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4th URANTIA TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Every three years, each URANTIA Society of URANTIA Brotherhood chooses two of its members, one delegate and one alternate, to attend the Triennial Delegate Assembly at URANTIA Brotherhood headquarters in Chicago. The purpose of the triennial is to choose new members to the 36 member General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood, to vote on various resolutions that come before the assembly, and the reporting from each URANTIA Society of its activities over the previous three year period.

This year, the delegate from FUSLA was our current Vice-President, Scott Forsythe, and our Book Committee Chairman, Patrick McNelly, served as alternate.

Unseasonably fine weather greeted the delegates and visitors this year when the delegate assembly opened on the morning of Friday, August 3rd.

Miss E.L. Christensen, Trustee Emeritus of URANTIA Foundation and President of URANTIA Brotherhood, opened the Triennial with an uplifting address of welcome to all delegates, alternates, field representatives and visiting members of URANTIA Brotherhood after which was heard an inspiring keynote address from James C. Mills, Vice-President of URANTIA Brotherhood.

There are nine Departmental Committees of URANTIA Brotherhood, and following the keynote address, the committee chairpersons reported on the activities of their committee during the triennial period. Reports were then heard from the Field Representatives of URANTIA Brotherhood, each telling the assembly of the progress that has been made in each of the field areas in the last three years.

Later in the day, Lewis Clark from Wenatchee, Washington, spoke on growth in the Northwest. Paul Snider, the new president of URANTIA Brotherhood spoke on "Faith" and Helena Wall spoke on "Modern Teenagers." Copies of their talks are available from Chicago.

On Saturday, the election of new Councilors took place and both Julia Fenderson and Scott Forsythe were elected to nine year terms. At twenty-seven, Scott is one of the newest and youngest members of the council.

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1st WEST COAST URANTIA CONFERENCE

Hundreds of URANTIANS from all over the planet converged upon Brentwood School in Los Angeles for FUSLA's first major conference. Dozens of speakers with enthusiasm bordering on religious zeal energized the crowds over the weekend of June 29 to July 1.

Like the Triennial, Christy opened the conference, this time speaking on "Love and Service." She was followed by Martin Myers, an agent of the URANTIA Foundation, who spoke on "Unity-not Uniformity."

Vern Grimsley and Adrienne Kulieke then presented a memorial to both Fred Squires and Alvin Kulieke who had recently moved to the Mansion Worlds.

Professors Philip Calabrese and Robert Hunt of California State University, Bakersfield, gave a joint presentation on their experiences teaching a college course on the URANTIA Book. Following their presentation, Bob led the first of many successful "rap-sessions."

The evening was filled with song and merriment with scores of people staying long after the presentations were over. Richard Keeler of New York was the hit of the evening with his rendition of "The Found the Father Boogie!"

The second day opened with FUSLA's newly-weds giving presentations on "Marriage and the URANTIA Book." The first hour witnessed Pat McNelly, his brother Jim and Bob Boden reporting on all of the various aspects of marriage along with slides of their own weddings. They were followed by psychologist Dick Ziglar who spoke on "Self-actualization, a ConCom-
it dnt to the Parental Experience."

Patricia Bedell, FUSLA's Secretary, presented a paper on "The Woman's Evangelistic Corps" but humorously touched on all of the URANTIA Book's lessons on the status of woman in past and present civilizations.

Scott Forsythe, FUSLA Vice-President, gave a talk on "Love, Loyalty and Friendship." Mo Siegel from Colorado fostered a rap session that followed. People were sharing their own religious experiences and the openness blossomed into a spontaneous outburst of group prayer.

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The changing of water into wine was no miracle, we are told. Neither was the sudden appearance of the loaves and the fishes. "To we here below, there are many miracles. But the wine, bread and fish transformations we regard as an obvious one"

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It is necessary for our well-being that we use all of Nature's resources. Natural healing is simply the art of living naturally. It means that we seek to take advantage of Nature's curative possibilities, of Nature's desire to help us maintain efficient, healthy bodies. We must live in conformity to the natural law. Once we realize the marvelous things accomplished through the forces of Nature, it is easy to understand the significance of natural living.

There is nothing new about the natural healing art. It is when we drift away from natural living that we become run down to such an extent that disease enters into our bodies. There were no doctors in the beginning, and there would be no need for doctors today if people would live the natural life. You who are sick remember that in the beginning of time when man was created, there was also created everything for his health and well being.

--Ben Schiavo

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--Polly Parke, 9-14-72

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Reports were then heard from each of the URANTIA Societies around the United States after which Vern Bennon Grimsley of the Family of God Foundation Radio Broadcast ended the assembly with one of his typically inspiring orations. As usual, Vern was filled with the evangelistic zeal of Peter and his talk was well received.

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TEXTBOOKS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Several individuals have inquired as to how to find materials published by URANTIA Headquarters. As of September seventh of this year, the publications available by writing to 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614 are:
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Doctrine 111 - \$5.00; Doctrine 1V - \$5.00;
Short Doctrine - \$3.00; Topical Studies 1 - \$5.00; Topical Studies 11 - \$5.00;
Science 1 - \$2.50; Science 11 - \$5.00;
History of the Bible \$3.00; Bible Study Books; Part 1 - Old Testament - \$5.00;
Part 11 - New Testament - \$3.00; The URANTIA Book and the New Testament - \$2.50; Analytic Study - Part 1 - \$5.00;
Analytic Study - Part 11 - \$3.00;
Concordex with postage - \$10.32;
"An Artist's Conception of the Master Universe." - \$1.00; Black URANTIA Book cover with handles - \$2.00; URANTIA Books - \$20.00 each. For URANTIA Society members only, lapel buttons (three blue circles) \$10.00 or pins (three blue circles) \$10.00; Society members may also order URANTIA Books in Blocks of ten for \$123.15 postage paid.

BAY AREA CONFERENCE

San Francisco bay area brothers and sisters gathered together, seventy-five people in all, for a day of sharing food, Love and warmth and socialize their dedication to the work of expanding our Father's family on the planet. on September 16.

Held at the Mustard Seed coffee house in San Francisco, the conference was the first in what Larry Geis, organizer of the gathering hopes will be many more such events.

There was music, poetry, drama and visual art along with the spoken word to enhance spiritual perception. Vern Grimsley spoke on the work of the Family of God telling how the ministry is now heard in the British Isles, India, Ceylon as well as much of the United States.

For more information about the Bay area activities and their newsletter, The Messenger, contact Larry Guis, 611 Kansas, San Francisco, California 94107

RESOLUTION

Unanimously adopted by the Triennial Delegate Assembly on August 4, 1973 and unanimously ratified and confirmed by the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood on August 5, 1973. It was the wish of both assemblies that this resolution be widely available.

WHEREAS, It is an important and abiding purpose of the URANTIA Brotherhood wisley to disseminate the teachings of The URANTIA Book among the peoples of the world, and
WHEREAS, To that end the text of The URANTIA Book must be maintained inviolate, and
WHEREAS, It is the deep desire of the members of this Fourth Triennial Delegate Assembly that the integrity of The URANTIA Book be maintained for all future generations, and
WHEREAS, The Trustees of URANTIA Foundation, the holder of the copyright in and to the URANTIA Book, are charged with the sacred duty of protecting the text inviolate,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fourth Triennial Delegate Assembly hereby express its full support of the Trustee of the URANTIA Foundation in every and all of their efforts to maintain their rightful and lawful control

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