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# REFLECTIONS ON THIS SUMMER'S STUDY GROUP SYMPOSIUM

Richard Keeler, Trustee, Urantia Foundation, Evanston, Wyoming

# Urantia Association International sponsored a four-day Study Group Symposium in June, tailored specifically for study group leaders.

Gaétan Charland of Québec, Canada gave the introductory speech.

He asked the question: Why have study groups? He read the instruction in the Publication Mandate that "thousands of study groups must be brought into existence."

He also read the following excerpts from a 1981 letter from Emma Christensen, who was better known as Christy:

"One of our major jobs is the starting of many study groups. Thousands must be formed in order that we may have teachers and leaders prepared for the day when The Urantia Book and its teachings will need many friends scattered all over the world.

"Adam and Eve had been instructed to open what I call 'beacons of light' throughout the world through their offspring, but their default put an end to their doing so. I think that we might help them out a bit by encouraging study groups as we were told to do and by fostering them until they can stand on their own."

Gaétan pointed out that fifty-nine years have passed since the publication of *The Urantia Book*. And we have 584 study groups worldwide: 383 in North America, 117 in South America, 50 in Europe, 17 in Africa, 9 in Asia, and 8 in Australia.

Of the 196 countries in the world, 30 have study groups.

"Our challenge," said Gaétan, "is to align our study groups with ideals of the Publication Mandate." (See <a href="http://www.urantia.org/urantia-foundation/history#pub">http://www.urantia.org/urantia-foundation/history#pub</a> for the Publication Mandate.)

Gaétan said, "There is no doubt in my mind that you and I, the hosts of study groups, are the most important leaders of the movement." No single drop of water thinks it is responsible for the flood.

After Gaétan's plenary speech, we broke into study groups of seven to eight persons to discuss and offer answers to

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David Kulieke gave the afternoon plenary speech of the first day. The title of his speech was "Effective Group Leadership." According to David, study group leaders should have three major concerns:

- the enhancement through prayer and worship of the spirituality of the study group members;
- 2. the enhancement of the quality of the study of the book; and
- 3. the improvement of our sense of community.

David stated that "study groups are very, very important," and that "study group leaders are very, very important in our pursuit of stronger community, progressing comprehension, and more real prayer and worship."

After David's presentation, we broke into afternoon study groups to discuss and possibly answer more prepared-in-advance questions.

Joycee Patterson was the plenary speaker on morning two of the symposium. "Carpe Diem" was the title of her speech. She pointed out that Gaétan's speech focused on answering the question: Why have study group? She said that her speech focused on answering the question: How do we accomplish the directives of the Publication Mandate, which emphasizes seeking truth and righteousness. Such seeking, Joycee said, is spiritual, not intellectual. And she encouraged us to be mindful of the importance of maintaining a balance between the spiritual and the intellectual in our studies of the book. Prayer is less thinking and more realizing. According to The Urantia Book, "prayer is the most potent spiritual growth stimulus."

Sheila Keene-Lund gave the day two afternoon plenary speech entitled "Do You Want to Change the World?" and subtitled "The Spiritual Attributes of Study Groups." Sheila emphasized that one person plus one person working harmoniously on a project are more nearly like four persons as regards their attainment and accomplishment possibilities.

Sheila advocates prayerful and worshipful meditation before and after study group as a means of enhancing our LQ, that is, our love quotient. She quoted Jonathan Swift, the 18th century Irishman who wrote Gulliver's Travel. "We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another."

Doug Cable, the "Wandering Urantian," told us about driving his camper hither and yon to visit study groups up and down the East Coast, over to Louisiana and Texas, and even up to the state of Washington. Doug had a list of about fifteen suggestions for study groups, among which were:

- 1. Have a social period before and after the meeting.
- 2. Have a prayer and worship segment of the meeting.
- 3. Have a leader who sees that the group stays on topic.
- 4. Conduct regional mini-conferences.
- 5. Discuss transformation from beliefs to faith.

David Glass delivered a speech entitled "The Glorious Good News." David said that "study group creation represents one of the preeminent means of service humanly available to us at this time." David advocates:

- 1. study group mission statements;
- 2. visiting other study groups for cross-fertilization;
- 3. periodic meetings between two study groups, and
- 4. remembering that the most important aspect of a study group is the spiritual progress of the individual.

Georges Michelson-Dupont was the final speaker at the symposium. His speech was entitled "In-Depth Study Group Strategy and Practice." He asked us: "Are we apostles, disciples, actors, or just spectators of the fifth epochal revelation?" We are responsible, Georges said, for the "fostering and promoting of the world-wide proliferation of efficient and attractive study groups." Georges thinks that when study groups reach the critical mass of 12 or

13 members, they should split into two groups. Georges advocates that study group attendees read the text before the meeting, and he thinks that all-day study groups are very productive. For more information visit urantia.org/study/strategy-and-practice-in-depth-study-groups-urantia-book.

The Study Group Symposium, which began on Thursday morning, ended after lunch on Sunday.

(For symposium educational materials, motivational videos, photographs of Forum members, photographs of the symposium attendees, power-point presentations, publication mandate materials and videos, and speeches please request them at <a href="mailto:kawmls@gmail.com">kawmls@gmail.com</a>.)



Georges Michelson-Dupont, Gaétan Charland and Richard Keeler

# A DREAM COME TRUE: EXPERIENCING URANTIA FOUNDATION AND THE STUDY GROUP SYMPOSIUM

Cesar Paulo Zapello, President, Urantia Association of Brazil, and Marcia Regina dos Santos, Vice President, Urantia Association of Brazil.

In July, Marcia and I traveled to the United States and experienced a dream come true. We visited Urantia Foundation in Chicago for several days and attended the Study Group Symposium hosted by Urantia Association International (UAI).

While at the Foundation, we participated in a meeting of the Education Committees of the UAI, The Urantia



Book Fellowship, and Urantia Foundation. All were united in a common goal which is to develop tools and resources that provide support to individuals studying the teachings of The Urantia Book and to promote the discovery of meanings and higher values that will result in transformation intellectually, morally, and spiritually by encouraging individuals to grow with God and to grow with well-balanced personalities.

We also participated in a study group in the same room where the Forum used to meet before the publication of The Urantia Book. We were able to stream the study group live to Brazil and other Latin American countries. What a wonderful experience!

Next was another remarkable experience the Study Group Symposium at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin. The setting was lovely with a chapel for morning meditation, a wooded area, a lake, and a courtyard. The symposium was well organized with excellent plenaries and workshops. The tools we learned and the experiences we had at the Foundation and the symposium will help us to better serve the readership community in Brazil.

To everyone we met, thank you. You made us feel completely at home. We send you our love and affection. You are immortalized in our hearts and minds.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS AND URANTIA CONFERENCES**

# The Hitchikers Guide to the Local Universe: Don't Panic!... March 20 – 22, 2015

Sponsored by: Lone Star Urantia Association. Location: Briarwood Retreat Center, Argyle, Texas

Join Lone Star Urantia
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three days of study,
fellowship and fun!

Join Lone Star Urantia Association at the Briarwood Retreat Center in March for three days of study, fellowship and fun! Our speakers and activities at this event will have a focus on topics related to our Local Universe, its personalities and our early ascension career.

Our last Spring event was a great success. But we also heard your constructive feedback, and are incorporating more improvements and changes again this year. For example, the conference will be in a more natural setting this year, at the Briarwood Retreat Center in Argyle, TX (north of DFW airport). And fees will be a la carte, with options for conference registration only, meals, and/or accommodations.

Total individual costs are anticipated to range from \$75 to \$295, depending on meal and accommodation options.

We can't wait to see all of you again, and we look forward to meeting and connecting with new brothers and sisters. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more details in the LSUA Newsletters. Visit the LSUA website for details: http://urantia-lsua.org

# Parliament of World Religions In Salt Lake City, Utah In October 2015

**Salt Lake City, USA – Sept 9, 2014** – The Parliament of the World's Religions announced today that it will bring the world's largest and most historic interfaith gathering to Salt Lake City in October 2015, marking its return to the United States for the first time in 22 years.

What: 10,000 attendees from 80 countries and 50 religious and spiritual traditions

**When:** October 15 – 19, 2015.

Where: Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

"The Parliament is the largest summit of interfaith activists around the globe which provides listening, learning and sharing opportunities," says Imam Malik Mujahid, Chair of the Parliament Board of Trustees.

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Imam Mujahid further stated that, "at this juncture in human history when hate, fear and anger is rising in America and across the globe, It is important that faith communities, rise with a loving, caring relationships, even if we do not agree on some issues."

# **Global Interfaith Leaders Joined Us in Sharing Today's Momentous News**

Recalling the vision of his grandfather said, "'A friendly study,' Gandhi believed,' of all the scriptures is the sacred duty of every individual.' He made the friendly study and found that none of the religions of the world had the whole Truth. The Truth can only be realized when one has an open mind and a willingness to learn from all

different religions the bits of Truth they have. This essentially is what the Parliament is encouraging on a mass scale."

Representatives of several global interfaith initiatives gathered today in Salt Lake City also to hear leaders of the Charter for Compassion and the United Religions Initiative voice their partnership to the upcoming summit.

# **Connecting Our Interfaith Communities**

Chair of the North American Region of the United Religions Initiative Sande Hart says her experiences serving as an Ambassador to the Melbourne Parliament were invigorating to her leadership in multiple peace initiatives. Envisioning the 2015 Parliament summit today, Hart drew upon the shared values linking those across the interfaith communities, stating, "Today more than ever, it is critical that we know one another and come together, united shoulder to shoulder to heal all that threatens justice, our homes, our communities, our countries, Earth and all living beings."

Here, Parliament attendees will find a welcoming and religiously diverse community.

# A Warm Welcoming from Salt Lake City

The opportunity to host the world's faiths in Salt Lake is a prospect Scott Beck, President and CEO of Visit Salt Lake, says he is glad to support. "The world is no stranger to Salt Lake, and we are no stranger to the world. Salt Lake has hosted various international gatherings, including the 2002 Olympic Games and Rotary International. We are excited to again welcome a national and international audience to experience what Salt Lake has to offer, both physically and spiritually," said Beck.

"Here, Parliament attendees will find a welcoming and religiously diverse community. And they may just feel a little bit at home as they explore a region where more than 100 languages are spoken in our schools and businesses."

Previous Parliament guests have included the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, President Jimmy Carter, Nobel Peace Prize Winner Dr. Shirin Ebadi, Queen Noor of Jordan, Dr. Jane Goodall, Dr. Karen Armstrong, Swami Vivekananda, Rabbi David Saperstein, Dr. Hans Kung, Deepak Chopra, and Amma the Hugging Saint. Learn more about the 2015 Parliament here.

# **URANTIA BOOK ANDROID APP NOW AVAILABLE**

The Urantia Book Android App is now available in all 16 languages in Google Play at https://play.google.com/store/apps/developer?id=Urantia%20Foundation&hl=en.

The price - \$0.99

If you use an Android Phone or Tablet and you already own a physical copy of The Urantia Book, as well as the audio version, the eBook version, a PDF version, and if you are old enough – and hip enough – to have owned the five floppy-disk set (runs in the Windows® environment on IBM-compatible computers), then you surely need the Android App version.

If that is not reason enough, be assured that income from the sales of the Android App (and other formats of The Urantia Book) go towards developing new formats and mediums for the dissemination of *The Urantia Book*.

If you have any questions, please contact Tamara at tamara@urantia.org.

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# URANTIA ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chris Wood, President, UAI

#### All around us is growth!

Three years ago I moved to Wisconsin in the northern United States and the first thing I noticed was that every plant in the garden seemed to grow from seed to flower in the space of a few days. We persevere through a long winter only to have the seasons for sowing, cultivating, and harvesting all thrust upon us at once.

In 2014 this sense of growth has filled Urantia Association, and we are only half way through the year - we could

accomplish twice as much before the year is out!

In June the Association hosted the Study Group Symposium dedicated to the in-depth examination of the role of Study Groups in our community. For the first time this symposium was live broadcast on the internet, connecting students form across the globe. On Thursday evening we hosted an open discussion on "Technology and Study Groups" and on Friday evening an open discussion on "Families and Study Groups." During both discussions, my cell phone was vibrating with questions being sent from online viewers who wanted to participate!

Our commitment to Study Groups does not end with the Symposium. The lessons learned will be translated and disseminated throughout the world beginning with a Latin American, Spanish speaking Study Group Symposium Tour being organized by the Colombian Association.

In May the
International
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As you may know, in January two Urantia Book students from the Philippines with support from the Association and Foundation traveled and placed copies of The Urantia Book in libraries and universities throughout their country. This was the largest operation this year of a dedicated book placement effort which saw books going to Cameroon, India, Nepal, and Dubai.

In May the International Association assisted the Colombian Association to acquire a pallet of books. The Colombians have devised a plan to legally import books as a book distributor hoping to help lower the overall cost of books in stores in their country. If they are successful it could be model for other Associations to follow to help the spread of the revelation - and by the way the Colombians have been incredibly successful and have already sold half of their books!

Not to be outdone, the Ukrainian Association also imported a pallet of books to help make the revelation available in their part of the world. In this case, the Foundation and Association worked together with the Foundation covering the books while the Association paid the shipping and import fees.

In both Colombia and Ukraine, it was the hard work and tireless dedication of the local students and leaders which lead to their success. No central power could possibly have affected as much progress across the globe. We need motivated and empowered national and local leaders who are willing to take on the burdens the revelation.

The wisdom and foresight of the founders of the Association is coming to fruit a generation later. Do we dare to take up a cause knowing that success might not be achieved for 20, 30 perhaps 50 years?

Please, join us in this work! What can you do to uplift your community? What can you do to support those striving to spread the Urantia Teachings across the globe?

Take a look around your worldwide Urantia community: you will find places to sow, places to cultivate, and places to harvest. All around us is growth!

In service, Chris Wood, President, Urantia Association International.

Contact Chris by email at: askchriswood@gmail.com

# **NEW URANTIA ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE**

#### **Chris Wood, President Urantia Association International**

The new website for the Association is up and running! Go to www.urantia-association.org and check it out and tell us what you think!

A couple to things to look for:

- 1. **Glitches**. We know there has got to be some. We could use some fresh eyes to help catch them. Try clicking links and see if they work. Try searches that you know should work. Look for spelling and factual errors. I know the RSS feed doesn't work as of this evening. If you explore long enough you might find a game called "Guns of Anarchy." Seriously. We'll get that fixed.
- 2. **We need more links**, upcoming events, and archives from past events, including speeches (video or hardcopy) programs, workshops, etc. The team has some that have yet to go up, but we could use whatever you have.
- 3. **Look at the forum.** Add something. Notice that you will have to register in order to comment. It should be quick and easy. Let us know if it isn't. Add questions and comments to get the ball rolling so it doesn't look empty when we launch next week.

- 4. **Under the Get Involved Tab** we added a quick and easy way to donate and/or to sign up for monthly donations. Try "subscribing" to \$500 per month just to see if it works. (is there an emoticon smiley face thing for "I'm just kidding. But not really."?) Seriously though, if you feel so moved try donating a dollar or two (or more!) to see if it works.
- 5. **You might notice** that we have tried to stop using "UAI" and are using Urantia Association International, or Urantia Association, or The Association throughout the site. This is on purpose since we feel that "UAI" doesn't mean anything to the general public who might happen upon the site. Let us know what we have missed.
- 6. Look at it on your cell phone or tablets and tell us what you think about how it has adapted.

Visit the UAI website by clicking here.

# **URANTIA BOOK RADIO IS ON THE AIR!**

#### Jim Watkins, Cape Coral, Florida

Urantia Book Radio is a live, 24 hour a day internet radio station that finally gives Urantians a radio station they can tune in any time from any device and enjoy lively discussion about The Urantia Book, including getting news and information about community projects, and we will feature audio narratives of selected papers.

Listening to the great spiritual insight contained in the Urantia Book is a great experience. I felt I could use knowledge of broadcasting and create radio station on Urantia subject matter; the time has come for Urantia Book readers to have a station they can call their own, and thus Urantia Book Radio was born!"!

Visit Urantia Book Radio by clicking here.

# LAUNCHING, HOSTING, AND FACILITATING STUDY OF THE URANTIA BOOK

Gaetan G. Charland, UAUS President Emeritus

# **UAI now has a Study Group Guide available online!**

The Study Group guide has been produced with loving care by people who respect the mission given to us by the revelators to create thousands of study groups. These study groups are in themselves the foundation on which the revelation can stand to accomplish its worldwide mission to expand cosmic consciousness and enhance spiritual perception in the minds of men. They can also serve to foster the emergence of leaders and teachers, for study groups are like small classrooms.

Study groups are places where spiritual brotherhood takes root and where intellectual and spiritual growth can be fostered in the participants. While study groups are autonomous, they can benefit greatly from interaction with other study groups or with the organizations supporting and nurturing them. While their autonomy is necessary to foster spiritual unity, it should always be protected from political, social or sectarian influence.

What is *Urantia?* How do we answer this simple question?
Each person must find their own answer that works for them.

Study groups should always focus on the teachings of *The Urantia Book* and their integration in everyday life, for it is when the truth is alive within us that it becomes a most effective tool of dissemination in our family, at work and in society at large. Study groups are a reflection of their participants and the hosts who lead them in the path of spiritual and intellectual discoveries.

Study groups need a worthy goal so they can achieve their purpose of transforming the world one person at a time. Read this guide carefully and benefit from the experience of others it should help you start or improve your own study group. When man goes in partnership with God, great things may, and do, happen.

Get it here: http://www.urantia-uai.org/pdfs/UAI-StudyGroupGuide.pdf

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# 2015 CLP MEETING: CALL FOR SITE PROPOSALS

# **Urantia Association United States 2015 Council of Local Presidents Meeting: Call for Proposals**

Urantia Association United States is calling for proposals from UAUS Local Associations who would like to host the 2015 Council of Local Presidents meeting.

Proposals should be sent directly to Will Sherwood (UAUS President, owsherwood@gmail.com) or Grace Boyett (UAUS Secretary, amazinggb@gmail.com

Deadline for proposal submission is January 31, 2015.

### Proposal shall include:

- Proposed location, including information on amenities and accommodations.
- Potential dates of the conference that will host the CLP meeting.
- Cost estimates of conference components (lodging, food, meeting rooms, audio-visual support, translation services, miscellaneous costs, etc.), listed separately.
- Proposed plan on how you will provide transportation of attendees to the conference site from the nearest major airport.
- Detail of your association's experience with producing conferences and events. Indicate the number of previous conferences, average number of attendees and length of each conference.
- A general structure for the conference. Because UAUS desires to encourage innovation in conference scheduling, it does not dictate the number or times for plenary presentations, workshops, meals or other activities. We are interested in knowing how you envision the daily order of conference activities surrounding the CLP meeting.
- The number and names of proposed conference committee members.
- An explanation of why you would like to host the UAUS CLP meeting. What do you believe are the benefits to
  the UAUS, to your local association and to readers and participants, of selecting your group to host this
  upcoming event?

**Please download the recently approved UAI International Conference guidelines.** This document will assist your association if you wish to host the 2015 CLP meeting and conference: http://bit.ly/1yVQqkC

# **OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR UAUS**

# **Nominations are due by January 1, 2015**

As you may know, half the positions on the board are up for election. Please look among the ranks of your memberships for people who might be able and interested to hold a position on the board of UAUS. It is also important to note that some qualifications are required to be eligible for such positions and one of those requirements is a strong and willing desire to serve our fellow men in sincerity and humility.

Please look among the ranks of your memberships for people who might be able and interested to hold a position on the board of UAUS Each UAUS Board or Committee Member must be a full member of UAI and possess qualifications for the position. A UAUS Board member may not simultaneously hold any office on the International Service Board (ISB) Governing Board. It is preferable that members are conversant in English due to the practical difficulties of securing sufficient translators for the volume of communications necessary for an active board.

Nominations for any position on the UAUS Board may be made (1) by any current UAUS member, (2) by any member of a United States Local Association, or (3) by a nomination signed by at least ten UAI members.

Nominations must state the position for which the candidate is nominated and certify that the candidate is willing and able to serve and meets the qualifications for the position. Nominations must also include background information regarding the candidate's administrative experience, references, language skills, prior Association service, and any information pertinent to the candidate's qualifications to serve as an UAUS board member.

#### Nominations are due on or before January 1, 2015.

Nominations and background information should be sent to: UAUS Secretary, Grace Boyett via email: <a href="mailto:amazinggb@gmail.com">amazinggb@gmail.com</a> or UAUS President, Will sherwood via email: <a href="mailto:owsherwood@gmail.com">owsherwood@gmail.com</a>

### Here are the positions that are coming up for election:

President (Current President has served 1 full term and will be running again) Treasurer (Current Treasurer has served 1 full term and will be running again) Membership Chair (final term up June 2015)

Questions: Phone: 661-287-0017 or Email: owsherwood@gmail.com

### **POEM: THE MASTER'S CALL**

#### **David Glass, Plano, Texas**

From nativity nurturing and Among your growing family, Follow me: These I knew.

Finding Love and Making friends, Follow me: This did I.

Learning your lessons and Performing your labor, Follow me: I did these things.

Loving our Father and Serving my Family,

Follow me: This was my mission.

Through the thin veil of death and Across the starry darks of space, Follow me: There have I sojourned.

Exploring morontia mansions and Starlit stopping places of the galaxy, Follow me: These I prepared for you.

To each of the Eternal Spheres and On to the Center-of-All, Follow me: Thence have I come.

Follow me: I am His Son.

Unto Eternal Love and Into Uncreated Light,

Rebounding into depths unknown and Amid realms yet-to-be-planned,

Follow me: I am the Way.

Traversing Ultimate boundaries and Penetrating beyond the shores of concept,

Follow me: I am the Truth.

Becoming never-beginning Love and Never-ending Light, Follow me My brother—My sister—My friend: I AM the Life Eternal.

# **HELPFUL LINKS:**

http://urantiausa.com/ This link will take you to the national UAUS site where there are photos, UB inspired music and art reviews, and other info germane to UAI members and students in the US.

http://facebook.com/urantiausa/ This is the Urantia Association USA's Facebook page. If you "Like" the page, news postings will show up in your Facebook news feed.

http://urantia-uai.org/ The link will take you to UAI's main website, where you will find the Charter and Bylaws, also UAI projects involving study and dissemination, event information, membership requirements, applications, and many, many other items of interest to members:

http://urantia.org/ The Urantia Foundation website. If you want to read, download, search, or listen to *The Urantia* Book online, and for the latest news reports from Urantia Foundation you can also go to: Urantia Foundation's News Online: http://urantia.org/urantia-foundation/newsletter-pdf-archives

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# **QUOTE OF THE QUARTER:**

You humans have begun an endless unfolding of an almost infinite panorama, a limitless expanding of never-ending, ever-widening spheres of opportunity for exhilarating service, matchless adventure, sublime uncertainty, and boundless attainment. When the clouds gather overhead, your faith should accept the fact of the presence of the indwelling Adjuster, and thus you should be able to look beyond the mists of mortal uncertainty into the clear shining of the sun of eternal righteousness on the beckoning heights of the mansion worlds of Satania. (1194.1) 108:6.8 http://bit.ly/lwcCiQD

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If you would like to receive The Messenger by email, click on this link: http://bit.ly/1hF4tj3

# PHOTOGRAPHS: FROM 2104 JESUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AND STUDY GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD....

To have photos of your study group activities and other Urantia related events included in an upcoming issue of *The Messenger*, please send them to Will Sherwood <owsherwood@gmail.com>.























































































































