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Russell Kemp was a Unity minister [ordained 1949](#). You can read more about his life and spiritual journey in the Ministerial survey further down on this page.

In March 1938, Unity published his article *The Triumphant Formula*. He addresses the importance of "willingness." He says, "Willingness is sufficient intelligence to glimpse something of the truth that all that is needed is forever pressing to be. Willingness is sufficient intelligence to seek alignment with this good which is forever pressing to become visible, and to assist in bringing it into view." [Here is a link to Unity March 1938](#).

In 1969 he wrote [Life Youthfully Now](#), a book recommended by Joyce Kramer in her audio series, [The Circle of Life](#). Let me add my recommendation of this book. I found it to be both easy-to-read and unique in its approach to what metaphysical religion is all about. For sure, the book is dated but the ideas are really timeless. And the approach he takes does not require anyone to embrace Unity teachings. Experienced readers may perceive some influence of Christian Science and they may also gain some insight into Charles Fillmore's quest for regeneration. But all in all the book is meant for a mass market of all who wish to live more youthfully.

Russell Kemp is best known for his poem, [This Is The Year!](#), which was published in Daily Word and in Unity Treasure Chest. In 1975 he wrote a short biography of Emilie Gady for Unity magazine, which was published in two-parts, in [August 1975](#) and [September 1975](#).

Russell wrote an inspiring affirmation in the summer of 1966. At that time there was quite a bit of acrimony between ministers because Unity School of Christianity had decided to shut down its Field Ministry department, making way for the future Association of Unity Churches, now known as Unity Worldwide Ministries. [Here is a PDF of the June 1966 Unity Minister's Association Newsletter](#). There you will find Russell's affirmation:

- ✍ Russell Kemp, Monterey, California - This is my prayer for the UMA. "The Spirit of Jesus Christ is the guiding light of the Unity Ministers' Association. All needed reorganization is brought to pass in a spirit of orderly, inspired wisdom, moderation, love and consideration for the rights of all concerned. Peace is inspired by the Christ presence in our members, and all is well."

Here are some files we have on Russell Kemp:

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Unity Who's who in the Field

What led you to take up the study of Unity?
Need for Prosperity and a new start in life

When did you start studying Unity? *April 1931*

Give date when you were given licensed teacher recognition. *1938*

Give date when you were ordained.

In which center did you first serve? *Unity Assembly of Legions Ministry of Christ*

List other places of service in order, giving dates.
Regina Truth Center Regina 1938-1940 Inc.
Unity Assembly Wpg 1940-1948
Unity Church of Truth Syracuse 1948 —

Under what leaders in the Field did you receive training?
Edna F. Sawyer

Have you worked at Unity School? *no* Between what dates?

When did you attend the Unity Training School? *1946 visited*
How many credits do you have? *4 1948 took credits*

Have you completed the Unity Correspondence Course? *yes* If not how far along are you at this date?

List any published books or articles that you have written.
Triumphant Journey 1938. This is My Year. Thought Facts (Two Sessions) Unity. (Daily Book)

What were your religious beliefs and affiliations before coming to Unity?
Presbyterian Sunday School Training
A smattering of Christian Science
No religious affiliations



On this sheet give an account of any outstanding healings, either of yourself or of those to whom you ministered. Give any dramatic events, history of your background etc.

One of the first outstanding healings was that of a young woman dying of cancer. Her aunt was sitting beside her, waiting for the end. A friend of this young woman's came in, we prayed and both felt a clearing of consciousness. The next I heard, this young woman was home, and doing her own house work.

Eva T, given by best doctors one hour to live, ruptured appendix. I prayed and a few Co-ops. rallied. She is alive and in best of health today.

Last year I rec'd a call for a woman who had been unconscious 3 days. In silence, I was led to "don't matter." I had a curious consciousness of being inside of matter, or on the cause side of it, so I could tell it what to do and it would obey. Despite the word of healing in this consciousness. Learned later just about that time she opened her eyes and spoke. Was discharged from hospital in 4 days. Had struck her head on bathtub.

Two healings of arthritis have resulted from my ministry in the last year. One, arthritis in hands was instantly relieved and never felt pain afterwards.

Since coming to Syracuse have witnessed healing in a woman who had been in psychopathic for change of life. Two silences made such a change she was transformed. She is like a new woman.

Date *Jan 2 1949* Signature *Russell Kemp*

Syracuse, New York 1950



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Russell Alger Kemp, 92, of Pacific Grove, a retired clergyman, died Saturday at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula after an illness.

He was born April 26, 1894, in Grand Haven, Mich., and had lived in Pacific Grove since 1962, moving from Modesto where he had lived since 1956.

He was ordained a minister in 1949 by the Unity School of Christianity in Missouri, and was involved in church work for a total of 50 years. He retired in 1984. His last ministry before retirement was at the Unity Truth Church of Monterey, where he started in February 1962.

He served in the Canadian military as a young man, and was a minister at the Unity Assembly of Jesus Christ Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and also was in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, and in Syracuse, N.Y., from 1948 to 1956.

Over the years he was a guest speaker in many cities, and in the 1970s and '80s his articles and poems were published in the Unity and Daily Word magazines. He also wrote a book, "Live Youthfully Now," published in 1969 by Unity School of Christianity.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy.

Memorial services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Paul Mortuary chapel in Pacific Grove. Cremation will be at the Little Chapel by-the-Sea, with inurnment in El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the donor's favorite charity.

In Memoriam

RUSSELL A. KEMP. 1894-1987

"This Is The Year" by Russell A. Kemp
 Wonderful, wonderful, fortunate you
 This is the year that your dreams come true
 This is the year that your ships come in
 This is the year you find Christ within
 This is the year you are glad to live
 This is the year you have much to give
 This is the year when you know the truth
 This is the year when you find new youth
 This is the year that brings happiness
 This is the year you will live to bless
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 Your Loving Wife,
 Dorothy Kemp

