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**MINUTES OF THE TRIENNIAL MEETING OF THE  
GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

June 27-28, 1991

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The Triennial Meeting of the General Council was held at 7:08 P.M., June 27, 1991, at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois.

The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

Thomas S. Allen, Claudia Ayers, Beth Bartley, Glenn Bell Jr., Robert Bruyn, Avi Dogim, Stephen Dreier, David N. Elders, Janet Farrington, Duane Faw, Lucile Faw, Scott M. Forsythe, Marvin Gawryn, John W. Hales, Bill Hazen, Gard Jameson, Geri Johnson, Paul Knott, Lynne B. Kulieke, Marilyn J. Kulieke, John L. Lange, Eileen Laurence, Lyn Davis Lear, Joe Liszka, L. Dan Massey, Harry McMullan III, Larry Mullins, Michael A. Painter, Brent St. Denis, Mo Siegel, Lee Smith, Melissa Wells.

Eef Hoedemaker and David Robertson were absent. Jim Johnston arrived Friday morning. Janice Heinberg arrived about Friday noon.

The President, David Elders, called the meeting to order with Brent St. Denis as Secretary.

Also in attendance were approximately a dozen observers. Jim Johnston had submitted a proxy form to the Secretary prior to the meeting authorizing the Secretary to vote on his behalf until his scheduled arrival on Friday.

The new members of the General Council were introduced.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (For 29, Against 0, Abstain 0) that the agenda be approved as circulated.

A brief interlude was taken for the reading of a passage from The Urantia Book and silent meditation.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that: WHEREAS The Urantia Book extols service as the goal of time and the destination of space;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Council recognize the following individuals who are retiring from their current positions in the Fellowship for contributions to our organization:

Marta Elders, Tony Finstad, Jim McNelly, and Steve Law, for their dedication and service to the

revelation; . Peter Laurence for his service on the Executive Committee and General Council; . John Hay for his service on the Executive Committee and General Council; . Tom Kendall for his service on the Executive Committee and as a long-time General Councilor; . Berkeley Elliott for her outstanding contributions to our organization as chair of the International Fellowship Committee and long-time General Councilor: . Paul Snider for his outstanding contributions as President of our organization and long time-General Councilor; . Lynne Kulieke for her outstanding contributions on the Executive Committee as Chair of the Education Committee and Secretary General; . and David Elders for his outstanding contributions as President of our organization over the past six years.

Special note of David Elders' contribution was made by the presentation of a small gift as a token of the General Council's appreciation.

A motion was made, seconded and carried (For 32, Against 0, Abstain 0) that the General Council minutes of July 5-6, 1990, which had been mailed to the members for review, be approved.

A motion was made, seconded and carried (For 32, Against 0, Abstain 0) that the General Council minutes of February 16, 1991, which had been mailed to the members for review, be approved.

The Secretary read the Membership Census Report as of December 31, 1990, as follows:

The First Society 73  
First Urantia Society of Los Angeles 89\*  
Society of Glenview 18  
First Society of Oklahoma 186  
Orvonton Society of Chicago 40  
Fort Wayne Society 30  
Evergreen Society of Washington 13  
First Society of Houston 30  
Golden Gate Circle for Students of The Urantia Book 48  
USCC/Connecticut 50  
Dallas Society 45  
Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship 67\*  
Northern Light Society of Alaska 38\*  
Pilot Light Society of Seattle 29\*  
Heart of America Society of Kansas City 51  
Society of Greater New York 22  
The Ontario Fellowship (for readers of The Urantia Book) 38  
Grand Canyon Society of Readers of The Urantia Book 31

total society members 898

Members-at-Large 290

total Fellowship members 1188

\*No report submitted. Figure based on office records.

Note: First Urantia Society of Western Springs, Urantia Society of San Fernando Valley, and Finnish Urantia Society have each abandoned their charters.

Mr. Elders presented his annual report to the Council, a copy of which is on file. He reviewed issues related to the Fellowship's separation from Urantia Foundation, the legacy of the "Clayton" and "Foundation" experiences, and the loss of the concentric circles symbol and the URANTIA mark. He emphasized the need to make The Urantia Book broadly available and that the Fellowship is a tool by which the work of the revelation may be accomplished. He concluded by suggesting that all of us who assume part of this work are really the new and greater John the Baptist referred to on page 1866 of The Urantia Book.

He thanked everyone for their efforts and for giving him the opportunity to serve as president.

An opportunity was provided for councilors to ask questions on the annual reports submitted by the officers and committee chairs.

Considerable discussion ensued relating to the Treasurer's financial report and the fund-raising work of the Finance Committee. Harry McMullan forecasted that the 1991 net shortfall would be approximately \$40,000 at fiscal year-end if expected additional revenues of \$100,000 were received by the end of the year. He reported that the Fellowship was still too dependent on relatively few large donors. The fund-raising drive undertaken in late 1990 and early 1991, while expanding the list of donors failed to substantially broaden and strengthen the base of donor support.

In each year since 1989 the Fellowship's treasury has shrunk.

While, as was pointed out, the period 1989-1990 was an unusual one requiring considerably higher expenditures for office space and legal fees, it was clear further budget tightening would be required.

Mike Painter reported that the current total mailing list was approximately 7250, that 414 persons have donated in 1991 and that the "active" mailing list is about 3000.

Avi Dogim outlined discussions held by the Charter Committee concerning a shift of the committee's emphasis towards the broader issues of membership along with its current mandate vis-a-vis the societies. Related matters under consideration include an annual membership fee, a committee name change to "Membership Committee," and assigning committee members to liaise with the societies on a more formal and regular basis. Concrete proposals may be ready in time for the next mid-year meeting of the Council..

Mo Siegel informed the Council that the "Adopt-A-Bookstore" program was showing good results in Boulder, Colorado as an excellent example of a grass-roots program designed to keep copies of The Urantia Book in local bookstores.

A motion was made, seconded and carried (For 29, Against 4, Abstain 1) that this meeting of the Council move into closed session without observers in order to conduct the election of officers and committee members.

Gard Jameson presented for the Executive Committee, as required by the Constitution, the recommended slate of nominees for officers and committee members as follows:

President Term Steve Dreier 3 years Vice President Marilyn Kulieke 3 years Treasurer Joe Liszka 3 years Secretary-General Brent St. Denis 3 years Secretary Lucile Faw 3 years Judicial David Elders 3 years, Chair Duane Faw 6 years Charter Geri Johnson 6 years Bart Ice 5 years Fraternal Relations Marvin Gawryn 6 years Domestic Extension Paula Thompson 6 years International Fellowship John Lange 3 years, Chair Howard Schoffen 6 years Education Janet Farrington 6 years Publications Cindy Hopper 6 years Finance Melissa Wells 6 years Charles Burton 4 years Special Projects Ticky Harries 4 years Larry Watkins Bill Rocap 6 years Lee Smith

Eileen Laurence and Mo Siegel were appointed to act as tellers for the elections.

It was agreed to do the election of officers first.

As there were no nominations from the floor, the Chair closed nominations. The Chair asked the tellers to pass out the ballots and gave instruction on the consistent way to fold the ballot. The tellers collected the ballots, tallied, and reported that of 33 votes cast, 32 were for, zero against, and one abstained. The Chair declared those nominated elected.

Dave Elders then turned the meeting over to the newly elected President, Stephen Dreier, and Lucile Faw assumed her duties as Secretary.

The elections continued for the following committee chair positions and committee vacancies. The Chair asked for nominations from the floor. Stephanie Shaefer was nominated for a six-year term on the International Fellowship Committee. Due to the resignation of Michael Challis from the Domestic Extension Committee, Paul Knott was nominated to the vacant two-year term.

There were a series of secret ballots. The tellers tallied and reported the results on each successive ballot, at which time the Chair declared the person receiving the majority of votes elected. Following are the list of candidates and vote counts:

Judicial Term Votes cast. 33, 2nd ballot David Elders 3 years, Chair 32,0,0 Duane Faw 6 years 33,0,0

Charter Geri Johnson 6 years 33,0,0 Bart Ice 5 years 33,0,0 Fraternal Relations Marvin Gawryn 6 years 32,0,1 Domestic Extension Paula Thompson 6 years 32,0,0 Paul Knott 2 years 32,0,0 International Fellowship John Lange 3 years, Chair 33,0,0 Howard Schoffen 6 years 2,0,0 Stephanie Shaefer 6 years 31,0,0 Education Janet Farrington 6 years 33,0,0 Publications Cindy Hopper 6 years 33,0,0 Finance Melissa Wells 6 years 33,0,0 Charles Burton 4 years 32,0,0 Special Projects Bill Rocap 6 years 12,0,0 Lee Smith 6 years 21,0,0 Ticky Harries 4 years 3,0,0 2,0,0 Bill Rocap 4 years 13,0,0 6,0,0 Larry Watkins 4 years 14,0,0 25,0,0

The tellers reported that one ballot was missing on several votes, as indicated above.

Upon completion of the election the following resigned from their former committee assignments: John Lange and Paul Knott from Finance.

The Chairman noted that there was one vacancy on the Charter Committee which he asked be left open for the time being. Two vacancies remain on the Finance Committee due to Paul Knott having been elected to Domestic Extension and John Lange as IFC chair.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 10:40 P.M. and asked to begin the following morning at 9:00 A.M.

The Chair reconvened the meeting in formal session at 9:10 A.M.

Jim Johnston joined the meeting.

Glenn Bell read from The Urantia Book to begin the formal session.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to re-open the meeting to observers.

The first item on the agenda was the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

The President asked the Vice-President to preside since he might be called upon to participate in the discussion as former Chair of the Judicial Committee.

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Article I of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE I

"NAME

"The name of this association shall be 'THE FELLOWSHIP.'"

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the name "THE FELLOWSHIP" shall replace both "URANTIA BROTHERHOOD", and "the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD", in each occurrence throughout the Constitution and By-Laws of this association.

After discussion the motion was carried unanimously (For 32, Against 0, Abstain 0).

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Article II of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE II

"PURPOSE

"The purposes of THE FELLOWSHIP are the study and dissemination of the teachings of The Urantia Book; the promotion, improvement, and expansion among the peoples of the world of the comprehension and understanding of Cosmology and the relation of the planet on which we live to the Universe, of the genesis and destiny of Man and his relation to God, and of the life and teachings of Jesus; and the inculcation and encouragement of the realization and appreciation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man -- in order to increase and enhance the comfort, happiness, and well-being of Man, as an individual and as a member of society, by fostering a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with Man's intellectual and cultural development, through the medium of fraternal association, ever obedient and subservient to the laws of this country and of all countries wherein THE FELLOWSHIP may extend."

After discussion the motion carried (30,1,1).

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Article III of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE III

"COMPOSITION

"THE FELLOWSHIP shall be composed of members associated together for the purposes expressed in this Constitution into local societies hereinafter referred to as "Local Societies," autonomous in conduct of their local affairs, but subservient to this Constitution, chartered by, and inseparably associated with, the integrant organization in this Constitution created and defined, and divided into such geographical

groups and correlated by such integrated intermediary organizations as shall be provided to best serve an orderly organization."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that "Local Societies" replace "URANTIA Societies", and that "Local Society" replace "URANTIA Society" in each occurrence throughout the Constitution and By-Laws of this association.

A Motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution as follows: To capitalize the "S" in "societies" and eliminate the clause, "... hereinafter referred to as 'Societies,'..."

After discussion the question was called. On a voice vote the amendment to the motion was defeated (10,21,0). The original motion carried (31,1,0).

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Section 5.3 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Section 5.3. Name of Local Society: The Charter Committee, subject to ratification by the Executive Committee, shall approve the name of each new Local Society."

After discussion the motion carried (31,0,1).

Mo Siegel arrived at 10:10 A.M.

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Section 12.10 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Section 12.10. Distribution of Assets upon Dissolution: In the event of the dissolution of THE FELLOWSHIP, all its assets shall be distributed to the successor organization to THE FELLOWSHIP, if any, if the same shall qualify for exemption from federal income tax, and if there be no such successor to THE FELLOWSHIP, then all its assets shall be distributed to such qualified tax exempt organization(s) as shall be designated by the Executive Committee, acting directly, or in its capacity as the Board of Directors of any corporation(s) created under this constitution."

After discussion the motion carried unanimously (33,0,0).

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Section 14.1 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"AMENDMENTS

"Section 14.1. Procedure for Amendment: Amendments to this Constitution may be made in the manner following: the Executive Committee shall adopt a resolution, by the affirmative vote in favor thereof of three-fourths (3/4ths) of the entire membership of the Executive Committee, setting forth the amendment proposed, declaring its advisability, recommending its adoption by the General Council, and instructing the Secretary-General to forward copies of said resolution to each of the members of the General Council. At the next meeting of the General Council, if the same shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of such resolution, and if so, then at the next succeeding meeting of the General Council, the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee setting forth the amendment proposed, declaring its advisability, and recommending its adoption, shall be presented to the General Council. Upon the presentation thereof, the General Council shall vote thereon by secret ballot for or against the adoption of the amendment proposed, and in the event that three-fourths (3/4ths) of the votes of the entire membership of the General Council are cast in favor thereof, the amendment shall then become effective and a part of this Constitution. Each amendment to the Constitution shall be proposed, declared advisable, and its adoption recommended by separate resolution, and each proposed amendment shall be submitted separately to the vote of the General Council."

After discussion the motion carried (30,2,0).

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1, the Constitution and By-laws be amended as follows:

In all instances where reference is made to "The URANTIA BOOK" the form will be changed to "The Urantia Book."

After discussion regarding type styles the motion carried unanimously (33,0,0)-

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 5.1 of the By-laws be amended to read as follows:

"Paragraph 5.1. Formation of FIFTH EPOCHAL FELLOWSHIP CORPORATION:

"The Executive Committee shall cause to be organized a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois or some other state in the name of "THE FELLOWSHIP" or "FIFTH EPOCHAL FELLOWSHIP CORPORATION.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the name "Fifth Epochal Fellowship Corporation" shall replace "URANTIA Brotherhood Corporation" throughout the By-Laws of this association.

After discussion regarding type styles the motion carried unanimously (33,0,0)-

A friendly amendment to the motion to correct a typo in the handed-out document by moving the closing bracket from after "Corporation" to after "Fellowship" just before "Corporation" and changing the word "in" before "the name of" to "by" was made, seconded, and carried by a voice vote. Then, the amended motion was carried (33,0,0).

Resolutions from the Triennial Delegate Assembly (TDA) were then considered.

Of the sixteen resolutions given to the General Council by the TDA, resolutions #1 through #5 were considered as a group by the TDA and their recommendation was that copies of these resolutions along with a report of the debate on the principles involved be forwarded to the Judicial Committee for further work and a report.

A motion was made and seconded to refer TDA Resolutions #1-#5 to the Judicial Committee for further work and a report.

A proposed amendment to the motion to refer the five resolutions to the Executive Committee with a request to consider establishing an ad hoc committee with input from the Judicial Committee was withdrawn in favor of a friendly amendment acceptable to the proposer of the motion. In final form the motion became the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the TDA Resolutions #1-#5 be referred to the Executive Committee with the recommendation that they consider referral to the Judicial Committee and or an ad hoc committee for study and consultation with societies and that a preliminary report be an agenda item at the mid-year General Council meeting in 1992. The results of the study are to be presented to the General Council at the Summer, 1992 meeting.

After extensive discussion the question was called. The motion carried (31,0,1).

The chair recessed the meeting until 1:00 P.M. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:03 P.M.

A motion was made and seconded to discuss items a. through e. at the bottom of page 7 of the TDA Minutes for up to 5 minutes each and then take a non-binding vote on whether councilors favor the principle of each item as worded.

The question was called and the motion carried by voice vote. Each of the proposals was then reviewed in turn:

- a. Society Representation: After discussion, the council approved in principle.
- b. Size of General Council: On the question of whether councilors would consider enlarging the General Council the members approved in principle. On the question of whether councilors favor enlarging the council now there was more discussion and on a very close vote this question was not approved. c. Length of Term of Office: After discussion, the question was divided into two parts: 1) Does the General Council support shortening terms of office for councilors? On a close vote this principle was approved. 2) Should some limitation be placed on the number of consecutive terms served by General Councilors. The vote was not to approve this concept. d. Member-at-Large Representation: Should a mechanism be provided for M-A-L's to elect their representation? After lengthy discussion this principle was not approved. e. Annual Delegate Assembly: Should provision be made for an annual delegate assembly? This principle was approved.

Janice Heinberg arrived at 1:50 P.M.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to vote on the remaining TDA Resolutions forwarded to the Council after 7 minutes of discussion per item.

Resolution # 7: That future General Council candidates be encouraged to include one page of supplementary material with their application form giving additional appropriate information and reasons for desiring to serve. After discussion a vote was taken and the resolution approved (27,1,5).

Resolution #9: That the proposed agenda for General Council meetings and supporting materials be sent to the President and Secretary of each society, if requested, at least 60 days prior to any meeting of the General Council. After discussion a vote was taken and the resolution approved (33,0,0).

Resolution #10: That the preliminary and unapproved minutes of the General Council meetings be distributed, upon request, to the President and Secretary of any society within 45 days of the General Council Meeting. After discussion a vote was taken and the resolution approved (19, 6, 7).

Resolution #11: No action was called for by the TDA, but some councilors requested that the council be polled on the question of whether to agree with the sentiments of the resolution and forward it to the Executive Committee. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS the current trustees of Urantia Foundation have denied the religious nature of the sacred symbol of the Paradise Trinity using that symbol instead to control the Urantia movement;

WHEREAS the trustees have caused their attorneys in many court statements to cast doubt on the authenticity of The Urantia Book as a divine revelation of religious truth, and thereby brought discredit

on The Urantia Book, the Urantia Foundation as a trust entity, and on the current trustees, themselves;

WHEREAS the current trustees of Urantia Foundation have promoted a litigious atmosphere rather than one of ongoing dialogue and the attempt to foster understanding within the Urantia movement;

WHEREAS the current trustees of Urantia Foundation have squandered the assets of Urantia Foundation on the promotion of such litigation rather than using such assets for the study and dissemination of the teachings of The Urantia Book;

WHEREAS the current trustees of Urantia Foundation have been unwilling to responsibly consider the advice of six out of seven past trustees of Urantia Foundation who are now living, who have formally cautioned the current trustees with regard to their actions;

WHEREAS the current trustees of Urantia Foundation have taken action to limit the distribution of The Urantia Book through the normal channels of distribution within the marketplace for books and have thereby limited access to The Urantia Book and disheartened the vast majority of individuals within the Urantia movement;

WHEREAS the broader community of readers of The Urantia Book supports the principles for which the Urantia Foundation was founded, and the legitimate and proper implementation of those principles;

WHEREAS we sincerely believe, for the reasons stated, that the current trustees of Urantia Foundation have violated their solemn trust and responsibility as trustees;

THEREFORE we, a representative community of Urantia Book readers, hereby call for the resignation of all current trustees of Urantia Foundation to enable the restoration of Urantia Foundation, whose principles as a trust entity we support, to properly administer its primary trust purpose to establish The Urantia Book as an epochal revelation of religious truth to our beleaguered planet.

Carried by the TDA (15,2,0).

After 7 minutes of discussion a motion to extend debate carried. Debate was again extended 3 minutes after which the Chair recessed the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 3:05 P.M.

A vote taken on whether the Council agrees with the sentiments of Resolution #11 was in favor (30,2,1). It will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Resolution #13: That the members of the 1991 TDA send greetings to the Northern Light Society of Alaska, and wish them to know that their presence at and participation in the 1991 TDA meeting was

sincerely missed. And further that the Secretary of the General Council be requested to send this resolution, on Fellowship letterhead, to the Northern Light Society of Alaska.

A vote was taken and the resolution approved (32,0,1).

Resolution #14: That the General Council, in consultation with societies and Members-at-Large, undertake a review of its committee structure and that the existence of such committees be limited to a specific time span thereby ensuring a regular relevancy review. By a vote of approval (31,0, 2) this resolution was referred to the Executive Committee to be considered as part of the on going review of organizational structure.

Resolution #15: That prior to the Fellowship's joining any organization the Executive Committee and/or the General Council will notify and consult with societies and members-at-large. After discussion a vote was taken and the resolution defeated (13,15,5).0

Resolution #16: That the societies call for an annual conclave meeting during non-TDA years. After discussion a vote was taken and the resolution approved (30,2,1).

The next order of business was resolutions by General Councilors. Resolution #1 from Mo Siegel was withdrawn. Resolution #2 from Lee Smith was withdrawn.

Two resolutions proposed by the Fraternal Relations Committee were considered next on the agenda.

A motion was made and seconded that:

The Fraternal Relations Committee of the Fellowship apply for membership in the newly-formed North American Interfaith Network (NAIN), and that membership be reviewed annually by the General Council to determine whether to continue, with our representative clearly instructed to abstain on votes on political and social issues.

After discussion, the question was called. The motion was carried (24,9,0).

A motion was made and seconded that:

That THE FELLOWSHIP apply for membership in the newly-formed Council For A Parliament of The World Religions (CPR).

After lengthy discussion the question was called. The motion was defeated (4,27,2).

The Chair recessed the meeting for informal discussion.

Following are excerpts from the IC 1993 Committee Report which was moved up in the agenda and presented by Chairman Brent St. Denis: 1. Date: July 31-Aug. 5, 1993. 2. Proposed New Theme: "Touch the World." 3. Status of planning process--25-30 people currently involved. Larger planning group to meet from 7:00 P.M., Fri., Aug. 2 to noon Sun., Aug. 4, 1991, when committee assignments will be firmed up. Plans are for 1500-2000 conferees.

Paul Knott left to go to his father's bedside at 4:55 P.M. The assembly observed a moment of silence for Paul and his father.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 5:00 P.M. for dinner to reconvene at 6:30 P.M.

Lyn Lear left at 5:00 P.M. to catch a plane.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 6:38 P.M.

Mike Painter presented the Report of the Executive Director on Office Operations. Each councilor was given a chart showing office contact persons by category of work area. The classification of the 7200 person over-all mailing list was explained. Each person receiving the Study Group Herald and the last large mailing was requested to respond if they wish to remain on the mailing list. Various questions regarding details of the chart were answered.

Marilynn Kulieke reviewed business accomplished at the request of the General Council during its July, 1990 and February, 1991 meetings as follows: 1. General Council meetings were opened to Society Delegates and Alternates. 2. Packets of commentaries on the Foundation's Special Report were sent out to a number of individuals. 3. Voluntary guidelines concerning councilor responsibility were approved as redrafted. 4. The Council voted to pursue name change. 5. The Council voted to involve a broader range of FELLOWSHIP members in strategic planning process. 6. The Council opened its meetings to members with the option of closing some portions of meetings. 7. A letter developed and sent to members regarding "a commitment to action." 8. The Council voted to update the Strategic Plan with ideas from the Tampa meeting. 9. Only 15 responses have been received so far from the Domestic Extension form in item "7" above. All will be referred to the appropriate committees.

Vice-President Marilynn Kulieke also referred councilors to revisions in the Strategic Plan.

The Chair reconvened the meeting in formal session.

A motion was made and seconded that:

WHEREAS strategic planning is intended to be an ongoing evolutionary process with broad-based participation, and

WHEREAS the General Council and Executive Committee are aided by the strategic planning process

in the development of policy and the execution of services, and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee is accountable for the execution of goals and strategies adopted by the General Council,

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council and Executive Committee continue to seek broad-based participation in an ongoing strategic planning process, including at the mid-year meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee be instructed to implement an annual reporting mechanism to review past accomplishments and to identify and prioritize anticipated programs and services in relation to the strategic planning process.

After discussion the motion carried (26,1,1).

The Chair recessed the meeting for informal discussion.

A lengthy discussion then followed regarding the development of a symbol for THE FELLOWSHIP including reviewing the TDA delegates' preference for a vacuum rather than a new symbol at this time. The council, by informal vote, agreed to discuss this matter further in the January/February, 1992 meeting.

Other Business:

The Chair reconvened the meeting in formal session.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (15,11,5) to list all motions in this category, i.e. Other Business, prioritize them and allot time for discussion to each.

In priority order the motions are:

Item I: That the General Council support TDA Resolution #11 and instruct the Executive Committee to send a copy to the Foundation Trustees for their consideration. (15 minutes)

Item II: That the Judicial Committee review the constitutionality of having a committee join an outside organization. (No time allotted, because Judicial Chairman agreed that committee would accept the assignment.)

Item III: That the General Council reaffirm our belief in the revelatory character of The Urantia Book. (15 minutes)

Item IV: That the council give Lyn Lear specific dates for the mid-year General Council meeting so that

she can make arrangements. (15 minutes)

Item V: That a committee be set up to monitor Foundation activities and report to the General Council. (15 minutes)

Item VI: That the names and telephone numbers of General Councilors be listed in the Study Group Directory. (15 minutes)

The Chair recessed the meeting for ten minutes and reconvened at 8:15 P.M.

When discussion time was exhausted on Item I, a 5-minute extension was agreed to. A second request for a 5-minute extension failed and the assembly returned to formal session to vote on Item I.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (15,11,5) that:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee be directed to send a "for your information" cover letter with a copy of the Triennial Delegate Assembly resolution to the Foundation.

The Chair recessed the meeting for informal discussion.

Item III above was extensively discussed and revised. The Chair reconvened the meeting in formal session.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (30,0,1) that:

Whereas Urantia Foundation, the publisher of The Urantia Book, has repeatedly made public denial of the religious and revelatory character of the book,

Whereas the General Council of THE FELLOWSHIP desires to resolve the uncertainty about these matters which may have been created in the public mind, and

Whereas the General Council is a duly elected body serving an organized community of over 1200 dedicated readers of The Urantia Book, and is charged with the development and promulgation of policy for the organization;

Now therefore the General Council of THE FELLOWSHIP affirms that:

1. The members of THE FELLOWSHIP hold in common the belief that The Urantia Book is a religious revelation authored by divine beings.
2. THE FELLOWSHIP was organized in 1955 as an unincorporated legal entity by individuals who

believed The Urantia Book to be a religious revelation of divine origin.

3. THE FELLOWSHIP was organized as an independent and autonomous organization.

4. The word "Urantia" is the name by which our planet has been known throughout the universe for more than one billion years, a fact revealed by divine beings in The Urantia Book.

5. The word "Urantian" is used in The Urantia Book to designate an inhabitant of this planet and has been commonly used by readers of The Urantia Book variously to designate a reader of the book or an inhabitant of the planet.

6. The three concentric circles symbol designates the Trinity Government of all Creation and is the material emblem of Michael of Nebadon, otherwise known as Jesus of Nazareth, a fact revealed by divine beings in The Urantia Book.

7. This symbol has been in use with this designation on Urantia for more than one-half million years, a fact revealed by divine beings in The Urantia Book. 8. The three concentric circles are emblematic of the infinity, eternity, and universality of the Paradise Trinity of divine maintenance and direction, a fact revealed by divine beings in The Urantia Book.

9. Throughout human history, and at least for thousands of years, the three concentric circles symbol has been considered by our ancestors to be emblematic of the Most High God, a fact revealed by divine beings in The Urantia Book.

The chair recessed the meeting for informal discussion.

After discussing Item V., the Chair reconvened the meeting in formal session.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously defeated (0,31,0) that:

A committee be set up to monitor Foundation activities and report to the General Council.

The Chair recessed the meeting for informal discussion.

A straw vote was taken to ascertain the attitude of the General Council toward listing General Councilors' names in the Study Group Directory. The consensus was approval.

Next a straw vote was taken regarding listing General Councilors with their telephone numbers in the Study Group Directory (with the proviso that a councilor could request omission of the telephone number). The council approved. These two straw votes satisfied the proposer of Item VI, which was considered out of priority order.

The date of the next General Council Meeting (Item IV) was set by consensus as January 31-February 2, 1992 and the consensus second choice was February 7-9, 1992.

Since some of the newly created committee vacancies could not be filled, as soon as chairpersons submit candidates, the Executive Committee will make interim appointments to be confirmed by the council at the next meeting succeeding appointment.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to destroy all ballots at the end of this meeting and the ballots were turned over to John Hales for destruction.

At 10:00 P.M. the meeting was adjourned sine die.

(Not Signed) \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
APPROVED (Signed) David N. Elders, Chairman