

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
TRIENNIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
JULY 7,1994
Stephen Dreier

The Fellowship appears to be in relatively good condition at the moment, and may be on the verge of participating in significant new for-service activities on behalf of The Urantia Book. I do not wish to give the impression that we are without significant problems to resolve, clearly there is much to do and much to learn. Nevertheless, the general character of our efforts appears to be moving in a direction which seems to be reasonably consistent with the spirit of the teachings of The Urantia Book.

There is an increased trust in the group process which has been accompanied by an increased capacity to tolerate diverse opinion and action without ruinous disruption, To the degree that demonstrate that we are capable of intelligently and peacefully dealing with challenging circumstances I expect we will be given increased responsibility and more demanding tasks. The cosmos is not sentimental. Those who have demonstrated the ability to faithfully execute assigned tasks are always given more to do. Those who will not or cannot perform will find themselves with less opportunity for service.

One of our immediate challenges is the continued improvement of our group processes. In particular, societies need to take a more active and responsible role in the life of our organization. Our structure is founded on the presence of active and relatively autonomous local societies. If these are not present, the entire rests on a weak foundation. There is frequently a lack of interest in the affairs of the organization at the local level. If this situation cannot be corrected we may have to conclude that our current structure is not viable.

Significant efforts are being made to foster interest in The Urantia Book outside the United States. These activities are in their early stages. It is currently very much a learning process. These efforts may require us to reexamine our attitudes concerning association with other organizations.

There is always the possibility of a "suddenly" which will rapidly precipitate us into new and increased levels of activity. If and when that happens we will probably be barely prepared for it, and we will have to exercise greater care than ever to avoid going off on unproductive tangents. If we stay steady we will continue to be given meaningful work to do. These are self-evident principles of cosmic management.

The Fellowship is fortunate to have a large number of talented and spiritually motivated individuals working on its behalf. It is these people who make it all happen. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all and encourage them to continue their efforts while encouraging others, particularly less experienced individuals, to participate in the process.

It has been my great pleasure to participate in this work. I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know so many outstanding people. I look forward to many more exciting years of service and fellowship with you all.

Steve Dreier

1994 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHARTER COMMITTEE

Avi Dogim

During this year a number of contacts have been made with representatives of two groups which have requested information about requirements for becoming societies, one of these groups is in Idaho, the other in Colombia, South America. It is too soon to tell just how close either of these groups is to making a decision with regard to affiliation with the Fellowship, but these inquiries in and of themselves are encouraging.

Partly in response to these communications, the Charter Committee has reviewed the Standards Of Admission Of Societies and has concluded that the document was much in need of revision for the sake of greater clarity and enhanced "user friendliness". These revisions are approaching the final draft stage and should be ready for approval of the Executive Committee before the end of this month.

The Charter Committee had facilitated an informal meeting of society delegates (conclave) at the IC 93 in Quebec last August. Eleven of the 18 societies were represented. The issues discussed were direct society representation on the General Council, Area Coordinator's qualifications, society outreach programs, and book availability.

The Committee is looking forward to additional contacts with groups considering affiliation with the Fellowship in the coming year.

Members of the Charter Committee:

Avi Dogim, chairman

Bart Ice, secretary

Larry Bowman

Tom Choquette

Francyl Gawryn

Larry Geis

Dale Sztejnberg (adjunct)

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1994 ANNUAL REPORT

Gard Jameson

The Fraternal Relations Committee is pleased to report that this past year has been a wonderful year for interfaith dialogue. The highlight was certainly the World Parliament of Religions held in September in Chicago (see attached Bulletin article). The Committee maintained a booth at the Parliament which was the focus of numerous interfaith encounters. An introductory seminar on The Urantia Book was given during the week. Numerous pieces of literature on The Urantia Book were passed out. A number of books were either given or sold to various individuals from all parts of the planet. Many readers from the Chicago area participated in the experience and were blessed by it. It is the Committee's intention to attempt to draw as much local readership support to these events as possible.

The exciting news is that Council for the Parliament plans to continue having forums of the caliber of the Parliament in the future at various sites around the globe. Our Committee is looking forward to these events and others being planned by other interfaith groups.

The North American Interfaith Network is planning to hold its biennial membership meeting in Toronto in August. Members of the Committee are planning on attending this event. At this point NAIN has been a valuable clearinghouse on the activities around the country that are supporting the growth of the interfaith movement. We have cultivated a good working relationship with a number of members of NAIN and look forward to a long relationship with this body of interfaith leaders. I am attaching the most recent newsletter from NAIN for your information.

In the fall members of the Committee will also be attending a conference sponsored by The National Conference in Tulsa, bringing together participants from the Christian, Jewish and Islamic traditions.

The Committee has also put together some material for inclusion in a handbook being developed by the Domestic Extension Committee for the benefit of Area Coordinators. This material centers on the importance of adopting a pluralistic interfaith attitude when engaging in interfaith dialogue. I have attached a copy of an article from Peter Laurence to this report for the benefit of the General Council. I would encourage councilors to share this material with readers back home. The Committee feels it is very important for all of us as readers of The Urantia Book to develop proper relations with other traditions; Peter provides much helpful insight into that process.

Additionally, I have enclosed a report of the Committee's discussion in Montreal on the relation of The Urantia Book and other religious traditions, for your information.

I wish to thank all of the members of the Fraternal Relations Committee for their good work during the past year.

Gard

**1994 Annual Report of the Vice President 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 several, including a spring fair in Santa Cruz and portions of a mailing for the Urantia Literacy project. We have loaned money for a Spanish translation of "Reaching High" and a loan to help in the printing of a children's summary of The Urantia Book. 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. I have helped with monitoring the expenditures in the office. I also helped organize volunteers and logistics for two of the large scale events that the Fellowship and Chicago area Urantia Book readers participated in this year, The Parliament of World Religions which occurred in Chicago August/September, 1993 and the Whole Life Expo which occurred during May, 1994. Being involved in this type of outreach activity was a highlight for me of the past year.

As I complete my term, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed serving as chair of the Special Projects committee, chair of the 1987 general conference in Maine and vice president of the Fellowship over these past nine years. Working on the Executive Committee has been a very special experience for me. Having participated in efforts to work more productively with Urantia Foundation, dealing with the schism between the Foundation and Brotherhood, and finally helping to build a renewed organization in the Fellowship, has been an experience that I'll never forget. Whether in the long run the decisions that were made were the right ones or not, the sincerity and desire to do what's best for the revelation created a unity that is unforgettable.

As the Fellowship continues to meet the challenges foisted upon us as willed creatures on our planet, my hope for the Fellowship is that we can meet these challenges in an open and deliberate way. The era of "command and control" decisions is coming to an end. This means that for each person who has the opportunity to serve in the Fellowship, only the highest quality thinking and passion for the Urantia revelation will help us move to a higher plateau--both organizationally and personally.

1994 Report of the International Fellowship Committee

John Lange

This past year has been a time for exploring vistas and taking new direction in the IFC. The challenge was given by Steve Dreier last year at IC-93 in St. Hyacinthe, Canada. Offering the Urantia Book to the world will be the task for the near future. Subsequently the Executive Committee voted to pledge more resources to embark on the journey to achieve this goal. These funds are being used for mailing Urantia Books and secondary works overseas, to help travel expenses for our members attending international meetings, and to help bring some of our international friends to the United States who wish to attend our conferences.

The annual IFC Meeting was held January 7-9 in Houston, Texas. This meeting was hosted by the Houston society where a wide range of topics were discussed. We decided to strengthen the ties with our Latin American friends. A separate subcommittee chaired by Douglas Fraser will coordinate our efforts. We will continue to facilitate the distribution of books to Central and South America. Dialogue regarding affiliation has been initiated with groups in Bogota, Columbia by Avi Dogim on behalf of the Charter Committee. After our initial trip last September, we plan to return again over the Thanksgiving holidays this year. We plan to take a larger group, to join in a mini-conference in Columbia, and to also visit Argentina for the first time.

We also established a subcommittee chaired by Lila Dogim to further develop our Russian and Eastern European friendships. Other members of this subcommittee include Marta Elders, Bobbie Dreier, and David Kantor. In October 1993, Steve Dreier led a delegation to Eastern Europe and Moscow for the Second Urantia Conference organized by Tatiana Antonyan. On the way to Moscow, the group stopped in Vilnius, Lithuania and met with a group led by Svetlana Braziene. These two meetings were reported in greater detail at the midyear General Council meeting. The third Urantia Conference will again be held in the Moscow area near September 25. We plan to also attend this meeting and to further strengthen the bond between our two organizations. Tatiana and Svetlana will be attending Scientific Symposium II in Oklahoma City.

At the midyear General Council meeting, I addressed the group and offered as a goal that we should give the Urantia Book to all the world's major cultures by the turn of the century. As this idea has been further discussed, we realize some more homework is needed before we present the Urantia Book to the Islamic and Asian cultures. We have decided to pursue interfaith activities in preparation for this task. David Kantor produced a valuable analysis in preparation for the Russian trip last year. This may serve as a model to prepare ourselves as we present the Urantia Book to other cultures. Stevie Shafer has established a dialogue with a Moslem in her study group. Together they are working to develop an

interfaith product. In this way we hope to offer the Urantia Book to very diverse cultures beginning from a place of common spiritual ground.

The trip to Israel celebrating the 2000th birthday of Jesus is coming up very soon. Following this event I will be traveling to South Africa to visit our reader community there in Johannesburg. The Summer Days gathering of Finnish readers will be in June. As already stated the Third Urania Conference will be at the end of September near Moscow. And the Australian Conference will be held in Melbourne from September 30 through October 3. We plan to have representatives from the Fellowship at each of these gatherings.

During this past year, the Foundation has sponsored the birth and development of the International Urantia Association (IUA.) This offers us a challenge as we undertake our international work. It is my belief that as long as the tension between our two organizations remains, it will be communicated consciously or unconsciously in our international efforts. Thus the IUA and the Fellowship will be viewed as competing organizations. The Urantia Book offers us the tools to help unify planetary spiritual life, but we find ourselves embroiled in sectarian strife. In the Supreme sense, it may be through this experience we add value to the meaning of unity. For our international efforts to be effective, I believe we must work with the Foundation. Each organization has a part to play, and I have noticed the shortcomings when each works alone. The world situation has offered us a window of opportunity to disseminate the Urantia Book and its teachings, and if we are to be successful we must someday see the Revelation to be larger than our differences.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lange

Chairman, International Fellowship Committee

**1994 REPORT of the
JUDICIAL COMMITTEE of
THE FELLOWSHIP**

David Elders

Once again this year the singular focus of judicial Committee attention has been the project, begun in 1991, to consider a restructuring of The Fellowship's Constitution. As you know, the primary purpose of this work is to make our guiding document more reflective of the principles of group functioning derived both from the teachings of The Urantia Book and from the best human systems available today.

At the February, 1993 mid-year meeting of the General Council (as was reported in last year's annual report) a resolution was passed approving in principle the work product of the sub-committee on restructuring and instructing the judicial Committee to solicit comments from Fellowship members and societies and to place before the Council at its August, 1993 meeting finished recommendations for action as appropriate. Inasmuch as there was a minimal level of response to the request soliciting comments from both individual Fellowship members and from societies, several of which stated they had not had sufficient time for full consideration, the Council voted to place this issue on the agenda for the 1994 annual meeting of the General Council. Additionally, this subject was discussed at a society conclave held in conjunction with the 1993 General Council meeting and attended by representatives of 11 of the 18 Fellowship societies.

At the February 1994 mid-year Council meeting, this subject was the primary business issue on the agenda and was discussed extensively. As a consequence of that discussion, the following resolution passed by a vote of 23-3-0:

That the Executive Committee proceeds with the procedures necessary to change the Constitution to allow each society the option to elect a member of their society as a General Councilor for a three-year term. The Triennial Delegate Assembly will continue to elect General Councilors in the current constitutional manner.

The sense of the discussion and the intent of the resolution is that the size of the Council would be increased to a total number which would be the result of the 36 Councilors now elected under the current system plus one additional Councilor from each society (if each chose to exercise their option to do so). As an example, using today's numbers, the Council could total 54 members (36 + 18). The judicial Committee was subsequently charged with the responsibility to draft the necessary constitutional language for consideration by the Executive Committee at its April, 1994 meeting in time for formal consideration by the General Council this summer.

Although the final language was unavailable for that meeting, in order to facilitate consideration by the

Council as planned, the Executive Committee agreed to discuss the proposed amendment fully with the view toward final approval of language via conference call in May. During that discussion, however, there was a clear consensus that the proposed amendment could not responsibly be sent forward to the Council for vote until it was determined what minimum standards constituted a society. In essence, is it fair that societies that are virtually inactive (with membership levels far below the minimum chartering standards) have the same opportunity to send a representative to the Council as an active society with membership in excess of that number required for chartering? This fairness issue, also surfaced at the February 1994 mid-year meeting, becomes especially relevant in the context of a possible shift in the make-up of the Council toward some level of constituency representation. Accordingly, the Executive Committee passed the following resolution to be addressed both by the General Council this summer and by the societies (initially at the TDA since it directly affects local autonomy):

That if the membership in a society falls below the standard of 10 persons as established in Section V.1 of the Fellowship Constitution as that minimum level required for chartering as a society, then that society, while retaining its charter, shall lose its voting privileges until that minimum level is once again regained.

This has been the only issue before the judicial Committee during this past working year. In addition to those members of our committee who have devoted significant effort to this work--Duane Faw, Steve McIntosh, and David Owen--a considerable amount of time and effort has also been expended by the full General Council, the Executive Committee, and a number of individual Fellowship members and societies. Although some have characterized this matter as essentially irrelevant to the real work we have to do, others have suggested that the effort to evolve better ways of working together can, if we so choose, be reflective of the Supreme. The unselfish expenditure of personal and group resources on this issue, to my mind, suggests that such a choice has been made.

On behalf of our committee, we thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Elders, Chairman

Duane Faw

Tom Kendall

Steve McIntosh

Ellen Montgomery, Secretary

David Owen

1994 Triennial Report of the Education Committee

Dan Massey

The principal activity of the Education Committee has been to organize the program for the Intensive Summer Seminar, which has been held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the General Council during each summer in which a General Conference was not held. These programs were organized in 1991 and 1992, providing intensive study of Part IV of the Urantia Book, at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois. The 1992 program completed a cycle of six seminars, begun in 1984 in which the entirety of the Book was progressively examined.

In planning our program for the summer of 1994, a decision was made to organize a combined event in conjunction with Scientific Symposium III in Oklahoma City, during the extended period of 1-9 July. As a result of this, Education Committee seminars have been scheduled for three days in this period while three days have been devoted to the Scientific Symposium. Fellowship organizational activities (the Triennial Delegate Assembly and the annual meeting of the General Council) are scheduled for six days during this period; therefore, some overlapping of functions had to occur.

This overlapping of programs, combining opportunities to study the Book with opportunities to participate in the organizational life of the Fellowship, is a deliberate experiment by the Education Committee. In discussions with readers attending previous seminars, we discovered that the sharp separation of the educational and organization functions which had been practiced for many years seemed to be isolating many very dedicated students of the book from opportunities for significant personal contact with the many equally dedicated volunteers in service to the readership. We hope that, by drawing these two groups together and providing the opportunity for crossover between educational and organizational programs, this gap will be partially bridged. The committee will be evaluating the results of this experiment and is interested in hearing the reactions of delegates and councilors to this novel approach.

The theme of the Seminar, "Progress and Providence-Keys to Universe Integration," is designed to complement the theme of the Symposium, "Man's Universe Integration. -" The committee hopes that, by offering a venue for the in depth study of the Supreme and Ultimate, a philosophical setting will be provided for the more factual exercises of the Scientific Symposium. In this combined program, serious students of the book are offered six full days of group interaction and study-the most ambitious such program the Fellowship has ever sponsored.

The other major activity of the committee during the past three years has been the organization of several programs in the Wrightwood Series. Each seminar of this program is a weekend-long invitational seminar held at the Chicago headquarters. The goal of this program is to provide a sponsored venue conducive to detailed and in-depth study of a specific topic related to The Urantia Book. Each seminar participant commits to a significant amount of preparatory work and to participation in development of a final, publishable product.

During 1992, two seminars were held. The first of these seminars, organized by Janet Farrington, dealt with the subject "Building the Living Temple of Spiritual Fellowship." A collection of six research papers emerging from this seminar has been published and is available for purchase from headquarters. The second seminar, organized by Barbara Dreier, addressed the subject "Race and The Urantia Book." This seminar was of a smaller and more exploratory character than the first, and met a second time in 1993. Although significant issues of diverging viewpoint remained unresolved among the participants after the second meeting, the research papers from this seminar have been completed, edited, and await publication later this year.

In 1993, a third seminar on the subject of gender was organized by Janet Farrington and led by Alison Gardner. The papers from this seminar have been compiled and should be published in the near future. In 1993 plans were also made to hold a seminar on "The Evolution of the New Cult." A few proposals and a number of expressions of interest were received from various readers; however, the focus of interest in the topic seemed to require significant direction in order to achieve the goals of a Wrightwood program. Further development of this program will remain in abeyance until the organizers can muster the energy required to re-focus the agendas of the participants.

The Education Committee hopes to get "The New Cult" back on track and to sponsor additional Wrightwood programs. Topics which have been suggested for future Wrightwood Series seminars are "Roots of the Revelation-Historical and Human" and "The Science of The Urantia Book-Problems and Predictions." The forthcoming secular, skeptical critique of the book and its origins by the well-known popularizer of mathematics and logic, Martin Gardner, seems likely to raise a number of salient questions in these areas. It is not clear that the Fellowship is in any way equipped to respond to these questions. It is by no means certain that the Fellowship should develop a response; however, it could be beneficial to provide a service in bringing together and publishing the viewpoints of individual, serious students of the book, the movement, and their joint history.

During this past triennium Marjorie Reed, our longest-serving member, retired from the Education Committee. The entire committee joins me in thanking Marjorie for her many years of kind, thoughtful, and helpful service to the committee, its programs, and its various chairpersons. We wish Marjorie the very best in her future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted for the Education Committee

Dan Massey, Chairman

Matthew Block Barbara Dreier Janet Farrington Irwin Ginsburgh Joan Neumann

Domestic Extension Committee Annual Report for 1994

Mo Siegel

The Domestic Extension Committee has continued its course set over the last decade. Additionally, we have devoted this year to bringing people together, not only for outreach but for inreach, concentrating on keeping readers connected with each other. The following summarizes our activities:

Area Coordinators -- Ann Garner has initiated a new program for Area Coordinators called ACTS Of The 21st Century. ACTS is an acronym which stands for Area Coordinators Training Series. The unique aspect of this series is that it is comprised largely of Area Coordinators' personal experiences, ideas, and efforts with outreach and study group support. Ann has invited the ACs to regularly submit reports of their outreach experiences to her. She requested the reports be written in an instructional how-to format. The reports are then mailed to ACs every other month along with other updates and information. Hence the Area Coordinator Training Manual is actually being created by Area Coordinators. The manual grows with every new installment and Area Coordinators participate first hand in the manual's implementation and information.

To date the following Area Coordinators and other contributors have participated in our growing training manual:

Chrissy Smith (AC Santa Cruz) reported on a booth done by the Santa Cruz readers at an outdoor fair, which they followed-up with an introduction. Chrissy included the notices that ran in local papers announcing the introduction. This was the first edition of ACTS and was mailed to ACs in March. Chrissy is currently working on a report about the Santa Cruz readers' experience with the Adopt-A-Highway road clean-up service project (to be included in a later edition).

Note: All of the following will be included in future editions. Those pertaining to interfaith will come out in a special edition devoted to that topic.

Dean White (AC Tennessee) has done a report on a small show in Raleigh, NC, where she and a handful of readers exhibited The Urantia Book and did a lecture and workshop. For the May issue of ACTS Dean describes how to maintain a familial feeling in Urantia study groups. She has also submitted an extensive interfaith comparative paper on reincarnation and The Urantia Book.

Charlotte D'Ingillo (AC New York) has submitted a report on the Urantia booth she and the readers in her area did in February at a psychic fair.

Jim O'Brien (AC Dallas) has done a report on topical study ideas for advanced readers as well as service ideas for study groups.

Larry Watkins (AC Sacramento) is working on a report on the public introduction he arranged at the main public library in Sacramento, as well as his ongoing efforts with interfaith dialogue.

Virginia Yarborough (AC Louisiana) will be summarizing her ongoing interfaith experiences with an Edgar Cayce study group.

Stevie Schaefer (AC Virginia) has forwarded several examples of the news letters she uses to network the readers in her area.

Patije Mills (AC Florida) has sent a well done introduction package, including a 30 minute audio cassette, that can be reproduced and given to potential or new readers.

Gard Jameson (AC Las Vegas) has done a wonderful interfaith report for ACTS which is forthcoming.

Sue Tennant is preparing a report on how to do a Urantia Workshop.

Ann is also rekindling interest in the Library Placement Program. Applications for book placement were sent from The Urantia Foundation for distribution by ACs.

Booth Outreach -- Thanks to the wise, loving, tireless servant leadership of Paula Thompson the outreach activities of The Domestic Extension Committee have achieved growth, progress, and lots of new readers. Since last July we have done twelve different shows in various cities. We have exhibited The Urantia Book in Los Angeles (twice), San Francisco (twice), New York (twice), Chicago (parliament)*, Boston*, Toronto*, Miami*, Seattle* and Raleigh* (North Carolina). We're soon to do shows in Spokane* (May 13-14), Chicago (May 20-22), Albuquerque* (June 3-5) and Denver (June 3-5). [Note: * After the city indicates first time in that city.]

The following depicts our accomplishments at shows to date:

Urantia Books sold 206

Concordex sold 35

Paramony sold 22

Life After Death sold 169

Introductions distributed 2,748

Brochures distributed 3,436

Mustard Seeds distributed 11,466

People who saw our booth 115,000

People we talked to 3,500

Attendance at lectures 535

Names added to mailing lists 540

Volunteer booth workers 165

It is difficult to measure the impact we have with numbers. The best way to see how powerfully The Urantia Book's truths can touch people is to work at the booth. We cherish the opportunity and feel privileged to make the opportunity available to Urantia Book readers in additional cities. It's hard work but well worth it.

We are encouraging follow-up workshops in cities which are willing and able to do it. Reports, including detailed outlines, are being submitted by local organizers upon completion of these activities. The follow-up workshops are the next step for bringing new readers into existing study groups, initiating new study groups, and making contact with those individuals who put their names on our sign-up sheets.

Special thanks to the following individuals who make expos happen in their cities: Larry Geis, Mark Turrin, Michelle Klimesh and Dent Snider in San Francisco, Robin & Helene Jorgensen and Bart Ice in New York, Duane Faw in Los Angeles, Waldine Stump in Miami, Virginia Mellencamp in Santa Fe, Sue Tennant and Scott McDougall in Toronto, Steven Hecht in Boston, Inez and Tony Finstad in Seattle, Matt Block, Scott Forsythe and Marilyn Kulieke in Chicago, and Thomas Orjalla in Spokane. As always the multidimensional ministry of Ann Garner adds so much to all of our booth outreach efforts. Thank you Ann!

1994 Shows Coming Up -- San Diego (September 9-11), New York (September 16-18), Las Vegas (October 7-9), and Miami (October 21-23). We also hope to do Toronto and Boston again (no dates yet) if budget permits.

Training Teachers.-- We continue to have training meetings on the Thursday night before every show we do. At least 57 new booth volunteers have been trained in the past year. In these meetings we cover topics such as; how to answer difficult questions, creative listening techniques, what to do when

someone wants to argue, ways to avoid irate fundamentalists, basic booth etiquette and logistics, and end with a reading of the Master's "Instructions For Teachers And Believers".

The training meetings serve as an icebreaker to get people enthused about the show and as a way for booth volunteers to get to meet one another. However, nothing is a greater training tool than the experience one gets when actually working at the booth. In the same vein, we try to include local readers in every introductory lecture we do at the shows.(average attendance 50) We always end each show with a group meal where we recount the highlights of the show and share joy and laughter at a job well done. Most of all, we strive to show readers how simple it can be to introduce The Urantia Book to others. Our hope is to make ourselves obsolete by training local readers to do this work themselves.

Urantia Book Availability,-- Because of the amount of shows we are doing it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain a supply of Urantia Books, We sell an average of 20 books per show. In March we asked The Urantia Foundation to consider selling us books for shows but have yet to hear back from them. Any ideas or assistance readers can provide in supplying books for the expos would be greatly appreciated.

As we listen to people around the country we hear that books are sporadically available. In some cities books are relatively easy to get while extremely difficult in others. We frequently meet folks at the booth who say they have looked everywhere for the book and can't find it. We hear of an unwillingness on the part of bookstores to deal directly with publishers.

Pricing of the book is prohibitive.-- When people do find the book they are hesitant to take a chance on it for \$50.00. There seems to be a variance in the prices around the country. A man in New York went to purchase the book at a Barnes & Nobel and decided against it when he found a \$62.00 price tag.

The Spanish translation, although in high demand, is extremely difficult to get or afford, costing nearly \$80.00 with special order fees. In cities like Los Angeles and Miami, Hispanic people tell us how unhappy they are about this. Of course we would love to take Spanish books to these cities when we go, unfortunately we can't get them.

Book Subsidies.,-- Last spring in New York a local reader generously subsidized books. We sold a total of 39 books at that show, nearly double what we normally sell. In the fall of 1993 we launched the Afford-A-Book program and began to receive donations from the readership earmarked for subsidizing lower priced Urantia Books at shows. In order to subsidize as many books as possible we have lowered the show price from \$39.95 to \$29.95. As a result our sales at the shows are up 25%. In New York (because of local reader subsidies) we are able to sell the book for \$19.95 and have sold a total of 72 books in the last two shows, up by nearly 50%. This should leave no doubt that the price of the book is often the determining factor as to whether or not a person will buy it.

As reader/believers we know that no price is too great for this magnificent revelation, but what about the person that has no experience with The Urantia Book? They are taking a chance on what seems to be a

very expensive and unusual book. We obviously can't determine the price of the book, but we can subsidize books at shows and make it possible for more people to benefit from The Urantia Book's profound teachings. The people who buy subsidized books are deeply touched to learn that an anonymous reader cared enough to help.

New Reader Introductions,-- Domestic Extension continues to support and encourage public introductions to The Urantia Book. Members of DEC have personally participated in numerous introductions in the last two years, most recently in Santa Barbara and Sacramento. We will continue to assist and participate when ever and where ever possible. We offer a free information packet on how it introduce groups to The Urantia Book which includes examples of community notices as well as different methods and techniques of doing a public introduction. Here again our main objective is to show local readers how easy it is to hold introductory classes for new and potential readers. It is our sincere hope that they will take the ball and run without our meddling. They usually see us work and say, "if they can do it anyone can."

The 1994-95 Study group Directory. -- The new directory will go to press in June. This year's directory is dedicated to Michael of Neadon and the 2,000th anniversary of his bestowal on Urantia. The directory lists 288 domestic study groups plus 59 international groups, an increase of 27 groups over last year. A great deal of effort has gone into this year's directory which promises to be the biggest and most up-to-date ever. 97% of the listings in this directory have been verified as accurate. Many thanks to Mary Ebben for her great job in coordinating and designing this years directory.

The Study Group Herald,-- The next issue of the Study Group Herald is due to be out some time in late July or early August. The Herald continues to be an excellent and useful networking publication which is greatly appreciated by study groups. Although this is no longer a Domestic Extension Committee project we are one of three committees that support it's production. The truth is that it is the dedicated efforts of Marty Greenhut that pull this valuable publication together.

The Phone Message Program. -- The phone message program is almost complete for this season. Since January of 1993 we have run 44 ads with various messages. Our messages have been heard by 1,354 people of which 205 or 15% have requested a packet of information. The cost for 44 weeks of advertising has been \$1,839.57. The five top ads this time have been:

- 1 . What Are Angels? 97 calls and 18 information requests
2. Who Was Lucifer? 82 calls and 11 information requests
3. Who Was Jesus? 80 calls and 10 information requests
4. Jesus Enjoyed The Olympics 49 calls and 9 information requests
5. Prayers From Other Planets 47 calls and 8 information requests

Committee Changes. -- Domestic Extension Committee is pleased to announce the addition of two new members, Larry Geis from San Francisco, and Robin Jorgensen from New York. We are confident that our new members will be able to fill the void left by the resignation of Paul Knott and Peggy Douglass, we will miss them. Ann Garner has been appointed National Area Coordinator and is doing a wonderful job keeping ACs inspired and in touch.

In His service and ever grateful for the opportunity,

Mo Siegel, Chair

The Domestic Extension Commiittee

Paula Thompson, Secretary and Outreach Director

Ann Garner, National Area Coordinator

Robin Jorgensen, Study Group Development

Larry Geis, Special Projects

Marlene Chicoine, Special Projects

Mary Ebben, Tireless Adjunct

1994 Annual Report of the Publications Committee

Melissa Wells

The Publications Committee has been in transition this year. While volunteer efforts are an essential part of the work done by this committee, it has become increasingly evident that many individuals are too busy to meet their commitments. To address this problem, we continually seek new volunteers.

Another approach that we have explored is hiring editorial assistance. The first example of this professional's work is the current issue of The Bulletin. Barry Bradley, a well-qualified journalist, will also add his expertise to upcoming issues of The Study Group Herald.

The current Bulletin has expanded to 16 pages. Barry Bradley edited text, wrote headlines and captions, selected artwork and chose the story flow. His experience in working with printers also helped in getting an excellent price to upgrade to four-color art. The next issue will also be 16 pages, and if feedback from the Fellowship community is encouraging, The Bulletin will remain this size.

The Dateline column, which focuses on activities of Fellowship Societies and study groups around the world, hasn't been published due to lack of time by volunteers to do the necessary reporting for the column. Carolyn Kendall, an employee at the Fellowship office, will take over this column as part of her duties. This is being done as an experiment. The added function should not demand more than eight hours of her time for each issue of The Bulletin. Long-distance telephone calls incurred at the office for this column should be charged against the Publications Committee budget.

The next Bulletin will be published after the Summer Session in Oklahoma City, followed by a year-end issue.

The Journal has been slow in coming to print due to lack of time on the part of David Kulieke, managing editor, to produce this bi-annual publication. In addition, there have been several delays waiting for authors to submit their essays.

Marty Greenhut, managing editor of The Study Group Herald, has resigned his position due to a conflict of his time professionally. The current issue focusing on the topic of aging received many accolades, and this committee will miss his contributions to the Herald. Barry Bradley has received all of the materials for the next issue. We plan to produce it this summer. Changes for the Herald already suggested by Barry include professional cover photography printed in four color.

I plan to oversee production of this year's second issue while searching for another volunteer to assume the function of managing editor.

Although it sounds like a recurring theme, Cindy Hopper has also recently resigned as a Member of this committee because of lack of time to accept volunteer projects.

Three issues of the Fellowship Forum are pending completion. They are the presentations from IC'93 and the two Wrightwood Series on Race and Gender. We will also publish presentations made at Scientific Symposium III this summer under the Forum banner.

The revised Fellowship brochure has now been translated into Spanish and French. The French version is only recently available. Its companion piece, an introductory brochure on The Urantia Book, is a top priority of this committee and should be produced in time for the fall meeting of the Executive Committee. When the final version is approved, this brochure also will be translated into Spanish and French, ideally before year end.

The project of updating the video on the history of the Fellowship has yet to receive appropriate attention. Although several people are willing to volunteer their time on this project, I haven't found the right person to coordinate the effort. Once that person is designated, the project should move forward with a date of completion sometime in 1995.

The goal of this committee is to provide the highest quality publications and study materials for the Fellowship. During my tenure as chairman, this is gradually shifting from a totally volunteer effort to the paid professional. If the publications for our group are given the attention they deserve, the price of their production would fall into the same category as our necessary expenditures for legal counsel, accounting and other professional services. With appropriate teamwork, the level of the professional's familiarity with the text of The Urantia Book or issues within the Fellowship are addressed.

Publications Committee Melissa Wells, Chairman

Nancy Johnson, Typesetter

David I .Kulieke, Managing Editor, The Journal

Robin Robinson, Reporter, The Bulletin

1994 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. A major step in this process occurred in September, 1993, when Jim Jarnagin and Glen Bell drove to 529 Wrightwood from Houston, Texas in a Suburban loaded with computer equipment. Despite bad gas that necessitated repairs, they delivered their cargo and installed the new system: 66MHZ 486DX2, 16MB RAM EISA Bus, Stealth video accelerator, 1.2 GB hard drive, large tower case for expansion, 17" SVGA monitor, HP scanner, and all necessary software, such as Windows 3.1 & OmniPage Professional for optical character recognition.

The first use of the equipment involved scanning in the photographs from IC93 for the photo album of attendees. As time allows, we will begin scanning in all past General Council and Executive Committee minutes and then use FolioViews software to create Info Bases for easy information access. The new equipment is also providing the capability and incentive to network the computer system and integrate office procedures so they become more efficient.

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

Resource Guide: The revised and updated Resource Guide for Secondary Works of The Urantia Book was distributed at IC93. The new edition had over 40 new entries. 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 -- Six 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 problems and excitement of those days can be preserved."

During the past year little progress has been made in interviewing former members of the Forum. As an alternative to the interview process, SPC is working on a letter to send to "forurnites" which explains this project and solicits their assistance. Their contributions could consist of old records, a written narration of their experience in the Forum, and/or consent to a personal interview. These materials

would become part of the Archives library. During the past year, SPC also contributed to the production of a videotape of interviews with Meredith Sprunger concerning the origins of The Urantia Book.

Archives Lib -- 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.

During the past year, several significant developments have affected the library. First book shelves were purchased and installed in the small room next to the entrance at 529. This area is now the Fellowship Library! Second, as Matthew Block has been discovering source materials that appear to have been used in the compilation of The Urantia Book; he has obtained duplicate copies of many of these books for the library. Third, Stuart Kerr, a long time reader and current president of the Connecticut Fellowship, has willed his extensive collection religious books and Urantia Book related materials to The Fellowship. We have the beginning of a great Resource Library!

Maybe you can help. Do you know of a library oriented database program that we could use to record, categorize, and label the materials that are being accumulated? Please let a member of SPC or the office staff know.

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

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**1994 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TO THE
GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

Lucile Faw

First and foremost, let me express my gratitude and appreciation to Steve Dreier and John Hales whose encouragement and cooperation have made this office a pleasurable service. I am also grateful to all of the Society officers who have sent in their reports of newly elected officers and their annual census reports. Obtaining these reports is perhaps a small but a very important function of the Secretary.

One of the primary duties has been the recording of the minutes of the meetings of the General Council and of Fifth Epochal Fellowship Corporation. Other duties have included sending notices of these meetings and contacting those societies whose reports were not received.

As an officer of The Fellowship and of Fifth Epochal Fellowship Corporation, I have certified copies of minutes and signed documents verifying our decisions regarding stocks and other investments. My participation in the Executive Committee debates on issues facing our organization has been an enlightening and broadening experience, allowing me to develop a deep affection and respect for all of its members and a better understanding of the sincere divergence of opinion among us.

My latest activity prior to this meeting has been the recording of the actions of the Triennial Delegate Assembly, July 1-2, 1994.

I thank all of you for electing me to this office and for the wonderful opportunity it has afforded me.

Very sincerely,

Lucile Faw

1994 Annual Report of the Vice President 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 several, including a spring fair in Santa Cruz and portions of a mailing for the Urantia Literacy project. We have loaned money for a Spanish translation of "Reaching High" and a loan to help in the printing of a children's summary of The Urantia Book. 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. I have helped with monitoring the expenditures in the office. I also helped organize volunteers and logistics for two of the large scale events that the Fellowship and Chicago area Urantia Book readers participated in this year, The Parliament of World Religions which occurred in Chicago August/September, 1993 and the Whole Life Expo which occurred during May, 1994. Being involved in this type of outreach activity was a highlight for me of the past year.

As I complete my term, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed serving as chair of the Special Projects committee, chair of the 1987 general conference in Maine and vice president of the Fellowship over these past nine years. Working on the Executive Committee has been a very special experience for me. Having participated in efforts to work more productively with Urantia Foundation, dealing with the schism between the Foundation and Brotherhood, and finally helping to build a renewed organization in the Fellowship, has been an experience that I'll never forget. Whether in the long run the decisions that were made were the right ones or not, the sincerity and desire to do what's best for the revelation created a unity that is unforgettable.

As the Fellowship continues to meet the challenges foisted upon us as willed creatures on our planet, my hope for the Fellowship is that we can meet these challenges in an open and deliberate way. The era of "command and control" decisions is coming to an end. This means that for each person who has the opportunity to serve in the Fellowship, only the highest quality thinking and passion for the Urantia revelation will help us move to a higher plateau--both organizationally and personally.