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Greetings!

Here in March of '79 I'm writing something that should reach you soon after May 1. It's a tad bit difficult to visualize May with the last shreds of our grimy snow drifts floating on our sodden lawns. But we've got to try to capture the sun light and blue skies that surely must lie ahead...so here goes!

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With this issue of VOW, we're trying another new idea. The CMD-UUA Board has invited us to share in the publication of the District Newsletter. We are going to have our own section in this issue, and hope you will let us know how you feel about this move.

One real benefit will be that our information will be going out to a mailing list of about 1,000 UU's instead of our 350 plus names.

All of our mailing list, minus duplications (we hope), will receive VOW plus the additional regional news. Cost-wise we have been offered on a one time basis one complimentary page. The other pages will be charged on a pro-rata basis.

If we should decide to continue with this arrangement, we will assume our share of the expenses. This probably will not amount to more than our present budget allocation...and might even be less.

The larger mailing list, with little or no increase in cost, is a strong argument for this move. It also has the added advantage of making the District Newsletter more representative of the CMD as a whole.

To VOW or... Not to VOW?

If, after a fair trial, you UUWF members do not like this arrangement, there will be little difficulty returning to our original practice of a separate news sheet.

Be prepared to express your opinions at Allerton. If you cannot be there, drop me a note before the tenth of June. I will gladly bring your concerns to our Annual Meeting there.

June 12-13-14

Nominating Committee Report

Another item of important business will be the election of new officers. The UUWF Nominating Committee has reported the following slate for the coming year.

President: Pat Scanlon  
Secretary: Pat Gnagy  
Board Member: Marion Baker

These names will be presented for election in June. If there are additional names proposed then, they will also be considered.

The Nominating Committee members were: Barbara Janes, chairperson; Elise Cade and Pat Scanlon. Elise presented the report at the last Board Meeting.

GA Resolution of Special Interest to UU Women

Hope you were all alert when the Parish Poll came to your church. In an attempt to assure a "male/female balance in the core faculty" of our own theological school, Starr King, there is a Resolution which proposes the establishment of the Aurelia Henry Reinhardt Professorship at that school.

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BETTER LATE THAN.....?



Last year Virginia Knowles used the following prayer in one of her worship services at Allerton. It was so effective that many requested a copy of it.

Virginia sent a copy which arrived between mailings of our Newsletter. With my usual efficiency, I mislaid it...temporarily.

Today, I triumphantly announce that poem, editor, and newsletter have met at the same time and in the same place. I am sure you will agree that it is well worth waiting for. Here it is!



#### P R A Y E R

I do not pray; but if I did, here is what I would say;  
Hear my prayer, O God, my fondest hopes and deepest longings;  
To hurt as few persons as possible;  
To resist the pestilences of fear, envy, bitterness and hate;  
To come to terms with disappointment, failure and defeat;  
To love with all my beings:  
    with my eyes  
    with my hands  
    with my heart;  
To love in every way I can;  
To accept the fact that all causes are lost causes and that  
There are no victors under the heavens;  
To live graciously in a Universe which is, at best, only benignly indifferent to me.  
To sometimes experience something other than myself;  
To never turn my back to the sun;  
To be free enough to celebrate another human being;  
To have faith enough, to receive enough grace  
That I may sing  
Experience joy  
Say Yes to life even as it destroys me...  
Oh God, be merciful to us and help us to be merciful to ourselves.

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#### Reinhardt Professorship (cont'd)

Be sure your delegates to GA are aware of the importance of this proposal when they represent you in Lansing in June.

SPEAKING OF Lansing reminds me that by the time this reaches you the UUWF 1979 Biennial will practically be in session.

All unit and individual UUWF members who can get there, should find Washington D.C. in May (3rd-6th) entirely memorable and the weather beautiful.

The workshops promise to cover a wide spectrum of interests. Everything from "Lobbying on the Hill" and "Living Alone and dealing with loss" to "Communications techniques for units" plus many things in-between is being offered.

As the literature comes fluttering in, and as May draws nearer, your Editor is having more and more difficulty being "sensible" and remaining at home.

CLARISE JEFFERSON - - - - -

Clarise is from Normal, Ill., and has been nominated to serve on the UUWF Administrative Board. We have promised a full report from the Biennial by her at Allerton.

This is another good reason for getting there. (As if you needed one.)

BERNADINE BUEUHER - - - - -

Bernie is from Oak Park, Ill and her name is on the list of names from which a Nominating Committee for the Continental UUWF will be selected. She is retiring from the Administrative Board this year. Those who were at Allerton in 1977 will remember her on the staff then. See that your representatives know that she would a good person on the Nominating Committee.