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1987 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Our Relationship with God--Personal Transformation and its Power to Transform the World.

Sponsored by URANTIA Brotherhood and held at Bowdoin (BŌ'-d'n) College in Brunswick, Maine, August 2 to 7, it was the most international conference so far. At least 65 persons, approximately 10% of the adult attendees, were representatives of countries other than the U.S.A. What a wonderful opportunity to meet and become friends of our counterparts who are sponsoring The URANTIA Book around our world. Translation equipment coming from Quebec was held by Customs in Memphis during most of the conference, but fortunately there were enough bilingual readers to cushion this deficiency, at least partially.

With more international conferences being planned in various places around the world, maybe one of our study group projects should be some time spent to become more bilingual! Finland is hosting a conference next year.

Bowdoin has a beautiful spacious campus, green with manicured lawns and big old trees. Some of its ivy-covered buildings are 200 years old, but so well cared for they may last another century or two. Picturesque old gateways stand as memorials to famous graduates. The most appreciated place was the cafeteria and dining areas, which were partly outside on the terrace or under a huge tent on the lawn, because of the super good menus provided. This included one never-to-be-forgotten meal cooked and served outside--the Thursday night lobster dinner. The aroma of those cooking fires permeated the whole campus.

Another interesting aspect of this conference was the large number of children. 65 kids, 12 and younger had been registered, but over a hundred arrived and were taken into the program--with calls for additional volunteer help. Climax of this program was a vividly colorful drama written and directed by the Quebec group, based on the activity of the seven adjutant mind spirits, and presented as part of the final program on Friday morning.

Teenagers had opportunities to explore the nearby scenic coastal areas plus many campus activities. There was a full schedule of special programs and events as well as the large number of workshops. Four of our northwest attenders were among the workshop leaders: Judy Mace, Tom Choquette, Tony Finstad and Roy Benjamin.

One of the busiest departments of the conference was the Concierge committee, whose job was answering everyone's questions, solving all problems, and keeping things running smoothly. They worked from morning till late, starting with the pre-conference activities. One of these busy workers was Janice Clark-Heinberg, President of Evergreen URANTIA Society of Washington. The concierge room also provided space for the display of paintings, books, newsletters & pamphlets and all kinds of printed directives, etc.

The conference was blessed with almost perfect weather. The one day it rained was back to "nice" by noon. Surely our unseen helpers should be thanked for their overcare.

GREAT SHOWING AT THIS SUMMER'S BIG CONFERENCE

NORTHWEST MEETING AT BOWDOIN

There were at least 30 representatives from the northwest (from Washington, Oregon and Alaska) who attended the Brotherhood conference at Bowdoin. Twelve leaders from this group met in a special meeting on August 4 for the purpose of establishing more coordinated goals and purposes. It was a sharing of interests and fellowship which we hope will continue and grow into a richly rewarding relationship.

These areas of common interest were established:

1. Book placement & Funding --

We will continue the placing of books in libraries as it is now being processed, by representatives in local areas. We also believe in giving as well as receiving, and the suggestion has been made that local groups plan money-making projects which, when added together, could make a valuable contribution to URANTIA Brotherhood which is supplying the NW area with books for library placement. A savings account Book Fund was established in 1986 through the Evergreen URANTIA Society. An annual donation could be made a special event at one of the region's conferences.

2. Study Groups Our major purpose is the support of readers and the formation of study groups. It is hoped that group participation in local get-togethers promoting fellowship, communications and spiritual sharing will result in building study groups.

To encourage study group leaders there will be organized leadership seminars. Our first one is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 at Seabeck, Washington. See item below.

3. New Societies -- We support strong study groups in the formation of new societies. It is our hope that these leaders will participate in the forming of support networks for regional cooperation.

4. Communications -- We support a regional newsletter to keep us aware of various local activities and to promote ways of furthering the dissemination of Urantia teachings, including the coordination of local and regional conferences, and encouraging participation in these and national conferences.

We hope this will encourage groups to plan activities at non-conflicting intervals which will allow inter-group action and attendance. For this reason we would appreciate notices of forthcoming events well in advance so other groups can take this into consideration in their planning.

It is our desire that the northwest will continue to act in accord with, and support of, the guidelines and established regulations of URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood. We have strong faith in the spiritual guidance of our unseen directors, and prayerfully seek to follow that leadership as our proper inspiration.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Housing and meeting space has been arranged for 30 people at Seabeck for the weekend of October 30 to November 1. This small group will be working as a participating workshop, sharing ideas and experiences--such as what has been successful in your study group and how have you solved some of the problems others may be having. Information based on the Brotherhood's design team study of study group processes will be available.

The cost of this weekend is \$75 each. This covers meals and lodging and registration. Rooms are motel type. The six meals begin with dinner at 6:00 on Friday evening and ends with noon lunch on Sunday. Pay in advance please. (A full refund for cancellation may be had until Sept. 30; from then until Oct. 30 a half refund, but none after the seminar begins.)

Special diets can be arranged prior to the date of the meeting. Seabeck does not allow these things: no pets, no alcohol, no illegal drugs, and no food or smoking in the sleeping areas. There are other places for snacks or tobacco smoking.

On the back page of this newsletter is a form for reporting subscription information which also contains a square to be filled in to receive more information and registration form for this seminar. Or you may call Justice Heineberg at this number: (206) 824-7804.

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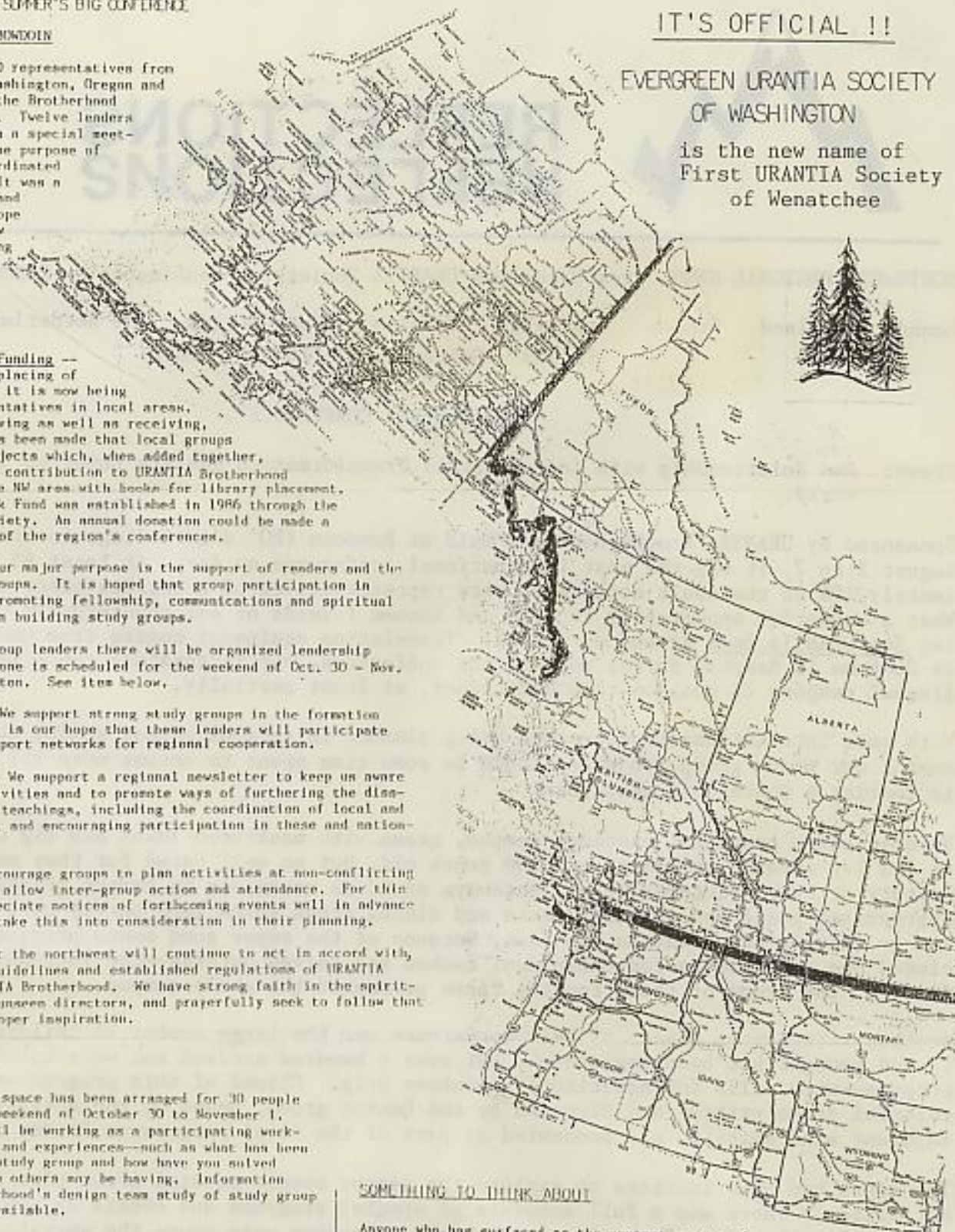
SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Anyone who has surfaced as the contact person of an organization that has conferences knows there is an association of conference centers which communicates with each other.

The URANTIA movement has had a good record as conference attenders who are not only trustworthy but enjoyable and inspirational, able to return any place they had previously met.

We have chosen church camps and conference centers or colleges for conference places because they have facilities for family programs and children's activities, and their cost has been reasonable. But these organizations are more restrictive in the things they allow or prohibit. We who sign contracts with them are expected to live up to their requirements. And this doesn't seem unreasonable. Or does it?

We believe the teachings presented in The URANTIA Book are a worthy example and challenge to live up to.



STUDY GROUP MEETINGS

We realize this list may be incomplete and would like to add to it. If your group is not listed PLEASE send this information to the editor.

[Key - a/h/o = at home of
r/m/p = rotating meeting place]

- Missoula, MT (r/m/p) Norm DuVal --(506) 543-7968
2 groups Sunday afternoon every 3rd week
- (a/h/o) Don Ferguson (406) 728-3698
Every two weeks beginning Sept. 13
- Coeur d'Alene, ID (a/h/o) Barb & Rick Glien (208) 667-3739
7:00 p.m. Mondays
- Bonnets Ferry, ID (a/h/o) Will & Jan Vearad (208) 267-3815
weekly
- Sand Point, ID (a/h/o) Tom Newbill (208) 263-1886
irregular
- American Falls, ID (a/h/o) Randy & Nancy Moser (208)
weekly 226-7106
- Portland, OR (a/h/o) Brent & Lana Stricker (503)
7:30 p.m. Thursday 285-9612
- Salem, OR (a/h/o) Carolann Mumby (503) 390-3267
1:30 to 4:00, 2nd Sun. - Sept. to May
1st Sun. - June to Aug.
- Lincoln City, OR Call Doug Parker (503) 994-3264
Noon potluck on 3rd Sun., during week too
- Corvallis, OR (r/m/p) Nancy Votrinn (503) 753-7837
7:00 p.m. Sunday, every other week
- Roseburg, OR (a/h/o) Gerald Wisdom (503) 672-6982
7:30 Tuesday
- Grants Pass, OR Call David Clearwaters (503) 862-2093
or David Bower (503) 474-1344 or 479-
8905
- Rothell, WA (a/h/o) Tony & Inez Finstad (206) 485-
7:30 Thursday 8266
or (a/h/o) Andrew Gee (206) 821-7656
1st Thursday each month
- South Seattle, WA (a/h/o) Steve Crawford (206) 285-1885
or (a/h/o) Steve Johnson (206) 226-7403
Alternating Tuesdays
- South Sound area WA (a/h/o) Janice Weinberg (206) 824-7804
7:00 Sundays
- Wenatchee, WA (r/m/p) Lewis Clark (509) 884-4655
8:00 p.m. Sundays
- Yakima, WA (a/h/o) James Wingenbach (509) 457-3633
4:00 p.m. Sundays
- Friday Harbor, WA Frank or Vicky Ginnawanglo (206) 378-6218.
- Gig Harbor, WA Jim & Stormy Matthews (206) 851-2475

- Baino, ID Call Terry Webb (208) 336-7099
Thursday evenings
- Malic Valley (a/h/o) Bert & Myrna Cobb (208) 324-8339
Jerome, ID every day--We encourage travelers to
call for inproptu meetings.

1987 URANTIA Brotherhood Council Meeting

(condensed highlights from reports of committees)

For the first time a booth was placed at the American Book-sellers Association convention in Washington, D.C. this past May. John Hales, Secretary General, reported it was a rewarding experience to meet our customers and distributors in person, and also to contact distributors from other countries.

The Fraternal Relations Committee is continuing its work of contacting the world's religious groups and making reports through articles in the Brotherhood Bulletin. They are also working on ways to present The URANTIA Book to these institutions and have worked out proposed guidelines for speakers who may be involved in such programs.

Domestic Extension continues to work on projects directed to them by the Design Team program, and have finished work on a booklet on how to have an effective URANTIA Book study group, and another how-to booklet on effectively sharing The URANTIA Book. Another plan involves expanding the field representative program.

Members of the International Fellowship Committee traveled to conventions in Australia, France and Canada and visited Finland and China and islands in the Pacific. They met with readers from all over the world promoting fellowship, translations and spreading the 5th revelation by placing books in libraries and holding international conferences.

The Education Committee has made available a pamphlet on guidelines for leader/teachers based on Urantia teachings.

The Publication Committee, responsible for Brotherhood Bulletin (production costs have curtailed its size) has a tremendous mailing list and is into world-wide distribution.
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NW REFLECTIONS is dedicated to the reflection of news gathered from various parts of the northwest for redistribution. We also reflect information from other places which is of interest here.

NO SEND NEWS, PLEASE!! When and where does your study group meet? What special things have you done this year? And what are your plans for next year? A conference? A special project? Is there some special subject you'd like covered in this newsletter?

We really appreciate, and thank, you thoughtful people who have written to the editor. And especially those who included a donation toward the expense. Many hours of work goes into this project, and about \$300 cash for each issue by the time it gets into the post office. (Which means raising the price to 75¢ per copy.)

We revise our mailing list each quarter as soon as we get new addresses, and it would save time and expense if you'd let us know your change of address--also you'd get the newsletter instead of it being returned to us.

We'd appreciate your taking the time to fill out the form below and returning it to us. Add new names if you know of someone else who'd like to get it. Please note the square to check if you need information about the leadership seminar at Senbeck. Time is getting short.

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I include a donation, in appreciation, toward the cost of producing this newsletter.

Comments or questions: _____

Please send information about the Study Group Leadership Seminar.

They have a new study group directory soon to go out, and will be using a computer to keep it up to date. They have reworked the old slide-tape history of the Urantia movement and have plans to produce it on videotape which will be available to small groups--sometime. They are working on a computer-based Reference Aid--a super dictionary of the book. Another project is material to help handicapped readers. They are also charged with working out policies for secondary and derivative works.

The Finance Committee raised the most money ever this year, well over their goal of \$127,815.00. Book sales are up about 50% over last year.

Another report listed books sold or gifted in 1986 as 9,250 for English, and 1,461 for French translation, with a grand total of books sold - English 152,958 and French 11,749.

Special Projects Committee has been working mainly on the process of computerizing records of Council meetings so that these records will be accessible when needed from an index.

The Charter Committee has given preliminary approval to 3 new societies: Seattle, Kansas City and New York City, and it can be expected they will be formally chartered within the year coming up. The committee is working to revise the materials and procedures connected with chartering new societies.

SPECIAL EVENTS -- PAST & FUTURE

P.L.U.S.S. hosted a Jesus Birthday Celebration the weekend of August 22-23. The weather was perfect for this outdoor picnic and reversion program. A good family crowd gathered in Marymoor Park, by Redmond, WA, on Saturday for games and visiting, followed in mid-afternoon by a fabulous picnic. Then, fully staffed, we listened to two shortened presentations of workshops given at Howden by Tom Choquette and Tony Finstad while the children were entertained elsewhere. Sunday's group met at Tom's Whirly Ball place and then went hiking or canoeing, as previously arranged.

The GREGORIANERS announce they are sponsoring a conference at Silver Falls Conference Center on the weekend of July 23-24, 1988, so mark your calendar. We will be hearing more about this.

EVERGREEN Society: A memorial service was held on Friday, September 11, for Evelyn Schoffen, victim of cancer, who "graduated" on September 7. Evie was an active member of our society from the start, and was the present secretary.

Aloha, until we meet again.

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