

# Grace United Church of Christ

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Miss Marian Rowley  
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Dear Marian:

I have been wanting to write you concerning several contacts which I have made which in one sense or another you have referred to me. Last week Mrs. Roy Harris and Mrs. Clementine Larson of Franklin, Indiana drove up to learn more about the Urantia Book (I guess it was Monday of this week when they came). Mrs. Larson heard of the Urantia Book through a friend of mine, Nelson Parkhurst, who is registrar of Purdue University. They hope to get others interested in Franklin. I pointed out the possibilities of Franklin College.

Some time ago Mrs. Richard J. Harwood and Mr. J. E. French wrote me saying that they were forming two study groups in Wichita, Kansas and asked me for copies of my Evaluation with the summary and asked for general advice for their study group.

Recently I contacted Richard W. Wampler of North Judson, Indiana whose name you referred to me. He is a most interesting and stimulating individual. He is mayor of North Judson, a nominal Catholic (his wife and children are Catholic and he attends Mass), a fairly well informed theosophist, and local printer and photographer. How far he will go in the study of the Urantia Book remains to be seen but he has most promising attitudes. You might be interested to know that he got acquainted with the Urantia Book through theosophical literature. The theosophists seem to be attracted by its evolutionary point of view and evolutionary destiny.

I mentioned in my letter to Dr. Sadler that B. M. Salyer phoned me some time ago asking about the possibilities of hiring a full time man to take care of the Oklahoma Society. It might be that you folks might have some people to recommend. I suggested the name of one of our pastors in the Urantia study group who is looking for a change.

When we are in Chicago on Oct. 26th I want to pick up the third volume of Doctrine, and the fourth if you have it. The folks from Culver are all enthused about the Wednesday evening school. Best wishes to you.

Cordially,

*Meredith*

October 20, 1958

Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger  
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Dear Meredith:

Thanks for your good letter of the 16th. Glad to get the report on the people I've been referring to you. I think the Wichita groups will develop into something. Mrs. Harwood is Nola Smith's sister and Nola was there in September to help them get started.

I'm delighted that you and Irene are going to be here Sunday. We aren't having a paper that day. Harold is going to lead some discussion the first hour and I'll be on the second hour reporting on the mail for the last six months. And at 5:15 we're having a General Council meeting, so that will be a busy day for me.

Since I probably won't have much chance to talk to you, I thought perhaps I should set you straight on one thing about Oklahoma. Mr. Salyer is looking for a pastor for his church, the Universal Church, which he started. He uses the Urantia Book in his sermons but the church has no connection with us. The Society is a separate organization and is part of our organization. Bill Grisso is President, and Salyer has some kind of honorary title I believe. Salyer is much more interested in his church than in our society. He wants to go out and start branches of the church so he needs a pastor to take over for him. It's very small. Bill Grisso wrote me what was in the wind, but I haven't heard whether he's found a man or not.

We all like your Culver people who are here Wednesdays very much!

Cordially,