. Only my condemnation injures me.
17. I can elect to change all thoughts that hurt.
18. I am responsible for what I see. I choose the feelings I experience, and I decide upon the goal I would achieve. And everything that seems to happen to me I ask for, and I receive as I have asked.

"A Course in Miracles" is published by the Foundation for Inner Peace, P.O. Box 635, Tiburon, California 94920 and "To Give Is to Receive--a Mini Course for Healing Relationships and Bringing About Peace of Mind" is published by the same foundation, P.O. Box 1012, Tiburon.



SURVEY RESULTS

The exact results of the survey taken at the June Conference pertaining to the Unity Ministerial School were as follows:

- Negotiate with Unity School--80
- Maintain AUC's Ministerial School--15
- Accept the Amended Proposal--34
- Accept the original Proposal--54
- Various Other Comments--15

The Association will move toward negotiation with Unity School. The AUC Executive Committee will be meeting with the Unity School Board for further negotiations in September.

Memorials

*Reprinted from The News-Leader, Springfield, Missouri
July 18, 1982*

DAVE SCHUMACHER'S MINISTRY OF LOVE

From the Old Testament of the Holy Bible came a message inspiring to all mankind: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

That thought comes to mind when addressing the prospect of a memorial message for one of Springfield's most beloved citizens--the Rev. David L. Schumacher, who died last Tuesday at the age of 39.

There are literally hundreds of people in Springfield who will swear that "Dave," as he preferred to be called, was indeed an angel--or at least that he served and ministered to them in the fashion which angels are supposed to serve and minister.

Dave Schumacher had the humor of a pixie, the wisdom of Socrates and the patience of Job. He refused to admit to personal defeat and he refused to allow those with whom he came into contact to think of themselves in a negative fashion. He believed in the self-worth of every human being and in the belief that each person has the innate capability of handling every single problem of life that is encountered--if only that individual can be made to "believe."

Dave used these personal characteristics to weld a faithful following at Christ Church Unity, 2214 E. Seminole in Springfield, over a period of 11 years. He was a man of religion for his time. He devoutly believed in the teachings of Jesus, but his religion was the daily application of those teachings. The church has dozens of tapes of his sermons, each filled with Dave's philosophy of religion and life, on file for future reference. He also believed that religion should not be feared, but should be loved, that church should be filled with laughter and bright music, not tears and dirges. Jazz might be included in his services, or popular music might be on the agenda.

But never was a lilting tune or a bit of humor disdainful to the task at hand--using Dave's interpretation of the Gospels to help his friends (not just his congregation, but his friends) through the difficult moments of daily life. And in that latter activity he had no peer.

Dave was a marvel in the pulpit, with his resonant voice and flair for the dramatic. But it was perhaps in personal counsel that he was at his best. Countless hours of countless days his mind and his ear belonged to the member of his flock who was in trouble, a sacrifice shared by his own family with the greatest of grace.

It was his request that he be cremated and that his ashes be cast upon the rose garden at Unity Village, near Lee's Summit. How like him to want his physical remains to be cast in the essence that only a rose can capture, while his deeds and words live on in the hearts of those to whom he ministered so selflessly.

*Reprinted from The Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri
July 11, 1982*

THE REV. ERNEST C. WILSON

The Rev. Ernest C. Wilson, 86, of 700 E. Eighth St., a prominent Unity minister and a pioneer in religious television programming, died Friday at University Hospital.

Mr. Wilson served the Unity church more than 60 years. He was appointed minister of the Unity Society of Practical Christianity by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, founders of the church, in 1934.

In 1938 Mr. Wilson founded the Christ Church Unity in Los Angeles. Under his guidance it became one of the largest Unity churches in the world, attaining a membership of 8,500. In 1965 he returned to Kansas City to again become senior minister of the society.

Mr. Wilson was considered a pioneer in religious television for his daily appearances on a Los Angeles television station, culminating in weekly network appearances on Betty White's NBC television show. Before that he had several syndicated radio programs.

Mr. Wilson also originated Unity's Christmas Candle-lighting and Easter Flower services.

He wrote 17 books, including The Emerging Self and The Great Physician, which introduced his Master Class lessons in 1932.

Mr. Wilson was editor-in-chief of Unity Publications from 1930 until 1938.

He was ordained in 1918 and also had been minister of the Cleveland Unity Center and was graduated from the Unity School of Christianity.



NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

FINALIZED PLACEMENTS: Walter Jones (1982) to San Juan Capistrano, California; Stan Hampson (1964) to Palo Alto, California; Helice Greene (1982) Interim, has accepted the invitation to be permanent minister in Oakton, Virginia; Unity Northeast, Kansas City, Missouri, has invited Les McClelland (1971), and he has accepted; Paula McClelland (1982) has accepted Springfield, Missouri, as Interim; Ron Tyson as AUC Youth Services Coordinator.

Christ Church Unity, El Cajon, California, where Arthur Hammons serves as minister, hosted Japanese exchange students on July 17. Members of the congregation opened their homes to the students and shared the church, community and friendship.

Unity Church of Christianity, Pensacola, Florida, Glory Andersen, minister, wanted to get to know the facts about their friends and members, and also to get to know faces. They

constructed a special bulletin board over the organ with pictures of individuals and families, with names attached. It has helped to get to know one another and is a fun activity.

Roy Fox, minister of Unity of Tallahassee, Florida, has a suggestion for other ministries. Roy writes, "While attending Charles King's sessions in the past, he sings 'Praise God' to the tune of 'Amazing Grace.' I like the idea and the tune, but he only uses two words throughout the song. I felt I would like a variety of words and came up with the following:

Praise God for God and Jesus Christ,
Praise God for Love Divine!
Praise God for Life and health and peace,
Praise God all of these are mine!"

For those who prefer not to use the name Jesus Christ, it could be changed to: 'Praise God for God and Christ within.' I had the words printed and we pasted them in our Hymbook. The congregation is really thrilled with it. Try it, your people will like it." Thank you, Roy, for your suggestion.

West Side Unity, Detroit, Michigan, **Ruth Mosley**, minister held a Family and Friends Day on July 11th. The church was filled to overflowing. Tributes were paid, and gifts given to the member who brought the most friends or family members to service. The winner, Leila Clemons, brought over twenty members of her family. A joy-filled day for all the participants.

Unity Church of Positive Living, Jackson, Mississippi, had an opportunity not only to bring the members of the congregation closer, but to help in a worthy cause last month. In conjunction with Child Abuse Exchange Clubs they hosted a concert at their church home, with proceeds going for battered children--another community service sponsored by our Unity family.

Merton Thorpe, minister of Unity Church of West Hartford, Connecticut, celebrated his 25th anniversary at the church in August. We offer Mert our warm congratulations for his long and highly successful ministry. We join with the congregation in rejoicing at your consecration of purpose, and every good wish for many more years of service to your ministry.

Unity of Michiana, South Bend, **Rebecca Clark**, minister, held an open house celebration on July 18, in honor of their new church home. Informational packets of who and what Unity of Michiana is were distributed in the neighborhood and the community was invited to share in fellowship and refreshments. Congratulations to our friends in Unity of Michiana for your new church home.

Unity Church of Auburn, Auburn, California, **Billie Blain**, minister, is participating in a special project to promote peace on earth. A photo project started by the Association for Humanistic Psychology to draw the Russian and American people closer together touched Unity of Auburn. The idea is to send a picture of your family, including first names, to the AHP. They, in turn, send you a picture of a Russian family, including first names. The agreement is that each family will place the picture in the living room and when the news comes on, you are to look at the faces of your new family, remembering

them as real individuals, people you have invited into your own living room. Everyone is our neighbor! The pictures of church family were taken following church services and mailed to the Association for Humanistic Psychology. "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!"

Unity of Melbourne, Camberwell, Australia, **Curt and Kathy Jantz**, ministers, place the following excerpt in each copy of their newsletter, to better explain "what is Unity." There are many times that they need short explanations of Unity's purpose for new members, visitors, other groups and media. Curt and Kathy hope that you will find this explanation useful in your ministry.

"Unity is a way of life. Unity is people, getting together, loving and supporting one another. Unity of Melbourne is all of us gathered together as a church for the family and a learning centre for creative living. Unity of Melbourne is a people place where we can learn ideas and techniques which will make our lives work better. We believe that all persons can have lives filled with health, prosperity, peace of mind, joy, love and harmony in all our relationships. Unity of Melbourne is an inter-denominational centre where all are welcomed regardless of present affiliation."



Clearinghouse

Pearl Davis, minister of Unity of Montego Bay, 12 Domes Street, St. James, Montego Bay, West Indies, is looking for used hymnals for her center. If you have any hymnals not being used, please contact Pearl.

Charles Korfhage, minister of Unity of Sun City, Arizona, would like as many copies as possible of Mary Kupferle's book, God Never Fails. Please call or write to: Unity of Sun City, 10101 Coggins Dr., Sun City, Arizona 85351; area code 602-974-6443.

A person from a foreign country, visiting with a friend in this country noticed his friend placing an offering in the offering plate at church. He asked, "Do you have to pay to go to church?" "No" was the reply, "but I give 10% of my income to the church for God's work."

Sometime later, after eating a meal at a restaurant, the visitor also saw his friend placing money at his plate, and asked about it. He was told, "It is customary to leave a 15% tip for the waitress." The visitor then said, "Oh, then you think more of her services than you do of God's."

INSURANCE NEWS

REMEMBER TO NOTIFY YOUR AUC INSURANCE DEPARTMENT IF:

1. You move; also, send in your correct address to both AUC and Aetna claims office.
2. You wish to cancel your insurance policy. Please remember, you must send written notice to the AUC office, stating the effective date you wish the cancellation.
3. You change marital status (such as single to family)--send written notice stating wedding/divorce date, name and birthdate of additional person to be covered or dropped on policy. Also, any change in beneficiary on the life insurance policy.
4. You have any questions or complaints--please ask or let them be known to me. If I don't hear anything, I can't help correct complaints or answer questions.

ALSO REMEMBER THAT:

1. At age 65, the policy rate is lowered once you have medicare. Send in the effective date of your medicare policy.
2. At age 70, the policy rate is lowered. The Life insurance policy automatically drops from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

AND:

1. Make all insurance payments payable to AUC. Mail to AUC, P.O. Box 610, Lee's Summit, MO 64063. Please note on check for insurance payment.

These requests are to help avoid errors in coverage, delays in claims being processed and to keep our insurance system running smooth. I thank you for your cooperation.

Sunshine Blessings,
Myra Moore
AUC Insurance

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES Statement of General Funds Operations Three Months Ended June 30, 1982

INCOME--OPERATIONS:	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Love Offering	\$50,100.72	\$150,001.92
Other Income	6,603.23	14,531.77
	<u>56,703.95</u>	<u>164,533.69</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	5,010.07	15,000.20
	<u>51,693.88</u>	<u>149,533.49</u>
Gross Profit Materials	2,933.91	10,703.34
Total Income	<u>54,627.79</u>	<u>160,236.83</u>
 EXPENSES--OPERATIONS:		
Ministry Services	42,513.01	114,830.44
Ministerial Education	15,410.08	43,023.18
Total Expenses	<u>57,923.09</u>	<u>157,853.62</u>
 INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	 \$ (3,295.30)	 \$ 2,383.21

Unity School Contribution To The AUC Through Services Provided

May 1, 1982--June 30, 1982: \$68,228.81

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

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 1-3 UMTC Laypersons Conference, Las Vegas, NV
- 4-10 Retiro Para Amigos Hispanos (Spanish-speaking only)
Unity Village, MO
- 18-24 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 27-30 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village,
MO

OCTOBER

- 1-3 Texas R & R Retreat, Camp Waldemar, Kerrville,
Texas, Family Activities
- 2-8 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 9-22 USRS Session 3, Unity Village, MO
- 23- USRS Session 4, Unity Village, MO
- Nov. 5

NOVEMBER

- 20-26 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, MO

1983 JANUARY

- 17-21 AUC Mid-Year Committee Meetings, Unity Village,
MO
- 30- UMTC Southwest Conference, Descanso, CA
- Feb. 1

APRIL

- 25-28 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village,
MO

JUNE

- 7-10 AUC Pre-Conference Committee Meetings, Unity
Village, MO
- 12-16 AUC Conference, Unity Village, MO

SEPTEMBER

- 19-23 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village,
MO



CIRCLE OF LIGHT:

In the July/August issue of CONTACT we inadvertently omitted a larger notice that the *Circle of Light* has been discontinued on a recommendation by the Finance and Budget Committee to the AUC Board of Trustees. It was mentioned in the Finance and Budget Committee Report in CONTACT, but we understand that many did not see the article. We apologize to all of you that may have been caused any inconvenience.



AUC RESOURCE HANDBOOK

We now have three more articles for the Ministers' Resource Handbook available. They are as follows:

The Role of a Minister

Radio & TV

The Unity Ministry

Anyone wishing copies please contact the AUC Office.

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The

President's

Letter

Many of us in the AUC are on the Board of Trustees or members of committees and, of course, we all work with the boards of our churches, so my thoughts turn to this very special relationship.

I would like to dispel a myth by saying: "There is no such 'creature' called a board!" There are only groups of individuals who come together to create a consciousness of love and receptivity so that they are able to serve the interests of those whom they represent.

This form of representation is one of consciousness, for each individual is an element of the consciousness of the whole of the group represented and therefore reflects all opinions.

The "Board" of AUC is the same as that of your church. Its "congregation" numbers more than 300, and every type of background is in evidence.

The membership of AUC is like that of your church/center and the AUC board is similar to yours. It seems only evident then that the same kinds of expectations and feelings are to be found and expressed in their activities.

The feelings and expectations should be ones that are based on mutual respect, love and the realization that: "Our every thought, word and action will be for the highest good of all those whom we serve."

There is no higher calling, there is no greater need than to serve one another.

Blessings,

Jack



MINISTRY

SERVICES

PERSPECTIVES



All of us who are intimately involved with the organization of the AUC have a deep sense of gratitude for all who make this work possible. We have a budget that is pushing a half-million dollars annually. In a very real way, you, the readers of CONTACT are responsible for providing this very considerable sum. CONTACT is circulated to ministers, members of boards, and teachers of Unity centers and churches. You are the persons who are influential on the decision-making level where the disposition of personal and center tithes is allocated.

As I sign the letters of acknowledgement that go out in respect of every gift, I experience a warm glow of thankfulness for you. As I sign the checks amounting to between \$40,000 and \$50,000 a month, I think of you again. You make it possible! These payments go to emerging groups as expansion grants, to our Emeriti, to Uncle Sam for postage, to various printers and suppliers, to staff for salaries, to Ma Bell for telephone, to Unity School for rent and services, among many other recipients.

While on the subject of center and individual giving to Unity, it seems to be timely that we should remind all concerned that the Association of Unity Churches and the Unity School of Christianity are two quite separate and distinct corporate entities. Each has its own bank accounts and accounting systems. It is, therefore, important that all checks should be correctly drawn for whichever organization is intended. With surprising frequency we receive checks from centers in an AUC address reply envelope, yet the check is made payable to Unity School. This, we cannot cash; but it is sent to Unity School. If we can satisfy the School by referring to a cover letter, that the sum was intended for AUC the School will remit the sum to the AUC. Otherwise, the money remains with the School.

Sometimes the reverse is the case, and Silent Unity or Unity School may receive a check payable to Unity that the correspondence reveals is truly intended for the AUC. In such a case, the school will send us a draft. In all circumstances, efforts are made to insure the wishes of the sender are observed. Fortunately, we enjoy a fine, harmonious relationship with the School and problems seldom arise. All of the officials are most cooperative. However, this is a time-consuming procedure

often involving further correspondence or additional expenditure on long distance telephone calls.

Further, we learn from an occasional conversation that there exists a wide-spread belief that the AUC in some way benefits financially from gifts to Unity School! This is not so. No part of any gift or legacy to Unity School ever finds its way to the AUC. It does not "filter down" benefits to the AUC. Perhaps this should be pointed out to center congregations. If your members desire to assist the ministry in the field through the AUC, bequests should be clearly so specified by being directed: "The Association of Unity Churches, a not for profit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the state of Georgia, with headquarters at Unity Village, Missouri."

Charles Neal
Director of Ministry Services

Clearinghouse

Unity of Northeast Tarrant County, Hurst, Texas, is looking for hymnals for their new Unity Study Group. If you have knowledge of any of the Unity Hymnals, please contact **Dean Davis, Unity of Northeast Tarrant County, PO Box 470249, Ft. Worth, TX 76147.**

Unity of Victoria is looking for the blue or gold hymnals, until the new hymnals are available. If you have knowledge of any, please contact **David Durksen, Unity of Victoria, 2124 Chambers St., Victoria, BC, Canada V8T 3L2.**

Retreat News

Arthur Hammons, minister of Unity in El Cajon, California, and **Bob Stevens**, Descanso, California, are facilitating an inspiring retreat Sunday, October 17—Thursday, October 21. There will be workshops about the metaphysical teachings of Jesus, understanding Unity teachings, classes on healing and meditation and other exciting classes. For information, contact **Unity Retreat in Descanso, PO Box 278, Descanso, CA 92016.**

Announcement

Congratulations to **Brooks Myers**, who is now heading the Youth Education Department for the Association of Unity Churches.

While Brooks will retain the responsibilities as YOU/YAU Coordinator, he will be taking on some tasks that were formerly handled by Maggie Finefrock.

Brooks' experience over the past two years will prove invaluable as he steps into his new position. We give thanks for Brooks' constant outpouring of love and blessings to the Unity movement.

UMS News & Views

by **Bill Esslinger, Faculty Member**

Last November in this column, I shared my feeling that Unity Ministerial School is indeed a ministry. Now, nearly one year later, I am even more convinced that teaching in UMS is a valid and fulfilling ministerial position.

I continue to specialize in Biblical Studies, teaching both historical and interpretative classes. I also assist in other class offerings. Actually, I have quite enough to stimulate me, thank you. So why in the hallowed name of peace of mind, have I decided to tackle Center Operations in UMS as well?

The UMS program is, I believe, the finest ever offered. Yet, Center Operations has not received the same consistent attention as other areas of study. I feel I have been called! During my last Christmas season as a Unity field minister I had a vision as it were, that I realized could greatly ease ministerial stress and fatigue, and at the same time, increase the quality of ministry to the congregation. It would seem to me that a significant number of well-intentioned ministers each year manifest health challenges, personal and family challenges. Many ministers are obviously suffering from stress reactions. Loving ministers who are honestly trying very hard to succeed are actually struggling, primarily for want of intelligent organization, planning, goals and measurable objectives. For the most part, such symptoms need not manifest and can quite easily be altogether avoided! I had little time to begin to implement the vision in my field ministry or when I began to teach in UMS. Last month, I was reminded of my as yet unfulfilled vision. I feel that sharing this new approach to ministry with the MITs could well be my greatest gift to this, my present ministry.

My goal is simple: to help MITs avoid at least a few of the common errors made by field ministers who are just learning on the job, and at the same time to provide Unity ministry in general with a tool for improving service and promoting more rapid growth. I am being inspired to teach MITs how to create a master-ministerial game plan, which I have entitled: "The Minister's Master Manual for Magnificent Ministering." I would like to enlist the help and input of my fellow ministers in this endeavor. Please contact me and share your ideas and techniques that could be shared with our future peers to better prepare them for happy and effective ministering in the field. If you would like to be considered for a seminar presentation on some phase of center growth and service, let me know.

The Unity Field Movement is all of us helping each other to help others in their own spiritual unfoldment. The blessings we share with our ministers-in-training will soon multiply throughout our Unity Movement.



YOU/YAU Reports

Brooks Myers, YOU/YAU Coordinator

Evaluation is an important element of both the YOU Conference and the Young Adults Retreat. The retreatants' responses in our evaluation survey form the basis for planning next year's Conference and Retreat. We are seeking to respond to the needs and preferences of those who attend our events.

The following are the results of the YOU Conference survey. They show the kind of activities presented and the participants' reactions:

Y.O.U. CONFERENCE EVALUATION SHEET - 1982

Theme: "We Are Masters"

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Charles King	241	7	0	1
Workshop Families	223	26	11	1
Hawaiian Boogy (Dance)	216	36	0	1
Morning Meditations/Evening Vespers/Fuzzies	184	22	10	2
Installation & Banquet	179	65	10	1
Elizabeth Ellis/Storytelling "Tell It Like It Is"	175	71	10	1
Lei Lanni Burt "Mystery or Mastery"	130	102	17	2
Opening & Welcome	105	106	23	1
Myrt & Chuck	104	95	24	8
"Spiritual Dancing"	88	97	40	8
New Games & MORE	55	101	67	14
"Conquering the Self/Self Mastery Through The Bible"	35	117	78	22

(1) What things did you particularly like about this year's Conference?
(Listed by frequency of response)

- Workshops (closeness, openness, leaders, acceptance.)
- Charles King
- Dance (loved it outside!)
- fuzzie lane
- consciousness (loving, openness)
- banquet & installation
- theme
- free time
- **meeting new people**!!
- talent show
- organization
- non-competitive atmosphere

The YOU Conference is planned and presented by a team composed of the International YOU President, International First Vice-President, International Second Vice-President, and International YOU Coordinator. The YOU officers take the lead in planning the program, selecting speakers, and selecting a theme. The YOU officers conduct many of the

activities such as the opening and take a major leadership role in orchestrating the Conference. The officers for this Conference were **Eric Donaldson** (President), **Kelly Ryan** (First Vice-President), and **Tracy Reeve** (Second Vice-President).



Youth Services Report

Ron Tyson, Youth Education Coordinator

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the warm welcome and letters of support you have extended to me since my arrival at AUC. We will all miss Maggie, and her gift of spreading light wherever she was needed.

Because of our sincere desire to serve you with the best, we have drawn to us the best God has to offer in our team of dedicated and highly skilled Youth Education Facilitators. Without exception our Facilitators are eager to be of service to you in the field. This Fall they will be conducting carefully-planned teaching seminars that will generate new ideas and help motivate your Youth Education staff. Be sure to contact your Facilitator for times and locations, so your teachers may take advantage of the divine ideas these sessions bring to light.

We are all involved in the largest corporation in the world... the Corporation of Communication... communication of the Word of Truth. We are here to serve you, and in order to do that we NEED to know your NEEDS! Nothing you need is too large or too small for our immediate attention. Likewise, we need to know what works for you so that we might communicate it with others in the field.

I look forward to hearing from you. With your help the needs of our young people in Unity will be met, and our movement will continue to grow and communicate the Unity way of life.



Notice

We now have Maggie Finefrock's address in Kathmandu, Nepal for those of you that would like to keep in touch with Maggie. Remember for the holidays, it will take two to three weeks for the mail to reach her:

Maggie Finefrock
c/o U.S. Peace Corps
PO Box 613
Kathmandu, Nepal



News About MPPP*

(*Money Purchase Pension Plan)

During the next few months, we will be featuring an article on the Association of Unity Churches' Money Purchase Pension Plan. We hope that the information provided in this regular column will bring a more complete understanding of the provisions of the Plan.

The various aspects of the Plan which we will attempt to cover include:

1. Requirements for Eligibility;
2. Requirements of Contributions;
3. Procedures for Making Contributions;
4. What Vesting Is and How It Is Determined;
5. Termination Procedures and Payouts;
6. Investment of the Plan's Assets; and
7. What the Function of the Trustee Is.

If you should have any questions regarding the Plan, send them in writing to Peggy Gray at the AUC. Through this article, we will attempt to answer all of your written questions.

As you read this feature every month, keep in mind that we are only providing you with an explanation of the Plan's provisions. The actual Plan document, the Trustee Agreement, is the controlling authority.

NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

FINALIZED PLACEMENTS: Jack DuPree (1982) to Decatur, Illinois; Phil Schlaefter (1982) to Metairie, Louisiana; Peter Rhea (1967) to Jackson, Mississippi; Blair Tabor (1981) to Merced, California; Don and Judith Crooks (MITs) to Lawrence, Kansas; W.E. Goodison-Orr (1969) to pioneer a work in Miami, Florida; Rene Pare (1979) to San Diego, California; Sonja Creech (1982) to Pomona, California; and George Stone (1968) to Anaheim, California.

The Great Lakes Unity Regional Conference, "Tune in to the Happening," was held at Potawatomi Inn in Poligon State Park, Angola, Indiana, September 12-15. The program included Carl Bergstrom; Consciousness Building Groups by Amalie Frank; Seth Material by June Dorrell; A Course in Miracles by Betty Jacunski; Children's and Youth Ministry by Lani Hickman; Utilizing Lay People for Leadership by David Williamson; and Making Love Count--Building Strong Volunteers by Alec Evason. The conference was a time for renewal and inner refreshment as well as the joy of sharing, prayer, play and fellowship. The officers and program Chairman did an excellent job in providing a place of loveliness and beauty, as well as an exceptional program.

Unity Church of Ft. Worth, Texas, **Floyd Howard**, minister, shared in the joy of their 33rd birthday celebration day on September 26th. Following the banquet, entertainment was presented for the congregation's enjoyment.

West Side Unity Church, Detroit, Michigan, **Ruth Mosley**, minister, is celebrating 18 years of history with a "Legacy of West Side Unity" souvenir book. The book will be a hard-bound edition that will sell for \$15.00 and will be published in mid-December. If you would like to receive further information on the book, contact West Side Unity Church.

Unity of Roanoke Valley, Roanoke, Virginia, **Alan** and **Kathryn Rowbotham**, ministers, celebrated their 11th birthday during the weekend of September 10-12. Special attractions were balloon release, special music program, and workshop and a special worship service with **James Dillet Freeman**.

Unity of Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach, Florida, held a special **LEE & JOHN BYRNS APPRECIATION DAY** on September 5th. They honored the ministers for the total commitment they have given the ministry in the past two years. A buffet luncheon was served after the Sunday service.

Christ Church Unity, Rochester, New York, honored their minister, **Harriet Baumeister** and her husband, **George**, by holding a party for their first anniversary with the ministry.

Unity Chapel in the Pines, Grand Rapids, Michigan, **Dick Tweedy**, minister, has formed a Unity Parents Support Group (Tough Love). This group is made up of parents coping with unacceptable behavior of their adolescent children. They will be exploring their own personal styles of parenting and techniques will be taught to help listen and express themselves more effectively.

The Instituto for Continuing Education held an education program in Colombia the last two weeks of July. The next session will be held in Bogota in December. For information, please contact **Luis Perez**, Unity en Colombia Ministerio in Bogota. The Instituto was an opportunity for development of Spanish-speaking leaders, in the Unity work in Colombia. Dial-A-Prayer has now been established in Bogota.

The **Southeast Regional Conference** will be held **October 17-20**, in **West Palm Beach, Florida**. The Phenomenon of Man by Teilhard De Chardin will be presented. Business meetings, fun time and sightseeing are all scheduled for the Conference. For further information, contact **Hal** and **Lassie Rosencrans**, **Unity of the Palm Beaches, Host Center**.

In an exercise of celebrating ownership, Unity of Ann Arbor, Michigan, **Milly Collins**, minister, christened and dedicated it's first church on Sunday, April 25th, after almost forty years of meeting in rented facilities. Present to contribute as spiritual God-parents to the christening festivities were Milly Collins, **James Dillet Freeman**, **Gene Sorensen**, **Jack**

Boland and Amalia Frank. One of the highlights of the christening was the jocular reappearance, from the fourth dimension, of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, projected through two Unity of Ann Arbor members. They then appeared in late nineteenth century costuming to share a seven minute history of Unity of Ann Arbor. The remarkable support and attendance of Detroit area ministries resulted in an overflow crowd of people on the lawn outside the building, using an outside speaker.



Left to right: Gene Sorensen, Unity of Livonia, Michigan; Jack Boland, Unity in Warren, Michigan; Milly Collins, Unity of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Amalia Frank, Unity of Greater Lansing, Michigan; and James Dillet Freeman, Unity Village, Missouri.

SPARKPLUGS

Talk Topics and Sermon Starters from Unity Publications
This month: "The Marilyn Ferguson Talks at Detroit Unity"

Marilyn Ferguson's innovative, futuristic work, *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, is capturing attention and interest of groups who embrace its visionary, New Age ideas. In this set of two entertaining and informative cassette tapes, Marilyn Ferguson shares her observations that:

- Society's old ways are not working. "If what you are doing is wrong, doing more of it isn't going to help."
- The transformation of society, like the transformation of individuals, comes from within and is the result of a paradigm change (a fundamental change in thought-patterns held by a society at an unconscious level).
- People need to cooperate, communicate, form self-help networks, and share strategies (conspire) on a grass-roots level to effect social change.

Marilyn Ferguson's detractors believe that she and other New Age thinkers are engaged in a revolution-from-without global plot. Suspicion and mistrust arise because of the inability of those within the old paradigm to understand the

language and intention of those within the new. They perceive the changes in society as threatening. She believes that basic social change will occur as an increasing number of people awaken to the new paradigms, and as these inspired individuals find one another, thus joining the power of their new ideas.

She sees her mission as one that seeks to awaken others to their power in effecting change. She believes, "We have an endless capacity to keep transforming" and, "Stress is the agent of our transformation just as problem-finding is the agent of our creative breakthrough. Changes can and will take place as we let go of ego defensiveness, as we stop fearing change by understanding that paradigm shifts are the norm, by assuming responsibility for change on a personal and community level, and by nurturing this change in others."

She points out that beneficial changes are occurring in education and in science, that they now manifest through environmental associations, spiritually-oriented groups, barter societies, holistic health centers, and in limited ways are seen in curriculum changes in medical schools, in military philosophy, and in industry.

Change is uncomfortable but necessary, she believes. Fear of change is the most formidable obstacle to change. The need to "feel safe" by embracing the values that the culture has given us is the strongest inhibiting factor. "The only real safety," she says, "is knowing that there isn't any."

She urges us to start the process of change in our own small way. Another kind of world is possible. "Get the word out. . . Communicate your ideas. . . It doesn't take very many people to make a revolution." As we share new ideas, old ideas will not continue to dominate the culture and a new age will be ushered in through the people. She believes that now is the time to begin.

This series of thought-provoking cassettes is rich in material for talks, classes, and for personal growth. Listening to these tapes is an easy way to acquire more knowledge about a subject that has stirred great interest in many communities.

(Marilyn Ferguson's books, *The Aquarian Conspiracy* and *Millennium; Glimpses into the 21st Century*, may be obtained through Interface Press, P.O. Box 42211, Los Angeles, CA 90042.)

Unity Bookstore Network

If you are interested in becoming part of a network of Unity Bookstore managers, sharing information, sources, systems, new and interesting books, etc., please write to Margot Curtis, Unity Church of Christianity Book Store, 2825 Hillcroft at Unity Drive, Houston, Texas 77057. Let us know what kind of information you would be interested in receiving and in sharing.

Safety Program



Your church is a house of worship, but don't overlook the fact that it is also a building used constantly by large numbers of people. An accident is as likely to occur in a church as in a school or other public building. Don't forget that safety awareness is just as important at your church as anywhere

else. For instance, you wouldn't want your child to attend a school that has no safety program. But do you have a good one in your church?

Many church buildings are very old. This means that wiring and plumbing, stairways, and other fixtures may be antiquated, presenting an ever-increasing possibility of accident and injury. Your church should be thoroughly inspected at least twice a year, with routine repair and maintenance performed as needed.

Why not start a church safety committee or add the subject of safety to the church board agenda? The more people who become aware and involved, the more effective your program will be. It's easy to start a safety program, and it benefits everyone in your church—from the youngest member to the eldest.

—Church Mutual Insurance Company



Festival of Light

Robert and Laurie Sikking are progressing towards the creation of a new thought/positive thinking cable television network. In order to help finance the initial programming and organizational structure they are producing a series of retreat/seminar activities.

The first retreat will be "A Festival of Light," to be held in Santa Monica, California, October 28-30, 1982.

Co-hosting the retreat will be Charles King, a humanitarian whose personal communication is a dynamic experience. Other featured speakers include Rev. Ike, Thelma Moss, Anne Francis, Gavin MacLeod, Irene Kassorla, Margaret Stevens, Stan Hampson, William Helmbold and Donna and Stu Langer.

Bob and Laurie ask for your continued consciousness of prayer in the faith that the Father's perfect will is being done in our Truth movement, and if you know of anyone who might be interested in the Festival to help get the information to them. If you have any questions on the Festival, contact **Robert Sikking, 2210 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 767, Santa Monica, California 90403, or call 213-398-3985.**

Memorials

Vera Rasmussen, licensed teacher from Unity Church of Omaha, Nebraska, made her transition in August. She has been active with the Unity Church of Omaha for a number of years. We know Vera is with us in thought and the love we share serves as a bridge between dimensions, uniting us eternally.

AUC Visual Display

The new AUC Visual Display of Ministries is now in place in the AUC lobby. The comments on the display have been fantastic. The many visitors to Unity Village are enjoying having a look at many of our Unity Centers, world-wide. We still have room for more displays, should your center be interested. We need to have a colored negative in a vertical position, so we may enlarge it to fit the display. A \$50 gift is appreciated to help with the expense of the project.

Facts on Myrtle Fillmore

Did you know Myrtle Fillmore personally, or have any unpublished information about her? If so, your help is requested.

Rose Clark, a Unity student from Detroit Unity Temple in Detroit, Michigan, recently visited Unity Village, Missouri, for the first time. Rose is working on her doctoral dissertation for Wayne State University in Detroit on Communication, Rhetoric and Public Address.

After having her first topic fall through, Rose began to attend Unity services and classes at Detroit Unity Temple. Having been attracted to Myrtle Fillmore, Rose now has approval from Wayne State to write her dissertation on Myrtle Fillmore.

Rose will be writing on Myrtle Fillmore as a person and specifically about her writings. She will include Myrtle's ideas about Truth and about New Thought or God Thought; how she espoused those ideas, how she expressed her beliefs, how she got her message across. Also, Rose plans to include what the effect of Myrtle's communication was on her audiences and especially what her effect was on children.

Rose is excited about this project, not only because she is eager to complete her work for her doctorate degree, but because she is vitally interested in Myrtle Fillmore as well as the Unity teachings. She talked about being eager to return to Unity Village at some time in the future to take classes in the USRS program.

If you knew Myrtle Fillmore personally or have any information you would be willing to share with Rose, she would value your contribution. You can write to Rose in care of **Detroit Unity Temple, 17505 2nd Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48203-1896.**

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES
Statement of General Funds Operations
Four Months Ended July 31, 1982

	Month	Year to Date
INCOME—OPERATIONS:		
Love Offerings	\$40,771.38	\$190,773.30
Other Income	2,237.96	16,769.73
	<u>43,009.34</u>	<u>207,543.03</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	4,077.14	19,077.34
	<u>38,932.20</u>	<u>188,465.69</u>
Gross Profit Materials	2,336.06	13,039.40
Total Income	<u>41,268.26</u>	<u>201,505.09</u>
 EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:		
Ministry Services	36,861.99	151,692.43
Ministerial Education	14,372.71	57,395.89
Total Expenses	<u>51,234.70</u>	<u>209,088.32</u>
 INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$ (9,966.44)</u>	<u>\$ (7,583.23)</u>

Unity School Contribution To The AUC Through Services Provided
May 1, 1982—July 31, 1982: \$72,983.10

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

GROUP SERVICES COMMITTEE NEWS

For one year now your Association has been offering all AUC member churches planned protection multi-peril coverage for church buildings, equipment, supplies and buses (if any). This program was instituted to make it possible for all our churches to have the latest coverages with reduced premiums due to the mass marketing approach.

To participate in a real reduction in premium the \$300,000 annual premiums must be generated in total by all participating churches. At present those churches who are participating have only generated approximately \$25,000 in premium.

Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa, is underwriting this program. This is a company that was organized primarily with the intent of insuring religious organizations. It is one of the major underwriters of church coverages in this country.

Preferred Risk insures the building contents and fixtures for "Named Peril & All Risk" coverages. It also includes in the one policy, "Bodily Injury & Property Damage Liability" for the limits you desire. Designated medical coverages for each

person are also included in this package. Volunteer workers are included. Additional coverages are: newly acquired property, glass breakage, valuable papers and records, extra expense (payment of rents at another location during repairs), outdoor signs, products liability (someone becomes ill from eating at a church dinner, etc.), inflation protection, blanket bond. The list goes on.

For specific information pertaining to your needs, contact:

Wayne Newhard
Mass Marketing Coordinator
Preferred Risk Insurance Companies
1111 Ashworth Rd.
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265
Phone (515) 225-5376

Do not contact AUC office, for each risk is engineered by a representative from Preferred Risk. It will be worth your time to take a look at what Preferred Risk can do for you. When you agree to enter this program you will not only be helping yourself, but other participating Unity centers as well.

— Group Services Committee

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 1-3 Texas R & R Retreat, Camp Waldemar, Kerrville, Texas, Family Activities
- 2-8 Indian Summer, Retreat, Unity Village, MO
- 9-22 USRS Session 3, Unity Village, MO
- 17-20 Southeast Regional Conference, West Palm Beach, Florida
- 23- USRS Session 4, Unity Village, MO
- Nov. 5
- 28-30 Festival of Light, Santa Monica, CA (hosted by Robert Sikking)

NOVEMBER

- 20-26 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, MO

1983

JANUARY

- 17-21 AUC Mid-Year Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 30- UMTC Southwest Conference, Descanso, CA
- Feb. 1

APRIL

- 25-28 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

MAY

- 27-30 Suncoast Unity Ministers Retreat, Leesburg, Florida, at Life Enrichment Center

JUNE

- 7-10 AUC Pre-Conference Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 12-16 AUC Conference, Unity Village, MO

SEPTEMBER

- 19-23 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
- 25-28 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Polagon State Park, Angola, Indiana

Prosperity Workshops

Edwene Gaines Yarnell has had a divine change in the ministry she had been given. She is now teaching the abundance message in prosperity workshops and classes to new-age groups all over the world. If you would like to be on her mailing list, or would like further information on the Prosperity Workshops, contact Edwene at **2304-A Arpdale, Austin, TX 78704**.

Resource Manual

Packet IV is now ready for the AUC Resource Manual. The following topics are available:

Responsibilities of a Board of Directors
What Is Unity?
Reincarnation

If you have suggestions of any additional topics, please direct them to Debi or Cheryl in the AUC Office.

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This means of communication with you may not be the appropriate forum, but I have some feelings I would like to share with you.

By the time you receive this issue of CONTACT you are already aware of the actions taken by your Executive Committee. This plan was arrived at with a sense of order and rightness unsurpassed in recent experience.

In all our meetings with our friends on the Unity School of Christianity Board, these same feelings were expressed.

I truly feel that the phrase "unity in Unity" is the way things are and will be. We truly are united in consciousness and fact in a way that will make the Unity movement a major ingredient in the thought, hearts and minds of people throughout the world.

We are learning good management techniques that will assure good fiscal management of our affairs. It is my hope and prayer that all of our future conferences can be devoted to sharing our ideas, inspirations and greatness with one another. Our time together must send us back to our ministries inspired, bonded, loved and better prepared to serve those whose lives we shape.

Will you see this vision with me?

In service together,

Jack



By this time ministers in the field will have received the letter from Jack Barker, AUC President, in which he outlined the agreement reached between the AUC and Unity School of Christianity on the matter of the training of Unity ministers. This agreement contains a number of important modifications of the draft proposal presented by the task force comprised of representatives of both AUC and Unity School.

Probably the most significant of these is one that offers promise of an even more improved ministerial school and the production of even better prepared ordinands. It is the retention by the AUC of the teaching role in field matters.

We, in the AUC, are justly proud of our Unity Ministerial School that has continued to develop and improve over the years. UMS has produced and continues to turn out highly-dedicated and spiritually-oriented ministers. The emphasis has rightly been placed on Unity's unique spiritual teachings and philosophy, on a proper understanding of the Bible and of the very special role of Jesus Christ and on affirmative prayer and meditation. These, with effective speech techniques, have been given major attention.

Stress laid on these most necessary spiritual elements of a minister's preparation has had the effect of de-emphasizing some very important practical, even mundane, factors that are none-the-less essential in the preparation of an effective minister who is going to administer the affairs of a Unity center or church in these modern times.

According to our agreement, responsibility for teaching all the spiritual and theological studies falls into the purview of Unity School. Relieved now of any responsibility in those areas, the AUC is now able to concentrate the full attention of its faculty members on those studies which deal with the essential, practical side of running a church. These will include: center operations, accounting, reading a cash statement, recording offerings, ministerial writing--such as letters of acknowledgement, preparation of church bulletins, service sheets, press releases and the like, leadership training, youth ministry, library management, special services, management skills, employment evaluation and some communication skills. Our faculty member, or members, will be encouraged to take professional courses to enable them to maintain and improve

their special knowledge in these areas.

My first year as Director of Ministry Services has taught me that many ministers are woefully unprepared in some of the foregoing and other very practical matters of center organization. Under the agreement, the teaching of these special studies will be our sole responsibility. We should be able to send our ministers into the field better equipped than ever before.

Charles Neal
Director of Ministry Services



"Let Each Teach Unity"

Tuesday, September 28, was an especially blessed day at Unity Village when the Unity Ministerial School classes of 1983 and 1984 made a special presentation to the Unity School of Christianity.

The UMS classes of 1983 and 1984 presented Unity School of Christianity with a stained-glass window from Charles and Myrtle Fillmore's original church located at 913 Tracy in Kansas City, Missouri.

The story behind the purchase of the window is unique. **Barbara Cook**, wife of second-year MIT, **Tom Cook**, was browsing through an antique stained glass shop in Kansas City when she spotted the beautiful window inscribed with "Let Each Teach Unity." When Barbara mentioned the window to Tim, he set out to investigate the origin. The owner of the shop, **Mrs. JoAnn Meierhoff**, explained to him where the window had originally been installed, but she was not interested in selling it because of her deep spiritual attachment with Unity and the meaning the window had to her.

After Tim related to Mrs. Meierhoff what the ministers-in-training would like to do with the window, she became a great help to the MITs in purchasing the window. She felt that many more people would be able to view the beauty and meaning of the window if it were to be placed in the lobby of the Activities Center at the Unity World Headquarters.

The special presentation was made to **Charles R. Fillmore** by Tim Cook and **Christopher Chenoweth**, President of the student body.

The next time you visit Unity Village, stop and view the window above the front doors of the Activities Center.

NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

FINALIZED PLACEMENTS: **Peggy Elia** (1977) to Albany, Georgia; **Philip Nicola** (1968) to Santa Monica, California; **Barbara Provost** (1977) to Atlanta, Georgia; **James Parkinson** (1973) to Vista, California; **Cisley Malmi** (1982) to Syracuse, New York; **Dan Saunders**, minister of Unity of Omaha, Nebraska, has hired a lay person to be his associate; **Nick Griffin** (1968) to Sarasota, Florida; and **Thelma Smit** (1976) to Kansas City, Kansas.

Unity Christ Church, Mobile, Alabama, **Carolyn Crane**, minister, celebrated the dedication of their church on November 14. Special guest was **James Dillet Freeman**.

Unity of Livonia, Michigan, **Gene Sorensen**, minister, held a "Getting to Know You" Day on November 7. This day provided an opportunity for members of the congregation to meet everyone involved in the church activities. Sometimes those working behind the scenes aren't recognized by the church members. Through the "Getting To Know You" Day, the unfamiliar faces are now familiar faces. Clowns, exhibits, music, fellowship, fun, and door prizes were all a part of the festival.

Christ Church Unity of El Cajon, California, **Arthur Hammons**, minister, donated an "Ultra Formal Candlelight Wedding" to a community auction for the support of public broadcasting. The proceeds from the wedding, valued at \$250, will help support quality programming in the area. (Unity in the Community)

Members of the congregation of Unity Church of Raleigh, North Carolina, **Jim Rosemergy**, minister, participated in the 1982 Crop Walk/Walk for World Hunger on October 3. By walking in the project they contributed to funds supplying food for the hungry throughout the world and also in their community.

The Great Lakes Regional Conference met at Pokagon State Park, Angola, Indiana, September 12-15. Post-Graduate Workshop cassette tapes are available for \$5.00 each, including postage. They may be ordered through Cassette Tape Department, Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154. Tapes are as follows: *Children and Youth Ministry* by Lani Hickman; *A Workshop on the Seth Material* by June Dorrell; *Ways to Utilize Lay Persons* by David Williamson; *Course in Miracles Workshop* by Elizabeth Jacunski; *Consciousness Building Workshop* by Amalie Frank; *Master Minding with Staff and Volunteers* by Alec Evason; and *Problems Ministers Face in Their Work* by Dr. Carl Bergstrom. The three-day conference included spiritual dancing, meditation and prayer times, movie on Teilhard de Chardin and many sharing times and times of fellowship. The conference also included a special program for licensed teachers and a candlelight rededication service. **Glenn Mosley** was reelected

as Regional Representative and **Gene Sorensen** elected alternate. Officers for the next year are **Mel Ryman**, President; **Eunice Chagnon**, Vice-President; **Vesta Barth**, Secretary; and **Richard Billings**, Treasurer. The conference was called "Tune into the Happening" and those who attended said it was the best Great Lakes Regional Conference they had ever attended.

The congregation of Unity Center of Positive Prayer, Austin, Texas, **Mary Katherine MacDougall**, minister, is learning sign language. A sign language instructor is teaching some basic phrases and conversational statements each Sunday so that in December when they begin to have the Sunday lessons interpreted in sign language they will better understand and be able to welcome their new nonhearing friends.

Unity Church of Christ, Teaneck, New Jersey, **Marlowe Kline**, minister, held a ceremony to conclude its 25th year as a ministry. Entertainment followed the jubilee dinner.

Northside Unity, St. Louis, recently held a recognition dinner and musical banquet for their leader, **Mae Lena Davis**, Unity Licensed Teacher. Mae Lena was recognized for her tireless work in the founding of Northside Unity. The musical banquet was sponsored by Celestial Chimes Production and Publishing Company with proceeds going to the Northside Unity Christ Church building fund.

SAFETY TIPS



Children are the most active, inquisitive members of the congregation. They're also the most vulnerable to accidents and injury. Take extra care when looking over your children's facilities, and be sure to think of safety when planning activities for children. A small investment of time

here will pay big dividends in the safety and happiness of your church's children.

OK FIX

- ☐ ☐ Provide careful adult supervision for every activity—more than one person for groups larger than fifteen and more supervision for young children.
- ☐ ☐ Select activities and equipment well-suited to the children's age group. For instance, use blunt safety scissors around small children.
- ☐ ☐ If your church has playground equipment, make sure it is securely anchored to prevent tipping. Playground supervisors should keep an eye out for broken or worn equipment.

- ☐ ☐ Don't use rooms for other than intended use. Sunday school classrooms aren't gyms—don't let them be used as such.
- ☐ ☐ Keep poisons out of reach and well-marked. "Mr. Yuk" stickers, available free from the Red Cross, will help discourage even toddlers from poisonous substances. Keep the number of your local hospital or Poison Control Center handy.
- ☐ ☐ Get rid of loose paint chips. In older churches particularly, these can be deadly poison.
- ☐ ☐ Plug all electrical sockets not in use. You can obtain these inexpensive plastic plugs at most hardware stores.
- ☐ ☐ Have participants in athletic activities take an appropriate physical exam.
- ☐ ☐ If your church participates in athletics, keep all equipment in good working order. Replace worn equipment regularly.

—Church Mutual Insurance Company



UMS News & Views

by Martha Giudici, Faculty Member

The ancient art of storytelling--the oral tradition that preceded written history--was alive and thriving at the 10th Annual Story-Tellers Convention in Jonesboro, Tennessee, the first weekend in October. Forty-four ministers-in-training, faculty, spouses and a few friends journeyed by bus to listen to 70 of the world's best storytellers share their marvelous tales. Creation stories from the African and American Indian tradition; stories of humorous events that brought roars of laughter; stories of people meeting life triumphantly, sorrowfully, tragically; stories from every culture that captured the essence of the human spirit in its struggle to live fully day by day; ballads and folksongs told of love unfulfilled and fulfilled, treasure lost and found, heroes and heroines, scoundrels and villains, playing their life-roles to the fullest; ghost stories in a graveyard under a full moon that created their own special thrill.

A rich joyful, fulfilled experience was shared by all while a skill to be desired by every minister, that of transferring meaning and experience from one mind to another in creative ways was gained by our ministers-in-training during this memorable weekend in the hills of Eastern Tennessee.

Perhaps when you see one of these ministers-in-training, you might say, "Tell me a story. . ."

YOU/YAU Reports

Brooks Myers, YOU/YAU Coordinator

Have you heard about the YOU Brochure titled "Youth of Unity Welcomes You"? It gives an overview of YOU, explaining: the purpose of YOU, why teenagers join, what activities are offered, how adults participate in YOU and how to become a member.

The brochure is designed to introduce prospective members and their parents to the Youth of Unity program. This envelope size brochure is ideal for including in your visitors' packets and displaying on your literature table. You may purchase the YOU Brochure through AUC for five cents a copy.

So you will know what you're getting, here is an excerpt from the brochure:

WHY BE A PART OF Y.O.U.?

- 1) To discover, explore and develop your inner Christ potential in an atmosphere of openness, freedom and unconditional love.
- 2) To discuss with other Truth oriented teenagers the challenges that everyone faces in growing up and becoming independent.
- 3) To have fun, plan activities, and serve others with a group of accepting friends.
- 4) To participate in regional and international gatherings where you can meet and get to know other teenagers from Unity churches in your area and all over the world.



THE WORLD NEEDS...

A little more kindness and a little less creed,
A little more giving and little less greed;
A little more smile and a little less frown,
A little less kicking a man when he's down;
A little more "we" and a little less "I",
A little more laugh and a little less cry;
A few more flowers on the pathway of life,
And fewer on graves at the end of the strife.

Youth Education Report

by Ron Tyson

YOUTH EDUCATION IDEAS...

Monthly Newsletter—Why not send a monthly or bimonthly newsletter to parents of the people in your Y.E. Department. Featured could be a personal note about Y.E. events. Consider highlighting one age level in each letter—physical, educational, spiritual, and social characteristics. The newsletter could list the topics kids are studying in Y.E. along with Bible reading or WonderWord for the whole family, and perhaps a project that would tie in with the Y.E. theme. Include items of news about the Y.E. pupils and teachers.

Skill: Your PA System—

Now is the time to think about the areas where your teachers should be developing skills. You need to have a good PA system. No. That's not a public address system. It is the plan ahead system. People follow leaders who know where they are going.

Make your plans well ahead of time. Let your teachers know what you are doing and why. It's fall. You should be starting on your winter and spring plans now. What spiritual discipline will you stress?

We're Glad You're Born!—

Sponsor a monthly birthday recognition to which parents of the birthday children are invited—perhaps on the last Sunday of each month. Give a birthday card to each child signed by everyone in the Y.E. class. You should offer prayer for each child.

Advertisement Idea—

Have your students put advertisements about the Sunday school into helium-filled balloons. On the ads encourage people to come to your center and share where they found the balloons--or at least call to tell how far the balloon went.

Report on this fun activity in front of the whole church. Any unusual activity that also has an outreach attached to it will tell the whole church that important things are happening in the Y.E. program.



Give a talk or sermonette to the entire congregation at one Sunday morning service. The talk could center around the importance of teaching children and adults the Truths of God.

News About MPPP*

(*Money Purchase Pension Plan)

I. Eligibility

Q: Who is eligible to participate in the Association of Unity Churches Money Purchase Pension Plan?

A: You may be eligible to participate in the Association of Unity Churches Money Purchase Pension Plan (the "Plan") if you meet certain eligibility, age and service requirements. To meet the eligibility requirement, you must either be (1) an employee of the Association of Unity Churches, Inc., (the "Association") or (2) an employee of a member church of the Association (a "Member") that has signed the Joinder Agreement agreeing to adopt this Plan or (3) appear in the Association's records as either a licensed teacher or an ordained minister and are employed by the Association or any Member who has signed the Joinder Agreement.

Q: If I meet the eligibility requirements, when will I become a participant in the Plan?

A: If you meet the eligibility requirements defined (above) or (in the first article), you will become a participant in the Plan on the first day of the month coincident with or immediately following the later of: (1) the date you complete one year of service; or (2) attain age 25; and you must consent in writing to make the required contributions.

A Year of Service is defined as a 12 month period in which you work at least 1,000 hours for the Association, for any Member Church or for the Unity School of Christianity. The 12 month period begins on your first day of employment.

As an example, if you begin work on February 15, 1982 and work 1,000 hours from February 15, 1982 to February 14, 1983, you will be able to enter the Plan on March 1, 1983 if (1) you are at least 25 years of age; (2) you consent in writing to the required contributions; and (3) you meet the eligibility requirement defined (in the first paragraph) or (in the first article). If you have not reached age 25 when you complete one Year of Service, then you will be eligible to become a Participant on the first day of the month immediately following your 25th birthday.

Q: How is my eligibility in the Plan affected if I terminate my employment but later return?

A: If you terminate employment either (1) after becoming a Participant in the Plan or (2) after satisfying the Plan's service and age conditions but before actually becoming a Participant in the Plan and later return to employment with the Association or to a Member Church that has signed the Joinder Agreement, you will become a Participant immediately upon your re-employment. If you terminate employment before satisfying an eligibility

condition and later return to employment, you must satisfy the eligibility condition(s) before you can be eligible to participate in the Plan.



SPARKPLUGS

Talk Topics and Sermon Starters from Unity Publications
This month: "The Hopi Way"--a story from WEE WISDOM Magazine

November brings us Thanksgiving--a day set aside to celebrate and give thanks for bountiful harvests and multiple blessings. Part of our national heritage is honoring the helpful role that native Americans played in this country's early harvest festivals.

It is fitting that WEE WISDOM's November issue features a story about a gift from a native American culture. In "The Hopi Way" a group of school children hear the philosophy of the Hopi Indian and learn that the Hopi's way of life emphasizes kindness to everyone and every living thing.

Kristin, a character in this story, embraces the message of kindness, incorporates it into her behavior--especially in dealing with the class pest--and enjoys the pleasant results. She learns that expressing love and kindness is more satisfying than getting even and holding animosity. She discovers that by choice she can act positively instead of reacting negatively to another's rudeness and hostility. She sees beneficial changes as Mark, her adversary, responds to her positive, kind attitude. She draws out the goodness from within this sometimes rude and not always likeable classmate. In this story Kristin is a true hero who acts from her Best Self and is a good role model.

This is an excellent story from a group of five published in the November issue. All stories illustrate easy-to-grasp Truth principles and will appeal to children. Plan to use this story in your Sunday school or classroom or read it to a young friend or a little one at bedtime. Keep in mind, too, that WEE WISDOM gift subscriptions make excellent Christmas presents.



FIRST ANNUAL HEALTH CHURCH CONFERENCE

by David Williamson
Detroit Unity Association
Detroit, Michigan

Detroit Unity has received many inquiries about Unity Institute for Holistic Living. Rather than just send out materials or have a series of visitors, we have decided to sponsor a weekend conference where we can marshal all our people to explain what we are doing.

We hope that this will attract wide interest across denominational lines and someone else will want to host the conference next year. Considerable exchanging of ideas and programs will certainly take place between the participants.

We will address a number of issues that arise when a holistic health program is added to a ministry: insurance, committees, facilities, volunteers, legalities, incorporation, working with health care professionals, integrating already existing programs and services within the ministry.

Steven Halpern, the musician who composes and plays "sound health" music will be with us for a concert and discussion on music and healing.

Ministers are encouraged to bring some of their board members to the conference, so they can be aware of the possibilities and challenges of adding this "wellness" dimension of service to the organization.

We trust all those interested in having a "health church" will be able to save money and time for their church as we benefit by others' research, investigations, experience, mistakes and successes.

You will be receiving a mailing on this conference in November or December, but we wanted to notify you ahead of time so you can make plans to attend.

The conference will be held at Detroit Unity Temple and Unity Institute for Holistic Living on the weekend after Easter, 1983. We will start on Thursday evening, April 7, and conclude Sunday afternoon, April 10. Registration is \$125. Lodging and most meals are not included in the registration. Local transportation, Saturday lunch, health snacks, viewing of three films on holistic health and healing, the Halpern concerts, and all materials are included.

Lois Robbins is registrar for the Health Church Conference. Please address all correspondence to her at:

Detroit Unity Temple
17505 Second Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48203
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In Memory

by Beverly Potter
Venice, Florida

On July 9, 1982, Dr. Ernest C. Wilson made his transition. It was a peaceful passing. He was sitting upright, his hands folded, his eyes closed, a slight smile on his face. No pain, no discomfort as he slipped out of his earthly vehicle. It was as he had wished.

We will dearly miss this saintly man. To each of us he had special meaning. He held a small corner of our heart. Over the years we grew to know him, either personally or through his many books and articles. He was always a ready listener, eager to help, eager to serve. To know him was most certainly to love him, and this love we have for him will never cease just because he is lost to our vision. He resides within us.

Dr. Wilson served the UNITY church more than 60 years. He was appointed minister of the Unity Society of Practical Christianity by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, founders of the church, in 1934. In 1938 Dr. Wilson founded the Christ Church Unity in Los Angeles. Under his guidance it became one of the largest UNITY churches in the world, attaining a membership of 8500. In 1965 he returned to Kansas City to again become senior minister of the Society.

Dr. Wilson was considered a pioneer in religious television, culminating in weekly network appearances on Betty White's NBC television show. Before that he had several syndicated radio programs.

Dr. Wilson also originated Unity's Christmas Candlelighting and Easter Flower services. He was responsible for Unity work starting in London and Honolulu. He had the largest Youth ministry ever in Unity. He coached a Unity basketball team and with great success. He lectured worldwide drawing thousands.

He wrote 17 books and many, many poems and articles. He introduced his Master Class Lessons in 1932. Dr. Wilson was editor-in-chief of UNITY Publications from 1930 until 1938.

As a personal friend Dr. Wilson had no equal. He spent the last seven Christmases with Ron and me. These times together will be forever cherished.

So we say goodbye to our friend. God speed, dear Ernest. We know he has happily entered a brand new phase of new life. He is one step closer to man's eternal quest. And he is content.

—Unity on the Gulf, Venice, Florida
September Newsletter

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES
Statement of General Funds Operations
Five Months Ended August 31, 1982

INCOME—OPERATIONS:	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Love Offerings	\$41,126.82	\$231,900.12
Other Income	9,495.16	26,264.89
	<u>50,621.98</u>	<u>258,165.01</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	4,112.68	23,190.02
	<u>46,509.30</u>	<u>234,974.99</u>
Gross Profit Materials	7,942.54	20,981.94
Total Income	<u>54,451.84</u>	<u>255,956.93</u>
 EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:		
Ministry Services	36,825.66	188,518.09
Ministerial Education	14,603.45	71,999.34
Total Expenses	<u>51,429.11</u>	<u>260,517.43</u>
 INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 3,022.73</u>	<u>\$ (4,560.50)</u>

Unity School Contribution To The AUC Through Services Provided
May 1, 1982—August 31, 1982: \$87,463.75

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



Bible Lands Tour

Yves LaFontant, minister of Unity of Lehigh Valley, Allentown, Pennsylvania, is hosting a twelve day trip to Jordan, Egypt and Israel, **November 1-12, 1983**. They will be experiencing the places Jesus walked and talked and becoming acquainted with the settings in which Jesus touched both individuals and crowds. The cost of the tour is \$1,686 (all inclusive from New York), including three meals a day and first class hotel accommodations. For further information please contact Yves at **Unity of Lehigh Valley, 5½ North Sixth Street, Allentown, PA 18101**, or call **215 - 820-0655**.



"Dear God, please take care of Daddy, Mommy and my baby brother. And please, God, take care of yourself or else we're all sunk."

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

20-26 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, MO

1983 JANUARY

17-21 AUC Mid-Year Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

30- Feb. 1 UMTC Southwest Conference, Descanso, CA

APRIL

25-28 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

MAY

27-30 Suncoast Unity Ministers Retreat, Leesburg, Florida, at Life Enrichment Center

JUNE

7-10 AUC Pre-Conference Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

12-16 AUC Conference, Unity Village, MO

SEPTEMBER

19-23 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO

25-28 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Polagon State Park, Angola, Indiana

Clearinghouse

The new Unity Center of Truth in Washington, D.C., **LaFayette Seymour**, minister, has no Unity hymnals. If your center would like to share used hymnals with the group, please contact LaFayette at **1650 Primrose Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20011**. They would like to have at least 65 songbooks for the congregation members.



WHY ARE FIRE TRUCKS RED?

Well, fire trucks have four wheels and eight men. Everybody knows that four and eight are twelve. There are twelve inches in a foot and a foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth II, a ruler, was also the name of the largest ship that sailed the seven seas. Seas have fish and fish have fins. Finns fought the Russians. The Russians are "reds." Fire trucks are always rushin, therefore fire trucks are red.

If you think this is wild, you should hear how some people try to explain why they don't come to church.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Association of Unity Churches Staff wishes to take this opportunity to wish all of you a joyous and blessed Christmas season! We bless you and have faith that in the coming year the good in your life is magnified and multiplied to bring forth blessings again and again. May you be increasingly aware of the rich gifts of peace, joy, light and love ever available to you. From all of us to all of you--HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The

President's

Letter

It has been my privilege and pleasure over the past couple of months to travel to the Conferences in four of our Regions. I do not need to say, but I will, that I was cordially and warmly received. I was able to talk personally, and collectively, with ministers and teachers of long acquaintance and make new friends.

I have reported on the activities, decisions made, and actions taken by your Executive Committee on your behalf. I was able to answer any and all questions directed to me, and did so. In all of these Regions, there was an acceptance of the agreement to be made, and reached, by Unity School and the AUC by the vast majority of those present.

The agreement has elicited a sense of relief and peace of mind. There is the feeling that now we can devote our energies toward developing new ministries and strengthening the existing ones. I feel that it is necessary to say that your trust in your Executive Committee is a joy to behold and is warranted. They have labored mightily, lovingly, and with great care to reflect the will of the majority of our members.

One of the things that I have seen is the great care and consideration given by each member to seek to put their own personal biases, if any, aside and to prayerfully follow the course of action deemed to be the best and for the highest good of all concerned. Once a decision has been reached on any subject, all members do their best to support that decision. (Isn't this the duty of any Board member?)

Each of you should be proud of your elected representatives. I know that I am. We are truly blessed and will continue to be as we continue to be ministers of Truth.

May you and those you serve enjoy the blessings of this beautiful and love-filled holiday season.

Blessings,

Jack





MINISTRY

SERVICES

PERSPECTIVES

The transfer of primary responsibility for the education and training of ministers from the AUC to Unity School over the next 18 months gives us the opportunity of reevaluating the purpose and direction of our organization. The Ministerial School absorbs approximately one third of the income, staff and energy of the AUC Headquarter's operation. However, this does not mean that we will suddenly have all of these potential resources available for redirection. Our taking responsibility for the appointment of a full-time Director of Education and a Chairman of Ministry Studies implies that we will be retaining an important role and influence in ministerial education. Obviously, we will thus continue to have a significant financial obligation in this area.

The AUC is a unique combination of a federation of churches and centers on the one hand and a ministers' professional association on the other. The AUC is indispensable to the field movement, both to ministries and to ministers. Without the Association, both ministries and ministers would be immeasurably weakened. For these reasons it behooves us to take a good look at ourselves and examine both our direction and methods and to review our priorities.

Clearly, essential to our organization is the maintenance and growth of our field movement. It has been said that the AUC is "maintenance oriented." But this is not necessarily a bad thing. With some 396 active ministries and 412 active ministers listed in the new Yearbook, maintenance must be important. We are a support organization and our purpose is to provide both ministries and ministers with supplies, services and assistance. These include ordination, licensing, placement service, liaison assistance, organizational communications (CONTACT, AGAPE, reSPONSE, HELPING HAND), materials (Youth Education and YAU teaching outlines, Sunday service bulletins, etc.), health and hospitalization insurance and pension plans, and more. We will shortly be inviting your individual comments on our existing services and asking for your suggestions for additional ways in which we can serve you and also your input as to any which you may think are unnecessary.

The growth of the field movement is largely in your hands. We are constantly receiving inquiries from people who are hungry to have Unity's healing, prospering and freeing messages brought to their towns. We offer advice and help in the formation of study groups. Always, we inform inquirers of their closest Unity minister. But progress is slow for those groups that are not aided by a nearby Unity center. We suggest that ministers and boards deliberately seek opportunities to establish new centers to better serve students in their own localities. The Expansion Committee has this year given great impetus to this effort.

A further need, and perhaps our most important need, is to provide an annual Conference that will be a time of true spiritual retreat and refreshment and be free from contention and controversy. Like those who have preceded him, this year's President, Jack Barker, earnestly desires such a conference. Perhaps we shall see this in 1983. Truly it is up to you, the ministers who attend. As a scarred "conference floor fighter" of some experience I know the temptations. Who knows whether 300-400 Unity ministers and teachers coming together next June peaceably and lovingly determined to obtain unity within Unity at all costs will not prove to be the greatest force for both the maintenance and expansion of the Unity movement.

Let us link our consciousness in prayer and hold a high vision of Spirit at work, building and expanding our AUC into the most dynamic and creative service organization ever.

Charles Neal
Director of Ministry Services



1983 AUC COMMITTEES

The standing committee assignments for 1983 are listed below. The efficiency and success with which the Committee responsibilities can be carried out are greatly dependent on the committee members responsibility for attending all committee meetings. The dates for the Mid-Year Committee Meetings are indicated below. Should you have any questions on the meetings, please contact your Committee Chairperson. Committee reports will be given on January 20-21. Most of the committees will complete their business on January 19 or 20. All committee members should be receiving letters from their Chairperson, including information on date of departure.

LICENSING AND ORDINATION COMMITTEE (January 17, 8:00 a.m. -- AE 3-4-5):

DONALD CURTIS, Chairperson
Eugene Sorensen, Co-Chairperson
William Hines, Co-Chairperson

Florence Allen, Robert R. Barth, Jack Boland, Maya Brandenburger, Shirley Bring, John Byrns, Genevieve Campbell, Judith Childress, Jim Dawson, Mick Dustin, Bill Esslinger, Roy Fox, Martha Giudici, James Heinecamp, Yves LaFontant, Max Lafser, Louise Lawrence, Trudie Liddell, Linda Pendergrass, Alan Rowbotham, John Salunek, Tom Sikking, Grover Thornsberry, Ross Tucker, Dana Voght, Phil White.

EXPANSION COMMITTEE (January 17, 9:00 a.m. -- Martha Giudici's Office):

GLORY ANDERSEN, Chairperson
Billie Blain, Mary Jo Cooper, Dona Gilsdorf, Janet Hankins (MIT), R. Wentworth Jenkins, Vicki Lafser, Gerald Melin, Barbara Van De Vyvere, Debi Maynard (Coordinator).

AUC MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (January 18, 9:00 a.m.)

DAVID DREW, Chairperson

Paul Barrett, Vivian Huber, Phillip Pierson, Rosemary Rhea.

BANQUET COMMITTEE (January 18, 9:00 a.m.--Cheryl Vestal's Office):

LOUISE PEAK, Chairperson

Tia Couvillion, Polly Ann Quinn.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE (January 17, 9:00 a.m.):

THOMAS COATES, Chairperson

Gerry Fetterhoff, Carol Nash, Tom Skalitzky, Harry Smit (MIT).

COUNCIL OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE (January 17, 9:00 a.m.--AUC Conference Room):

HOWARD CAESAR, Chairperson

Joan-Gattuso Lear, John Harris, Bob Hill, Gary Jones, Mayola SaltPaw.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE (Not Meeting)

Ruth Mosley, Chairperson

Jack Barker, Co-Chairperson

(Members of the Emeritus Prayer Group)

EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE (January 18, 9:00 a.m. - - Bill Esslinger's Office):

DICK TWEEDY, Chairperson

Marilyn Blessing, Eunice Chagnon, Jean Grover, Jack Groverland, Robert Hungerford, Kent Kessinger, Betty Owers, Bob Brumet (Alternate).

EXCEPTION FOR LICENSING COMMITTEE (Not Meeting):

CHARLES NEAL, Chairperson

William Cameron, Les McClelland, Richard Rieger, Sallye Taylor, Phil White.

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE (January 17, 9:00 a.m. --Thora Hess' Office):

PAULINE BEAUREGARD, Chairperson

Robert E. Barth, Peggy Gray (AUC Staff), Floyd Howard, Les McClelland, Barbara Williamsen.

GROUP SERVICES COMMITTEE (January 18, 9:00 a.m.--Joann Landreth's Office):

DONALD CLARK, Chairperson

Dick Ammons, Marcus Buckley, Victor Rosencrans.

HYMNBOOK COMMITTEE (Not Meeting):

MARILYN RIEGER, Chairperson

Janet Manning, Warren Meyer, Barbara Provost, Alan Stanley, Viola Williamson.

LICENSED TEACHER COMMITTEE (February 28-March 5):

BETTY JACUNSKI, Chairperson

Patricia Anderson, Ara Helen McDonald, Jane Priest, Vale Rice, Retta Sherman, Delores Swinney, Dorothy Williams.

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE (Not Meeting until June):

MARIA SOLER, Chairperson

Lourdes Collado, Mario DeFerrari (MIT), Emmanuel Fakeye, Carmen Figuerora, Lora McAfee-Gaut, Foster McClellan, Luis Perez.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE (Not Meeting):

CHARLES NEAL, Chairperson

William Esslinger, Frank Giudici, Martha Giudici, Hypatia Hashbrouck, Marilyn Rieger, Jane Waddington, Philip White.

PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (January 18, 9:00 a.m.--Gladys Branscum's Office):

NANCY NEAL, Chairperson

Greg Barrette, Leila Fischer, Mel Ryman, Thelma Smit.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE (January 18, 9:00 a.m.--Debi Maynard's Office):

EDIE SKALITZKY, Chairperson

Vi Davis, Mary K. MacDougall, Rene Parc, Shay St. John, Marlin White.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (Not Meeting):

GLENN MOSLEY, Chairperson

Regional Representatives

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (January 17, 1:00 p.m.--Conference Room A):

JACK BARKER, Chairperson

Jay Dishman, Charles Lelly, Gwen Norment, Jim Rosemergy, Hal Rosencrans, R. Scott Sherman, Larry Swartz.

AUC BOARD OF TRUSTEES (January 18, 8:30 a.m.--Conference Room A):

JACK BARKER, President

Jay Dishman, Vice-President

Richard Barnes, Robert E. Barth, William Cameron, Polly C. Dozier, Pat Filiault, Charles Lelly, Glenn Mosley, V. Michael Murphy, Ed Myler, Gwen Norment, Jim Rosemergy, Hal Rosencrans, Kathryn Rowbotham, Mary Rowe, R. Scott Sherman, Robert Stevens, Larry Swartz, Sadye Thomas, John Wingfield.



Letter To The Editor . . .

Something that has always concerned me as a member of AUC is the method by which we, as an organization, select our leadership. I'm not referring to offices such as President or Vice-President, but to the procedure by which we elect individuals to the Board of Trustees.

It has been my observation that our National Youth of Unity take far greater care in electing leadership than our own AUC. The YOU has each candidate for office stand before the entire body and individually express why they want to serve, what strengths they see themselves as having, what they feel they have to offer to make YOU better, and what they have already been involved in within the organization to display their level of commitment. After each person has had their chance to speak, they open it up to questions that may be asked specifically of each candidate. In this way, although you may not personally know any of the candidates, you have enough information to make an intelligent vote.

The voting that goes on in AUC can only be based on popularity, sexism and other inappropriate factors, and how can we fault anyone for this when no information is provided for one to make an intelligent vote?

In light of the controversial issue at hand this past June, it would have been most appropriate to ask candidates questions relating to their views and how each felt AUC might insure, preserve, and strengthen its voice in the future of the Unity movement.

Clearly decisions that the members of the Board face continue to grow in magnitude and importance concerning the very life and existence of AUC. Serving on the Board is a tremendous responsibility to represent the ministers and ministries of the AUC. Surely, when selecting candidates for positions of such importance, it would be most appropriate to provide a means for each nominee to briefly address the conference body followed by a question and answer period. Thus far we have had no possible way of determining one's qualifications over another, let alone their opinions, views, and ideas about relevant matters. We should be embarrassed as an organization to have been blind to this oversight for so long.

Perhaps there was a time when the AUC was much smaller and it was assumed that everyone knew each other sufficiently. However, this has not been the case for some time.

In closing, I wish to reiterate that the issue of this article is not to in any way question the qualifications of those now serving on the Board, but to address the issue of the method by which we elect individuals to that Board of Trustees.

Certainly, great improvements can be made whereby those voting will have the information to vote intelligently on the most qualified and capable to carry the responsibilities of the position that concerns an Association important to us all.

Howard Caesar
Unity of Olympia
Olympia, WA

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UMS News & Views



by Hypatia Hasbrouck, Dean of Faculty

GOOD NEWS! The Association of Unity Churches is now an official endorsing agent for ordained Unity ministers who are graduates of Unity Ministerial School to serve as chaplains in the armed forces of the United States. Although the present membership of Unity churches entitles the AUC to only one chaplain, as the official membership increases another chaplain may be added.

Since UMS is not accredited, before the AUC can endorse a UMS graduate, its program has to be approved by an accredited theological school. That has also been achieved. The AUC has on file a copy of a letter of approval from the academic dean of a nearby theological school which is accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools and the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges. His letter states that the total number of hours and spread of the curriculum of UMS is the equivalent of what his institution requires for the Master of Divinity degree.

The new status for the AUC and the approval of the UMS program culminate efforts dating back to 1972. Thanks are due to Phil White and all others who contributed to the mound of papers pertaining to the efforts to give ordained Unity ministers the opportunity to help the men and women of the armed forces of the United States. Particular thanks go to Sonja Creech, a 1982 ordinand. She pored over all the past work, utilized her life-long knowledge of military rules and regulations, personally consulted armed forces chaplains, and saw that not a jot nor title was omitted from the AUC application.

As anyone acquainted with military organizations realizes it will be some time before the first ordained Unity minister actually serves as a chaplain in the armed forces. Nonetheless, the knowledge that it is just a matter of time is **GOOD NEWS.**

NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

FINALIZED PLACEMENTS: Rudy Nan (1971) to Whittier, California; Bob Brumet (1980) to Overland Park, Kansas; Bill Esslinger (1975) to Orlando, Florida.

First Unity Church of Sarasota, Florida, held a luncheon October 28, honoring their Interim Minister, **Onita Meyer**. Over fifty women gathered to honor Onita. They expressed their appreciation for the services she so lovingly and selflessly performed during her interim ministry. Onita was blessed with gifts from the women honoring their joyous and productive association.

The Youth Education Department of First Unity Church of St. Louis, Missouri, **Leila Fischer**, minister, recently donated a check to the St. Louis Zoo to help support "Cupid," a Kudu. Whenever one of the children celebrates a birthday, they bring a penny for every year they have celebrated a birthday. The pennies are put into a bank and at the end of the year a check is sent to the Zoo. Supporting "Cupid" is one of the many ways the YE Department share their love.

Unity Church of Christianity, Pensacola, Florida, **Glory Andersen**, minister, moved into their new facilities on October 31. The new church building is now open to accept and love many new friends they now have space to accommodate. The first service in the sanctuary was filled with over 250 people, joining in the consciousness of love.

The Southeast Regional Conference was held October 17-20 in West Palm Beach, Florida. The Post-Graduate Course, "The Phenomenon of Man" by Teilhard De Chardin was presented by **Jean Brannon**. Business meeting, fun at the beach, sight-seeing trip to the Delray Beach and Lake Worth ministries and a banquet at Unity of the Palm Beaches were enjoyed by all of those in attendance. **Bill Kozy** was elected Alternate Regional Representative. The 1983 Conference will be hosted by **Glory Andersen** at Gulf State Park. Hosts **Hal** and **Lassie Rosencrans** are appreciated for the excellent job they did in preparing the 1982 Conference and helping to make it one of the best Regional Conferences ever.

The members of the congregation of Unity Center of Creative Living, Jupiter, Florida, blessed their minister, **Bryan Graham**, with a surprise on October 17--the presentation of a 1981 Honda Accord. The silver automobile was given to Bryan as a gift of love for the thanksgiving and joy he has brought to the new ministry.

Unity Church of Erie, Pennsylvania, **Cathy Plemmons**, minister, moved into their new church home recently. The first Sunday service in the new building was held October 31st. The day brought not only celebration of a new building, but one year since they have been blessed with Cathy. The service was followed by an open house and luncheon at a nearby restaurant.

West Side Unity Church, Detroit, Michigan, **Ruth Mosley**,

minister, celebrated their 18th anniversary in grand style. A Seminar of the Light on the New Age was presented by the Youth Education Department, with guest **Lani Hickman**, Great Lakes Regional YE Representative. The Board of Directors, in conjunction with the Repertory Theater, presented "Byron's Ghost," a fascinating drama. An Apple Festival was sponsored by the Willing Workers. The menu was glazed duck, cornish hen and all the trimmings (all made with apples). The grand finale featured the Voices of Unity in concert. The Concert was entitled "Make a Joyful Noise." On October 31, a special blessing service was held, concluding the 18th anniversary celebration. The center was surrounded with love and God's opulent blessings. Congratulations West Side Unity, your dreams are coming true!

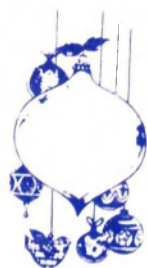
The Eastern Regional Conference was held October 3-7, at the Hemlock Holistic Healing Center, Rochester, New York. The Post-Graduate Class on "Healing" was given by **Gary Jones**, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The meetings were held in the beautiful health center, converted from an old monastery. Part of the facilities are still used by the monks. The holistic center was located in a beautiful tree-lined setting. A delicious meal and tour of the Rochester Church began the festivities. A tour of the Barry Winery was among the highlights of the Conference. Elected officers are **Sue Smith**, President; **Laurel Marston**, Secretary; **Harriet Baumeister**, Treasurer; **Marlowe Kline**, Chaplain; **Ed Myler**, Regional Representative; and **John Salunek**, Alternate Regional Representative. The Conference was filled with enthusiasm and joy for the occasion.

Christ Church Unity, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, gives thanks for answered prayers! **Elizabeth Aitken**, leader of Christ Church Unity, will be ordained in a special service on December 3. **Jack Barker** will be there to perform the ceremony. Many visiting ministers and out-of-town guests are coming to share in the joy of this occasion. Refreshments will follow the ordination ceremony. Congratulations, Betty, on this wonderful occasion.

The children of Unity Center of Truth, Anderson, Indiana, **Virginia Clement**, minister, are producing an original fairy tale on how discovering one's True Identity happens in Fairyland. The Wings Children's Theatre is developing the plot, characters and the original script. The children will also create all of their own scenery for the performance.

Christ Church Unity of El Cajon, **Arthur Hammons**, minister, sponsored an afternoon Tea Dance as a gift to the Community. As they created this opportunity of togetherness, a sense of community emerged to become a blessing, not only for those attending, but also for those who know that something fun and worthwhile occurred in the heart of the city and community. The Performing Arts Center was alive with people, nostalgic music, dancing, refreshments, entertainment and fellowship on Sunday, November 28th. What a fun and meaningful way to bring together the Unity belief and expectation in our fellow man, our community and our world.

The Youth Education Services Department of New Thought Unity Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, **Jack Barker**, minister, recently donated over \$500 to the church organ fund. The funds were made through a pancake brunch and raffle held for the congregation. Many staff members, parents and students worked diligently and lovingly to make it all a huge success.



YOU/YAU Reports

by Brooks Myers, Youth Services Coordinator

Some Youth of Unity groups enjoy a steady influx of younger members, while other groups experience large fluctuation in membership. Sponsors I have talked with point to continuity between the Uniteens program (junior high) and the YOU program as one important factor in keeping our younger teenagers involved in Unity.

The importance of linking Uniteens and YOU seems logical and obvious, but often special attention is not given to helping the junior high students find their way into the YOU program. Improved continuity has been achieved in some centers because the minister (in meeting with the Youth Education Director and YOU Sponsor) has stressed the importance of easing the transition between Uniteens and YOU, and has encouraged the YE Director and YOU Sponsor to cooperate in developing innovative activities to help keep our junior high students interested. It is appropriate that ministers set this as a priority since in most centers the minister supervises both the YE Director and the YOU Sponsor.

The Seattle Unity Church has established a special graduation dinner in May to honor graduating Seniors and welcome junior high students who are entering, or soon will be entering, YOU. Uniteens, YOUers and parents are invited to attend this evening program. The event recognizes the accomplishments of graduating Seniors, and all the students, while allowing the Senior to express what they gained from YOU. It provides an opportunity for the junior highers to get to know some of the YOUers and allows for the Uniteens to build some positive anticipation for YOU. The evening also provides a chance for the parents in the church to meet and support one another.

Another approach is to encourage the YOU Sponsor and YOU officers to occasionally plan a social or service event which includes the Uniteens. While there are many important reasons for the groups to meet separately, many of the benefits mentioned above can come from having joint projects.

Other centers have promoted continuity by occasionally holding a morning and afternoon program called the Uniteens' Fun Day. The Uniteen teacher, the YOU Sponsor and the YOU officers facilitate a Saturday of singing, new games, prayer, meditation and Truth workshops for the Uniteens. The day allows the Uniteens to get to know some YOUers and develop some feeling for what a YOU rally is like. The 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. time span makes the program relatively easy to develop and is more suitable for the maturity and attention span of Junior Highers.

Young people begin to make some of their most crucial and fundamental life choices at the age of 12 and 13. They start deciding questions like, "Do I really believe in God?"; "Is the church a place I would go out of my own free choice?"; "What is the purpose of my life?". Because junior highers are less verbal and more reserved around adults, it is easy to overlook their needs. By giving a little special attention to helping them feel comfortable about making the transition into YOU, we can ensure they have access to Unity's powerful message throughout their teenage years.



UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Marilyn Rieger, co-minister of Unity Center of Independence, Missouri, has found community involvement to be an expanding part of her ministry. During the summer months she participated in a task force of community leaders organized by Independence Mayor Barbara Potts to establish a shelter for battered women and their children.

The shelter, incorporated as Hope House, is due to open January 1, 1983, and will serve Eastern Jackson County. There are two other shelters of this kind in Kansas City, Missouri.

In September Marilyn was elected to the 21-member Board of Directors of Hope House and is serving as Secretary. **Pam Yearsley**, Unity School Editorial Department, was also elected to the Board and is working with Marilyn on the Speakers' Bureau of Hope House.

As a result of this involvement, Marilyn was invited to participate in the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in Independence on November 23. "There are certain advantages to having a woman mayor!" comments Marilyn.

Youth Education Report

by Ron Tyson, Youth Education Coordinator

When we experience Christmas through the hearts of our children, we receive a special gift. It is the gift of the Christ child. . . the total expression of selfless love.

There is a delightful story in Jim Freeman's book, Once Upon A Christmas, about a child named Rosa who gave all she had to give and found she had more to give than she ever dreamed. The message it contains serves us well in remembering the true spirit of Christmas and our true gift from God. I urge you to read it.

Our children are free and eager to give away the spiritual gifts of God through their love, joy, excitement and expectation. Their faith is felt in their expectancy. Joy is the song in their hearts and their expression of love is its own fulfillment. These gifts are priceless gifts, and they belong to all of us.

This is the season to renew the activity of that Christ child within you. It is the season to allow the joy and wonder of it all awaken your childlike openness to love. This is also a time to receive. Allow yourself to get caught up in the same excitement your child is experiencing while receiving his gifts. Accept your good. . . you deserve it. . . your Father wants to give to you just as you want to give to your children.

As we grow in the understanding of ourselves as children of God, Christmas becomes an everyday experience. Urge your congregation to experience Christmas through the hearts of their children. If they are without children of their own, invite them to share in the activities going on in your Youth Department. The gifts they will receive are as eternal as the gift of the Christ in each of us.

So let us remember who and what we are; children of God, endowed with infinite possibilities of good. And let us also not forget to be excited and expectant as we experience those possibilities unfolding in and through us.



SPECIAL GIFT

MINISTERS: Do you remember the special planning calendars mailed to you last January? They were a special gift of **Charles Roth**, Unity Truth Center, Indianapolis, Indiana. Charles will again be happy to provide you with this special 1983 Calendar. If you would like to receive a copy contact the Unity Truth Center in Indianapolis.

THE SPIRITUAL GOSPEL

Jim Lewis, minister of Unity Truth Center, Denver, Colorado, has just released his latest book, The Spiritual Gospel. The book is a study of the Gospel of John. Jim would like to share his new book with any of the Unity ministers or licensed teachers. If you would like to receive your free copy of The Spiritual Gospel, please contact Jim at **Unity Truth Center, 3021 S. University Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80210**.



LIGHT ON THE PATH

by **Delores Swinney**, Licensed Teacher
Unity of Fairfax, Oakton, Virginia

Since the Post-Graduate week for licensed teachers is coming up soon, we thought it would be good to re-print the article from Unity Education Newsletter with details:

"An exciting program is being planned for the Annual Licensed Teacher Post-Graduate Week which will be held at Unity Village from February 26 through March 4, 1983. Focusing on a theme "New Thought Writers," the major sessions of the week will explore the works of such greats as Emma Curtis Hopkins, Thomas Troward, Annie Rix Militz, and Ralph Waldo Trine. Those who attend will be helped to see how these writings can enrich them as individuals and as teachers. A special feature will be a visit from one of our current New Thought Writers. This will include a lecture and an autograph party. There will be plenty of opportunity to share ideas, to pray and sing, and to enjoy each other's company. Put the dates on your calendar now. Registration materials will be mailed to all Licensed Teachers before Christmas."

This week will be a special opportunity for licensed teachers to earn Post-Graduate credits. After you are licensed as a teacher, you have the responsibility to earn at least 10 Post-Graduate credits within every three-year period. These are recorded by AUC and listed on the back of your annual associate membership card. The form for active license renewal is mailed to you in the late summer. Have the form signed by your minister and mailed back to AUC. Post-Graduate credits may also be earned at the annual AUC and Regional Conferences. These credits and membership renewal must be maintained if you wish to lead classes for credit in the Unity School for Religious Studies Extension Program, and to be considered an active licensed teacher.

Hospitalization and Medical Insurance

The recent increase in the monthly premiums for our Aetna Medical and Hospitalization Insurance has prompted some ministers and board members to ask how good is our plan. The plan is a comprehensive one and compares very favorably with other group plans.

THE PLAN IN BRIEF: This is a Major-Medical and Hospitalization Insurance. All office calls to doctors and physicians, all hospital charges, doctors, surgeons, anesthetists, rooms, and prescriptions are included, also Chiropractic treatment. (Note: Optometry and Acupuncture are not covered.)

PURPOSE OF PLAN: At the outset we should understand the purpose of the plan. It is designed to protect the individual or the family from financial disaster in the event of major illness or surgery. It is not the purpose of the plan to reimburse you for every visit to a doctor's office. For this reason there is a \$500.00 deductible.

HOW THE DEDUCTIBLE WORKS: The deductible is applied to each individual. Every individual must have paid out \$500.00 before the company pays anything. After the deductible the company pays 80% and the individual pays 20% of all charges until the amount paid by the individual reaches \$1,500.00. At this point Aetna starts paying 100% of all charges.

FAMILY DEDUCTIBLE: For the family policy (two or more persons) the deductible is \$1,000.00. The individual pays the first \$500.00 for the first family member to be ill, after which Aetna starts paying 80% and the individual pays 20%. The individual then pays the first \$500.00 for the second family member to be sick (Aetna usually breaks this second \$500.00 deductible among the remaining family members covered.) After this when 20% of expenses incurred to each family member reaches \$1,000 Aetna starts paying 100% of all remaining charges.

REACHING THE DEDUCTIBLE: For the purpose of the deductible only, it is good to keep account and receipts of all medical charges however small even though these may not amount to \$500.00. These can then be forwarded as evidence that the deductible has been reached when making a claim for treatment which is over \$500.00.

HOW TO CLAIM: Claim forms and mailing envelopes can be obtained from the Insurance Department at the AUC office. On completion, all claims should be sent directly to: Aetna Claims Office, P.O. Box 6610, Leawood, Kansas 66206.

DENTAL WORK: Dental work is covered, but there is an individual deductible of \$50.00 and family deductible of \$100.00. The deductible works similarly as with the medical coverage, after which Aetna pays 80% of check-ups (two per year) cleanings (two per year) X-rays, fillings, and other regular dental work. It pays 50% for crowns, inlays, dentures, bridges, etc. However, Aetna will only pay up to a limit of \$750.00 per individual per year on dental work.

LIFE INSURANCE: There is a life insurance policy of \$10,000.00 for the individual, payable to the beneficiary named. After the age 70 the life insurance drops to \$5,000.00 for the individual.

SOME STATISTICS: Of almost 400 ministers in the field, currently 182 are covered by our insurance plan. This is 14% fewer than were covered before the last rate increase went into effect. Of this total, 75% of churches are paying the premiums for the ministers; 15% of the ministers are paying the premiums themselves and the remaining 10% is being shared between the minister and the church.

ALTERNATIVE PLANS: Your Group Services Committee has examined the possibility of finding other insurance carriers. One factor emerges clearly, that we, the members of our group, ultimately determine the cost of our insurance. Group insurance rates are not arbitrarily set by the company, but are based on the actual experience of our own group. Two different professional groups insured by the same company may have widely differing rates because of the difference in claims. The simple fact is that over recent years our insurance carriers have not regarded our account as being a profitable one.

CHEAPER PREMIUMS? We would all like to reduce the cost of this insurance and one way to do this is to remain faithful to the group and above all stay healthy. It is now possible for center employees to be included under this plan. If your church's full-time employees are not already covered by the AUC's group plan, it is suggested that you consider including them. Hopefully, by broadening the base of our membership less expensive premiums will result.



News About MPPP*

(*Money Purchase Pension Plan)

How is the contribution to the Association of Unity Churches Money Purchase Pension Plan (the "Plan") determined?

Under the Plan's contribution formula, there are three sources of contributions. They are as follows:

- A. Mandatory Employer Contribution;
- B. Mandatory Employee Contribution; and
- C. Voluntary Employee Contribution.

For purposes of this article, Employer means the Association of Unity Churches, Inc., and member churches of the Association who have signed the Joinder Agreement agreeing to adopt the Plan.

A. Mandatory Employer Contribution: According to the contribution requirements of the Plan, the Employer has a fixed obligation to contribute eight percent of a participant's compensation on a quarterly basis. The Employer has the responsibility of determining the amount of contribution to be made by it to the Trust.

The term compensation shall mean the total amount of all payments made by the Employer to a Participant for service rendered. In addition, compensation shall include, in the case of a minister covered by the Plan, the rental value of a home furnished to the minister as part of his compensation. It shall also include the housing or rental allowance paid to a minister covered under the Plan, to the extent it is used by the minister to rent or provide a home.

When the contributions are received by the Trust, the amount of the Employer's contributions are credited to each participant's individual account.

B. Mandatory Employee Contribution: The Plan requires each Participant to make a contribution to the Trust in an amount equal to three percent of the Participant's compensation. Compensation means the same as defined in Section A above. This contribution must be made on a quarterly basis. Any participant who does not make his/her required contribution for a Plan Year shall not receive an Employer contribution allocation to his account for that Plan Year. A Plan Year is the period from January 1 through December 31. Also, a participant can be terminated from the Plan for failure to make a required contribution. Such termination would occur within sixty days following receipt of a delinquency notice.

Each Participant's contribution is credited to an individual account under his/her name. This account is maintained to reflect the accrued benefit derived from a Participant's own required contribution.

C. Voluntary Employee Contribution: In addition to the required contributions made by the Employer and Employee, the Plan permits each participant to make a voluntary contribution to the Trust Fund. In general, the total amount of

a Participant's voluntary contribution may not exceed ten percent of his/her compensation.

A participant is always 100 percent vested in the amount of his/her contribution--whether it is voluntary or required.



SPARKPLUGS

**Talk Topics and Sermon Starters from Unity Publications
This Month: UNITY Magazine's Christmas Issue.**

Fresh ideas to incorporate into your center's Advent celebrations, outreach programs, and classes fill UNITY Magazine's December issue. Here is a capsule view of the contents:

"Reflections" by Inga L. Chesney. A new mother ponders the future as she ministers to the needs of a very special infant.

"The Flight of the Yolka" by James Dillet Freeman. A lighthearted but thought-provoking Christmas story with a Russian accent that will delight readers of all ages.

"Questions on the Quest" by Marcus Bach. Christmas-oriented questions are ably answered by this eminent theologian. An unexpected bonus is included; the article contains a treasured recipe from Marcus' boyhood home, his mother's *Bierne Brot* (Pear Bread).

"White or Blue Christmas?" by Margaret Pounders. We hope for a white Christmas, one in which happiness and joy prevail, but many people succumb to the Christmas blues. An excellent article for teachers and counselors.

"Listen to the Answer" by Glenn Clairmonte. Thoughts about meditation and the many names for God.

"The Three Wise Men" excerpts from the writings of Charles Fillmore. A study of the metaphysical meaning of the three kings of the Orient.

The sole non-seasonal selection is another installment of the continuing Gerald G. Jampolsky series. This month's article, "I Am Determined to See Things Differently," helps us to free ourselves from a belief system that perceives fear as real.

Beautiful thoughts expressed as Christmas meditations and poetry are interspersed throughout the magazine. These can be utilized for opening meditations, incorporated into talks, or just be enjoyed. Seasonal illustrations add to the beauty of this issue, surely one of the best Christmas issues ever.

ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES
Statement of General Funds Operations
Six Months Ended September 30, 1982

INCOME—OPERATIONS:	Month	Year To Date
Love Offerings	\$52,651.55	\$284,551.67
Other Income	21,389.06	47,653.95
	<u>74,040.61</u>	<u>332,205.62</u>
Less: Tithe Transfer	5,265.16	28,455.18
	<u>68,775.45</u>	<u>303,750.44</u>
Gross Profit Materials	2,307.44	23,289.38
Total Income	<u>71,082.89</u>	<u>327,039.82</u>
EXPENSES—OPERATIONS:		
Ministry Services	38,234.26	226,752.35
Ministerial Education	15,256.75	87,256.09
Total Expenses	<u>53,491.01</u>	<u>314,008.44</u>
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES:	<u>\$17,591.88</u>	<u>\$ 13,031.38</u>

Unity School Contribution To The AUC Through Services Provided

May 1, 1982 — September 30, 1982: \$107,673.53

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



"PEACE DAY" FESTIVITY

Sunday, October 10, was proclaimed as "Peace Day" in Arkansas by Governor Frank White. **Gerry Fetterhoff**, minister of Unity Church of Hot Springs, was one of the featured speakers at the festivities held at the Garland County Fairgrounds. The highlight of the day was a moment of silence and holding hands of everyone visiting the fairgrounds. All of the local churches with bells were asked to ring them at that time to call for world peace.

The Peace Fair and Peace Day were held to make people aware that working for peace is patriotic, and that this nation's security depends on its citizens being united behind those working for peace; to promote parenting which teaches children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and encourages parents to serve as role models and to offer positive ways to confront and deal with children's fears of nuclear war.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The Association of Unity Churches will be providing a Youth Workshop for children during Conference 1983, should we have enough participation to make the program feasible. During the 1982 Conference plans were made to hold a Workshop but due to the few number of responses, we had to cancel the program. If you plan to bring your children to Conference please inform the AUC office before January 15, 1983. If we do not have an adequate response, we will only be providing a list of available people interested in childcare in June. **IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS FIVE-DAY WORKSHOP AVAILABLE, WE MUST HAVE RESERVATIONS BEFORE THE JANUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.** We will need a breakdown of ages to accurately plan a productive program.

LETTERS OF LOVE

Frequently, UMS and AUC receive phone calls or notes expressing appreciation for the quality of service rendered by ministers-in-training or field ministries. The writers of the most recent letters have given permission for us to share them with you. You may be as pleased as we with the comments of the writers.

"Dear Frieda (Olson, minister in Nashville, TN),

"The DAILY WORD gently reminded me this week that since we turned our finances over to the First Spirit and Loan Company we have wanted for nothing--and now the next installment is due! With gladness in my heart I enclose one-tenth of the first paycheck I received from my new job. I promised Spirit that if we could just manage to stay in Nashville, we would be very thankful--and we are!

"We will be out of town for two weeks in Washington, DC, as I train for my new job. Spirit is also my Travel Agent and He has arranged that the family accompany me to visit Karen's folks in Baltimore. We will drive back home in her new car, which her Grandfather wants her to have. Praise Spirit! We even got a vacation in the bargain.

"We will miss worshipping with you and the good folks at Unity for the next few weeks, but wanted you to have this installment without delay. When we return we will bring back Catherine Ponder's book to the library so someone else can have the benefit of reading it."

"...I am wondering if you folks in charge of the Ministerial School realize what wonderful new ministers are being trained and ordained by Unity Ministerial School.

"It has been my privilege of observing the growth and involvement of Unity ministers for 35 years--from Eric Butterworth to Allen and Anne Quay--with many in between!

"The Unity Center of Columbia (Missouri) has been fortunate in having student ministers of the highest caliber--Robert and Mary Ann Detzler, Julie Keene and Anne and Allen Quay. We have loved and appreciated each one of them.

"At the present time, the Unity Center of Columbia is especially appreciative of the work Anne and Allen Quay are doing with us and for us. We are all still on cloud nine as the result of the Prayer Workshop conducted by them last week--'twas the finest and most effective I've ever attended!

"I just thought you should know how much we appreciate you folks and your MITs."



A very warm and special welcome into our Unity family goes out to **Joseph Daniel Lee Redfern**, son of **Sammie** and **Gary Redfern**. Gary is minister of Unity of the Sierras, Grass Valley, California. Joseph was born October 25, weighing 9 lbs. 1 1/4 oz.

We rejoice with Sammie and Gary. We share in their happiness and gratitude for the blessing that has come into their lives.



Memorials

Lillian M. Matthews made her transition July 25, 1982. Lillian had been ordained in 1943, but previous to ordination had been ministering in Buffalo, New York. She remained at the Unity Church of Practical Christianity in Buffalo for 34 years. During this time Lillian served as the President of UMA, member of Education Council and Chairperson of the Licensing and Ordination Committee for many years, and taught many classes at the Unity Training School. Upon her retirement in 1980, she moved to Denver where she remained active in the Unity Truth Center.

Our love and peace move out to touch the ongoing soul of Lillian as she grows into a new transformation of God's light.

AUC RESOURCE HANDBOOK

Resource Packet V is now available through the AUC office. Topics included are as follows:

- Stress Management
- Dial-A-Prayer
- Role of a Minister's Spouse

Calendar of Events

1983

JANUARY

- 4-6 West Central Ministers' Retreat, Capitole, CA
17-21 AUC Mid-Year Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
30- Feb. 1 UMTC Southwest Conference, Descanso, CA

FEBRUARY

- 12-18 Celebration of Love Retreat, Unity Village, MO

MARCH

- 11-12 Minister/Board Seminar, Walnut Creek, CA
19-25 Festival of Spring Retreat, Unity Village, MO
20-24 SCUCA Regional Conference, Hot Springs, AR
26- April 8 USRS Session 5, Unity Village, MO

APRIL

- 9-22 USRS Session 6, Unity Village, MO
10-13 Women's Retreat, Virginia Beach, VA
25-28 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
30- May 6 Apple Blossom Retreat, Unity Village, MO

MAY

- 4-6 West Central Regional Conference, Sacramento, CA
14-20 Maytime Retreat, Unity Village, MO
27-30 Suncoast Unity Ministers Retreat, Leesburg, FL, at Life Enrichment Center
28- June 3 Rose Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO

JUNE

- 7-10 AUC Pre-Conference Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
12-16 AUC Conference, Unity Village, MO

JUNE (Continued)

- 25- July 1 Sunshine Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO

JULY

- 16-22 Summerfest Retreat, Unity Village, MO
17-23 Great Lakes Unity Laypersons' Retreat, Ohio Wesleyan College, Delaware, OH
23- Aug. 5 USRS Session 1, Unity Village, MO

AUGUST

- 6-19 USRS Session 2, Unity Village, MO
21-27 Young Adults Conference, Unity Village, MO

SEPTEMBER

- 3-9 September Song Retreat, Unity Village, MO
17-23 Harvest Festival Retreat, Unity Village, MO
19-23 AUC Executive Committee Meetings, Unity Village, MO
25-28 Great Lakes Regional Conference, Polagon State Park, Angola, Indiana

OCTOBER

- 1-7 Indian Summer Retreat, Unity Village, MO
8-21 USRS Session 3, Unity Village, MO
22- Nov. 4 USRS Session 4, Unity Village, MO

NOVEMBER

- 19-25 Thanksgiving at Unity Retreat, Unity Village, MO

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MARCH

- 24- April 6 USRS Session 5, Unity Village, MO

APRIL

- 7-20 USRS Session 6, Unity Village, MO

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