

1993 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHARTER COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Avi Dogim

This year, as in the previous one, activities of the Charter Committee centered around communication with existing societies rather than around chartering new ones. A number of groups from around the U. S. as well as one outside the U.S. requested information about society formation but so far have not taken any further action.

Much of the recent communication with the societies concerned the "Society Conclave" scheduled for early August at the International Conference in Quebec. The decision to hold the meeting was made after it had been ascertained that most of the societies are interested in having it. As of this writing, about half the societies responded to the request for agenda items, and if all the items were to be adequately covered the meeting could last an entire week.

One significant development in the past year is the apparent recision, among some societies, of the rule requiring a complete reading of the Urantia Book as a pre-requisite for membership. One of these societies has reported a dramatic increase in membership as a result. In light of this development, perhaps we ought to ask ourselves, what is the meaning of membership. For if membership is an end in itself, there may be some additional requirements we can dispense with (attending society meetings, for example) and our membership will surely increase even further. But then, what are we members of?

Members of the Charter Committee, along with many others, hope that meaningful Urantia Book related activities will grow all over, and that groups dedicated to these activities will seek to affiliate with the Fellowship in the coming year.

Members of the Charter Committee:

Avi Dogim, chairman

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Tom Choquette

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1993 FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Gard Jameson

This past year has been a year of transition for the Fraternal Relations Committee. We have been shedding the skin of our prior mode of existence as a group interested primarily in the academic study of other faith traditions, moving progressively into a group interested in a dynamic interaction with peoples of other faiths.

This step has manifested itself outwardly in our admission into the North American Interfaith Network and our involvement with the World Parliament of Religions. More significantly members of the committee have become increasingly involved on a personal level with interfaith activities. Scott Forsythe has been actively involved assisting the group putting the World Parliament of Religions together. Eef Hoedemaker and Beth Bartley (adjunct member) have been involved in interfaith activities in their communities. Eileen Laurence has been very involved with the Temple of Understanding in New York, one of the leadership groups in the interfaith movement. Eileen has been ably assisting her husband who is the Executive Director of the Temple of Understanding, Peter Laurence, past Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee. Sue Tennant is involved in interfaith ministry in her community. And, I continue to teach comparative religion courses at UNLV.

This is an exciting time in the world of interfaith dialogue. The World Parliament of Religions looks like it will be another watershed event in the history of the interfaith movement. Out of this event, a larger planetary consciousness should arise with respect to the importance of understanding, appreciating and celebrating the faith traditions of our neighbors.

Within the last two years in my own community of Las Vegas an Islamic mosque and a Buddhist temple have been built. These events are increasingly common around the United States. All the more important that our faith community, the readers of the Urantia Book should take interest in the other faith traditions on our planet.

The Fellowship will be sponsoring a booth at the Parliament in early September. The Jesusonian Foundation has been gracious to provide both personal and material assistance with this booth. Paula Thompson will be the booth coordinator. She has had a great deal of experience at the Whole Life Expos around the country. We will attempt to provide a hospitality suite at the Palmer House, the home base of the Parliament, and attempt to sponsor an introductory lecture on the Urantia Book at 529 Wrightwood during the week of the event.

The North American Interfaith Network will meet during the week of the Parliament. An agenda has not yet been received as to the contents of that meeting. I suspect that among the topics will be the question of how to sustain the momentum of the Parliament.

This summer in Montreal the committee will host a round table discussion. Eef Hoedemaker has taken charge of putting this program together. The discussion will revolve around the relationship between the adherents of the teachings of the Urantia Book and those of the major world religions.

The Fraternal Relations Committee has approached the Education Committee about sponsoring the Wrightwood Series on the Socialization of Religion. A call has already gone out for papers by the Education Committee. Marvin Gawryn and I are in the process of preparing papers for this particular forum. The committee has also discussed wanting to sponsor two more forums in the Wrightwood Series, one on "Interfaith Dialogue", sometime in 1994, and one on "Revelation", sometime thereafter.

I wish to commend the able work of the members of my committee during the year. It is a real pleasure serving with them.

I also wish to thank the General Council for enabling the committee to step outside of its traditional boundaries and embark on an adventure of active involvement with the interfaith community around the globe. I attach to this report two pages from the CPWR Journal to provide you with some insight into the vision of the spiritual leaders planning to attend the Parliament this fall.

1993 Report of the Judicial Committee to the General Council of the Fellowship

David Elders

During this past year, the efforts of the judicial Committee have been focused almost exclusively on a project, begun in 1991, to consider the restructuring of The Fellowship's constitution. The primary purpose of this work is to make this guiding document more reflective of principles of group functioning derived both from the revelatory teachings of The Urantia Book and from the best human, evolutionary systems available today.

As mentioned in last year's report, although the judicial Committee's primary Constitutional charge is the arbitration of disputes and differences in The Fellowship, a secondary responsibility is to "...render opinions on any matters involving the construction of [the] Constitution, [or] of the by-laws of The Fellowship..." It is consistent both with that charge and with one of the supporting goals in The Fellowship's Strategic Plan ("To foster input from readers throughout the world on organizational functioning") that we have undertaken this work.

By way of a brief background, this project was initiated by the 1991 Triennial Delegate Assembly with a charge to the General Council to assume responsibility for a review of our organization's constitution and to develop appropriate recommendations for changes. The judicial Committee was in turn charged with direct responsibility to facilitate this work. Two ad-hoc committees, comprised of Fellowship members who had expressed interest in participation, were established to conduct their research in parallel: The Fifth Epochal Principles Research Committee (researching The Urantia Book); The Organizational Structure Research Committee (researching the best of humanly-evolved systems). Then, on the weekend of November 6-8, 1992, a subcommittee of judicial met at our Wrightwood Headquarters to consider and consolidate the substantial input provided by the research groups into a comprehensive report and recommendations to be presented to the General Council at its February 6-8, 1993 mid-year meeting. Finally, at that February meeting, the following resolution was passed by the General Council enabling the mailing of the sub-committee report/recommendations to every Fellowship member asking for general and detailed input:

"The General Council approves in principle, but not necessarily in exact detail, the proposal of the subcommittee on constitutional restructuring and instructs the judicial Committee to send the draft document to all Fellowship members and societies for their comments. Further, the judicial Committee is instructed to bring back its finished recommendations for detailed consideration and vote by the General Council at its August, 1993 meeting. Affirmative votes at that time on any element of the proposal will include instruction to the judicial Committee to draft the enabling constitutional language

for General Council vote at its next meeting."

To date, we have received from our Fellowship colleagues only a few responses to our request for input. Additionally, only about three societies have been able to schedule meetings to discuss the proposed changes in any formalized manner and to respond to our request. One society, The First Society in Chicago, has submitted a formal resolution requesting that at least another year be allowed for the process of society evaluation of the proposed changes before any actions be taken (see copy of the resolution attached hereto). Finally, at the society conclave to be held during the IC 93 conference this August, representatives from societies will have the opportunity to explore the proposed changes in a more personally-interactive forum.

It is our intention to have a conference call meeting of the members of the judicial Committee during mid-July. At this meeting, we will discuss the status of this project, including the input received to date from members, and prepare a specific recommendation on next steps which we will present to the General Council at its August meeting.

This is the primary project which has engaged the time and energies of the judicial Committee and the members of its related sub-committees for the last year. As is often the case in lengthy projects such as this, what most Fellowship members will see is the final work product to be formally considered. Sometimes this can serve to obscure the substantial amount of unselfish, wholly voluntary expenditure of energies and resources which underlie the final visible product. Though we are still some ways from completion, I wanted to formally acknowledge and thank those of our fellows who have so willingly expended their time and energy on our behalf through service on one or more of the related committees: Virginia Brown, Duane Faw (JC), Scott Forsythe, Carolyn Kendall, Steve McIntosh UC), Larry Mullins, David Owen UC), Lee Smith, and John Hales (who facilitated the November Wrightwood weekend and processed materials). I would also like to thank the rest of the members of the judicial Committee, named hereunder.

We remain ready to review pending society constitutions and provide input on any other matters which it is deemed would benefit from the input of the members of the judicial Committee. We further invite any reader who has questions or who is interested in the work of our committee to contact any judicial Committee member.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Attached: The First Society Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

David N. Elders, chairman

Duane Faw

Tom Kendall

Steve McIntosh

Ellen Montgomery

David Owen

**1993 DOMESTIC EXTENSION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE FELLOWSHIP
with report of Expo booth activity
Mo Siegel and Paula Thompson**

The Domestic Extension Committee moved full throttle into 1993. It appears that the Urantia movement accelerated and we like to service those leading the way. We are fully prepared to serve second milers and new readers in this important work of expanding truth to the world.

So far 1992-1993 has been a fruitful year for Domestic Extension Committee projects. Thanks to the help of Committee members, the General Council, the Executive Committee, The Fellowship staff, and our many reader volunteers, we have accomplished and are accomplishing the following:

New Members to Domestic Extension Committee--We are happy to announce the addition of two new members to the Domestic Extension Committee. They are Ann Garner from Arlington Texas and Marlene Chicoine from Los Angeles. We are delighted to have two such highly motivated and dedicated individuals on our team. Welcome Ann and Marlene!

Area Coordinators --The Area Coordinator program continues to be one of the most viable forms of networking we have. The role Area Coordinators play in our communities dovetails perfectly with our outreach projects. It is invaluable to have these trusted individuals in place for new readers. So far this year, not including Paul Knott's visits, we have spoken to each Area Coordinator personally by phone and are now in the process of doing another round. We are also planning an international meeting of Area Coordinators at 3:00 PM Monday July 31, 1993 in Montreal at IC 93.

1992-93 Study Group Directory -- The directory, our most popular ongoing project, is now in process and will be available for distribution at IC 93 (they will be inserted into each conference registration packet). We will also be sending multiple copies to study groups listed in the directory as well as all Area Coordinators, General Councilors and Society Officers. There are more than 320 listings world-wide in this year's edition plus a complete listing of Area Coordinators.

The Outreach Booth Project--. The Urantia booth will be at seven Whole Life Spiritual Expos this year supported by The Fellowship, Jesusonian Foundation, and local area readers. The Fellowship has also agreed to fund Ann Garner's trips to the shows to help facilitate. Ann and Paula Thompson (both members of Domestic Extension Committee) have presented free lectures at the last four shows. These

Expos continue to be an effective vehicle of outreach both for readers and non-readers alike. They have also served to inspire several groups of readers around the country to do outreach booths on their own initiative.

Training Of Teachers,-- Each show is preceded by a kick-off meeting which includes a training seminar. Volunteers who have never worked at a booth for The Urantia Book are required to attend. At this meeting we cover topics such as creative listening, answering difficult questions like "Who wrote the book?", techniques for responding to questions, and the principles and motives of outreach. We also share our personal experiences with outreach and discuss what has worked and what hasn't. We always end the meeting with a reading of the Master's "Instructions for Teachers and Believers", as well as a prayer for divine guidance in our efforts to share the book with others.

Study Group Leaders Conference,-- In March, Marlene Chicoine planned and executed the first annual Study Group Leaders Conference in California. The conference was well attended and a great success. All who attended the conference felt it was of benefit and they are looking forward to doing it again next year.

The Study Group Herald --The third edition of The Herald was published in March of 1993. The fourth edition is in the final stages of production and will be distributed soon. Area Coordinators have told us The Study Group Herald is an effective method for study groups to communicate ideas and concerns with each other. We are certain it will become more valuable to study groups as time goes on. Many thanks to Martin Greenhut and all of his tireless volunteers who have helped with this worthwhile project.

Phone Message Program --The phone program ran in the Denver/Boulder area again this year for nine months. As the program continues we refine old messages and explore new topics for our ads. In September we will start up again with more thought provoking ads.

New Reader Introductions --So far this year Domestic Extension has sponsored speakers at eight public introductions to The Urantia Book, which had an overall attendance of 375 people having little or no experience with the book. These talks were well attended and well received.

In our Heavenly Father's service and grateful for the opportunity,

Mo Siegel

The Domestic Extension Committee Members:

Peggy Douglass, Secretary

Paula Thompson

Marlene Chicoine

Ann Garner

Paul Knott

1993 Urantia Booth Outreach Update

by Paula Thompson

It's only June and already we have done four Expos in four cities including Pasadena, New York, San Francisco and Santa Fe. Thanks to the increased support of The Fellowship and local area readers we are touching thousands more people with the gift of revelation.

We have also added the incredible talents of Ann Garner to our booth outreach. She is a gifted speaker and a dedicated second miler. It has truly been a blessing to be have Ann's help and inspiration at the booth.

We have requested and received lecture time at every expo we've done. Ann and I have given four introductory talks on The Urantia Book to over 200 people. In both Pasadena and New York we experienced a rush of people to the booth after our lecture that was nearly overwhelming.

We have distributed the following free literature:

905 Origins (Sprunger brochure)

507 Spiritual Perspectives For a New Era (Sprunger brochure)

916 Introductions (full color brochure by Jesusonian)

4,400 Mustard Seed brochures

150 Why I Believe The Urantia Book (Harry McMullen)

We have sold the following books:

70 Urantia Books

19 Concordex

9 Paramony

70 Life After Death Magazines

So far this year our booth has been seen by over 100,000 people and of those we have had the opportunity to speak one on one to nearly 1,800.

It is always deeply touching to see the devotion and enthusiasm displayed by the readers who volunteer to work at the booth. We've had a total of 81 diligent volunteers to work at these four shows. Many friendships arise and spontaneous study groups develop as a result of the booth camaraderie.

The real rewards of booth outreach come from having been able to satisfy the truth hunger of sincere seekers. Like the woman in New York who wanted to know if God would let her choose not to survive. She was sincerely worried about reincarnation and honestly didn't want to come back to this world again. When I told her that The Urantia Book teaches that we don't come back here she sighed and said, "I really like what you folks have to say, when are you coming back to New York?" Another individual, a new age minister who had attended the introduction, cried as he bought his book saying, "I've just waited so long." We talked to a woman (an Expo exhibitor) in Pasadena who loved The Urantia Book concepts but didn't buy a book. We saw this same woman at the New York Expo, she excitedly ran up to the booth to buy a book and exclaimed, "I've fallen in love with a man I just met in Hawaii. You won't believe it, he's a Urantia Book reader." The stories go on and on.

Thank you sincerely for your support of this worth while outreach!

**1973 REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION to the
TRIENNIAL DELGATE ASSEMBLY**

Kenton Stephens

July, 1973

Until the death of Alvin Kulieke, the Committee on Education had the following members:

Kenton E. Stephens, Chairman
Albert H. Dyon
Marian T. Rowley
Helen C. Carlson
Alvin L. Kulieke
E. L. Christensen

Lynn Kulieke has replaced Alvin Kulieke as a member of the committee.

This report covers the time from the meeting of the last Triennial Delegate Assembly in July 1970 to this date. It was a period of considerable thought and review of the purposes and functions of the committee. A serious investigation of different and augmented ways of reaching Urantians who live at a distance from Chicago and who find it difficult to travel regularly, was undertaken. In March, 1971, societies and study groups were surveyed concerning their interest in sending qualified individuals to Chicago "for one or more seminars of two to three days of intensive instruction." (See attached copy of March 8, 1971 lett.) The results were surprising, to say the least. The level of interest among the societies and groups was nowhere near high enough for the committee to recvommed establishing such seminars. Aside from the usual problems of cost, transportation, and time, there was a strong hint in the replies that the societies and groups wanted to rely heavily on their own individual styles of study and contemplation.

Headquarters seemed to be alittle too much "establishment," at leazst for some of the respondents. The task of reexamining the purposes and proc4dures of the school and the other work of the committee continews.

Up until the death of Alvin Kulieke, the committee and the school continued operation of the week-night study sessions at 5 33 Diversey Parkway in the same pattern which had existed over a period of several years. Alvin Kulieke had been the mainstay of these sessions and Urantians, at least in the Chicago area, will long remember him for the work and the insight which he brought to his task.

1993 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Bob Bruyn

Electronic Resource Project: The goal of this project is to provide electronic access to Fellowship records and information. As this report is being written, the components of the computer equipment are being assembled. By the time you read this, the equipment should be installed at 529. For those interested in such details, some of the specifications include: 486DX50 processor, EISA Bus, Stealth video accelerator, 1.2 GB hard drive, large tower case for expansion, 17" SVGA monitor, BP scanner, and all necessary software, such as Windows 3.1 & OmniPage Professional for optical character recognition. We will begin by scanning in all past General Council and Executive Committee minutes and then use FolioViews software, to create Info Bases for easy information access.

Special thanks to the individuals whose extra financial contributions have made this project possible. Thanks also to Jim Jarnigan who has donated his time and expertise in assembling and installing the equipment and software.

Resource Guide: The revised and updated Resource Guide for Secondary Works of The Urantia Book should be ready for distribution at IC93. Everyone who had works included in the first edition were asked about revisions and new submissions. In addition, the readership was asked for submissions through announcements in the Bulletin and Study Group Herald this past spring. We hope that the Guide continues to be a useful resource for students of The Urantia Book for discovering the many study aides and Urantia related materials that are available.

Special thanks to Matthew Block for managing the production Cece Forrester and Carolyn Kendall for help in editing, and Nancy Johnson for typesetting.

Oral History: Five years ago the TDA passed a resolution that the General Council accepted. It called for the "...compilation of an oral history from early readers, to the end that a sense of the problem and excitement of those days can be preserved." During the past year some progress has been made in interviewing former members of the Forum. These materials will be included in the Fellowship's Archives Library.

John Lange interviewed Bill Hales last summer and recorded it on audio tape. According to John, the audio is often difficult to understand because of the throat surgery that Bill has had. John has agreed to try to transcribe the tape. Bill Rocap interviewed Dr. Kenton Stephens this winter and recorded it on video tape. Marilynn & Dave Kulicke, Cece Forrester, Barbara Kulieke, and Lynne Kulicke have also expressed interest in interviewing former members of the Forum.

Archives Library: The purpose of this ongoing project is to collect information that will provide a historical record of past and present activities of the Urantia Movement. The library will include organizational records, records of individuals who have had historical involvement with the Revelation and periodicals, publications, and any materials related to the Movement. We hope that people will consider donating their materials to The Fellowship.

Resource Library: This ongoing project is intended to build a library to assist current and future students of the Revelation in their religious study. Materials include reference works of the world's major religions, sources that portray human knowledge at the time that the Urantia Papers were indicted (early 1930's), and materials that may have been used for the concepts presented in the Papers.

Larry Watkins has been maintaining a list of works that we are interested in obtaining (as donations, if possible). This list has been sent to all Area Coordinators. Some works have already been obtained, such as a 1929 edition of Encyclopedia . Dave Elders has acquired a small library of about 125 religious books from a friend and he plans to send them to 529 for the Library. Arrangements have been made for shelving at 529 to accommodate books and materials for the Resource Library. This will make the library materials accessible to individuals who visit headquarters.

Committee Membership: Of course none of these projects could continue without the efforts of many volunteers. Special thanks to the members of Special Projects Committee and the many others who have assisted. THANKS!

Committee Members

Tony Finstad

Cece Forrester

Barbara Kulieke

Lee Smith

Larry Watkins

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Ticky Harris

Larry Mullins
Ken Raveill
Bill Rocap

1993 Vice President's Report to the General Council of the Fellowship

Marilynn Kulieke

The majority of my work over the past year has been with the FLOWERS Program. This program is meant to support local area-Urantia Book activities that further the goals of the Fellowship. We have received requests to the FLOWERS program for a variety of projects over the past year and have funded the following programs.

We funded a program for Dahli Moyes in VanNuys, California. His project title is "Study Aids Around the World (by Modem)" and he is asked for funds for disks and postage to respond to individuals all around the world whom he has introduced to the concepts of The Urantia Book via his computer modem. He says: "The countrymen I reach love the ideals of The Urantia [Book] much more than Catholic or other religions flooding their countries at this time. I feel it urgent that we fulfill this yearning for a true teaching. They cannot afford to buy the book but they have access to computers and are gathering to study on screen my messages which are quotes from The Urantia Book. I am so frustrated because these people are starving for this and I have so little funds."

Another project that was funded through the FLOWERS program was a project from the PLUSS Society. This project was to use a phone program for the purposes of expanding the readership in their area, bolstering study group attendance and introducing The Urantia Book to others in their local area. This project was funded for six months with additional funding depending on the success of this-project.

A third and fourth project supported this year were two projects from the Golden Gate Circle of Students of The Urantia Book. Their society had videotaped a five hour forum on channeling and asked for funds to condense it into an educational and informational 90 minute tape. A request for funds to attend an additional whole life expo was also accepted and funded.

We continue to receive requests for FLOWERS support and hope that other societies and local area groups will take on projects that will further the Fellowship's goals throughout the world. Since each of the projects which has been approved is being matched by monetary and resources from the sponsoring group, it is hoped that this program will encourage readers to become more active in their own local areas.

This year I have also spent some time on working with the 529 headquarters staff in various ways. We have new carpet throughout the office and it looks great. My understanding is that bids are still being collected on the shelving units in the dining room. Hopefully that will be completed soon. A subcommittee was appointed consisting of Steve Dreier, Dave Elders and myself to report on ways that the office can run more efficiently.

I have enjoyed serving as Vice President this past year and am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve this organization.