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**1991 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

Stephen Dreier

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The recent changes in our organizational association require many amendments to the Constitution of The Fellowship. The Judicial Committee has completed work on a number of the more immediate matters, and these will be submitted to the 1991 annual meeting of the General Council for adoption. The proposed amendments include: changing our name to "The Fellowship"; removing URANTIA Foundation as the dissolution beneficiary of our assets; changing our corporate name to Fifth Epochal Fellowship Corporation; allowing amendment of the Constitution at any meeting of the General Council; changing the requirements for the name of a Local Society; using generic representation when referring to The Urantia Book,

These amendments deal with technical housekeeping matters; they do not change the basic structure of our organization. During the upcoming year, The Judicial Committee plans to undertake the study of the many suggestions which have been made for substantial change to the structure of our association. These include: representation for each Local Society on the General Council; provision for an Annual, - Delegate Assembly; reduction of the term of office for a General Councilor; limitation of multiple terms on the General Council; and other similar matters.

The consideration of these changes will involve the participation of our entire membership. The Judicial Committee needs to have the comments and suggestions of all our members in order to develop proposals which adequately reflect organizational needs. All members are encouraged to take an interest in these matters and to communicate their thoughts to the Judicial Committee.

The members of the committee are: Steve Dreier, Chair; Tom Kendall; Steve McIntosh; Ellen Montgomery, Secretary; David Owen; and Dan Young.

Submitted by Steve Dreier, Chair

May 19, 1991

# ANNUAL SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE FELLOWSHIP, JUNE 1991

Lynne Kulieke

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During the 1990-1991 year, it has been my responsibility to carry out the following duties: I have:

- 1- prepared the agendas and taken the minutes for all the meetings of the Executive Committee. I have also presented applications for membership at-large in the organization and deliberated with my colleagues on all matters coming before us.
- 2- received reports from the various standing committees and kept abreast of their activities.
- 3- served on the ad-hoc Name Committee, again in the capacity of secretary.
- 4- served on the sub-nominating committee for the 1991 annual elections.
- 5- participated with the Secretary, Brent St. Denis, and the Publications Committee Chair, James Johnston, in preparation for the 1991 Triennial Delegate Assembly.
- 6- participated in the Society Conclave in Tampa, Florida in February, 1991.
- 7- made various presentations at different organizational functions.
- 8- translated sections of the Bulletin into Spanish for the Spanish reading and speaking population of readers of The Urantia Book.

It has been a year filled with momentous events, the ultimate significance of which remains for the future to determine. To have taken only small part in these events has presented distinct challenges, which must accompany our sublimely uncertain status; it has also yielded supreme satisfaction, resulting from association with so many dedicated servers of the Revelation. It has been privilege to work with all of you, and I thank you for this wonderful experiential opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne B. Kulieke,

Secretary General

***The Urantia Book Fellowship***  
**1991 Annual Report of the Charter Committee**  
Avi Dogim

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No new Societies have been installed this year, but the Charter Committee received inquiries regarding standards of admissions of societies from Wisconsin and from Quebec, Canada. Two of 21 Societies, Finnish Urantia Society and Urantia Society of San Fernando Valley, have abandoned their charter. First Urantia Society of Western Springs has made it clear that it does not wish to participate in Fellowship activities but has taken no formal action. Of the remaining 18 societies, 16 will be sending Delegates and Alternates to the June Triennial Delegate Assembly. First Urantia Society of Los Angeles has not been in position to select a delegate since it is still in the process of determining its affiliation status; Northern Light Urantia Society of Alaska has been experiencing some logistical difficulties, partly due to distances between groups and will not be represented at the TDA.

Expansion of Charter Committee responsibilities to include on-going liaison with Societies and review of member-at-large applications was discussed in the Executive Committee and is pending discussion and recommendation by the Charter Committee in the end of June.

Members of the Charter Committee:

Avi Dogim, Chairman

Lucile Faw, Secretary

Tom Choquette

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Cindy Hopper

Geri Johnson

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**1991 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**  
Berkeley Elliott

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The International Fellowship Committee was extremely proud to have 86 people from outside the United States attend the International Conference in Snowmass last July: from South Africa, Australia, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, Finland, France, Mexico, New Zealand, Switzerland, Tahiti, England, Ireland, and Estonia. Comments indicated our work made them feel more at home than ever before.

In October, 1990, Brent St. Denis picked up several site committee members at the airport in Montreal and after visiting several sites for the 1993 International Conference, we met with 20 to 25 Urantia Book readers near Quebec City. Our 1993 site will be St-Hyacinthe, Quebec. This conference will have many French-speakers in attendance, and translators will be available there, as well as possibly other languages. This will be our first General Conference outside the United States, and since the chairman of the conference is also from Canada, it is altogether a big first for our Fellowship.

We recently initiated an "International In-Depth Study Group," through the Bulletin. We hope to receive comments and answers to thought-provoking questions posed by the Book from all over the world.

All members of our Committee hope to make personal contact with international readers in the next year, and communication through correspondence remains active.

Our International Area Coordinators continue to be active and helpful. We have added a few and now have a total of thirteen.

It has been a great privilege to chair of this Committee. I have met many wonderful people from all over the planet, most of whom I continue to stay in touch with. The world is full of caring, loving brothers and sisters, and I am grateful to have become acquainted with so many.

Thanks to each member of this committee and the helpful cooperation of our Chicago office.

Warm regards,

International Fellowship Committee:

Berkeley Elliott, Chairperson

Lawrence (Larry Bowman

Douglas Fraser

John Hales

James H. (J.J.) Johnson

Advisory Conunittee Members:

Neil Francey

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FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
1991 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

### SNOWMASS CONFERENCE

The Fraternal Relations Committee sponsored a videotaped panel presentation at the Snowmass Conference consisting of a representative from the Hindu Tradition and the Christian Tradition. The topic centered on the theme of the conference itself, "Walking With God".

A meeting was also held with clergy members who are also students of The Urantia Book.

### TAMPA MIDYEAR MEETING

The Fraternal Relations Committee facilitated a discussion group on the spiritual purpose of The Fellowship. There were numerous ideas that arose in the course of that discussion. See the attached - Suggested Strategies To Accomplish Purpose III. Additionally, a letter was developed to solicit input from the readership.

An important part of the discussion centered on interaction with other religious traditions. In concert with this thought, the Fraternal Relations Committee met and adopted unanimously two resolutions having to do with promoting interfaith activity which were passed on to and endorsed by the Executive Committee at its April meeting in Chicago. These resolutions will be presented to the Council for its consideration during our summer meeting.

These two resolutions have to do with applying for membership in the newly-formed North American Interfaith Network (NAIN) and in the Council For A Parliament Of The World Religions (CPWR), a Chicago-based interfaith body. It is the feeling of the Fraternal Relations Committee that The Fellowship constitutes a "faith community", and, as such, is eligible and should participate in the interfaith opportunities that these bodies provide.

### 1991 SUMMER WORKSHOPS

The Fraternal Relations Committee will sponsor workshops on Monday afternoon at the 1991 Summer Workshops on the topic of Living Faith. There will be representatives from three religious traditions to speak on the subject. On Monday evening Jim Kenney who is on the Board of Directors of the Council For A Parliament Of The World's Religions (CPWR) will speak on the purpose of the Parliament and more generally on the nature of interfaith dialogue and attitudes.

On Wednesday the FRC will meet with The Christian Fellowship to discuss topics of mutual interest, including the Fellowship's possible participation in CPWR and NAIN.

## SOME THOUGHTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

The Fellowship has a tremendous opportunity to be a part of a major event taking place on the planet's religious landscape, the growth of the interfaith movement. In order to avoid any tendency toward attitudes of exclusivism, where we think ours is the only truth, it is vitally important that we act to promote interfaith dialogue within our community and between ourselves and other faith communities. For years the activities of FRC have been largely an academic consideration of other faiths. We have now a real opportunity to act as a catalyst in the interfaith movement. Peter Laurence, who is Executive Director of The Temple of Understanding, a leading organization in the interfaith movement, is a living example of how this is can happen.

## **1991 Vice President's Report to the General Council of the Fellowship**

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As the 90-91 year comes to a close, it is an opportunity to reflect on the status of our organization as we reach the end of our first full year as an ex-licensee of URANTIA Foundation. For our organization, this year has been a year of challenges. The actions that the Foundation continues to take under the guise of protecting The Urantia Book, have curtailed the numbers of books available, attacked members of our reader community, and utilized donor money at an astounding pace. Our organization has struggled to remain financially solvent and create an identity for ourselves despite the loss of the word "Urantia" and the concentric circle symbol.

At every stage of the challenges that we worked through together, we could have split into factions. Individuals who believed that we should approach our work in a certain way could have refused to cooperate and formed a new faction. It didn't happen. We remained loosely united under the guiding principal that our founders gave us a purpose which was important to the success of this revelation on our planet. We had a trust which we needed to nurture and protect, and it was our responsibility to do So.

I believe that the work that we have undertaken this year has been uniquely different from the kind of work that this organization has ever undertaken in the past. We have been in an organizational transition which has called into question almost every aspect of our organization: the way that we function, the structure of the organization, the purpose of the organization, our organizational identity, the way that we have interacted with other organizations, and even the role of our central office. I've attached a brief article on what happens during transition if you are interested.

As you read through the reports from the various committees and others involved in the organization, take a moment to examine how our organization has been dealing with the tasks of a transition: disconnecting from the "old way of doing things", the generation and implementation of ideas which are more aligned with the "new way of doing things" and finally creating a new "sense-making" perspective for the organization which enables participants inside and out of the organization to understand what the organization is about. It is my opinion that in addition to dealing with difficulties that the Foundation has created, much of our work over the past year has been in the above three areas.

As for my role over the past year, I have really done work which center around three topics, planning, recognition and review. The next few paragraphs will elaborate on some of the work which I have done over the past year.

Since the council's approval of the Strategic Plan last June, we have worked to have the plan reviewed by an increasing number of people. Fellowship committee members as well as societies have had the opportunity to review it. Additionally, at our mid-winter meeting in Tampa, Florida, the councilors

along with area coordinators and society representatives spent a day on its review. The results of this work are attached for your information. The next steps in this process include the committees finishing any work that needs to be done after the Tampa meeting, developing action plans aligned with the strategies and giving reports on our efforts at the summer and mid-winter general council meetings. Many thanks to all the individuals who have contributed to the development process.

On a social note, I worked to plan a party for Gloriann Harris as she left the office after many years of service to our organization. We were extremely lucky to have her kindness, leadership and expertise as we moved through our transition out of 533 Diversey, into 529 Wrightwood. We also planned a short celebration in honor of Berkeley Elliott and John Hay, who will be leaving the Executive committee after the summer elections.

In terms of administrative actions that I have been involved with over the past year, there are several things. I've reviewed the Bulletin, Executive Committee letter, and Fellowship brochure. Additionally, I have worked as a liaison with the Foundation, and also worked with and on the administrative sub-committee.

The last year has been a great year for the fellowship. We've re-identified our purposes and remained loyal to them. We've begun the work of decentralizing, and we've stabilized our organization. Much has been lost in this process, but I feel that a great deal more has been gained. Hopefully, next year will continue with even more growth and evolution.

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# **Report of the Education Committee to the 1991 Triennial Delegate Assembly and General Council**

Dan Massey

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During the past three years, the primary activities of the Education Committee have related to its continuing sponsorship of the intensive Summer Seminar. Seminars were held at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, 26-30 June 1989, and, this year, 23-27 June 1991. The programs for these seminars continued the sequential study of The Urantia Book begun in 1985. The 1989 program covered the second half of Part III of the Book and was based on the theme "Foundations of the Jesusonian Gospel". The 1991 program covers the first half of Part IV, using the theme "Inspired Living-Amidst the Trials of Time". This sequence will conclude next year with an examination of the second half of Part IV.

These seminars represent the major current effort of the Education Committee to address its constitutional mandate to "...find, prepare, and qualify teachers of The Urantia Book..." and to "...interest such ... persons in preparing themselves to teach ... and to prepare and qualify such persons to teach The Urantia Book..." Over the years, the ideas implied by the words "...to teach The Urantia Book..." have been broadened in practice to mean "...to help readers to understand the teachings of The Urantia Book..."

As the committee's major effort, the seminars have a triune focus. First, they afford readers an opportunity to study the Book with others from diverse parts of the movement. Second, they provide a forum for readers to demonstrate and exchange ideas about styles and methods of presenting concepts from the Book. Third, because of their traditional association with the Triennial Delegate Assembly and the General Council, they create a social setting in which committed readers, who are attending these meetings, make contact with people responsible for the administrative, programmatic, and policy-making functions of the Fellowship.

During the past three years the committee has increasingly recognized the multiple functions the seminar program fulfills for the Fellowship, and has endeavored to provide a program which balances the intellectual, the instructional, and the social features of the experience. This has led to planning a number of presentations in which ideas and viewpoints external to, but impinging on the teachings of the Book have been presented and discussed. In the 1989 program, for example, workshops were offered on such subjects as modern artistic visions of Ikhnoton and the archaeological record of the Amarna period. The 1991 program includes a historical examination of the period of Michael's bestowal and an examination of the relationship of the teachings of Jesus to the evolved doctrines of the Christian religions.

The intellectual and instructional agenda of the seminar week has been balanced and relieved by special programs offered by the Fraternal Relations Committee, which have been designed to complement the seminar theme. In 1989 several Christian ministers offered their unique perspective as readers of the Book. In 1991 speakers representing Zen Buddhism, Islam, and Hinduism are offering "Urmia style" presentations of their religious traditions. The Education Committee gives a special vote of thanks to the Fraternal Relations Committee for organizing these marvelous extensions to the core program.

The scope of the seminars has also been extended by programming free time for informal fellowship and ad hoc meetings to address topics of interest to self-selected groups of attendees. The 1991 evening program includes a multi-media presentation, a social evening, an evening of open committee meetings, and an additional Fraternal Relations Committee presentation. We believe this varied program, in which about a third of the registered attendees will also serve as presenters, affords the best opportunity to address the multiple and varied needs of committed students of The Urantia Book for experience in learning, teaching, and socializing the revelation.

The focus of the seminars is admittedly selective. It is the intent of the committee to make the appeal of the seminars as broad as possible while maintaining high standards of concept, discourse, and fellowship. Although seminar participants are largely self-selected, a factor in self-selection that goes beyond interest in the seminar agenda is the cost and time involved in travel to Lake Forest. This has, unfortunately, made it difficult or impossible for many committed readers to participate in these programs. In future years this problem may be addressed by organizing either this seminar or alternative seminars outside the Chicago area. The continuing success of the Scientific Symposium series (in Nashville in 1988 and in Oklahoma City in 1991), which was organized by an ad hoc team, indicates the viability of a broader and more varied seminar program.

During the recent strategic planning session held in Tampa this Winter, a number of General Councilors, Education Committee members, and Area Coordinators participated in a careful analysis of the "Mindal Purpose" described in the Fellowship Constitution. The most interesting result of this analysis was the discovery of a major goal for the Fellowship which is, at present, largely un-addressed. Simply stated, this goal is to foster intellectual awareness, throughout the world, of the concepts, ideas, and teachings of the Book. This goal is quite apart from and different from similar, and better understood goals to foster the living of the teachings of the Book, to encourage public awareness of the existence and contents of the Book, and to promote sales and distribution of the Book.

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2. Area Coordinators. The Area Coordinator program has come into its own. Since its inception in January 1989, Area Coordinators number 82 in the United States and 15 Internationally. This team of volunteer study group servers define their services in this way: "The Area Coordinators mission is to establish and maintain contact with local Urantia Book readers and study groups, and to encourage and support them in their Urantia Book activities."

3. Area Coordinator Training Sessions. National Area Coordinator training sessions were conducted in Snowmass during the International Conference on June 30, 1990 and again on February 15, 1991 in Tampa at the General Council meeting. Now, regional Area Coordinator training meetings are being run at regional conferences. Michael Challlis and Tom Allen held the first regional at the Scientific Symposium Conference in Oklahoma. While these sessions neither reach the greatest heights of understanding nor depths of completeness, they begin the process of leadership training and development as well as catalyzing projects. Beyond this, socialization seems to be the order of day with the growing corps serving as Area Coordinators.

4. Tear-pads for new readers at bookstores. In an effort to reach new readers, Area Coordinators asked that techniques be developed to find the new readers who buy Urantia Books in bookstores. Because of this request, Joe Liszka developed a tear-pads which you can hang in bookstores. These tear-pads,

consisting of 25 individual sheets of paper, explain a little about The Urantia Book while providing a space where Area Coordinators or study group leaders can write their name and phone number. The tear-pads have been printed and distributed to all Area Coordinators and members of the General Council. Included was a re-order blank for free back-up stock of tear-pads.

5. 1991-1992 Study Group Directory. A 1991-1992 Study Group Directory was just completed. Thanks to the wonderful efforts of Peggy Douglass, 297 study groups appear in the new Study Group Directory. This document will be given to members of The Fellowship and all participating study groups. Others may purchase it for a nominal fee. This Directory will be available at the annual Fellowship meeting in Chicago in late June.

We all look forward to years of study group growth. Today 297 study groups registered in the directory. Someday, thousands of study groups will abound world wide.

6. Adopt-A-Bookstore program. Area Coordinators, Society leaders, and individuals voiced a growing concern over the lack of availability of Urantia Books in bookstores. After Urantia Foundation shut-off book availability through book distributors, Urantia Book availability took a major decline. In an effort to serve new readers, The Executive Committee unanimously approved Domestic Extension Committee's proposal on how individual's, Study Groups, and Societies can Adopt-A-Bookstore.

An Adopt-A-Bookstore packet has been made available to anyone wishing to participate in this program. In an initial test, Paula Thompson tripled Urantia Book availability in Colorado by adopting 20 bookstores. Her expertise and techniques can be read in the Adopt-A-Bookstore Brochure.

7. Library placement project. After years of placing Urantia Books in libraries, The Domestic Extension Committee regrettably stopped putting Urantia Books in libraries. When asked, Urantia Foundation declined selling or giving library placement books to The Fellowship. Without books, the library placement project ceased. Any individuals wishing to place books may try to do so by contacting Urantia Foundation directly. Special thanks to Tom Allen of the Domestic Extension Committee for his years of service to libraries.

8. Book markers. Because of numerous requests to have appropriate literature available for new readers, The Executive Committee of The Fellowship unanimously approved the development of book markers to be given as Fellowship literature and placed in Urantia Books in the Adopt-A-Bookstore program. These book markers direct new readers to important sections in the book that help them answer their most pressing questions. Today, nine markers have been written and published. Special thanks to Joe Liszka, Waldine Stump, Steve McIntosh, and Peggy Douglass.

9. Telephone message new reader program. In the interest of serving spiritually hungry individuals, The Executive Committee approved supporting local groups in establishing a telephone message program. This program provides a way for people to listen to a free message relating to a critical life matter from The Urantia Book. Pioneered in San Diego by Andrea Bames and tested in Colorado and Phoenix, this

program met with successful results by providing an unobtrusive way for people to learn about the teachings in The Urantia Book. Once The Fellowship saw the results from three different areas, the program was adopted and made available to other groups throughout the United States. In 1991, The Fellowship will match funds with the Colorado and Chicago Societies in placing phone messages. Expenses associated with recording messages, installing phones, and other related costs will be matched. While no one can be certain of the long term costeffective success of the program, initial results have brought numerous individuals to the revelation.

Special thanks.

Domestic Extension Committee greatly appreciates the services from the office staff of The Fellowship. Throughout the year we have needed their assistance on numerous occasions and always received a cheerful service response in fulfilling the requests of Area Coordinators, Study Groups, and Domestic Extension Committee.

A great thanks to all the members of Domestic Extension Committee which include, Tom Allen, Michael Challis, David Robertson, Waldine Stump, Paula Thompson, and adjunct members Joe Liszka and Peggy Anne Douglass.

If any one reading this report has ideas our committee could implement, please let us know. If you would like to participate in any way, we are most interested and appreciative of your services. If you are interested in future service on the committee, please forward that information as well.

In His service and thankful for the opportunity,

Mo Siegel, Chairman

Domestic Extension Committee

Committee Members:

Tom Allen

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**1991 Annual Report of the  
Publications Committee of  
The Fellowship  
James Johnston**

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**Purpose I**

**Goal:-- Facilitate the establishment and development of thousands of study groups.**

**The Study Groups Herald-- The Study Group Herald appeared this spring in a 24 page format. Our committee is one of three standing committees responsible for the overview of this publication. It is expected to be issued twice annually, once in the summer and once in the winter.**

**Purpose 11**

**Goal:-- Improve and expand the comprehension and understanding of The Urantia Book.**

**The Journal-- This year we produced two special conference issues of The Journal totaling over 120 pages. In the fall, we will introduce the premier issue of The Journal in a new format which will include literary, artistic and philosophical contributions from the readership. Subscriptions are expected to be \$8.00 annually.**

**Supporting Goals**

**Goal: --Maintain a financially stable organization that will support the organization's purposes, goals and strategies.**

**Fellowship Pamphlet -- We have participated in assembling an introductory pamphlet for new readers, welcoming them to the growing community of readers and introducing them to The Fellowship.**

**Goal: --Maintain an historical perspective for our organization.**

**History Project-- With the Special Projects Committee, we have undertaken supervisory control of the oral history project. A task force of writers knowledgeable and interested in the history of events prior to 1955 will be interviewing individuals active at that time. The task force will assemble a comprehensive**

and thorough account for publication by The Fellowship.

Goal: -- Establish a communication network for Urantia Book readers throughout the world..

The Bulletin is now issued three times per year with summary translations in at least two other languages. It is typically printed in an eight page format and has the following standard features: Society Highlights, Calendar of Events, Commentary, Annual Reports, Annual President's Message, and What was That Word? We have also reorganized our editorial staff to more effectively produce the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted:

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pads have been printed and distributed to all Area Coordinators and members of the General Council. Included was a re-order blank for free back-up stock of tear-pads.

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6. Adopt-A-Bookstore program. Area Coordinators, Society leaders, and individuals voiced a growing concern over the lack of availability of Urantia Books in bookstores. After Urantia Foundation shut-off book availability through book distributors, Urantia Book availability took a major decline. In an effort to serve new readers, The Executive Committee unanimously approved Domestic Extension Committee's proposal on how individual's, Study Groups, and Societies can Adopt-A-Bookstore.

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Special thanks.

Domestic Extension Committee greatly appreciates the services from the office staff of The Fellowship. Throughout the year we have needed their assistance on numerous occasions and always received a cheerful service response in fulfilling the requests of Area Coordinators, Study Groups, and Domestic Extension Committee.

A great thanks to all the members of Domestic Extension Committee which include, Tom Allen, Michael Challis, David Robertson, Waldine Stump, Paula Thompson, and adjunct members Joe Liszka and Peggy Anne Douglass.

If any one reading this report has ideas our committee could implement, please let us know. If you would like to participate in any way, we are most interested and appreciative of your services. If you are interested in future service on the committee, please forward that information as well.

In His service and thankful for the opportunity,

Mo Siegel, Chairman

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**1991 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**  
Berkeley Elliott

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The International Fellowship Committee was extremely proud to have 86 people from outside the United States attend the International Conference in Snowmass last July: from South Africa, Australia, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, Finland, France, Mexico, New Zealand, Switzerland, Tahiti, England, Ireland, and Estonia. Comments indicated our work made them feel more at home than ever before.

In October, 1990, Brent St. Denis picked up several site committee members at the airport in Montreal and after visiting several sites for the 1993 International Conference, we met with 20 to 25 Urantia Book readers near Quebec City. Our 1993 site will be St-Hyacinthe, Quebec. This conference will have many French-speakers in attendance, and translators will be available there, as well as possibly other languages. This will be our first General Conference outside the United States, and since the chairman of the conference is also from Canada, it is altogether a big first for our Fellowship.

We recently initiated an "International In-Depth Study Group," through the Bulletin. We hope to receive comments and answers to thought-provoking questions posed by the Book from all over the world.

All members of our Committee hope to make personal contact with international readers in the next year, and communication through correspondence remains active.

Our International Area Coordinators continue to be active and helpful. We have added a few and now have a total of thirteen.

It has been a great privilege to chair of this Committee. I have met many wonderful people from all over the planet, most of whom I continue to stay in touch with. The world is full of caring, loving brothers and sisters, and I am grateful to have become acquainted with so many.

Thanks to each member of this committee and the helpful cooperation of our Chicago office.

Warm regards,

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FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
1991 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

### SNOWMASS CONFERENCE

The Fraternal Relations Committee sponsored a videotaped panel presentation at the Snowmass Conference consisting of a representative from the Hindu Tradition and the Christian Tradition. The topic centered on the theme of the conference itself, "Walking With God".

A meeting was also held with clergy members who are also students of The Urantia Book.

### TAMPA MIDYEAR MEETING

The Fraternal Relations Committee facilitated a discussion group on the spiritual purpose of The Fellowship. There were numerous ideas that arose in the course of that discussion. See the attached - Suggested Strategies To Accomplish Purpose III. Additionally, a letter was developed to solicit input from the readership.

An important part of the discussion centered on interaction with other religious traditions. In concert with this thought, the Fraternal Relations Committee met and adopted unanimously two resolutions having to do with promoting interfaith activity which were passed on to and endorsed by the Executive Committee at its April meeting in Chicago. These resolutions will be presented to the Council for its consideration during our summer meeting.

These two resolutions have to do with applying for membership in the newly-formed North American Interfaith Network (NAIN) and in the Council For A Parliament Of The World Religions (CPWR), a Chicago-based interfaith body. It is the feeling of the Fraternal Relations Committee that The Fellowship constitutes a "faith community", and, as such, is eligible and should participate in the interfaith opportunities that these bodies provide.

### 1991 SUMMER WORKSHOPS

The Fraternal Relations Committee will sponsor workshops on Monday afternoon at the 1991 Summer Workshops on the topic of Living Faith. There will be representatives from three religious traditions to speak on the subject. On Monday evening Jim Kenney who is on the Board of Directors of the Council For A Parliament Of The World's Religions (CPWR) will speak on the purpose of the Parliament and more generally on the nature of interfaith dialogue and attitudes.

On Wednesday the FRC will meet with The Christian Fellowship to discuss topics of mutual interest, including the Fellowship's possible participation in CPWR and NAIN.

## SOME THOUGHTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

The Fellowship has a tremendous opportunity to be a part of a major event taking place on the planet's religious landscape, the growth of the interfaith movement. In order to avoid any tendency toward attitudes of exclusivism, where we think ours is the only truth, it is vitally important that we act to promote interfaith dialogue within our community and between ourselves and other faith communities. For years the activities of FRC have been largely an academic consideration of other faiths. We have now a real opportunity to act as a catalyst in the interfaith movement. Peter Laurence, who is Executive Director of The Temple of Understanding, a leading organization in the interfaith movement, is a living example of how this is can happen.

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# **1991 Annual Report of the Publications Committee of The Fellowship**

James Johnston

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Goal:-- Facilitate the establishment and development of thousands of study groups.

The Study Groups Herald-- The Study Group Herald appeared this spring in a 24 page format. Our committee is one of three standing committees responsible for the overview of this publication. It is expected to be issued twice annually, once in the summer and once in the winter.

## Purpose 11

Goal:-- Improve and expand the comprehension and understanding of The Urantia Book.

The Journal-- This year we produced two special conference issues of The Journal totaling over 120 pages. In the fall, we will introduce the premier issue of The Journal in a new format which will include literary, artistic and philosophical contributions from the readership. Subscriptions are expected to be \$8.00 annually.

## Supporting Goals

Goal: --Maintain a financially stable organization that will support the organization's purposes, goals and strategies.

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Goal: --Maintain an historical perspective for our organization.

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Stephen Dreier

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The recent changes in our organizational association require many amendments to the Constitution of The Fellowship. The Judicial Committee has completed work on a number of the more immediate matters, and these will be submitted to the 1991 annual meeting of the General Council for adoption. The proposed amendments include: changing our name to "The Fellowship"; removing URANTIA Foundation as the dissolution beneficiary of our assets; changing our corporate name to Fifth Epochal Fellowship Corporation; allowing amendment of the Constitution at any meeting of the General Council; changing the requirements for the name of a Local Society; using generic representation when referring to The Urantia Book,

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The members of the committee are: Steve Dreier, Chair; Tom Kendall; Steve McIntosh; Ellen Montgomery, Secretary; David Owen; and Dan Young.

Submitted by Steve Dreier, Chair

May 19, 1991