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Dear Friends:

I sense that we have entered a new era in the URANTIA movement. We are at the beginning of a long period when outreach ministry will be our primary concern. We have spent an entire generation in preparation. Now we step out into the vanguard of progress.

Since I have been one of the most vocal advocates of outreach ministry during these twenty-five years, I am continuing this concern by sharing some position papers regarding outreach service with a few people. "Outreach Ministry" is a revision of an article being published in Outreach, a new periodical associated with The Circles. "Principles of Ministry" is a revision of a talk I gave at the General Conference at Snowmass. "The URANTIA Book and Christian Fundamentalism" is a paper I have been wanting to write for years.

Many of you have given invaluable suggestions in the revision of these papers. Thank you for your considerable help and wisdom. Maybe I should have followed more of your editing ideas, but each of us has a preferred style which we tend to follow.

These papers are not shared with the intention of "selling" you on the positions which they take but to stimulate your own thinking and encourage dialogue. I am a strong advocate of pluralism in policy positions in social organizations. Feel free, however, to duplicate and use these papers in any way which may be useful in your own work.

I send you warm best wishes as we go forth united and supportive of each in the pluralism and diversity of service.

Cordially,

Meredith J. Sprunger