



The School of Meanings and Values

Ambassadorship

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expanded truth proclamation to all nations.*

"All Urantia is waiting for the proclamation of the ennobling message of Michael, unencumbered by the accumulated doctrines and dogmas of nineteen centuries of contact with the religions of evolutionary origin. The hour is striking for presenting to Buddhism, to Christianity, to Hinduism, even to the peoples of all faiths, not the gospel about Jesus, but the living, spiritual reality of the gospel of Jesus." (The URANTIA Book, pg 1041)

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**Holy Spirit Retreat Center
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PROGRAM

Friday, March 26, 1999

7:00PM-9:00PM Registration for Overnighters and Get Acquainted
Gathering - Serving Wine and Cheese

Saturday, March 27, 1999

8:00Am-8:45 AM BREAKFAST

9:00AM Open Program (Need to start promptly)

PART I: SETTING THE STAGE FOR A NEW AGE

9:15 AM Keynote Talk: **Outreach: Present and Future**
Speaker: David Kantor

10AM-10:30AM **Personal Ministry through Commerce**
Speaker: Keith Workman

10:30AM-10:45AM BREAK

PART II: THE MESSAGE AND THE MISSION

10:45AM-12NOON **The Essence of the Message and Mission**
Speaker: Dorothy Elder

12NOON-1:00PM LUNCH

1:15PM-2:30PM **The "Absolute" Message**
Speaker: Rosey Lieske

2:30PM-3:00PM BREAK OR MUSIC

PART III: A CELEBRATION OF SMALL THINGS

3:00PM-5:00PM A Panel Discussion of Personal Ministry Experience

Rosey and Polly	Colombia
Matthew Block	Research and Writing
Stella Religa	Africa Mission
Saskia Raevouri	Book Publishing
Valerie Brummett	The School of Meanings and Values
Others/All	Experiences and New Developments

5:30PM DINNER

6:30PM-7:30PM Personal Break and Retreat Time

7:30PM-9:00PM Music and Fellowship

Sunday, March 28, 1999

8:00AM-8:45AM BREAKFAST

9:00AM-10:AM **Worship, Prayer and Remembrance**
Lead by: Cathy Jones

10:15AM-10:30AM BREAK

PART IV: PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

10:30AM-12NOON Hands on Workshops – Special Interest Groups

Media Madness (website opportunities)	Gary Reedy
Developing Educational Curriculum	Polly Friedman

12NOON LUNCH

1:00PM-1:30PM Gathering for evaluation, sharing, closure

2:00PM Retreat concluded – Drive Safely!

Ambassadorship why - this conference -

In evaluating the present times, and the Urantia movement, it seems there is a readiness and need for understanding the "mission" Jesus spoke of when he said to his followers (page 2052)- *"I admonish you to remember that your mission among men is to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom-the reality of the fatherhood of God and the truth of the sonship of man. Proclaim the whole truth of the good news, not just a part of the saving gospel. Your message is not changed by my resurrection experience. Sonship with God, by faith, is still the saving truth of the gospel of the kingdom. You are to go forth preaching the love of God and the service of man. That which the world needs most to know is: Men are the sons of God, and through faith they can actually realize, and daily experience, this ennobling truth....."*

We have been the fortunate recipients of a special treasure that has been with this planet publicly forty four years , and has yet to influence society and general progress with its expanded truth for the world. We, who believe this message, and believe in it enough to be ambassadors of the message are the tools, the conveyors, the communicators of this expanded gospel, of the Hope and Reality so many are searching for. Each one of us could be holding a shiny key that unlocks the mind of a brother or sister, that turns others to the knowledge of inner light, and stimulates that soul to begin a new adventure that will change life forever.. and thus collectively, change the planet.

This can be simple or complex, for that is the nature of our surroundings and people. The purpose of this weekend is to look at several components that will increase our ability to serve as ambassadors of the kingdom,as gallant soldiers of the circles. In the complexities of today's life, this takes-guts!

I have come up with four areas that are preparatory in acquiring more tools for service:

- (1) Understanding the times we live in- (SETTING THE STAGE FOR A NEW AGE)
- (2) Understanding with clarity the message and the mission(THE MESSAGE & THE MISSION)
- (3) How we will do this-(A CELEBRATION OF SMALL THINGS)
- (4) Begin by example, an experiential experience(PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE)

The goal for each participant is therefore-greater motivation for service, going home with new ideas and perception, plus sharing our commonness and our uniqueness, laying a foundation on which to build solid plans as a team.

This week's edition of NEWSWEEK features- JESUS, and his influence on mankind the last 2000 years. We can't even begin to imagine how different things would be today if his followers would have understood the message better, had more vision, worked more in the spirit of teamwork (such as the Abner and Andrew camps failed to do), really understood the priorities of the teachings and had not put so much emphasis on miracle happenings and life/death events. However, more and more I see lights appearing that give some indication religionists are catching on even through faulty interpretations: One article in this issue, 'Not of this World' by Cal Thomas ,discusses the religious right going wrong by focusing on politics instead of prayer and faith. He concludes with these comments:

"For Christians, the vision of worldly power is not a calling, but a distraction. It is a temptation Jesus rejected, not because it was dangerous, but because it was trivial to the mission.. C. S. Lewis had is right: 'If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves the English evangelicals who abolished the slave trade, all left their mark on earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this one. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in'. Aim at earth and you , who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages ,will get neither.' Our eyes should be skyward toward the company of heaven. The time has come for believers to focus on the next world, not just the elections cycle."

Yes, there is hope, and increasing enlightenment.

If we think of heaven as-the goal towards perfection, to reaching God ward, then this quotation speaks one of the primary messages of the new revelation. But, there is still much confusion. The fact remains: the angels, midwayers, seraphic government, our Planetary Prince -all recruit mortals to point the way to the greater truth we are privileged to know. We are a tiny, exclusively privileged minority .

What are you going to do?

Polly Friedman