

FIELD REPS WORKSHOP
3/77

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1. When do you want next meeting?	1978	June '77	March '78	March '78	1978	See Special Report	When needed	19
2. June 24 or June 27? (Council)	No	June 27	No	June 24	No		Either	No
3. How often per year?	1	1	1	1	1		When needed	1
4. How long?	Weekend	1 day & social	2 days	2 days	1 day & social		Long as needed	2
5. Where?	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago		No pref.	Ch Yo
6. Topics? (Special)	Foundation Brotherhood	None	Survey	Survey	Survey		Survey	No
7. Favor equalizing travel costs?	Yes	No	Either	Yes	No		More analysis	No
8. Same groups as last time?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Study Groups								
Number in your state	1	6	2	9	59		7	59
Number in adjacent states and others	4	3	7	15	49	Lima, Peru	4	san Ju
Name those states	Finland France Netherlands	Wash Canada 3 Prov.	New York Wash D C Penn New Jersey	Kansas Missouri Texas Nebraska Oklahoma Louisiana	Oregon Nevada Utah Idaho Alaska Hawaii N. Mex. Calif. Colo Australia	South America	Alabama Florida Georgia	

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Foundation Brotherhood	None	Survey	Survey	Survey		Survey	No	Survey	See report
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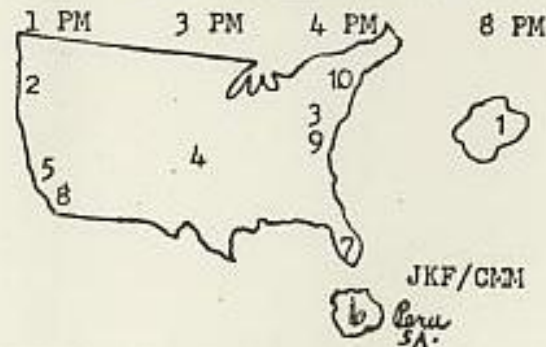
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In my opinion and to my experience the Field Representatives should be more informed about the relationship between Foundation and Brotherhood. There is much misunderstanding through lack of knowledge and insight. It is not sufficient when the top of the Brotherhood (Executive Committee) and the Foundation reach agreement and harmony. This must be brought out to the Field. Far better, than correspondence is personal contact. The Field Representatives should be the intermediaries who harmonize relationships. But then it is necessary that they themselves should be much better and more fundamentally informed about this relationship. I had the privilege to stay for three weeks at Chicago this time and through discussion, reflection and meditation I at last came to a, for me, most satisfactory solution of this problem and feel now much better equipped to function in this respect in my field. I feel that not all colleagues have had that same privilege.

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Good points defined:

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We all benefit from creative discussions about our mutual efforts; the exchange of ideas on program and how to handle problems broadens the understanding of all participants.

2. Meeting with the Foundation members and the Executive Committee as well as the headquarters staff certainly helped our understanding of general trends and made us aware of certain specific problems, while simultaneously providing some directives for handling the problems we encounter in the field.

In other words, it became more clear how our jobs fit into the functions of the two organizations -- URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood.

3. This meeting pointed out the need for really getting to know each other, especially representatives from foreign countries, and how much we need to understand each other so that we can work together for positive good in spite of basic differences of interpretation.

There is really a tremendous need for leaders in this early time to learn the basics of working together in love and comradeship for the present and future good of all humanity. Knowing each other well enough to trust each other would seem to be the ideal situation.

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A suggestion for all future meetings:

Any presentation given at the Field Representatives meetings should include a written outline report for each member to keep and study. Note taking doesn't necessarily grab the viewpoint that was actually being presented; it is really only the assumed viewpoint, as understood by the note maker.

(We truly appreciated receiving Henry's report.)

Areas to avoid and proposals for change:

To be avoided, long presentations for the purpose of general education on contents of URANTIA Brotherhood. Unless there is specific demand, it would seem our time should be spent on other matters and that such presentations would be better at a strictly school type activity.

Lewis A. Clark

Areas to avoid and proposals for change - continued

Instead, questions should be asked which stimulate discussion on concepts that need to be understood. This is how basic differences may be uncovered and the reasoning that established such differences discovered and examined. Great skill is required in directing such a confrontation so that no one is made to feel tromped on. Probably such a discussion should be preceded by special prayer and meditation to direct minds into humility and reserved judgment channels, for no one should go into such a discussion feeling that he knows it all or that his conclusions are inclusive of all pertinent truth.

Stephen Dreier

I believe the major benefits of this meeting were social. We all live at considerable distances from one another, and only meet infrequently. This was the first opportunity we have had for extended and concentrated association. I think it is important for the Field Representatives to become better acquainted and to share their experiences with each other. As we grow in size and complexity there is increasing risk of sectional misunderstandings. Regular and intimate communication can be of major assistance in overcoming the potential conflict which may arise out of differing viewpoints.

First meetings are for getting started and not too much should be expected. Even so, this meeting went rather well. It would be better to permit more time for unstructured association-discussion. Almost the whole of this meeting was controlled by agenda, and this does not allow for that spontaneous give and take which is also capable of leading to increased understanding. A better balance between these two forms of meetings would be desirable.

A period of time should be provided in which the Field Representatives can meet without visitors. This should be several hours in length.

The evening meeting on Saturday was excessive. We were all rather tired of formal discussion by that time, and I do not feel that much was accomplished by going through the form of having a discussion.

Berkeley Elliott

Although I would like having to make only one trip, it seems unfair to the six Field Representatives that are not on the General Council. Also, just before or just after a General Council meeting it might be hard for either the Executive Committee or the Trustees to meet with us. Even the one we had in March was rushed, and it was strictly a Field Representative meeting. Others we have had in connection with other meetings, have not provided enough time to really accomplish much. Personally the day before, or after, a General Council meeting would suit me fine - it just seems unfair to others.

I thought in general our meeting was great. I felt too much time was wasted on "nit-picking" (to use Meredith's expression) and I thought important issues were evaded and direct answers were not given. Meredith did a great job of organizing the meeting so the above would be avoided, but it was our first and all in all I felt it went well. The "Special Services Committee" did a great job of feeding us and saving us time.

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Perhaps we could also save time by having prepared exact answers we want from both the Executive Committee and the Trustees, and present them one by one - but I really felt it was enjoyable and productive. Perhaps everyone will send in topics they want discussed instead of just a few of us - like this last time.

I am very flexible and willing to go along with what everyone wants to do.

Thanks for asking!

Julia Fenderson

Special awards should go to the committee that served us the excellent luncheon and to Christy and Martin who hosted the delicious chinese luncheon.

James Mills

Like all "first" meetings it apparently set up a reference framework for future meetings. If so, would suggest the "philosophical and inspirational portions be deleted - we're already supposed to be "competent in the Book." Our Field Representatives' function, it seems to me, is to develop pragmatic means and methods of dissemination of the teachings. -- This is our job -- sales without promotion. We all can get inspiration and motivation from the text.

Now, if teacher training is desirable then lets get qualified teachers themselves and run separate seminars or just plain training sessions.

It seems to me that most Urantians have thrown all their objectives into a pot labelled "doing the Fathers will", then carry it around and pull out for answers to problems whatever is on top, regardless of its practical application. Now out here in time and space, where we encounter only constant segmentation, it seems to me that we must first recognize the difference between, fact, meaning and value because this is what God has decided our environment is to consist of, and if we can't tell the difference, how we gonna start putting it back together for the Supreme? And - this really is our job!

Richard Prince

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Helena Sprague

A very positive experience. Glad we had a presentation such as Henry's. Feel I know Trustees and Executive Committee better, most worthwhile when there are difficulties (as confirmatory agreement). While Society President would be helpful in regard to a topic concerning societies, I am not in favor of an increase in the size of the group, except for a few. The whole climate changes with more people.

Because of financial considerations, I believe one or two meetings a year are enough, one in June and another sometime November - February if there is need.

Julia K. Fenderson

A summary of my evaluation is very positive. One of the strong points, in my estimation, was the opportunity to meet with every member of the Foundation and of the Executive Committee. I hope this continues.

Also getting to know each other as Field Representatives is invaluable as we are all dedicated to working together for the same great cause and by knowing each other we are better able to coordinate our efforts. We need and welcome these creative, comforting and love-expanding fellowships.

I was impressed with the individual differences of our group and therein lies a great strength if we use this correctly to maintain our spiritual unity in a many-faceted approach.

Henry Begemann's reminder on this topic of building spiritual strength and unity is an emphasis I hope we maintain in the future, as our daily as well as our future goals are spiritual.

As Jesus said on his last free day on earth, p. 1930:3

"As faith-enlightened and spirit liberated sons of the kingdom, you face a double responsibility of duty to man and duty to God, while you voluntarily assume a third and sacred obligation to the brotherhood of God-knowing believers."

Mario Harrington

Dear Julia: For the record you might wish to know that Paul Snider inducted me as a Field Representative, as I work with the United Nations and will be shortly posted to Lima, Peru. I do not have a "constituency" as it were, but have offered to liaise with URANTIA groups in Latin America. The three basic pamphlets on The URANTIA Book were translated by me into Spanish, but I have not heard anything further from the Brotherhood on what their plans are to have them printed. I had envisioned myself somehow connected with getting The URANTIA Book translated into the Spanish language. May the Brotherhood decide how to use my services.

Since I shall not be in this country, there is no purpose in my filling out this form.

* I do hope that in view of my impending departure, that I shall be provided with a list of contacts in Latin America.

With my best wishes for your continuing pioneering work, I remain.

Cordially,

Mario