

IC93 Touches The World

By Carolyn Kendall

The joy of fellowship touched all those who joined in the festivities at the 1993 International Conference (IC93), held in early August at Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec. This is the first time the Fellowship has ventured beyond the borders of the United States for a general conference, which occurs every three years.

Readers were welcomed by conference chairman Brent St. Denis and his fellow Canadians. Many attending IC93 traveled from Australia, England, France, Ireland, Laos, Mexico, the Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland and the United States.

An uncertain economic recovery dampened expectations of a large turnout, but Quebec readers came through, scoring an average 30 additional attendees each day. Final attendance figures approached 900, comparing favorably with past general conferences.

The conference theme, "Touch the World," was expressed in the beautiful logo designed by Patricia Fearey of San Francisco and in "O Universe," sung by Barbara Hester of Oklahoma City. Thematic banners displayed by Fellowship societies and study groups added inspiration to the conference setting.

Each day opened with a plenary session of praise and worship. Joshua Wilson of Arizona performed on keyboard and composed several musical selections. The chorus, Conductors of Worship, performed a repertoire of material ranging from meditative French monastery chants to jazzy religious numbers.

Dazzling multi-media support for music employed state-of-the-art equipment with projection on three massive screens. Special graphics with scenes of nature, the world and the universe were



—Photo by John Thiele

Program organizer Sue Tennant of Ontario, Canada introduces one of the many inspiring plenary speakers at IC93.

assembled by Larry Geis and Patricia Fearey of San Francisco.

"We wandered into the more complex areas of technology," says Fellowship President Steve Dreier of New Jersey. "This was produced by many people and had to be integrated on site. It worked remarkably well."

The crowd touched the world — literally. A fabric-covered four-foot balloon, decorated as planet Urantia, was tossed about by the delighted throng. All week, children were able to throw the world around in their activity programs.

Dreier set the course for the conference with an eloquent exhortation to share the good news of the Fatherhood of God with others. We must emphasize each individual's personal relationship with the Father, he said, and engage in truly selfless service.

Other plenary speeches were those of Diane Labrecque and Yvon Gagne of

—Photo by Carolyn Kendall

Planet Urantia was a popular item at this year's conference, which attracted 900 readers from around the world.

Quebec and Janet Farrington of Washington. All were translated into French or English and broadcast to the audience via transistor radios.

More than 35 one-hour breakout sessions were held, ranging from personal sharing and family issues to intensive studies of *The Urantia Book* and the history and future of the movement.

The conference planners thought of everything. There was a softly lighted room for quiet meditation. A comfortable gallery permitted visitors to gaze at works of art created by artists in the movement. And another area displayed current publications for visitors to peruse.

Always a favorite at general conferences, Club UB provided an array of entertainment thoughtfully arranged by Tom Allen of Oklahoma City and Michel Charpentier of Montreal.

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General Council Looks To The Future

By Melissa Wells

The future of the Fellowship was the focus of this year's meeting of the General Council, which followed on the heels of the 1993 International Conference at Saint-Hyacinthe in Quebec. Three issues dominated the meeting:

- The impending transition from an organization dominated by American culture to an international group.
- Restructuring the organization to guarantee representation on the General Council by all societies.
- Responding to the needs of family life for members of the Fellowship.

"It's interesting that folks (on the General Council) perceive this need," says Fellowship President Stephen Dreier. "They're looking at the reader community and believe they know a sufficient number of families in trouble. It suggests there's a problem among readers to be addressed."

Embracing The World

In his annual report to the General Council, Dreier emphasized developing an awareness of the likely shift from American dominance of the organization to an international influence. His comments followed a week of spiritual study and group worship with individuals attending IC93 from Russia, Mexico, Europe and North America.

"IC93 may represent the leading edge of the next transition (for the Fellowship), the beginning of the next cycle of development," Dreier says. "For the first time, the Fellowship's flagship social event was held outside the United States. As the events of 25 years ago were the first steps in the transition from a Chicago culture to an American culture, IC93 may be the first step in the transition from an American culture to an organizational

flavor which is more truly reflective of international values and viewpoints.

"International was just a word 25 years ago," Dreier adds. "Now international represents our ideals. To move from a Chicago culture to American was tough, but this will be tougher still. We must decide if we're going to move in this direction. If we don't want this organization reflective of one culture but all cultures, then our projects need to reflect that."

"We must be willing to go overseas to meetings," says John Lange, chairman of the International Fellowship Committee. "This means we must commit ourselves to materially support our ideals in order to internationalize."

Organizational Restructuring

David Elders, chairman of the Judicial Committee, updated the General Council on the status of the pending proposal to reorganize the Fellowship structure. His committee has sent information on the proposal to societies for their feedback.

"Response from the societies has been slow," Elders says, "and not enough information has been received to move forward with revisions."

Avi Dogim, chairman of the Charter Committee, reported on the Society Conclave which was held at IC93. Eleven of the 18 societies were represented at this meeting, which mainly focused on the proposed restructuring.

"At that meeting there was a general sense that direct representation by societies on the General Council is desirable," Dogim says. "Yet it was apparent that the societies have not come to terms with the role they need to play in order for such a change to occur, nor with the various consequences attendant

upon such a change and the specific manner of its implementation."

The General Council accordingly decided to invite society representatives to its next meeting February 5-6, 1994 in New York City in order to discuss the proposed organizational changes and to work out details for the upcoming Triennial Delegate Assembly, scheduled July 1-2, 1994 in Oklahoma City.

"It is important that delegates be selected early so that they can participate in the February meeting," Dogim says.

Continuing on the topic of internationalization of the Fellowship, Dogim adds, "The informal nature of the February meeting gives us an unusual opportunity to invite representatives from Urantia readership groups outside the United States so that they can have input into the process."

The proposed revisions include: a society council elected by active members of societies, with at least one representative from each society; an executive council elected by, but separate from, the society council, and a judicial council also elected by, but separate from, the society council. Proponents of this new structure say that it will provide greater representation of local societies and an improved focus on local communication and progress as well as an increased sense of responsibility of councilors to members of societies and the Fellowship.

Revisions to the constitution, which would result from voting in the proposal, can not be implemented before the 1997 Triennial Delegate Assembly because the constitution requires a one-year gap between the General Council vote and Assembly vote.

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A "Prime" Opportunity — Canadians Roll Out Red Carpet

While Berkeley Elliott of Oklahoma City was enjoying the sites of Quebec City during IC93, little did she think she'd be rubbing elbows with Canada's then Prime Minister Kim Campbell.

When Prime Minister Campbell crossed Berkeley's path in Quebec City, Berkeley just wanted an opportunity to

take her picture. When she requested permission to do so from Campbell's security guard, he responded by saying how much Kim just loves to have her picture taken with people.

And before you know it, voila! The security guard shot this photo of two lovely souls.

World's Spiritual Leaders Talk Things Over

By Robin Robinson

Ask anybody from *The Urantia Book* reader community about their experiences at the World Parliament of Religions and they nearly levitate. Whether it was meeting archbishops on the elevators or questioning the Dalai Lama, those who attended the eight-day interfaith meeting in Chicago came away with renewed hope for our planet.

Amid this potpourri of spirituality, several "uplifting" *Urantia Book* exchanges occurred, some even in a perfect environment for ascenders — the elevators.

Gard Jameson, chair of the Fraternal Relations Committee, rode an elevator twenty-three floors with theologian Hans Kung. "He looked at my tag and said, 'Urantia Book. Hmm. I think I've heard of that,'" Jameson says. "So, for the next few floors we talked about *The Urantia Book*, and by the twenty-first floor, he had a copy."

Kung was instrumental in drafting a "Global Ethic," a product of this year's Parliament, which states the aspirations of the world's religions for interfaith peace and social justice. It is essentially a restatement of the golden rule.

"The *Urantia* reader community has a role to play in the interfaith movement," says Jameson.

In another elevator encounter, Ann Garner of Dallas was crammed in the back "nose to nose" with a Catholic archbishop. After a brief exchange of pleasantries and as the archbishop was stepping off the elevator with his entourage, he turned to Garner and said, with a thumbs-up signal, "I read that book. I really like it."

Larry Geis of San Francisco had an opportunity to address a question to the Dalai Lama at a press conference. "This was like one of Clinton's press conferences, with lots of cameras and reporters everywhere," Geis says. "I asked, 'Your Holiness, you are here in America where most people are of Christian background watching you now on television, and they're probably interested in knowing if you ever studied the life and teachings of Jesus, and what you think about it.'"

"And I knew what his answer was. I knew he had read the Bible and talked about meeting Thomas Merton," Geis says. "The real thing," he said, "about any religion is meeting the people who are in it and realizing how they feel about God."

David Hubbard, a *Urantia Book* reader from Toronto, found himself leading a session on *A Course in Miracles* at the parliament. Hubbard had shown up late for the seminar, which was packed, and the scheduled presenter had not arrived.

"A fellow at the door asked if I knew anything about *A Course in Miracles*, and since I had been a student for ten years, he took my name tag and announced that I was giving the conference and pushed me to the microphone," says Hubbard. "I proceeded to give a talk about the *Course in Miracles*, but it was really in my heart to talk about *The Urantia Book*. So I managed to segue right into *The Urantia Book*."

On Friday evening a one-hour session was presented by Chicago area readers to introduce *The Urantia Book*. It was organized by David Kulieke and presenters included Meredith Sprunger, Ann Garner, Paula Thompson and Gard Jameson. Around 35 people attended.

Steve Rohrbach of Boulder stumbled across a two-volume set of books containing presentations from the first World Parliament of Religions in 1893, held also in Chicago. The chairman of the 1893 parliament, Rev. John Henry Barrows, provided a summary that can also describe this year's event:

"The Parliament, it has been said, awakened a new world consciousness; it concentrated much light upon the greatest themes; its



(From left) Eileen Laurence, two booth visitors, Andre Traversa, Joshua Snider, visitor, Paula Thompson, Ann Garner, Gard Jameson and Barbara Lattes work at the booth sponsored by The Fellowship at the World Parliament of Religions.



Ben Pretty-On-Top performs a sacred rite in the opening ceremony at the Parliament.



Hindus and Sikhs join in dialogue at the Parliament, evidence of what this week was about.

disclosures were such as to fill thoughtful people of every faith with humility as well as with mutual respect; it was an effort of serious minds, in a fraternal spirit, to help each other to see, and among the things made visible are the universal activity and guidance of God." □

The International Side of IC93

By John Thiele

"Bonjour," said the woman at the registration desk, which she followed with a string of French words that I didn't understand. And that was my first taste of the foreign flavor of the 1993 International Conference, held in the pastoral setting of Saint-Hyacinthe in Quebec.

"Je parle anglais," I replied, exhausting my college French. Fortunately, she spoke English, as do most of the residents in this bilingual province, making it an ideal setting for this the first conference to be held outside the United States. This friendly Quebecois staffer was my first clue as to how "international" this conference was to be.

It can't be overemphasized what an important role language played at IC93. During worship sessions, many songs were sung in French with slides of lyrics projected so that all could join in. All of the plenary sessions and many of the breakouts were simultaneously translated in French and English and received through radios with headphones.

But what truly made this an international conference was the people. They came from several countries, and meeting them proved my theory that *Urantia Book* readers are the same all over the world. Such love, instant brotherhood and sharing that crossed all cultural, social and political lines was the essence of this international conference.

It was exciting for us to have three Muscovites in our numbers. Tatiana Antonyan, publisher of the Russian spiritual magazine entitled "Urania," was introduced to *The Urantia Book* a year ago when John Lange, chairman of the International Fellowship Committee, and Lila Dogim of New York attended a conference sponsored by her magazine in Moscow.

She was given an English copy of *The Urantia Book* at that time, but "until now, I just see a very big and complicated book standing on my shelf," she says. "I decided maybe put it off for tomorrow, but now I just wish to read it."

Antonyan found the other people at the conference "very open, kind and loving" and she "felt at home." She received Russian translations of several papers from *The Urantia Book* to share with her friends in Moscow. And she has promised even greater exposure for *The Urantia Book* at the next Moscow conference of Urania readers, November 2-5.

The sharing across boundaries is what



—Photo by John Thiele

Tatiana Antonyan, publisher of *Urania* magazine, traveled from Moscow to meet with her newfound friends in the Fellowship at IC93.

brought Ariane Cornu to IC93 from Lausanne, Switzerland. A reader of *The Urantia Book* for three years, Cornu says that there are no study groups in her area, so international conferences are her only opportunity to share with others what she has learned. Cornu also plans to attend more European meetings. "We need to meet," she says, with that perpetual smile, "although it is good to be alone with the book."

One of my most enlightening conversations was with Adrian Joyce from Killybegs, Ireland, who has been reading *The Urantia Book* since it was given to him as a present in 1987. His favorite experience at IC93 was leading a breakout session entitled "Conflict — An Essential Experience."

"In facing the difficulties of life, we will all have to confront conflict," Joyce says. "The way of achieving the resolution of conflict is to be strong and to understand yourself first, the way Jesus did. And to try our hardest to understand the motivations and backgrounds of those with whom we have contact. By inwardly working, we can then look outwards and truly love our neighbors as ourselves, which is an essential message of the teachings of Jesus. It is in that

courageous search to understand ourselves and to understand our neighbors that we can one day resolve all conflict.

"It is not an intellectual exercise to be a student of the book," Joyce adds. "It's an experiential exercise."

And it was quite an experience meeting Georges Michelson-Dupont, who traveled from Blennes, France. He was given *The Urantia Book* by his father, who has been a reader since 1961, but only began reading it himself in 1982. Dupont helped to organize the first French international conference in 1986. His favorite moments at IC93 were



—Photo by John Thiele

Ariane Cornu, who hails from Switzerland, lunched at the Cafe Suisse in Quebec — a little piece of home.

those times of sharing experiences with other people, and he says that he has returned to France with a new sense of the important role that personal sharing can play in conferences. "This sharing must take place on the soul level," Dupont stresses, "not on an intellectual level."

He adds that *Urantia Book* readers are unaware of the importance of the cosmic task before them and of the many talents that the book gives them.

"Because they have these talents, they must go and share with people their experience and understanding of the book," Dupont says. "But in a living way, not an intellectual way. Jesus said to his apostles, 'You were fishers of fish, now you are fishers of men.' Those people who have this book should be fishers of men. They should share their experience of the book."

AUSTRALIA

MEXICO

SWITZERLAND

IRELAND



—Photo by John Thiele

Adrian Joyce of Ireland led a breakout session at IC93



—Photo by Carolyn Kendall

Jacques Tetrault of Quebec (center) and Marlene and Georges Dupont of France enjoy happy moments at IC93

Another reader introduced to *The Urantia Book* by her father is Nienke Brugmann from Wassenaar, Netherlands. A reader for 10 years, Brugmann is completing the work that her father began, a Dutch translation of *The Urantia Book*. Henry Begemann had completed about 80 percent of the translation before passing away three years ago. Since that time, she has been occupied with translating the book.

"When you translate, you have to comprehend, you have to feel, but mainly you have to be, intellectually, tremendously active and painfully accurate," Brugmann says. "Sometimes it's a bit of a strain. The book is so good, it's so profound, and so extremely well written, that even if I didn't believe in it, I would still feel, as a literary person, a great sense of responsibility in translating it. It's a question of beauty, how can you preserve it, how can you make sure that as much as you can see in it will be transferred into the other language.

"Our role as readers is to be so fragrant that people will ask us, 'What is it that you have that I don't have?'" Brugmann says. □

CANADA

UNITED STATES

FRANCE



—Photo by Carolyn Kendall

(Left to right) Sjoeko Folkinga of Alberta, Baukje Begemann and Nienke Brugmann of The Netherlands join together at IC93.

RUSSIA

THE NETHERLANDS

LAOS

ENGLAND



By Cindy Hopper

TORONTO, ONTARIO

More than 70 people filled the auditorium in Omega Center, a spiritual book store in Toronto last May to attend a session sponsored by the Ontario Fellowship that introduced individuals to *The Urantia Book*. Mo Siegel of Boulder, Colorado made the presentation to the group, including more than 40 new faces. Siegel described the four parts of the book in an attempt to convey in the allotted 90 minutes the organization of the universe and the role mortals play within this scheme.

There were many questions about the life of Jesus and the usual concerns about how reincarnation, channeling and other beliefs fit into the Urantia cosmology.

SOUTH AMERICA

John Lange and Berkeley Elliott visited Bogota, Colombia and Santiago, Chile in September on an emissarial mission to strengthen ties with readers of *The Urantia Book* in those areas. They had 14 meetings during their 10-day trip. With the Spanish translation of *The Urantia Book* now available, enthusiasm is high for the future of the Urantia Revelation in this part of the world.

The readers from Bogota have been meeting for 17 years and Santiago readers have been meeting for five years. Lange and Elliott were treated to some real down-South hospitality as they were taken into the homes of readers and given tours of the countryside.

There is not a great deal of momentum elsewhere in South America at this time. With the crucial element of the Spanish translation, what is needed now is availability of books. If anyone wishes to donate a book to South America, please contact the Fellowship for details.

BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA

Polly Friedman of Los Angeles led a mini-conference at the Mercy Center in June that focused on "Building Community." Readers from a 50-mile radius studied the meaning and value of community. "The real plus was to see how our little group in San Francisco has come along," says Dolores Nice. "They gave us a mirror in which we could see how much we've all come through together and how it has made us stronger."

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

The School of Meanings and Values is sponsoring the Urantia Literacy Project, which will form the core of the teacher training curriculum of the group. The project provides course outlines and related materials centered on ideas and ideals of *The Urantia Book* to assist individuals to develop spiritually. For more information, contact the School of Meanings and Values, 649 Copeland Court, #3, Santa Monica, CA 90405, (310) 452-1777, FAX (310) 399-3710, INTERNET mhill@eis.calstate.edu.

ELLICOTT CITY, MARYLAND

About 50 readers from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware and Washington, D.C. gathered together for the Annual Picnic in Ellicott City. This is the tenth year for the event, which includes group presentations on prayer, worship and topical themes and a lot of socializing. Three times a year these five states hold super-study groups, which reinforces the sense of extended community among them.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Close to 100 people gathered in Oklahoma City on August 21 to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Fellowship treasurer Joe Lizska of Key West, Florida spoke on his Catholic roots in a presentation entitled "I Hardly Knew You, Jesus." But the celebrations didn't end there. The next morning 40 people gathered at Berkeley Elliott's home for singing. Lawrence Schkade of Dallas spoke on "Awareness to Belief to Faith."

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE BRIEFS

The Special Projects Committee has published a new edition of *The Resource Guide for Secondary Works of The Urantia Book*, which was distributed at IC93. The guide, with 45 new additions, provides a description of each work and ordering information. Contact the Fellowship to order your copy.

The Domestic Extension Committee has published the 1993-1994 Study Group Directory, which lists 319 study groups that meet in Australia, Canada, Colombia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, India, Ireland, Norway and the United States. Contact the Fellowship office to order the current edition or to make corrections to information listed.

The Education and Publications committees are preparing the next two Fellowship Forums, which will publish the papers presented earlier this year at the Wrightwood Series on Gender and the second Wrightwood Series on Race. These papers should be available in early 1994. Presentations from IC93 will also be published in a special issue of the Fellowship Forum. If you made a presentation at IC93 and have a hard copy, please forward to Carolyn Kendall, The Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Do you have an opinion on matters of interest to readers of *The Urantia Book*? The Editorial Page is your place to share what you think is important.

Letters for publication should be addressed to: Letters to the *Bulletin* Editor, The Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614 or FAX to (312) 327-6159.

The recent conference in Canada has certainly been another success. Conference planners again did a magnificent job of assembling a thrilling experience for attendees. The number of attendees was less than 1,000 — a fairly small percentage of readers worldwide. Wouldn't it be a great service to the readership if these conferences could be shared with more people?

Each triennial conference is a wonderful opportunity to train and develop teachers. People prepare for months — and sometimes years — to make one presentation at one conference for the benefit of a relatively small group. If we could find a way to disperse those teachers afterwards to local gatherings, many more people would benefit from those months of preparation. Ideally, the teachers themselves would be sent to repeat their work. If that were not possible, video reproductions could be the next best thing. Dispersing teachers would certainly be consistent with the approach of previous revelations. We may be more effective if we adopt the pattern of centralized training and dispersed teaching in our own work.

James G. Johnston, Tampa, Florida

The *Bulletin* is an excellent means of uniting *Urantia Book* readers internationally in the glory of the revelation. How sad that so many in the world believe God speaks no longer through prophets and cry out for a sign, either unaware of *The Urantia Book* or refusing to accept it because of its divine origin.

Perhaps we might increase our readership by referring more to the Bible in our meetings and quoting from theological authorities such as Reinhold Niebuhr, Thomas Merton, Emanuel Swedenborg and others.

Stanley E. Butler, Largo, Florida

I have been amazed at *The Urantia Book's* ideas — a rich revelation of vital faith in the future of our planet and its creator Michael.

Bette Waddington, St. Louis, Missouri

We recently donated a *Urantia Book* to libraries in three Russian cities: Khabarovsk and Vladivostok in the far east and Irkutsk in Siberia near Lake Baikal.

Dorothy & James Fisher,
St. James City, Florida

In response to Steve Dreier's message in the Spring 1993 Fellowship Bulletin, I agree wholeheartedly. Thank you for verbalizing what many are unable to put into words.

Lynda Filipello, Lisle, Illinois

You did a wonderful job of putting together the "Touch the World" conference in Quebec. I could not attend, but I talked to several people who were there and they all had high praise for the quality of the presentations and organization. One thing that strikes me in looking through the conference program is the great diversity of spiritual approaches to God, all unified under the broad umbrella of the ideals of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of humanity. I hope you continue to welcome and respect this diversity of human perspective.

Mark G. Hall, Buffalo, New York

The Urantia Book's emphasis on study (pp. 159, 412, etc.) was the incentive I needed to register for my first college class in 1982. Eleven years later I now have a Masters degree from a university and my dream occupation at age 60. *The Urantia Book* is the most important and inspiring book I have ever read.

Betty Maloy, Lindsay, California

I believe that the message of *The Urantia Book* is the most important message of the 20th Century. "But the love of God is an intelligent and farseeing parental affection." (p. 40)

Paul C. Eloffson, Norwalk, California

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—Photo by Carolyn Kendall

The amazing media displays at IC93 were a result of extra-mile efforts by (from left to right) Jean-Claude Desjardins of Quebec, Larry Geis and Patricia Fearey of San Francisco and Christian Philippe of Quebec.

"The end result of an international conference is that it assists in providing *Urantia Book* readers with a sense of community," Dreier says, summing up the impact of the event. "They are involved in an activity which is shared by many other people from different places and perspectives. You get a sense of growing unity in diversity. The unity develops among a population that is fairly diverse in cultural backgrounds. It's something that can only be experientially obtained."

"Everyone would agree in theory that people ought to associate peacefully together in spite of different viewpoints and cultures," he adds. "But that can only be accomplished by doing it. And the international conference is one way in which opportunities are presented so that the ideals of diversity can be acted upon." □

"The entire ascendent plan of mortal progression is characterized by the practice of giving out to other beings new truth and experience just as soon as acquired."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2-5, Sophia Will Return, Moscow, Russia. Simultaneous translation, visas, transportation and accommodations provided. Contact Johnette Putnam, P.O. Box 488, Cullman, AL 35056, (205) 734-4622.

July 1-10, 1994, Triennial Delegate Assembly, Summer Seminar and Scientific Symposium III — "Man's Universe Integration" — with guest speaker Eric Carlson of Adler Planetarium in Chicago. To be held in Oklahoma City, OK. Contact Berkeley Elliott, (405) 843-4900.

COUNCIL (Continued from page 2)

"It's a good thing we have until 1997 before making such fundamental changes to the organization," Dogim says.

Families — Feast or Famine?

With the high rate of divorce, unemployment and alcohol and substance abuse affecting the quality of family life in our society, several members of the General Council expressed their concerns about this issue and the need to create a new committee of the Fellowship.

An ad hoc committee of the General Council has been formed to recommend how these concerns can best be addressed within the Fellowship. Chairman Sara Blackstock and members Lee Smith and Claudia Ayers, all residents of California, will report their findings at the next meeting of the General Council.

"There's quite a bit of concern that the Fellowship needs to take some initiative with family," Dreier says. "This could be a standing committee to foster family life and values. But others support the idea as something that just requires attention, while still others are opposed to it."

General Elections

Beth Bartley of New York was elected to replace Brent St. Denis of Ontario as secretary-general of the Fellowship. St. Denis resigned his position because of an impending election to the Canadian parliament, which will make it difficult for him to devote the time necessary to his duties as a member of the Executive Committee. He will, however, remain a member of the General Council.

Those elected to committees were: Tom Kendall to Judicial; Larry Bowman, Charter; Scott Forsythe, Fraternal Relations; Adrienne Jarnagin, International Fellowship; Peggy Douglass, Domestic Extension; Irwin Ginsburgh, Education; Robin Robinson, Publications; Harry McMullan, Finance, and Cece Forrester to Special Projects. □

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Unto Us A Son Is Given — August 21, 7 BC to August 21, 1994 AD

Join in a celebration of the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus in Israel August 19 through August 29, 1994. An extended trip to Egypt is scheduled August 29 through September 5.

Estimated price for the Israel trip is \$1886 per person and for those going to Egypt, an additional \$1207 per person.

Arrangements include continental breakfast and dinner each day, a full sightseeing program, transfers, tips, entrance fees and air transportation from New York.

We have room for 200 people in this tour. Right now, reservations have been made by 126 people for the Israel trip and 84 for Egypt.

A down payment of \$50 per person will reserve your place in the Israel tour; \$100 per person for Egypt. Deposits will be refunded if you cancel at least six months in advance.

For more information, contact Berkeley Elliott, 14 SW 97th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73139 or call (405) 843-4900.

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A limited supply of T-shirts decorated with the IC93 logo are available for \$10, including postage and packing. Sizes L and XL in aqua, mustard or hot pink. Send orders to the Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, (312) 327-0424.

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Pins embossed with the two-color IC93 logo are available from Jesusonian Foundation, (800) 767-5683.

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Attention IC93 attendees: If you were not photographed but would like to be included in the IC93 photo album, please send a recent photo of yourself to the Fellowship immediately.

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Presentations from IC93 will be published in a special issue of the Fellowship Forum. If you made a presentation at IC93 and have a hard copy of your talk, please forward to Carolyn Kendall, The Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT THE FELLOWSHIP

New Journal of the Fellowship (two issues per year)	\$8.00 U.S.	\$9.00 Intl.
Special Conference Issue of <i>The Journal</i> (Summer 1981)	\$4.00 U.S.	\$5.00 Intl.
Artist's Conception of the Master Universe	\$3.00 U.S.	\$4.00 Intl.
Study Groups for <i>The Urantia Book</i> : Ideas and Suggestions	\$2.50 U.S.	\$3.50 Intl.
Scientific Symposium I Special Issue of <i>The Journal</i>	\$5.00 U.S.	\$6.00 Intl.
Special Conference Issue I of <i>The Journal</i> (1990)	\$5.00 U.S.	\$6.00 Intl.
Special Conference Issue II of <i>The Journal</i> (1990)	\$5.00 U.S.	\$6.00 Intl.
Resource Guide for Secondary Works of <i>The Urantia Book</i>	\$3.00 U.S.	\$3.00 Intl.
1993-94 International Study Group Directory	\$1.00 U.S.	\$2.00 Intl.
Glossary and Pronunciation Reference for <i>The Urantia Book</i>	\$2.00 U.S.	\$3.00 Intl.

Free:

- Introduction to *The Urantia Book*
- The Fellowship Brochure
- Fact Sheet on the Fellowship
- *The Urantia Book*: A Question of Origin
- The Fellowship Bulletin
- The Study Group Herald
- On *Urantia Book* Study Groups
- Summary of Textual Changes Made in *The Urantia Book*

CORRECTION: The birth date for Jesus is August 21, 7 BC. The announcement in the Spring 1993 issue of the Bulletin was incorrect.

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