

Mighty Messenger

News and Opinions for Readers
of The Urantia Book

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IC '05 Excitement Builds

As plans finalize and preparations move forward, enthusiasm intensifies among the coordinators of The Urantia Book Fellowship's International Conference to be held at Villanova University near Philadelphia, July 30-August 4, 2005. Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of *The Urantia Book*, and the conference theme, "Making Spirit Matter - the Next 50 Years," has inspired a number of special activities for the gathering.

Looking to the future of the Urantia movement, all three program tracks will feature presentations that integrate knowledge and experience from the past with innovations and ideas for the future. The religion and philosophy workshops will investigate the interrelationship of *The Urantia Book's* concepts with current developments in the religious and philosophical fields of thought. Personal spiritual experience will be

the focus of a large number of workshops encouraging sharing of past individual experiences and inspiring new ones. Even worship services will be unique and focus on new and inspiring techniques of experiencing the divine. Astronomy will be featured as part of the science track; and in

*Join us in
Philadelphia!*

addition to spectacular audio-visual presentations, attendees will be able to view the stars outdoors through a telescope in the evenings (weather permitting.)

There will be many opportunities for socializing, including a dinner-dance on the last evening of the conference. Music and entertainment will be provided each evening, and the beautiful campus at Villanova offers many opportunities for various outdoor

activities. A combined art gallery and bookstore will offer opportunities for artists and writers to display their creations, although those wishing to do so will have to fill out a form as space is limited. Quite a few foreign readers are expected to attend and share their experiences in their own countries. On the free day, the city of Philadelphia and its surroundings are a history lesson in themselves, and superb rail transportation is available to downtown and other local areas for those who elect not to join the planned tours.

Every effort is being made to celebrate the "birthday" of *The Urantia Book* with great reverence for the past and hope for the future. Join us, won't you?

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Don't Forget ...

- Send in your IC05 registration form early and save on costs! Please note: Return the completed registration form to the Kenilworth address on page 1 of the form, not to the regular Fellowship address.
- This is the last call for presenters for IC05. If you would like to conduct a presentation or workshop, go to http://urantiabook.org/conferences/ic05/last_call_for_ic05_presenters.htm.

At a Glance ...

New hardcover printing of the Uversa Press indexed edition of *The Urantia Book* is expected by next summer. See page 2.

Speakers Bureau needs applicants. See page 4.



President's Report - 2004

By Avi Dogim

The Fellowship took a giant step in its decentralization process this year and sold the building that had served as its "headquarters" since 1989. In addition to this being an important cost saving measure, it is expected, along with other operational adjustments and greater reliance on web based technologies, to increase the organization's efficiency and improve the quality of its services.



Unity among readers and across all organizational

lines continues to be an important goal for many Fellowship members as well as other "Urantians." The yearning for unity is almost palpable as one walks amongst a gathering such as the conference sponsored by the Heart of America Society in Kansas City in September. The frustration with the persisting rift that still exists between The Fellowship and the Foundation/IUA is deep. But yearning and frustration alone will not heal this rift. We must act. The past year has seen increasing efforts on the part of Fellowship members to participate in events and activities sponsored by or involving other groups. To name just a few - a number of Fellowship members attended an IUA conference in Quebec last summer; another group attended the recent UAUS conference in Chicago; Fellowship members enjoyed working alongside Foundation, IUA, and unaffiliated individuals on dissemination activities at the World Parliament of Religions in Barcelona this summer. There was no "us" and "them" in that picture. The Fellowship's International Conference, IC 05, organizers are involving IUA members as well as "unaffiliated" readers in the planning and execution of what I am sure is going to be a very exciting and uplifting conference celebrating the 50th anniversary of the publication of *The Urantia Book*. As long as we continue to create opportunities for cooperation and for plain-old fellowship among all readers on local, regional, national, and international levels, in time the old ideological demons and the lingering animosities will recede into the shadows and eventually disappear completely.

The General Council meeting this summer provided some surprises. Harry McMullan announced his decision to resign immediately from his position as Treasurer of The Fellowship. Harry, who has served on the Executive Committee for the past 25 years, stated that he wished to vacate the position so that someone else who is qualified but has put in fewer years of service would have an opportunity to serve as Treasurer. Convinced that Harry's decision was final, I accepted his resignation. Harry was thanked for his many years of service on the Executive Committee and for his many contributions to the reader community, including his authorship of a book-size index to *The Urantia Book*, which is now part of the Uversa Press edition of the book. Harry will remain on the General Council and has pledged that he will continue to work for The Fellowship in any way that he could be useful. John Hay was elected to fill the post of Treasurer.

Thanks to a \$50,000 challenge grant to The Fellowship from a fellow reader for a hard cover printing of *The Urantia Book*, The Fellowship has begun a campaign to match this generous gift with an equal amount from other contributors. No effort will be spared to have the new hardbacks available in time for the International Conference (IC) 05 next summer.

To fill the seats on the General Council created by the resignations of Rebecca Kantor, Claudia Ayers, and Bill Rocap earlier this year, three new Councilors were elected and heartily welcomed: Tom Allen of Oklahoma, John Hay of Colorado, and Gene Narducy of California. Two new committee chairs were also elected. Susan Cook of Missouri will serve as Chair of the Interfaith Committee, and Gary Deinstadt of New York has begun a six-year term as Chair of the Education Committee.

A planning retreat held by the Council during its last mid-year meeting generated many creative ideas about how The Fellowship could better fulfill its mission, how it could provide for fellowship opportunities, and how it could improve its communication. These ideas may well contain the seeds of positive change, but in order to bring this about, the General Council will need to develop some of these ideas into specific policies, which the Executive Committee will then be responsible for implementing.

New Council Members



John Hay, Treasurer

John Hay's election as Treasurer of the Fellowship is only the latest in a long series of service positions in the Urantia movement. In 1971, John founded the Boulder study group and in 1980 was a founding member of the Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship. From 1982 to 1987, he was a founder and supporter of the Boulder School for Students of *The Urantia Book*.

During his terms as a General Councilor, John was a member and/or Chair of the Fellowship Finance Committee and also served a previous term as Fellowship Treasurer from 1988-1991. He has planned several Fellowship International Conferences as well. John was co-founder of Celestial Seasonings, along with Mo Siegel.

John and his wife, Laura, (Publication Committee) keep busy with six children ranging in age from 14 to 27. He is an ordained pastoral care minister in the Episcopal church. At present, he is working on putting *The Urantia Book* on CD and MP3.

Susan Cook, Chair Interfaith Committee

I've read *The Urantia Book* for over two decades. This gift changed my life dramatically and continues



to be my textbook for living life. For years I used the visuals in the book to teach guided meditation.

After moving to Kansas City 2001, my focus changed. I wanted to be of service in a broader area. As a General Councilor, I can be of service in the area of Interfaith.

I grew up going to Native American powwows, for the purpose of feasting, dancing and communal sharing of ideas. I see different religions as different tribes with the same goal; understanding of one another and an integration of religious communities to spread knowledge of a higher being, love of one another, and a healing of our brothers and sisters. My goal is to develop interfaith relationships, get involved in the community, learn what it is doing, and make decisions about how we can intersect and add value. It will be an interesting journey!

Tom Allen, General Councilor

Raised in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, I was introduced to *The Urantia Book* in 1973 while a college student. I became a member of the First Urantia Society of Oklahoma (now Urantia Book Society of Oklahoma) in 1974, and was involved in many, many early Urantia related activities in the 70's and 80's, including serving on the General Council in 1985. Following Berkeley



Elliott's graduation, I inherited her Sunday night study. For the last two and one half years, I send out daily "Compares" to over 125 interested subscribers. I take a famous quote and compare it to a similar quote in *The Urantia Book*. anyone interested in subscribing, write me at tommykaren@cox.net.

Gene Narducy, General Councilor

I did not read *The Urantia Book* in earnest until the early 90's or with any regularity until contacting readers at the Fellowship's Booth during a Whole Life Expo in Pasadena in 1998. I presently attend the regular Tuesday night reading group at Robert and Cindy Burn's house; I have served as the Secretary for UBLA for two years and plan to run for a third term. And, as you know, I have been elected to the General Council of the Fellowship for a two year term.

The 5th Revelation has been the single most important reality of my life. I am thrilled, invigorated and humbled by my association with its readers. I pray to do all I can to both help socialize and attract readers to this most precious gift by



working with existing readers regardless of their society and by participating and or attending as many *Urantia Book* based events as I am able.

Gary Deinstadt, Chair, Education Committee

During my sojourn here, I've been in partnership with the lovely Andrea Deinstadt; and we share in the joyful yet paramount task of rearing two cosmic citizens, Erik, 16, and Brian, 8. I've been reading *The Urantia Book* for 22 years, and I am very grateful that it came along before fatherhood. I make my living as a musician/composer. I'm a jazz enthusiast, but I have performed and traveled with various artists of different genres, and played on Broadway. I've also been nominated for an Emmy 8 times for my work in daytime television as a music director and composer.



As a member of the New York Society, I have served as president and program chair. I've been a General Councilor for six years and just got elected as Chair of the Education Committee. I served on the program committee as entertainment chair at IC96 in Flagstaff, and I'm repeating that performance for IC05 in Philadelphia.

In accordance with the suggestions made by the General Council at their mid-year meeting in February, the Education Committee has two major objectives:

1. Creating a website that will be set up for an eventual Internet/correspondence school.
2. Creating a curriculum to train presenters/teachers that will be worked into the creation, growth, and maintenance of a university or school.

We need to truly know what we're presenting and to whom we're presenting it (know our audience.) To make this effective, we will work with experienced individuals in creating a curriculum that would not only encompass *The Urantia Book*, but also the study of subjects that help us better understand and become more aware of, and sensitive to, our fellows' religious backgrounds and experiences. The training of speakers and presenters can be assisted by outside organizations such as Toastmasters, etc., as indicated in the following article. These are exciting times. We have a responsibility to the revelation to use the best skills available; and when that is coupled with the Father's love, well, magic happens.

Speakers Bureau

The members of the Fellowship's Outreach Committee invite you to participate in the formation of The Urantia Speakers Bureau. Our goal is to create a bureau of skilled speakers for *The Urantia Book* in anticipation of a growing number of requests for people to present the concepts and teachings of the book. Further, we are dedicated to creating and finding speaking opportunities once the bureau is in place and also in working with members of the Bureau and the Education Committee to insure meaningful, timely and relevant public presentations on *The Urantia Book*.

In order to acquire the skills in public speaking necessary for this endeavor, we have decided to utilize Toastmasters International. Toastmasters offers a warm and friendly environment in which to gain confidence in public speaking. Having been in existence for 80 years, they provide a tried, true, and effective method of training speakers. What's more, Toastmasters has thousands of clubs worldwide. There are often many locations and times to choose from in a given area.

For further information on becoming a member of the Speakers Bureau, please contact Outreach Committee members:

Maria Downing at 303-444-3789 or maridown@aol.com or
Mary Jo Garascia at 303-698-2752 or pilgrim_mj@yahoo.com.

ART, ART AND MORE ART!

Beautiful and exciting oil paintings, watercolors, graphic designs, ceramics, sculpture in different media, mobiles and much more will be on display at *The Urantia Book Fellowship International Conference Art Gallery* to be held at Villanova University near Philadelphia from July 30 through August 4, 2005.

Themes related to *The Urantia Book* are especially encouraged, but all subject matter is welcomed. A special artist exhibit form must be filled out by all artists who wish to display their works. Space is limited and potential exhibitors are asked to apply as soon as possible to Nick Curto, at nicknyny@nyc.rr.com or call (917) 701-9033 from 7 to 9 PM. EST.

IC05 Auction-Rama

Put those Urantian Relics to good use. Auction proceeds will be used for conference expenses. Contact Lenny Cowles: 303.258.0504 or e-mail lighting@indra.com.

Auction Relics Needed:

- Books: 1st and 2nd edition *Urantia Books*
- Books by Dr. Sadler
- Books by readers that reference *Urantia*
- *Urantia Art*
- Ceramics, stained glass
- Jewelry, clothing
- Vacation Adventures; Real Airline Tickets; Guest room privileges in home of an actual living Urantian.

The 2004 Parliament of World Religions

By Paula Thompson

Photos by Steve Rohrbach, Bill Rociap, Robert Burns

The first Parliament of World Religions was held in 1893 at the historic Palmer House Hotel in downtown Chicago. So far as we know, it was the very first time in history that the great religious traditions of the world came together to share their faith and explore methods of cooperation. Many of the great religions of the 20th Century made their debut at this Parliament.

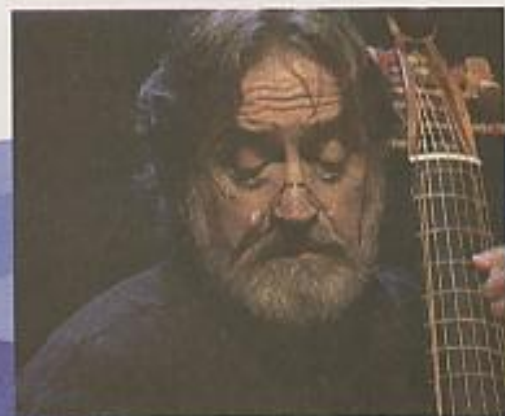
In 1993, a result of some progressive thinkers who got together and decided 100 years was long enough to wait, the Parliament happened again at the same hotel in Chicago. It was The Fellowship's great honor to debut *The Urantia Book* at this second Parliament and share it with religious leaders from around the world. The third Parliament was held in Cape Town, South Africa in 1999 and the fourth was held this last July in Barcelona, Spain. In the last three Parliaments The Urantia Book Fellowship has placed the revelation with more than 500 hundred religionists and religious organizations from around the world.

The 2004 Parliament had over 50 *Urantia Book* readers in attendance, including five international guests who were sponsored by The Fellowship and Fellowship societies. Everyone had ample opportunity to attend the incredible workshops and presentations there and work at the *Urantia* exhibit booth. However, most attendees would agree that the best part of the Parliament is the intimate and deep spiritual

dialogue that occurs with almost everyone you meet there. It's a living example of the divine reality that Jesus held up when he asserted that we could have spirit unity without having intellectual uniformity. The Parliament is truly a delicious preview of light and life and it inspires a great deal of hope.

It's hard to describe how powerful and positive the Parliament experience

is. Some experiences are like words with meanings but for one who believes in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, The Parliament of The World's Religions is truly a meaning without a word. Namaste!



Members and guests of The First Society (Chicago) and the Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association (GLMUA) gather for a group picture at their Jesus birthday celebration at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore on Lake Michigan. The jointly sponsored event has become an annual tradition for readers in the area.

Photo credit: Bob Buse



Photo credit: Ed Nachtwah

A time for quiet conversation following a service in the rose garden at Unity Village, MO, was enjoyed by participants at the Heart of America Society's conference in September. Conference presenters explored the nature of the Creative Mother Spirit, and the weekend also included a meeting of the Fellowship's General Council.

Attendees at the eighth annual Lone Star Roundup Conference at the Briarwood Retreat Center in north Texas visit during a program break. The program included a superb in-depth exploration of "The Religion of the Spirit," including lovely readings from the exceptional poetry of award-winning poetess K. Brendi Poppel of Santa Barbara, CA.



Photo credit: John Coulson

Happy 50th Video

As you know next year is the 50th birthday of *The Urantia Book*. A large part of IC05 will be in celebration of this incredible event. I'm putting together a video for the conference of study groups, societies, IUA groups, trustees etc. saying "Happy Birthday" to *The Urantia Book*. Get to me a videotape or DVD of your group. In order to allow as many groups as possible to participate, it shouldn't be any longer than 30 to 40 seconds. We need you to make this memorable event in history a successful one. Let's give our readers of the future something that they can play at their centennial conference. It's going to take time to edit, add music etc. So, get creative and get it to me no later than March 1st. Gary Deinstadt, c/o The Urantia Book Fellowship, P.O. Box 4583, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163 or e-mail me at dynstat@optonline.net

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2005 REGISTRATION FORM

The Urantia Book Fellowship

Conference Registration: P.O. Box 63, Kenilworth IL 60043 USA

Phone: (toll free) 877-288-3772 Fax: 847-251-2490 E-mail: IC05Conference@UrantiaBook.org

Making Spirit Matter - The Next Fifty Years

July 30 - August 4, 2005

Villanova University - Villanova, Pennsylvania USA

SECTION 1

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address Line 1: _____ Address Line 2: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Postal Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Fax # _____ E-mail Address: _____ This is my first conference. ☐

Language: Primary _____ Secondary _____

Please **print** the names of each member in your group including yourself, as you would like these names to appear on the conference nametags. Please include all children and youth under 18 years of age. Check the youth program column for any participating in the program. Programs available for all ages.

	Last Name	First Name	Gender	Youth Program	Age
1.	_____	_____	M F	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2.	_____	_____	M F	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3.	_____	_____	M F	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4.	_____	_____	M F	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5.	_____	_____	M F	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6.	_____	_____	M F	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7.	_____	_____	M F	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

CANCELLATION POLICY: NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1

SECTION 2

REGISTRATION AND COMMUTER FEES

On Campus:

Adults: \$100 before April 30 \$130 after April 30 \$145 after June 30

Youth: \$25 (4-18) \$50 (age 4-18) \$50 (age 4-18)

(There is no charge for children age 3 and under)

_____ adult registrations X Reg fee of \$ _____ = _____

_____ youth registrations X Reg fee of \$ _____ = _____

Registration Fee Total \$ _____ (Transfer to Section 6-1)

Commuters pay a daily registration fee of \$30 per adult and \$20 per youth (age 4-18) Please check the days you plan to attend.

Sun Jul 31 ☐ Mon Aug 1 ☐ (No commuter charge for Tuesday) Wed Aug 3 ☐ (No commuter charge for Thursday)

_____ adult commuter registrations X _____ days X \$30 = \$ _____

_____ youth commuter registrations X _____ days X \$20 = \$ _____

SECTION 3**ACCOMMODATIONS**

All buildings have elevators. All rooms are in suites. All suites are air-conditioned and handicap accessible. One set of linens and towels will be provided. Check in and check out 12:00 noon.

Types of suites:

Suite I: 4 single bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sitting area, and kitchenette (total of 4 beds)

Suite II: 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sitting area, and kitchenette (total of 4 beds)

If the entire suite is reserved, one conference registrant is responsible for the entire suite payment.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR DESIRED ACCOMMODATIONS: Saturday July 30 check-in to Thursday August 4 checkout inclusive

☐ **Entire Suite I:** w/4 individual bedrooms \$ 740

☐ **Entire Suite II:** w/2 rooms w/2 beds in each room \$ 660

I/We will be sharing a suite with: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

OR

_____ **Suite I Single room beds** X \$210 each = \$ _____

_____ **Suite II Double room beds** X \$190 each = \$ _____

_____ **Youths** (under 18) in own bed in room with registered adults X \$100 = \$ _____

(No charge for youth using sleeping bags on the floor in room with registered adults.)

I will be sharing a double room with: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

If you have no roommate preference, every effort will be made to assign appropriate roommates. Your age range _____, gender _____.

Partial Attendance: \$50 per night / per person regardless of age – if rooms are available

Please check the nights you need housing: Sat Jul 30 ☐ Sun Jul 31 ☐ Mon Aug 1 ☐ Tue Aug 2 ☐ Wed Aug 3 ☐

_____ persons X _____ nights X \$50 = \$ _____

Extra Nights Before or After Conference: Room only, meals not included

Additional nights needed: Thu Jul 28 ☐ Fri Jul 29 ☐ Thu Aug 4 ☐ Fri Aug 5 ☐ Sat Aug 6

Single room \$42 per night per person X _____ persons X _____ nights = \$ _____

Double room \$37 per night per person X _____ persons X _____ nights = \$ _____ **Accommodation Total** \$ _____

(Transfer to Section 6-3)

I would like to share with: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

SECTION 4**MEAL PLAN -- MUST BE PURCHASED BY JULY 15**

Meals include: Saturday – D; Sunday B, L, D; Monday B, L, D; Tuesday B (Free Day); *Wednesday B, L,D; Thursday B, L
Vegetarian meals available. *Wednesday dinner is Gala Banquet, dress up requested.

_____ adults (12 years and up) X \$135 = \$ _____

_____ youth X \$70 = \$ _____ (No charge ages 5 and under)

Meal Total \$ _____ (Transfer to Section 6-4)

Commuters: On your own for all meals. Commuters must pay for **Wednesday Gala Banquet**, which is \$30 for adults, \$15 for youth:

_____ Adults X \$30 = _____ plus _____ youth (6-18) X \$15 = _____ **Banquet Total \$** _____ (Transfer to Section 6-5)

Scholarship Contributions: The Scholarship Fund is to help readers in need to attend the conference.

Youth Program Contributions: The Fund will help defray the cost of the program.

Scholarship Contribution \$ _____ (Transfer to Section 6-6)

Youth Program \$ _____ (Transfer to Section 6-7)

T-Shirts with conference logo and quotation - \$10 each

Small _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

Medium _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

Large _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

X Large _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

T-Shirts Order Total \$ _____ (Transfer to Section 6-8)

PLEASE USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM FOR ANY COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, OR SPECIAL REQUESTS.

SECTION 5

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday Trips

A. Cradle of Liberty \$39 pp

Begin your day in the future at the Franklin Institute, which features four floors of interactive scientific exhibits, see an IMAX movie, explore galaxies in the planetarium, and visit historic Philadelphia with a guide.

B. Longwood Gardens/Brandywine Museum \$59 pp (under 15 yrs. \$51)

America's premier horticultural display with a Conservatory and 40 blooming gardens, festival of outdoor fountains, concerts, lunch included. Brandywine Museum is a Century-old grist mill converted to a modern art museum exhibiting works by three generations of Wyeths and other famous artists.

C. Hershey Park \$40 pp (age 3 - 8 \$36)

The great American chocolate town tucked in the rolling hills of Pa. Chocolate World welcomes you to the wonderful world of Hershey. Follow the cocoa bean on its way to becoming a Hershey bar. The amusement park offers the latest and greatest entertainment for families with eight roller coasters, water rides and much more. In order to keep the cost low for this all day amusement park, the bus is an air-conditioned school bus.

D. Amish Experience Tour \$66 pp (under 12 yrs. \$55)

Tour the Amish country Homestead through farmlands and back roads to see the beauty of the Amish countryside, stopping at Amish shops and cottage industries. A 40 minute, five screen, special effects, 3-D imagery movie theatre, unfolding the life of the Fisher Family from Europe to America and their struggle to choose between Amish values and the "English" way of life. This includes a family-style meal at their Plain and Fancy Restaurant.

E. On Your Own From the train station on campus to Center City where you can connect with trolley busses that run loops around all the special places of interest in the city. All day passes with on/off privileges are available there.

Trip A _____ persons X \$39 = _____;

Trip B _____ adults X \$59 = _____, and _____ youth X \$51 = \$ _____;

Trip C _____ adults X \$40 = _____, and _____ youth X \$36 = \$ _____;

Trip D _____ adults X \$66 = _____, and _____ youth X \$55 = \$ _____.

Total \$ _____ (Transfer to Section 6-9)

☐ **Spiritual Retreat** "Experiencing Spirit in Everyday Life," Friday, July 29 at 5:00PM through Saturday, July 30 at 4:00PM. The retreat will include centering prayer, readings from The Urantia Book, music, silent reflection time, group sharing and will end with worship. For further information, check here and contact Dolores Nice at dlnice@worldnet.att.net.

☐ **Music Retreat** The Music Retreat is being provided to rehearse and play, Friday, July 29 through Saturday, July 30. We will share perspectives on the creative process. We are going to look at how we may creatively find new ways of musical expression from the paradigm of the soul-consciousness experience. For further information check here and contact Gary Deinstadt at dyinstat@optonline.net.

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☐ **Merchandise For Sale** The sale of merchandise will be in our bookstore. Arrangements must be made in advance. Check here if you are interested and send an e-mail inquiry to ubooksrus@aol.com.

☐ **Art Gallery.** If you would like to display your art in the gallery, please check here and send an e-mail inquiry to NickNYNY@nyc.rr.com.

☐ **Youth Programs** Free youth programs will be provided for all ages under 18 including the popular Jerusalem Marketplace. However there will be a charge for trips listed in Section 5 above. Further information will be provided after receipt of the registration.

Volunteers Needed Registration ☐ Youth Program ☐ On Site Transportation ☐ Where Needed ☐ If you are willing to help please check the box(es). You will be contacted.

Villanova Services

- ❖ Swimming Pool
- ❖ Fitness Center
- ❖ Laundry Rooms
- ❖ Bank, ATM
- ❖ Parking: Next to Residence
- ❖ Computer Lounge

General Information

Emergency 24/7 Campus Security 610 519 6979
Philadelphia International Airport - 215 937 6800
Airport Shuttle Service 610 525 0513
Amtrak 1-800- 872-7245
Camping 45 minutes away

SECTION 6

TOTALS AND BILLING AUTHORIZATION

1. Registration Fee Total \$ _____
2. Commuter Registration Fee Total \$ _____
3. Accommodations Total \$ _____
4. Meal Total \$ _____
5. Banquet Total \$ _____
6. Contribution - Scholarship \$ _____
7. Contribution - Youth Program \$ _____
8. T-Shirts Total \$ _____
9. Leisure Day Trip Total \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Registration Deposit \$ _____

Balance Due before June 30 \$ _____

Payment Type

Credit Card: MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ Name on card (please print) _____

NOTE: A minimum of one adult registration fee must accompany this form. If paying by check or money order, please make payable to The Urantia Book Fellowship. Please mail this form with your payment to Conference Registration, The Urantia Book Fellowship, PO Box 63, Kenilworth IL 60043

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 30. PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DEBITED THE BALANCE DUE COMMENCING JUNE 30.

A STATEMENT WILL BE SENT TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF YOUR REGISTRATION. PLEASE REVIEW AND KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY DISCREPANCY. THANK YOU.

You Are Invited!

Enter your design ideas for the "Create a Vision for the Next 50 Years" competition.

Winning entries will be displayed at the IC05 conference in Villanova July 30 – Aug 4.

Entrants may use words and artistic works to enhance their vision of how our planet will look as we take the revelation to all the peoples of Urantia. What steps will we be looking back on that made a big difference? Where were our turning points? What new and unusual methods did we implement to bring about these transforming changes?

The judges will be looking for:

*Originality – a creative peering into the unseen future;

*Visionary-ness—the ability to inspire us now;

*Do-ability – it contains ideas and insights that we can use.

While this is being done for fun and insight, we are considering offering prizes to compliment the already exalted state of **Winner!** Perhaps someone will step forward with a worthy prize like hard cash. Until then, our first prize will be a completely underlined *Urantia Book* with the added bonus feature of colorful highlighting throughout in your choice of colors. Truly a must have.

Deadline is June 15th 2005. Late entries will be accepted, but grumbled about.

Send entries to: Thomas Orjala, 782 South Ruby Rd, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814 or e-mail tomo@imbris.net.

We Need You...

The Urantia Book Fellowship, as a non-profit organization, needs your financial support. The Fellowship is dedicated to cultivating the spirit of religion through worldwide dissemination of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. Here are a few things to remember when considering your donation to the Fellowship.

The Urantia Book Fellowship is the original social fraternal organization of believers in *The Urantia Book*. Since our inception we have dedicated our efforts to serving the revelation and all who serve it. Our primary focus has been the dissemination of the teachings worldwide and the cultivation of a diverse and spiritually fragrant community of believers as a result of that dissemination.

For over 50 years we have consistently created opportunities for reader/believers to connect around service, study, and socialization. We have in every way fostered the scholarly study of the book as well as encouraged the artistic expression of its sublime inspiration. By bringing readers together we supply the social fulcrum of our faith movement, leveraging the talents and resources of many scattered reader/believers around the world.

Our accomplishments include:

- We published the first version of *The Urantia Book* to include a comprehensive index, as well as a universal referencing system that includes paper, section, and paragraph. We also publish study aids such as *The Paramony*, *The Wrightwood Series*, *The Glossary of Terms*, and others, which facilitate a deeper study and better understanding of the book.
- We have held a triennial International Conference of readers occurring regularly since 1967 that has hosted an average of 1,000 readers per conference since 1990.
- We have provided many thousands of dollars in grants for grassroots efforts at outreach and dissemination.
- We have a committed interfaith program that has presented the book to countless ministers, placed it in hundreds of religious libraries worldwide and presented it at each of the last three Parliaments of the World's Religions.
- We have a committed Outreach program that has placed thousands of books domestically, doing numerous public lectures, and hundreds of public expositions in the last decade alone.
- We have a dedicated international readership program that nurtures and sponsors burgeoning Urantia communities around the world, providing books, connecting readers, and fostering study and socialization.
- Our website, www.urantia-book.org, is a virtual resource library of the scholarly and inspired works of *Urantia Book* readers for the last 50 years, as well as an excellent source of outreach ministry and movement history.
- For 50 years we have provided outstanding printed publications, provided freely to all who desire them, showcasing the best thoughts and inspirations of a revelation that is epochally significant.
- We have cultivated an open culture that is inclusive of all *Urantia Book* readers, one that values wisdom and is willing to self-evaluate and evolve.

The list goes on. Most importantly, these services to our planet are made available through your support. There are billions of people on this planet and only thousands of dedicated readers. *The Urantia Book* Fellowship will use your donation wisely and for the purpose of spreading this epochal revelation to the world.

Upcoming Events...

March 18-20, 2005 - Golden Gate Circle will have their Spring Retreat in Soquel, CA at the home of Claudia Ayers and Lee Smith. The theme is *Faith, A Living Attribute*. For information contact Dolores Nice at dlnice@worldnet.att.net.

April 1-3, 2005 - The Retreat Network invites you to their annual retreat for Urantia Book students to be held at the Casa Maria Retreat House, Santa Barbara, CA. The theme is *The Life to Which We Have Been Called*. For more information please contact Dolores Nice at dlnice@worldnet.att.net.

July 29-30, 2005 - *Experiencing Spirit in Everyday Life* is the theme for the IC05 Preconference Retreat to be held at Villanova University near Philadelphia, PA. Please contact Dolores Nice at dlnice@worldnet.att.net for more information.

You Should Know....

- The General Council of The Urantia Book Fellowship will hold its annual mid-year meeting in Atlanta, GA, on Saturday and Sunday, January 29th and 30th, 2005, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel near the airport. The Council meeting will be open to all readers who wish to observe the proceedings, and the Councilors look forward to meeting members of local study groups.

- The audio archive on the Fellowship website has been expanded to include the musical compositions of the late Sandy Garrick. An internationally known composer and producer, Sandy was fond of setting his favorite passages from *The Urantia Book* to music. Recordings of his performances of this music are available in MP3 format at <http://urantiabook.org/audio/Garrick/index.html>.

- Sometime in early November, readers in Lithuania should have received their books - the Lithuanian translation is going into distribution. The Fellowship is currently making plans to participate in a Lithuanian book fair in February of 2005.

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