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Members and participants at the International Fellowship Committee meeting November 12-14, 1982. Left to Right: Seated front: Marvin Gawryn, Berkeley Elliott. Second Row: Tom Kendall, Douglas Fraser, Julia Fenderson, Gloria Hall, Dale Hall, Marian Rowley, Mary Snider. In back: Richard Prince, Martin Myers.

SPANISH TRANSLATORS BEING SELECTED

Methodology for the preparation of a Spanish translation was worked out in detail at a meeting of the International Fellowship Committee held November 12-14, 1982 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The committee reports that agreement was reached by the committee working in conjunction with officers of URANTIA Foundation, approved by the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood, and the selection of translators got underway almost at once. The cooperative effort represents a milestone in bringing to reality a Spanish translation of *The URANTIA Book*. The desire for a translation has been strong for many years.

At the International Fellowship meeting, a Translator Selection Committee was created consisting of Douglas Fraser (Houston, Texas), Chairman; Richard Prince (San Diego, California), and Martin Myers (Chicago, Illinois). Ten firms were written inquiring as to their interest and soliciting their specific proposal. When answers were received, six were selected to prepare sample translations from four different sections of *The URANTIA Book*. These samples have been received and are now being evaluated by native Spanish speakers familiar with the teachings of *The URANTIA Book*. After evaluation and probably personal visits to the best of these firms, a recommendation to the URANTIA Foundation will be made for final approval of the translating team.

A fund has been established for several years for the Spanish translation (URANTIA Foundation—Spanish Translation) and Frank Sgaraglino, Chairman of the Finance Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood, suggested that "as plans progress, we will probably have a major fund drive."

Berkeley Elliott, Chairman of the International Fellowship Committee, expressed the hope that the procedures for undertaking the Spanish translation could form the prototype for many future translation efforts in other languages.

NEW DESIGN FOR SEMINAR ATTEMPTED

The following article was submitted by Lynne Kulieke, Chairman of the Education Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood.

The Intensive Study Seminar (formerly known as the Summer Workshops) will be held this year at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, from July 4 through July 8. The focus for the first four days will be on Prayer and Worship, how they contribute to the growth of the individual, to that of the family and the world. In addition, one of these four days will be devoted to examining how prayer and worship can aid students of *The URANTIA Book* in their organized roles—within the society or study group structures, on the General Council, or any one of the Brotherhood committees.

The deliberative efforts of the five committees involved in planning the program—Education, Domestic Extension, International Fellowship, Publications, and Special Projects—have resulted in a design which is new to this series of study sessions. The program will not be divided into discrete segments according to the special interest of each committee, but according to the disposal of time on seminar topics determined by all: lecture and study time (discovering and assimilating facts and meanings); practice time (experiencing values); and reflective time (integrating and sharing the above).

Addressing the topics in this fashion represents an attempt to be consistent with the purpose of education as stated on page 806: "...acquisition of skill, pursuit of wisdom, realization of selfhood, and attainment of spiritual values."* Also, it is our hope that by so educating ourselves, we may the better contribute to the slow, evolutionary, but sure (always effective) dissemination of the URANTIA teachings and thus to the eventual fulfillment of those other magnificent purposes outlined in the preamble to the Brotherhood constitution.

For those who wish to remain a fifth day and apply their collective energies (physical, mental, and spiritual) to the immediate questions facing the committees, specialized sessions on organizational concerns will be offered.

We know that "...truly educated persons are not satisfied with remaining in ignorance of the lives and doings of their fellows"* (page 1674); therefore, do we eagerly anticipate joining with you in this exhilarating exploration of the inner life—a look at Prayer and Worship with New Eyes.



John Hales speaking at the 1982 Summer Workshops.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES COMPLETE 10 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT

1982 marked the completion of 10 years of development of regional URANTIA Book conferences which are now regularly held in every part of the United States and Canada. During the year, regional conferences were held in Phoenix, Arizona; Kansas City, Missouri; Atlanta, Georgia; Grants Pass, Oregon; Berkeley, California; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Fishkill, New York; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Montreal, Canada; Arrowhead State Park, Oklahoma; and Chicago, Illinois. In addition, regularly scheduled small regional gatherings were held in Colorado and Los Angeles, California. Conferences in Phoenix and Atlanta were being held for the first time, while the other areas represent a continuation of several years of conference activity. Other conferences have been held, some repeatedly, in such areas as Florida, Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Washington, D.C., Victoria, Canada, and Toronto, Canada.



The Atlanta URANTIA Book study group, sponsors of the 1982 Atlanta Area Conference, gather for a photo.

Conference Participation An Evolutionary Step

Beyond the level of the URANTIA Book study group and URANTIA Society, the next step in the attempt to reach out to other individuals and groups of readers has naturally evolved into the regional conference gatherings, which are developing into regular periodic events, ordinarily occurring on an annual basis. The beginning of regional conferences in an area connotes a certain level of study group functioning and some degree of area coordination and organization, as well as quantitative achievement in the number of URANTIA Book students. It suggests an area has become a regional center of activities in the URANTIA movement. The experience of the sense of spiritual kinship of a conference provides an atmosphere for making new friends quickly. The knitting and networking of an area is thus greatly augmented.



Many participants gather for a group shot at the 1982 conference in Phoenix.



History of Conference Development

The first general conference in the URANTIA movement was the first Summer Study Session held in 1963 at Chicago headquarters. This was the first time a program was planned and attended by people from several states. This first conference drew a total of 98 people from 12 states. Six Summer Study Sessions were held at the Chicago headquarters through 1972. In 1973, First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles held the first regional conference, which attracted 150 people and was the first conference sponsored by a Society outside of Chicago. In 1974, the Summer Study Session was sponsored by Chicago but for the first time it was held in a place other than 533 Diversey Parkway. It was scheduled for an entire weekend with overnight accommodations and drew 300 people. A similar general conference was held in 1975 in Chicago drawing 400 people. Also, that year, there were two regional conferences in California and one in Florida.

In 1976, a URANTIA Society outside of the Chicago area hosted a large conference for a second time. This time it was the First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma. In addition to this large "International Forum," there were five other regional conferences that year.

Another first occurred in 1977 when, in addition to seven regional conferences occurring in the United States, the first regional conference outside the U.S. occurred in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Since that time there have been six more conferences in Canada sponsored by study groups in Vancouver, Montreal, and Toronto with a seventh planned for this June in Toronto.

URANTIA Brotherhood established its plan to sponsor large international conferences every three years and drew 600 people to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in 1978. However, the growing popularity of regional conferences was evident as there were 11 conferences held that same year. In 1979, there were nine conferences and 1980 currently holds the record with 14 regional conferences.

Another large General Conference was held at Snowmass, Colorado, in 1981 and attracted about 1,000 people. There were eight regional conferences that year. Eleven conferences were held last year, the tenth anniversary year of the regional conference.

Photographs were provided courtesy of Berkeley Elliot, David and Sue Kantor, Carolyn Kendall, Gerald Lyle, Rebecca Marshall, Victoria Urban, and Tim Young, in addition to staff photos.



Left, Carolyn Kendall delivers one of the main presentations at the Midwest Conference in Fort Wayne; center, top, A music group calling themselves The Messengers entertain participants at the 1982 Oklahoma conference; center, bottom, The children of readers give their program at the 1982 Midwest Conference; right, Tom Kendall, President of URANTIA Foundation, (front left) lunches and fraternizes with Canadian readers at the 1982 conference in Montreal.

Conference Format Distinguished

The format for conferences has evolved into a fairly distinguishable pattern. There is a mixture of speakers' presentations with small discussion groups, an entertainment portion, worship service, and abundant free time to allow people to get to know one another. The pattern appears to work very well. The conference usually begins on a Friday night and ends sometime during Sunday afternoon. The attendance ranges from 50-150 people, with the average being about 80-100.

Some societies and groups have well established conference patterns. Regional conferences are regular annual events in the Northeast, Midwest, Oklahoma, Florida, and West Coast. Other areas are underway in the establishment of regular conference planning.

Future Conference Plans

Twelve regional conferences are anticipated in 1983. The popularity and growth of regional activities throughout the past decade is apparent. The next stage of development in the URANTIA movement is difficult to discern, but for the present, the regional conference is clearly one of the chief avenues for organizational growth and fraternization.



Representatives of the 11 major world religions present their views, emphasizing unifying aspects and qualities, at the 1982 Spiritual Renaissance Conference in Berkeley, California.

Corrections to Last Issue, Vol. 2, No. 20.

- 1) In the top photograph on page 4, the names of Alain Coulombe and Louis Oberniche were reversed in the caption.
- 2) On Page 6, the prices for the Special Conference Issue of *The URANTIAN Journal* should be \$4.00 and \$5.00 respectively.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

URANTIA Brotherhood Intensive Study Seminar—July 3-9, 1983.
Theme: Prayer and Worship.
Contact: URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway,
Chicago, Illinois 60614
Telephone: (312) 327-0424

Dallas Fellowship Conference—July 29-31, 1983.
Fountainhead Lodge, Lake Eufala, Oklahoma.
Theme: Living in the Kingdom.
Contact: The Dallas Fellowship, Inc., P.O. Box 12727,
Fort Worth, Texas 76116

Santa Barbara Area Conference—August 19-21, 1983.
University of California, Santa Barbara, California.
Theme: The Art of Living.
Contact: Barrie Bedell, P.O. Box 30571,
Santa Barbara, California 93105
Telephone: (805)969-1565 (home) or (805)963-1501 (office)

Tennessee Conference for Readers of *The URANTIA Book*—August 20-21, 1983.
Fall Creek Falls State Park, Tennessee.
Contact: 1983 Tennessee Conference, 794 Myhr Drive,
Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Idaho Conference for Readers of *The URANTIA Book*—August 19-21, 1983.
Camp Towakani, Sawtooth National Forest, Idaho
Contact: Mountain Messenger, Route #2,
Jerome, Idaho 83338

STUDY GROUPS



Orange, California, study group.



Sebastopol, California, study group.

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NEWSLETTERS AND JOURNALS UPDATE

The following list of periodical publications has been compiled by the Publications Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood. The list includes all newsletters known to be published at least once in 1982-83. If you are interested in a particular publication, please write to the name and address provided. This listing does not represent endorsement by URANTIA Brotherhood. This information is simply provided as a service to URANTIA Book readers. These publications vary widely in content and it is up to the individual to decide on the personal value of any publication.

Title	Description	Address
Ascender	Newsletter of Readers in Washington, D.C.	Tracy R. Bishop P.O. Box 7183 Silver Spring, Maryland 20907
The Circles	Journal of the Dallas Fellowship for the Study of The URANTIA Book	Bill and Kaye Cooper 2001 Woods Drive Arlington, Texas 76010
Developments	Newsletter of the San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society	Terry McCade P.O. Box 126 Berkeley, California 94701
The Finaliter	Newsletter of URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut	URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut P.O. Box 88 Farmington, Connecticut 06032
Golden Age Newsletter	Newsletter of Readers in New Mexico	Albuquerque Study Group c/o Alan Smith 1101 Madeira Dr. #229 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
The Messenger	Newsletter of Readers in Florida	Daniel Amyx 13133 N. 20th St. Apt. #209 Tampa, Florida 33612
Monitor	Monthly newsletter of the First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles	Rosy Alessandro and Bruce Fiero, editors 711 Superba Avenue Venice, California 90291
Mountain Messenger	Newsletter of Readers in Idaho	Mountain Messenger Route #2 Jerome, Idaho 83338
NW Reflections	Newsletter of First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee	First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee Alice Clark, Editor 243 S. Georgia East Wenatchee, Washington 98801
Pervaded Space	Chicago area. Includes news from nine state Midwest area	David and Marilyn Kuleke 907 East Central Rd. Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056
Planetary Prints	Newsletter of Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver	Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver 13095 W. 64th Place Arvada, Colorado 80004
Six-O-Six Newsletter	Newsletter of Readers in Australia	Neil Francey P.O. Box 606 Brighton 3186 Victoria, Australia
URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin	Quarterly newsletter of URANTIA Brotherhood	Barbara Kuleke, Publications Committee URANTIA Brotherhood 533 Diversey Parkway Chicago, Illinois 60614
URANTIAN Journal of URANTIA Brotherhood	Quarterly Journal of URANTIA Brotherhood	David Elden, URANTIA Brotherhood 533 Diversey Parkway Chicago, Illinois 60614
URANTIAN News from URANTIA Foundation	Semi-annual newsletter of URANTIA Foundation	URANTIA Foundation 533 Diversey Parkway Chicago, Illinois 60614
The Voice of Ft. Saunders	Newsletter of Readers in Tennessee	Helen Hutchinson 1638 Highland Avenue Knoxville, Tennessee 37916
The You-Be	Journal of Readers in the San Francisco Bay Area	Matthew Kapaport 127 14th Avenue San Francisco, California 94118

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Rock Island, Illinois, (Quad Cities) study group.

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR ARTHUR C. BORN

On February 27, 1983, Vern Grimsley conducted a memorial service for Brotherhood and Foundation leader Arthur C. Born who passed on at the age of 78 on January 27, 1983. The service was held at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, and sponsored by URANTIA Foundation for whom Art served as a Trustee from 1975 to 1981. In 1981, he resigned due to ill health.

Art was elected to the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood in 1967 and served until his resignation in 1981 due to illness. He was a member of the Executive Committee from 1969 to 1980 by virtue of his position as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Art first learned of the URANTIA teachings in 1943 and, with his wife Edythe, became a member of the Forum. Art was a charter member of First URANTIA Society when it was formed in 1956. Art served in several capacities for the Society including Vice President.

GENERAL COUNCILOR ROBERT B. MYERS PASSES ON

On March 26, 1983, Dr. Robert B. Myers died at the age of 71 in Houston, Texas, where he had been a patient since February 23. Services were held on April 2, 1983 at his home in Newton, Kansas.

Bob was a member of the General Council from 1967 until his death. He and his wife Josephine were members of the First URANTIA Society of Chicago since 1973. They are the parents of Kendall Myers (Topeka, Kansas) and of Martin Myers, also a member of the General Council, and a Trustee of URANTIA Foundation. The Myers have been frequent visitors to Chicago.

In his letter to members of the General Council, President John Hales said, "We send love to his family and wish him well as he commences his journey. We will miss his counsel."

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