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## 1984 GENERAL CONFERENCE REGISTER NOW!

If you are planning to attend the 1984 URANTIA Brotherhood General Conference, we urge you to register by May 1, if possible. Announcements and registration materials for the conference were mailed in January. Everyone on the mailing list should have received them by now.

Due to our contractual agreement with American Baptist Assembly (ABA) for 800 people, we urge you to register **now** so that we do not have to release some of our reserved space and do not have to revise our number of anticipated attendees downward to avoid potential financial liability. If fewer than 800 have registered by May 1, we may have to turn away late registrants. To assure your place at the conference, please send your registration in immediately.

The planned program will offer every participant something of interest. The theme of the conference this year is: **Reaching Out: Studying, Living, and Sharing the Teachings.** Concerns shared by many readers will be addressed: discovering the Father's will, methods of in-depth study of the book; how to keep a study group going; how *The URANTIA Book* may be introduced to friends, and many others. There will be opportunities for group prayer and worship, as well as recreation, entertainment, and chances to visit with friends.

We recommend that you send in your registration so that the planners can get an idea of the number of workshops and leaders needed.

Please refer to the reverse side of the blue Brotherhood registration card before mailing it to see if you wish to volunteer as a *leader or presenter* in any of the programs and activities listed in Part III. Remember to attach a letter explaining your idea.

**Clarification About Meal Charges.** Several conference registrants have asked for clarification about meal charges at the conference. Meals are billed separately from room charges. ABA asked us to include this statement in the registration information: "Meals are a part of the total package—from the first upon arrival until the last before departure."

This means that if you reserve room accommodations that do not have cooking facilities, you are required to participate in the package plan (American Plan) which includes all meals. Exceptions to this requirement apply to campers, those staying in cabins or houses which have cooking facilities, and those living and eating entirely off

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*Carlos Zapata, Lynne Kulieke, Douglas Fraser, and Richard Prince together to discuss the future of a Spanish translation and its dissemination among Spanish-speaking nations.*

## SPANISH TRANSLATION COMPANY SELECTED

At the February 24 Executive Committee meeting, Berkeley Elliott (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma), Chairman of International Fellowship Committee, announced that a translation company in New York City has been selected to translate *The URANTIA Book* into the Spanish language.

This decision was facilitated by a committee composed of Douglas Fraser (Kingwood, Texas), Chairman, Richard Prince (San Diego, California), members of the International Fellowship Committee, and Martin W. Myers, Trustee of URANTIA Foundation, who conducted an intensive search for a competent professional translating company for over a year. Berkeley reported that they were delighted with the quality of work in the test samples performed by the company.

Bilingual readers of *The URANTIA Book* will be utilized in checking the translation as the work progresses.

The Brotherhood's Finance Committee, headed by Frank Sgaraglino (Highland Park, Illinois) will soon be initiating a drive to raise the estimated \$350,000 needed to translate and publish a high quality Spanish translation.

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*Special assistance for this issue was provided by Carolyn Kendall, John Hales, and June Moritz. Photo provided courtesy of Carolyn Kendall.*



## GENERAL COUNCIL REPORTS MEETING AND ACTIVITIES

The General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood is preparing for its annual meeting to be held August 11, 1984, in Green Lake, Wisconsin. The Council will be meeting away from 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, for the second time in its 28-year history, the first time being the July 2-3, 1983, meeting held at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois. A report of the results of the 1983 meeting, including current work, is as follows.

### Triennial Delegate Assembly Resolutions

**Book Distribution.** John Hales, President of URANTIA Brotherhood, reports that book sales have increased, averaging 900 books per month. Bookstores are happy with the new discount, payment, and refund policies. Higher discounts are now available to individuals and URANTIA Societies. Individuals who purchase five or more books sent to the same address will receive a 25% discount. URANTIA Societies buying 10 or more books receive a 40% discount (up to 245 books per year).

**Dust Jacket Revision.** After much work by several individuals and sampling of reader opinions concerning various design and content changes, suggestions for a more spiritually-oriented dust jacket for *The URANTIA Book* have been submitted to URANTIA Foundation. (See the article on page 3.)

**Prayer in Brotherhood Business Meetings.** The proposal that all business meetings open with prayer was considered by the Executive Committee. Its conclusion was that opening prayer would best be left as an option of presiding officers or leaders of programs rather than a requirement. The General Council accepted this recommendation and group leaders frequently exercise this option.

### Action on Other Council Business

**General Council-Executive Committee Relationships.** Proposals of an ad hoc committee chaired by Helena Sprague (Farmington, Connecticut) were accepted by the General Council and are being implemented. A retreat was held in October 1982 at Green Lake, Wisconsin, for members of the General Council, and Trustees and staff of URANTIA Foundation. In addition to more retreats, the ad

hoc committee is encouraging frequent consultation and communication between members of the Executive Committee and members of the General Council.

**The Boulder School.** The Council accepted a report clarifying the nature and purposes of The Boulder School, an activity of the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver. In a visit to the school in May 1983 by John Hales, Carolyn Kendall, Vice-President, and Lynne Kulieke, Chairman of the Education Committee, the program was found to be excellent and in accord with programs and policies of the URANTIA Brotherhood. Continuing dialogue and sharing of experience concerning educational efforts are encouraged.

**Long-Range Planning.** The officers conducted preliminary research on long-range planning philosophy and techniques during 1983. An overview of the process and an introduction to various models which might apply to planning for URANTIA Brotherhood were presented to members of the Executive Committee in September 1983.

**Publicity.** Lengthy discussion has been held on the question of publicizing *The URANTIA Book*. Councilors expressed the view that many factors enter the picture, including these: timing, spiritual and intellectual status and progress of the world, our personal experience, our group level of preparation, and the combined wisdom of the readers of the book. It was generally felt that it might be helpful to compile a review of the previous thinking on the matter of publicity and to include ideas gleaned from many sources on ways in which *The URANTIA Book* might be wisely disseminated. This publicity statement is presented as a compilation of group wisdom which has directed the current attitude about publicizing *The URANTIA Book*.

It was agreed it is not the purpose of the Brotherhood to tell readers how to teach the gospel or how to live it—to legislate spiritual matters. Nor can we portray policy statements as God's will or that they are necessarily in keeping with the "divine plan." In general, it was felt that publicity is not wise at this time, but for a fuller understanding of this position, please refer to the complete statement. (See notice of availability of statement.)

### Elections

**Two Councilors Elected.** The Council elected Dan Massey (Sherborn, Massachusetts) and Mo Siegel (Boulder, Colorado) to complete terms expiring in 1985. The openings were created by the death of Arthur C. Born and the resignation of K. David Schlundt.

The following departmental committee members were elected by the Council (all for 6 years unless otherwise noted):

Judicial Committee:

Scott Forsythe (Wilmette, Illinois)

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Charter Committee: Chairman,  
David Elders (Darien, Connecticut)  
Fraternal Relations Committee:  
Mo Siegel (Boulder, Colorado)  
Domestic Extension Committee:  
Waldine Stump (Del City, Oklahoma)  
Cecelia Forrester (Chicago, Illinois)  
two year term  
International Fellowship Committee:  
Douglas Fraser (Kingwood, Texas)  
Education Committee:  
Marilyn Hauck (Denver, Colorado)  
Publications Committee:  
Lisa Carr Renn (Evanston, Illinois)  
Finance Committee:  
Florence Burton (Wauconda, Illinois)  
Special Projects Committee:  
Neal Kendall (Wheeling, Illinois)

The General Council is the governing body of URANTIA Brotherhood. The Council meets annually and is elected by delegates from URANTIA Societies. Day to day business of the Brotherhood is conducted by an executive committee of five officers and the chairmen of the nine departmental committees. The Council elects the Executive Committee from its own ranks to carry out the policies and recommendations of the Council.

## DUST JACKET REVISION RECOMMENDED

Recommendations for revision of the dust jacket of *The URANTIA Book* were submitted to URANTIA Foundation in November 1983. The suggested changes resulted from a project that spanned a little more than one year's time.

A resolution that originated in the 1982 Triennial Delegate Assembly and was adopted by the General Council proposed that the dust jacket be rewritten to express "the spiritual message of the heavenly Father's love for his earthly children with which *The URANTIA Book* is primarily concerned, . . ."

An ad hoc committee prepared the final set of proposed revisions that had been compiled from suggestions sent in by readers. The committee also wished to convey the great variety of concepts in the book in its choice of quotations to be included on the jacket.

URANTIA Foundation has acknowledged receipt of the suggested revisions, and indicated that the Trustees will do their best to consider the matter in time for the eighth printing, due to occur later this year.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

For all those who wish to receive Brotherhood Bulletins, Foundation News Letters, Journals, and other published information, we ask that you notify us *promptly* of any change of address. We have discovered that a number of people have not received the mailing regarding the 1984 General Conference which was sent out January 23. The

post office does not forward third class mail unless you request that they do so. It is thrown away so we have no way of knowing if you have moved. Please let us know address changes promptly.

## CONFERENCE CALENDAR

Kansas City Area Conference—May 4-6  
American Hotel, 1301 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO 64105  
Theme: Our Unseen Friends  
Contact: Ila Hall, 8700 E. 110th Street,  
Kansas City, MO 64134  
Phone (816) 763-2008.

Philadelphia Study Group & URANTIA Society of  
Connecticut—May 11-13  
Allenberry, Boiling Springs, PA  
Theme: Personal and Public Ministry—4th Level  
Contact: John VanOrsdell, 303 Fairlamb Avenue,  
Havertown, PA 19083.

Oregon Conference—May 18-20  
Indian Mary Park, (near) Grants Pass, OR  
Contact: David and Rose Clearwaters  
838 South Side Road,  
Grants Pass, Oregon 97526  
Phone (503) 862-2095, or 479-4711.

West Palm Beach Study Group—May 18-20  
Palm Beach Ocean Hotel, Palm Beach, FL  
Theme: Yielding the Fruits of the Spirit.  
Contact: David and Dede Robertson, 312 Murray Road,  
West Palm Beach, FL 33405  
Phone (305) 659-9963.

Toronto Study Groups—June 15-17  
Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, Ontario, Canada  
Theme: Living the Faith of Jesus  
Contact: Mrs. Judy Nyland, 50 Briarwood Crescent,  
Hamilton, ONT L9C 4C2, Canada  
Phone (416) 383-3212.

URANTIA Brotherhood General Conference—  
August 12-17  
American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, WI 54941  
Theme: Reaching Out: Studying, Living, and Sharing  
the Teachings  
Contact: URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway,  
Chicago, IL 60614  
Phone (312) 327-0424.

Quebec Study Groups—August 24-26  
Camp St. Francis on Ile d'Orleans,  
Province of Quebec, Canada  
Contact: Roxane Proulx, 5057 4e Avenue (RSMT),  
Montreal, P.Q. H1Y 2V2, Canada  
Phone (514) 527-9742.

Santa Cruz & San Francisco Study Groups—  
November 23-25  
Asilomar Conference Center, Pebble Beach, CA  
Theme: 5th Epoch Planetary Service  
Contact: Larry Jones, 925 King Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Phone (408) 425-1882.



## FULL STATEMENT ON PUBLICITY AND DISSEMINATION AVAILABLE

An abridged version of "The Dissemination of *The URANTIA Book* and Statement on Publicity" was mailed to the entire mailing list in October 1983. The 25-page paper from which the abridged version was taken is now available to readers upon request.

The statement is a compilation of the expression of nearly 50 individuals, living and "graduated," who have thought deeply about how the revelation can be shared. Their thinking has been incorporated in a coherent manner to give a more complete statement on the dissemination of *The URANTIA Book*.

### 1984 General Conference

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ABA grounds. Only those exceptions allow you to choose not to participate in the meal plan. On the package plan, any meals skipped between arrival and departure would not be refunded. If you are still perplexed, please call ABA in Green Lake, Wisconsin, 1-800-558-8898 (toll-free).

## URANTIA SOCIETY OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY INSTALLED

The URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley was installed October 9, 1983, at a ceremony in Granada Hills, California. Twenty-one founders and charter members participated in the occasion along with John Hales and David Elders, Chairman of the Charter Committee. Officers of a sister society, First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles, were among the well-wishers in attendance.

Laurence R. Whelan, Ventura, California, is president of the new society, the 14th active society. The formation of the new group is a natural evolutionary step. It is composed of experienced, mature students of *The URANTIA Book*, having been for the most part long-time members of the Los Angeles society.

The Executive Committee, Councilors, and Brotherhood members join in expressing to the URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley sincere wishes for a long and fruitful association.

*"True and genuine inward certainty does not in the least fear outward analysis, nor does truth resent honest criticism. You should never forget that intolerance is the mask covering up the entertainment of secret doubts as to the trueness of one's belief. No man is at any time disturbed by his neighbor's attitude when he has perfect confidence in the truth of that which he wholeheartedly believes. Courage is the confidence of thoroughgoing honesty about those things which one professes to believe. Sincere men are unafraid of the critical examination of their true convictions and noble ideals."*

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