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*Make list of study
groups.*

Dearest Julia:

It was good to see you at Christy's Memorial. I'm attempting to sum up on our long-outstanding "Ontario-Study-Groups" report. The actual reason we haven't sent you anything in the past is quite simple, i.e. we don't have any pictures of our groups. I finally fished one out of last year's conference. It's a picture of Chuck & Cheryl Bellman's wedding, which took place at our conference, and we're all caught toasting them. The wedding ceremony was performed by our own United Church Minister Ben LeMay. The names of the people on the picture (apart from Hans vanKehrberg blotting out half the people, I'll mention everybody even the ones with only half faces showing. From left to right are: Uriel Starbuck of Ocala Fla.; Hans van Kehrberg of New York City NY.; Cyd Pearson of Toronto, Ont. (sunglasses and forehead showing); Jerry Birch of London, England (half-face only); Jim Harris of Barrie, Ont. (half-head with half-eyeglasses); David Hubbard of Toronto, Ont. (hidden by Hans's arm & drink); Brent St.Denis of Massey, Ont. (somerly bowing in the background); Ben LeMay, our United Church Minister from Namur, Que.; Lorraine Selkirk 3/4 face hidden behind Ben LeMay (She's from Peterborough, Ont.); Bob Pope from Windsor, Ont.; The marrying ones with their back to the camera Cheryll & Chuck Bellman from Key West Fla.; Peggy Barrett from Burlington, Ont.; Christel Garrick from Richmond Hill, Ont.; Jason Tennant (sitting with hand on forehead) Derek Tennant both from Richmond Hill, Ont.; and myself (Sandy Garrick) also from Richmond Hill, Ont.. So much for that picture. We're going to try to take a few just for you, but the next meeting isn't until the 20th, and I'm sure you want something from us before then for the conference.

We have 19 study-groups affiliated with us. 18 in Ontario and we also consider the "Laurentian Study group", which we also call the Quebec English-speaking Group, who consider themselves aligned with us more that to the other (French speaking) Quebec groups. They regularly attend our conferences as opposed to the Montreal French Groups. The other 18 groups in Ontario meet with diverse regularity,

I'll try to describe it as accurately as I can. There's 2 groups meeting right here at our house. The Sunday group is for beginners meeting every other Sunday, the Thursday night group meets 1-2-3 times a month, and is for the little more advanced student. The actual advanced study-group which used to meet quarterly, and was going to become the Ontario Society hasn't met in over a year, but we have rumblings on getting started again. Sue & Derek Tennant as well as Christel and I used to split hosting the advanced group, as well as it was this group that ran the summer workshops at our ~~LXXX~~ Geneva Park conference centre. Since the Tennants moved to Florida, if we get started again, I guess we will host this group, though we have a conference booked for this coming October 15th through 17th, which should revitalize this group, or at least that is the expressed desire at this moment. The group in Peterborough, Ont. used to meet weekly, but has fallen by the wayside largely, I may get informed of a meeting taking place every 3-4-5-6 month. So I call it being "in mothballs". Judy Nyland, Victor Pala, Jean Karpuk, and Rose Koniarz alternate hosting the group in Hamilton, Ont. This is our steadiest group, having 8 members who have finished the Urantia Book, we regularly visit them and they meet once a month.

5 Bob Pope hosts a group meeting irregularly and intermittently in Windsor, Ont. they draw from the Detroit and Clawson, Mich. groups as well for their attendance. Their numbers vary, only having 3-4 regulars.

6 Brent St. Denis has a group meeting in Massey, Ont. on the North-shore of Lake Huron. They are far away (320 miles) from us and we seldom get together. Ditto with the group in Sudbury, Ont. hosted by Dennis Duhaime and Bernie Richer.

8 Bay Ridges, Ont. has a small group which we are overdue in visiting.

9 Ken & Ginette Menard host a small group in Hawkesbury, Ont., on a weekly basis. We supply them with Books, but we've never visited, though we correspond regularly.

10 Ottawa, the Nation's Capital, has a small group hosted by P.J. Maris Brown. We will undertake in the near future to really foster this group, which I've neglected the last two years, since I haven't been going to Ottawa regularly, but we shall attempt to pull together the many readers who are living in the Capital, and maybe even try to

get them together with the Hawkesbury group, since they're only 30 miles apart.

11. Herb & Pat Millen host the group in Kingston, Ont. This group meets weekly and has about 12-20 attendance, with 4 of them having finished the Book. We're in touch regularly and we often visit.
 12. Collingwood, Ont. has 4 readers who are supposed to get together occasionally. I have accidentally heard about this about a year ago, and have made attempts to get together, but they never answered any correspondence. My contact tells me, though, that they're going strong.
 13. Jack and Janice Seaman of Owen Sound, Ont. ditto. We met them at the Lake Geneva conference, they told us about their meeting regularly, we inform them of our meetings and conferences, they never answer, nor do they ever invite us.
 14. Jim Harris used to live in Orillia, Ont. and had a group going until he left a couple of years ago. They still meet once in a while when Jim goes up there. I go with him sometimes (I went twice).
 15. Barrie, Ont., where Jim Harris moved to has an occasional group. Again, mostly when Jim is there, though he lives here more than at his place up there. The readers sometimes meet on their own, sometimes they visit us, and sometimes Jim & I go up there to foster things with not much regularity.
- Ron DeLavigne and John Tennant have 2 groups meeting on and off in London, Ont., we sold cases of Books to them, but they likewise never invite us. Ron informs us of their going strong whenever we see him, but we haven't seen him in over a year, but he is registered for the October Conference. He would come to every meeting, bring some guests with him (never the same), for a few months, and then we don't see him for a few months. This pattern has been repeated many times. John Tennant (Derek's Brother), orders a case of Books every few months, I ask him how the group's doing, he says "fine", and that's it. 9
17. John Radatus has a group of about 5-6 youngsters in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont. meeting every once in a while, I think monthly. We're in touch, we've never visited there, he's visited with us.

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That seems to be ~~the~~ pattern for our groups. Similar, from what I hear and observe, to many other States and Provinces.

Ontario, being 5 times the size of Texas (Though it's population is largely concentrated in the Southern part called the "Golden Horseshoe" around the Western horn of Lake Ontario in the corridor between Ottawa and Windsor), is still huge. It takes a 25 hours drive to get from Lancaster (Easternmost) to Kenora (Westernmost), the distance being 1.284 miles. The Laurentian group (Quebec English) meets regularly at Dorothy Donovan's place in LeMinerve, alternating sometimes with Marcy Labonte in St. Jovite, Que. Both Christel and I visit them about twice a year.

So you see, on account of distances and schedules we can't visit as often as we'd like to, but we do have a good core and some promising young people well balanced with the old-timers. 7 of us are members at large of the Brotherhood and we all do our best to study on a regular and semi-regular basis.

We've also visited 41 study-groups around the world (like yours, for instance), and the latest Brotherhood Bulletin missed out on 3 groups we visited ourselves, i.e. Rochester, NY., Worcester, Mass., Watertown Conn.; so there are probably more groups than meets the eye. So much for now, keep well, we won't see you at Lake Forrest, for we're not going, but if you're going to Arrowhead, Okla., on the 31st July, we're going to that conference this year. I think Duane may come to that one too. It would be nice to see you there.

Give our love to everyone
Warmest Personal Regards
Through Our Father's Love
the GARRICKS



Sandy Christel Jinjee & James