

## Representatives Gather in Tampa



### Course Charted

Society delegates, general councilors, and area coordinators met jointly all day February 16, 1991 in Tampa, Florida to review and develop a strategic plan for the Fellowship. This group of approximately 100 representatives started the day with a plenary session to review the purpose of the Fellowship as stated in the constitution and also to review the structural components adopted by the General Council. Later in the morning, they broke into four smaller groups to evaluate elements of a strategic plan.

As its starting point, the group used key phrases from the constitutional statement of purpose to identify its mission, goals, and purposes. Each subgroup then reviewed and identified strategies to accomplish those purposes.

The results of each group's work will be sent to societies for their review and comment.

The constitutional statement of purpose, along with the structure of the original Brotherhood organization (now the Fellowship) were patiently developed by the founders of URANTIA Brotherhood during the Brotherhood's germination in the late 1930s and 1940s.

The purpose of the organization was subject to years of thoughtful scrutiny by the founders. Their work culminated in the formation of URANTIA Brotherhood in 1955 when its 36 original members formally chartered the organization.

### Historical General Council Meeting Takes Place

Fellowship president David Elders opened the General Council meeting held February 16 in Tampa, Florida, with a welcome to approximately 40 observers. This was the first time a meeting of the General Council was open to observers.

The General Council voted in favor of changing the organization's name to the Fellowship. A poll of the membership will be made to determine the level of support for this name. If results of the poll are favorable, the name change will be an item of business at the annual meeting of the General Council in June.

A resolution was passed by the Council to determine further activities of the strategic planning process as a result of planning meetings held in Tampa. A letter will be sent to the membership to identify the needs of the membership. The responses to this letter and ideas

*"You are hardly worthy of the kingdom when your service consists so largely in an attitude of regretting the past, whining over the present, and vainly hoping for the future... Cease your useless yearning and go forth bravely doing that which concerns the establishment of the kingdom." (\*1726)*

gathered at the most recent planning session in Tampa will be reported at the next meeting of the General Council.

The annual meeting of the General Council will be held in June after the 1991 Summer Seminars in Lake Forest.

### Area Coordinators Meet

Thirty area coordinators from all parts of the country met in Tampa, Florida on February 15.

To begin the morning session, Peter Laurence discussed the interfaith movement in the New York area and throughout the world. He spoke of his own involvement and how this movement was working to foster the trust and understanding so needed between various faiths and religions.

After a short break, the "update" segment began. This gave the attendees an opportunity to tell everyone else of their progress and challenges as area coordinators. A total of nine groups represented had dedicated telephone numbers to introduce new members to the local study groups. Other topics discussed included children's meetings, beginners' meetings, book booths and prison outreach. The group was reminded to use the library placement program implemented by URANTIA Foundation.

During the afternoon, the area coordinators discussed ways bookstores can be enticed to keep *The Urantia Book* in stock, including bookstore consignment. ☐



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*The mission of the Fellowship is "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. . . ." (Fellowship Constitution)*

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## Annual Reports

### Charter Committee Report

The highlight of the Charter Committee's activities in 1990 was the May 19 installation of Grand Canyon Society for Readers of *The Urantia Book*, the first society to be installed after URANTIA Brotherhood had been provisionally renamed Fifth Epochal Fellowship.

In recent months the committee has concerned itself with maintaining contact with the existing societies. Most of the communication had to do with issues rising out of the dispute between the Foundation and the Fellowship and the apparent need for the taking of positions. The committee has also endeavored to ascertain what actions, if any, societies were taking with regard to the dispute, including how the societies planned to respond to the Foundation's demands concerning name and trademark use. The latest findings appeared in an article

by Geri Johnson published in the previous issue of *The Bulletin*.

All of us on the Charter Committee would welcome inquiries from groups of individuals who wish to have information regarding society formation. We hope to see more such activity in the coming year.

—Avi Dogim, Chairman

### Domestic Extension Committee Report

Extending the kingdom of heaven on earth through the Urantia revelation—that's the hope, dream, and work of the members of the Domestic Extension Committee. Most of the work of Domestic Extension Committee revolves around the material outworkings of the revelation.

From encouraging and supporting the growth and maintenance of thousands of study groups to discovering new readers,

a growing list of opportunities sit on the clipboards of Domestic Extension Committee members. With a hundred area coordinators fostering the development of study groups, just servicing that dedicated team of workers keeps our committee occupied.

Recently the Domestic Extension Committee has undertaken programs aimed at providing services and coordination to help current readers locate new readers. Within the next few years you will see numerous programs directed at finding and nurturing new *Urantia Book* readers. Whether these readers are introduced to the book via finding it on the bookshelf, hearing about it through friends, or seeing it in the religion section of their newspaper, we hope to see our family of spiritual believers grow and flourish. From the growth of study groups to societies,

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## President's Message

*The following is part of a talk entitled "Beliefs, Mission, Purposes," delivered by David Elders at the Tampa Midyear Meeting February 16, 1991.*

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It has been reported, perhaps apochryphally, that the members of the Forum were gently admonished by a member of the revelatory commission in the early 1950s when they were told to always be alert to the importance of their mission and to the trust that had been given them.

There are at least two aspects to this admonition. The first has to do with the importance of the mission we have been given and the degree to which we have actually recognized it as important and dedicated our lives to its achievement. The second has to do with our comprehending just what this mission is which has been entrusted to us. The first issue can only really be answered personally, and I won't address it here. Suffice it to say that epochal revelation has

taken place on this planet only four times previously; I would imagine that there is not a one of us who does not feel truly blessed to be a part of this at this time.

But what about the mission? Just what is it? And how do we understand it in a way which can unify our cooperative efforts, empower the unselfish participation of every interested individual, encourage the diversity and uniqueness of creative expression, and effectively balance the advantages of both the centralized pooling of both human and material resources with the decentralized application of these same pooled resources? And all of this in the context of a democratic process based upon shared values and beliefs, and vitalized by the willingness to pool individual wisdom and experience for the benefit of all.

It is my belief that the specific mission we were given by the revelatory commission is contained in the purpose statement in the original Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood, as drafted and refined during the 1940s, and which is

the basis for the Strategic Plan. This draft plan experienced a stormy birth only after years, literally years, of philosophic investigation, commentary, review, and input by many, many people in this organization. For me, proof that this mission and its related purposes comes from the revelators, resides in the mission's consistency with what I see as the general purpose for *The Urantia Book* itself; that is, the mission of the book itself is "to increase and enhance the comfort, happiness, and well-being of [human-kind], as an individual and as a member of society by fostering a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with [humankind's] intellectual and cultural development through the medium of fraternal association." This consistency is just as true for the material, mindal, and spiritual purposes as well; each may be read and understood as purposes for bringing *The Urantia Book*, as a book, to the peoples of this planet as a revelation of truth. In the Foreword, this

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## Representatives Meet in Tampa

There was an all-day meeting of society representatives on February 15 in Tampa, Florida. Fourteen of the seventeen societies of the Fellowship were able to send representatives to this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a variety of issues that were being considered by the societies and the Fellowship. Out of this meeting emerged some thirteen nonbinding resolutions which were shared with the General Council and will be presented by the society representatives to their fellow members for discussion. Copies of the minutes of the meeting along with the resolutions will be sent to the societies that were unable to send representatives.

The thirteen resolutions are as follows:

- That the General Council, in close cooperation with the societies, develop a simple and effective mechanism for regular (at least annual) society participation in the deliberations of the General Council. Existing ideas, including each society electing a general councilor, as well as all other relevant ideas, should be evaluated in developing such a mechanism.
- That an amendment be made to the Constitution to provide for direct representation by each society on the General Council.
- That terms of office for general councilors be reduced to six years.
- That, with respect to members-at-large, the Judicial Committee study the matter of finding equitable ways to include them in the organizational process.
- That the appropriate General Council committee look at the possibility of using teleconferencing as a way to reduce the cost of serving as a member of the General Council and the Executive Committee.
- That copies of the minutes of meetings of the General Council, Executive Committee, and area coordinators be circulated to the presidents and secretaries of societies.
- That all organizational meetings of the Fellowship be open to observation by members and that each organizational group have the option of closing the meeting at its discretion.
- That the General Council solicit input

## Scientific Symposium II to Take Place in May

Scientific Symposium II, sponsored by the Oklahoma Society, will take place May 17-19, 1991 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The theme for this event is "Man's Increasing Control," which will examine how the sciences and technical evolution are liberating humanity from the struggle for survival. Speakers with scientific expertise will address issues in the areas of quantum physics, aeronautical engineering, psychology, internal medicine, and nuclear energy.

Brendan O'Regan, executive director of the Institute of Noetic Sciences in San Francisco, will be a special guest speaker. The work of the institute involves research into mind and body dynamics, and the role these play in

healing mechanisms such as remission and psychoimmunology.

Speakers returning from the first symposium are Travis Binion, Phil Calabrese, Charles Hansen, John Lange, and Dan Massey. Following each presentation will be a question-and-answer session for attendees to discuss issues with the presenter.

Carol Hay of Boulder, Colorado, will add humor to the weekend with her presentation entitled "Control, What Control?" And there will be plenty of music and singing.

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- from societies before finalizing major decisions when possible and appropriate.
- That a subcommittee be formed from among the 1991 delegates and alternates to begin the process of planning the format and procedure for the 1991 TDA in June.
- That the guidelines respecting the qualifications for nominees to the General Council be amended so that they are more comprehensive, including skills, knowledge and experience.

## New York Society Retreat

The Society of Greater New York for Readers of *The Urantia Book* held its first spiritual retreat on January 12-13, 1991 in Andover, New Jersey.

Bobbie Dreier captures the essence of the retreat for us with the following words: "Fifteen hearty *Urantia Book* readers braved an ice storm to gather for a weekend of spiritual nourishment in Andover, NJ. Gathered around a large, lovingly tended woodburning stone fireplace, the group communed together and considered such diverse topics as Adjuster communication, and the differences between men and women from each other's point of view."

Snow on the roof, a fire in the fireplace and the loving fellowship of other readers...who could ask for a better weekend?

- That the name of our organization be changed to "The Fellowship" and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.
- That the General Council consider the following ideas concerning an annual delegate assembly: (1) that the Fellowship modify its constitution to implement an annual delegate assembly of society representatives; (2) that each society delegate and alternate serve for a three-year term culminating in the Triennial Delegate Assembly; (3) that the first annual delegate assembly take place in 1992; (4) that the annual delegate assembly consider resolutions to be submitted to the General Council; (5) that delegates and alternates to the annual delegate assembly be invited to attend meetings of the General Council as observers; and (6) that the General Council report back to the assembly concerning the status of submitted resolutions.
- That whereas today's meeting is not a constitutionally mandated TDA; and whereas this meeting does give us an opportunity to bring to our societies information and rationale regarding resolutions that may be introduced at the June 1991 TDA; and whereas throughout our discussions today we have been extolling the virtues of society input; now therefore be it resolved that the votes today are not binding, but are rather to give the sense of the group on this date. □



*"You cannot experience real joy all by yourself. A solitary life is fatal to happiness. Even families and nations will enjoy life more if they share it with others."* (1220)

#### REPORTS (continued)

Domestic Extension Committee hopes to help. Any suggestions you have toward extending this revelation, please pass them along. Your thoughts and your time are needed to further our Father's growing family.

—Mo Siegel, Chairman

#### Education Committee

The Education Committee is charged by the Fellowship Constitution to "find, prepare, and qualify teachers of *The Urantia Book*" and to "interest such... persons in preparing themselves to teach... and to prepare and qualify such persons to teach *The Urantia Book*." Over the years, the ideas implied by the words "to teach *The Urantia Book*" have been broadened in practice to mean to help readers to understand the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

To support this goal, the Education Committee organizes and sponsors a series of Intensive Summer Seminars devoted to the study of the book. Attendance at these seminars is open to all readers. Since 1982, seminars have been held during the last week of June on the tree-lined campus of Lake Forest College in suburban Chicago. The Education Committee encourages all seminar attendees to participate in the program as teachers as well as students.

The seminar program for 1991 is based on the overall theme "Inspired Living—Amidst the Trials of Time" and will focus special attention on the papers from the first half of Part IV, dealing with the early life and ministry of Jesus as the Son of Man. The study will continue up to the time of Peter's momentous confession of faith and Jesus' determination to pursue the remainder of his ministry as the Son of God. Over the course of five days we will consider three aspects of the theme, as expressed in three topical viewpoints: "As if Seeing Him Who Is Invisible," "In Partnership with God," and "Building the Foundation of the Brotherhood of the Kingdom of Heaven." The program, which begins on Sunday with a consideration of the times and circumstances of the bestowal of Michael, will end on Thursday with an examination of the remarkable changes in Jesus' ministry as it enters its fourth and final phase. The seminar program for 1992

will continue this approach, examining the second half of the life of Jesus.

—Dan Massey, Chairman

#### Special Projects Committee

During 1990 the Special Projects Committee focused on three primary projects: the *Resource Guide*, the Oral History, and the Record of Decisions.

The committee was especially pleased to provide the reader community with the inaugural edition of the *Resource Guide for Secondary Works of The Urantia Book*. The *Resource Guide* lists materials that are based on or are intended to supplement *The Urantia Book*, and it tells readers how to obtain the works.

The Oral History project originated out of resolutions by the 1985 and 1988 Triennial Delegate Assemblies. The first stage of this project is to tape personal interviews of early readers who participated in the "Forum" and the "Seventy" prior to 1955. The goal is to capture the personal experience of early participants in order to supplement the history provided by organizational records, minutes of meetings, and memos. With the necessary materials developed and procedures agreed upon, the committee is now beginning the actual interview process.

The Record of Decisions project is also related to history—accessing information about previous decisions. Several years ago Special Projects Committee manually indexed all of the information found in the minutes of General Council meetings. This proved useful in identifying the decisions that had been made and the policies established. Recent developments within the computer field now make accessing this information much easier and faster and in complete detail.

The committee looks forward to another busy year of service to the community of readers of *The Urantia Book*.

—Bob Bruyn, Chairman

#### Judicial Committee Report

The Constitution establishes the Judicial Committee as the "supreme arbitrating body" of the Fellowship. Over the years there have been instances of organizational disagreement which required the arbitrating function of the Judicial Committee, but these have been

few. More often, the attention of the Judicial Committee has been centered on interpretation or amendment of the Constitution and By-laws, and these matters are likely to constitute the principal work of the Judicial Committee for some time to come.

The Fellowship's separation from the Foundation has been accompanied by unprecedented study of our organization's structure and function. Many suggestions for modification have been made and the Judicial Committee expects to be kept quite busy studying and reporting on these proposals. Among the issues to be examined are: General Council representation for each society; voting rights for members-at-large; reducing the term of office for a general councilor; opening General Council meetings to observers; holding an annual delegate assembly; increasing the involvement of societies in major decision matters; adopting "The Fellowship" as the permanent name for our organization.

All members are encouraged to communicate with the Judicial Committee concerning any suggestions they might have for improving our organizational structure.

—Steve Dreier, Chairman

#### Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee has been preoccupied with money recently.

Each fall the Finance Committee is charged with submitting a budget. With a severe crunch in prospect, last October we proposed, and the Executive Committee approved, painful budget reductions of over \$100,000 a year. This action put us in line with the financial reality that "living separately" has its costs.

Having submitted that budget, it became the committee's obligation to solicit the contributions it contemplated. This year, instead of the usual fundraising letters, general councilors and Finance Committee members have personally contacted 1,800 individuals we viewed as likely to want to help us. This more personalized approach has been much more time-consuming, but it is perhaps the only way for us to raise the \$285,000 we will need to support our outreach and operations. The response thus far has been gratifying.

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# GRADUATION



Anna Rawson  
1901-1990

A charming and compassionate woman has passed from our company to take up residence on the mansion worlds. Before her retirement in 1977, Anne Rawson had a long and distinguished record of service to URANTIA Brotherhood.

Anna Pauline Aase was born and grew up in Wisconsin. She had been a high school English and drama teacher in Janesville, Wisconsin before marrying the Rev. Charles A. Rawson, a Presbyterian minister. After Charles accepted the call to serve a church in Chicago he began attending lectures on pastoral psychology at McCormick Theological Seminary being given by William S. Sadler,

M.D. It was through Dr. Sadler that Charles and Anne were introduced to the Urantia Papers. Thereafter, until his death in 1953, Charlie's sermons were sprinkled with nuggets of wisdom gleaned from the papers.

After Charlie died, Anne was hired by Dr. Sadler as secretary in his psychiatric practice. She worked there for 20 years, continuing as an employee of URANTIA Brotherhood and Foundation after Dr. Sadler died in 1969.

When the Brotherhood was organized in 1955, Anne was appointed to the General Council, and was elected for two additional nine-year terms, serving a total of 27 years. She was also elected Secretary of the Brotherhood in 1955, a position she held for 19 years. Anne was a member of Foreign Extension Committee (now International Fellowship Committee) for a period of 10 years, until 1977. Anne was also a founding member of First URANTIA Society, and was president of the society in its early years.

Anne's drama background served her well. She will be remembered for her warmly humorous introductions of speakers at the first General Conference in Evanston, Illinois in 1975. An invita-

tion to lead a paper at the society's study group, or to present a special subject at a conference was always accepted with humility, but her presentations were executed with great skill and insight. Sometimes Anne feigned a prim and proper attitude, but an arched eyebrow and twinkle in the eye quickly betrayed her mischievous spirit.

Anne and Charles had had no children. When she retired, her desire was to move to Minneapolis, Minnesota to be near her brother and many nieces and nephews.

Her special gift was the ability to empathize with other people's experiences. She was always the first to send a card and note of encouragement whenever a friend was ill or going through a difficult period. When Anne passed away peacefully at her apartment on October 24th, 1990 at the age of 89, she was recovering from her second bout with cancer. The nurse who tended her in the hospital reportedly remarked that Anne was the most gracious and gentle lady she had ever cared for, mentioning her kindness to everyone. A perfect tribute to a faith-inspired woman—Anna Rawson.

—Carolyn Kendall

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

purpose is expressed with the words: "It is exceedingly difficult to present enlarged concepts and advanced truth, **in our endeavor to expand cosmic consciousness and enhance spiritual perception**, when we are restricted to the use of a circumscribed language of the realm." (\*1:2, emphasis added)

To my way of thinking, it makes sense that for our organization to be of value in the work associated with the fifth epochal revelation on our planet, its purposes must be consistent with and fully supportive of the purposes and the scope of the book itself. There are many groups now active who are effectively engaged in bringing the truth of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of all humankind to the attention of world consciousness. So, while our efforts must include this work, we would fall short of our mission if we did not, in addition to this focus on perhaps the most profound truth we have ever encountered, focus as well

on a more replete philosophy of living and a more complete understanding of our cosmic citizenship. In other words, since we have been given a vastly larger context—material, mindal, and spiritual—in which to understand and experience our God, we would be irresponsible not to share this larger context with others. Clearly the revelators felt it important to reveal all of what they did; who are we, then, to pick only those portions which our particular emotional bent or philosophical frame of mind makes most meaningful to us, and then to select it as "what is best" for the people of the world to hear?

It has occurred to many of us at various times that our predilection to direct the major portion of the rather substantial creative energies and impressive mind power in this movement at constant re-evaluations of ourselves is a form of avoidance and denial. Don't we really know, deep down, what our mission is? At some coincidental soul and gut level don't we each truly know what

we have been called together to accomplish? Doesn't the Mission/Purposes Statement derived directly from the Constitution really hit it on the head? Don't we need to help *The Urantia Book* do what it is here to accomplish—to stimulate the evolutionary transformation of humankind, in a balanced way combining cosmology, philosophy, and religion, unified by the soul-building decisions of unique personalities, and drawn together by the power of the Supreme? Isn't that our mission? And, won't it be still our mission no matter which words we finally choose to define it to ourselves?

So, after all has been said by all of us who feel compelled to say it, we still have a mission to accomplish as an organization which has *The Urantia Book* as its guiding manual. Let's stop avoiding that mission and get about it. And, let's do it together with a spirit of friendship and love which is expressive of our certainty that we will all be working together for a very, very long time. □



## Why Should More Women Run for the General Council?

"A man and a woman, co-operating, even aside from family and offspring, are vastly superior in most ways than either two men or two women." (\*932) "The differences of nature, viewpoint, and thinking between men and women, far from occasioning concern, should be regarded as highly beneficial to mankind, both individually and collectively." (\*938)

Based on the above statements and my understanding of *The Urantia Book* teachings, I believe that we, as an organization, would benefit from a greater presence of women on the General Council. It is hard to foresee just how things would change if that were to happen, but we can assume that such an attempt at a more balanced representation of two diverse viewpoints would contribute to the progress and maturation of our movement.

I make an *a priori* assumption that such balancing should never be attempted by the use of quotas or by electing women who are less qualified than the men against whom they run. We must not fall into the trap of diminishing the quality of our elected representatives by insisting on numerical equality of the genders as an end in itself.

I further assume that there are many qualified women among our members. It is self-evident that the only fair way to achieve greater representation of women on the General Council is for the TDA delegates to have a greater number of female candidates to choose from.

I would like to urge all members of the Fellowship to encourage qualified women to place their names in nomination for service on the General Council. Our movement would greatly benefit from this balancing and

blending of two unique and diverse viewpoints.

"...[A]lways will these two variations of humankind continue to intrigue, stimulate, encourage, and assist each other; always will they mutually depend on co-operation in the solution of perplexing universe problems and in the overcoming of manifold cosmic difficulties." (\*939)

—Leela Dogim, 12/22/90

## THE BULLETIN WELCOMES YOUR LETTERS

Your thoughts, ideas, and opinions are most welcome. The editors invite you to avail yourselves of this outlet to share your ideas, large or small.



The recent Tampa meeting provided abundant opportunity for input and a good measure of Fellowship.





*"Having started out on the way of life everlasting, having accepted the assignment and received your orders to advance, do not fear the dangers of human forgetfulness and mortal inconstancy, do not be troubled with doubts of failure or by perplexing confusion, do not falter and question your status and standing, for in every dark hour, at every crossroad in the forward struggle, the Spirit of Truth will always speak, saying, 'This is the way.'"* ("383)

#### REPORTS (continued)

Our fundraising difficulties have their roots in the attitude of secrecy which was the norm in the Brotherhood's first 30 years of existence. Selfless volunteers like Marian Rowley did much of the work, and since overall *Urantia Book*-related activity was low in those early years, financial needs weren't acute.

At this time, our core staff is paid, and even though their dedication to the revelation leads them to work for considerably less than what they could otherwise earn, our costs more closely approximate the resources we consume.

Because we were so heavily subsidized by the dedicated efforts of volunteers, and because contributions from a very few individuals supplied most of the rest, the readership was never made to feel responsible for financially supporting the Brotherhood/Fellowship. Without any sense of urgency, an "eat at the Hilton and pay at the Holiday Inn" syndrome developed. This made the Brotherhood/Fellowship even more dependent on the good will of a very small group of large contributors, several of whom have been giving every year to the point of pain.

The Finance Committee's first responsibility, of course, is to raise the funds necessary to support our operation. We also view it as imperative that we broaden our financial base. Last year we had 870 contributors. This year we are aiming at 2,000. Even though we are more than grateful for our large contributors, none of us view it as healthy or desirable to be so dependent on such a small group. Just two or three dollars a week from each of our members and active readers would more than cover all anticipated expenses. If everyone would help a little, the financial burden would be spread to where it would not be too hard on anyone. (If you haven't given yet for 1991, consider this a pitch! We need your help.)

If any of you have questions about the Fellowship's fundraising efforts, and especially if you are susceptible to being talked into making a contribution, please call me at 405-843-4900. Thanks.

—Harry McMullan, Chairman

#### Fraternal Relations Committee

The committee received a great deal of support from individuals attending the Tampa midyear meeting to establish some form of affiliation with the North American Interfaith Network, an interfaith body which is comprised of over 140 interfaith councils from all over the North American continent.

The committee is also reviewing the nature of affiliation with the Council for a Parliament of World Religions (CPWR), centered in Chicago, which will be having a one-hundred-year anniversary celebration of the original Parliament which met in Chicago in 1893 during the World's Fair. The CPWR has brought together the organizations of many different faith traditions from the Chicago area and from around the planet.

The Fraternal Relations Committee's portion of the 1991 Summer Seminars set to be held in Lake Forest this coming summer will attempt to draw the talents of a number of members of CPWR, including a presentation Monday evening on the Parliament and its implications, as well as a discussion of the nature of interfaith dialogue.

—Gard Jameson, Chairman

#### Publications Committee

The Publications Committee is responsible for publishing the *Bulletin* and *The Journal*. We also share responsibility for overseeing the production of the *Study Group Herald*, which will appear this year.

The committee is now at work developing an expanded format for *The Journal*. We were pleased to offer two special conference editions of *The Journal*, both available from the headquarters office, which included talks from the 1990 General Conference. The *Bulletin* has been issued quarterly with non-English language summaries to several countries.

The committee is generally responsible for assisting in the production of all Fellowship publications. Your thoughts and suggestions for our work is most welcome.

—Jim Johnston, Chairman

#### International Study-by-Mail Project Begins

To enhance the exchange of ideas and foster unity among international readers, the International Fellowship Committee has begun a project in which readers are encouraged to ask and respond to questions on topics from *The Urantia Book*.

Like chess by mail, we will have an international in-depth study of intriguing topics in *The Urantia Book*. You are invited to share your insights with other readers on thought-provoking questions posed by the book. Comments from around the world will provide new perspectives on this wonderful revelation.

Here are our first questions:

1. When is personality bestowed and when does it become functional? On page 71, paragraph 1, the book says that human personality is not observable until it has been touched by the "liberating divinity" of the Father. What is this liberating touch?

2. Can we make an irrevocable choice to live the Father's will (\*64) while still on this planet? Not to live the Father's will? (\*1229, last paragraph.)

We look forward to your responses and will share them with others. Please send your replies to the Fellowship headquarters by June 1, 1991. Responses in languages other than English are welcome and will be translated and shared with all others who write.

Also, we welcome your suggestions for future questions you would like answered.

*"The Zoroastrians had a religion of morals; the Hindus a religion of metaphysics; the Confucianists a religion of ethics. Jesus lived a religion of service."* (\*67)



*"Be not discouraged; human evolution is still in progress, and the revelation of God to the world, in and through Jesus, shall not fail." (\*2097)*

## STUDY GROUP CENSUS

A census of study groups is underway and will result in an updated directory of study groups. If you have a study group and have not been contacted, please contact the Fellowship office.

## What was that word?

**FELLOWSHIP**—We are now using the word "Fellowship" in our new name instead of Brotherhood. We were accustomed to Brotherhood, so the use of Fellowship may seem a little strange.

According to Funk & Wagnall's dictionary, fellowship is a state of friendly companionship; a condition of sharing in a community of interest; an association; communion; a friendly intercourse. Comparatively, brotherhood is defined as a fraternal relationship; a society, guild, etc.; a body of persons of the same occupation or interest. Notice that "fellowship" denotes camaraderie, while "brotherhood" is more indicative of an organizational relationship.

"The characteristic difference between a social occasion and a religious gathering is that in contrast with the secular the religious is pervaded by the atmosphere of communion. In this way human association generates a feeling of fellowship with the divine, and this is the beginning of group worship." (\*1133)



Probably taken at Beverly Shores, Indiana, on September 18, 1948. Back row, left to right: Anna Rawson, Bob and Ruth Burton, Edith Cook, Russell and Mildred Bucklin, Carolyn Brown, Lulu Steinbeck, and Wilfred Kellogg. Front row: Emma ("Christy") Christensen, Dr. William S. Sadler, Sr., Charles Rawson, Anna Kellogg, and unknown. In 1948 the Forum began a re-reading of the Foreword of *The Urantia Book* on February 15 and continued with Papers One through 27 during the year. On June 12 there was a picnic for Forum members at the home of G. Willard Hales in Oak Park, Illinois. Dr. Sadler gave a talk on "Standing By" and Bill Sadler, Jr., spoke on the problems ahead in the coming years. Bill observed that in the future the time the group was currently living in would be known as "the good old days."

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3-5, 1991, St. Mary College, Leavenworth, KS. Conference sponsored by Heart of America Society. Theme: "Harmony Amidst Chaos." Contact Terry Boschert, (816) 781-0608.

May 17-19, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK. Scientific Symposium II. Theme: "Man's Increasing Control." Contact the Fellowship, (312) 327-0424.

June 7-9, Simon's Rock, Bard College, Great Barrington, MA. Northeast Regional Conference. Theme: "Angels." Contact Karen Anderson, (203) 354-6186.

June 7-9, Orillia, Ontario, Canada. Annual Ontario Regional Conference. Contact Cindy Hopper, (416) 225-7861.

June 22-23, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL. Triennial Delegate Assembly.

June 24-27, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL. Summer Seminars. Focus: "The Life and Teachings of Jesus." Contact the Fellowship, (312) 327-0424.

June 27-29, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL. General Council Triennial Meeting.

August 16-18, Trois-Rivières, Quebec, Canada. Conference for French-speaking readers. Theme: "The Revelation and Me." Contact Eric Gagnon, (514) 652-0259.

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