

Russell Kemp





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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

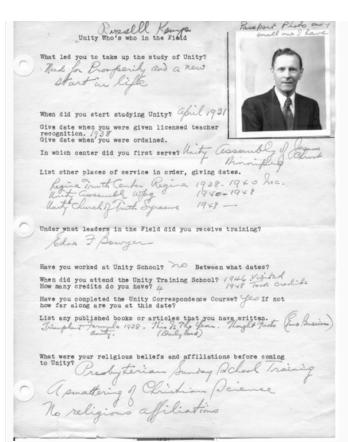
and unique in its approach to what metaphysical religion is all about. For sure, the book is dated but the ideas are really timeless. And the approach he takes does not require anyone to embrace Unity teachings. Experienced readers may perceive some influence of Christian Science and they may also gain 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.

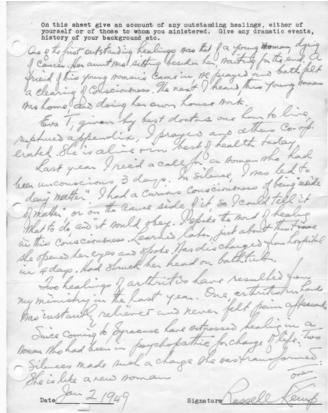
Russell Kemp is best known for his poem, This Is The Year!, which was published in Daily Word and in Unity Treasure Chest. In 1975 he wrote a short biography of Emilie Cady for Unity magazine, which was published in two-parts, in August 1975 and September 1975.

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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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, Doro-

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.

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The Herald, Wednesday, April 1, 1987.

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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
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Your Loving Wife, Dorothy Kemp



