



UAUS MESSENGER

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SEEKING AN IDENTITY FOR UAI

One of the things we discussed at our ISB meeting last February was creating a new “motto” to go along with our new logo for UAI. A slogan or motto will help develop identity and “branding” of our organization – meaning to identify UAI as a “brand name”. This will help people to quickly understand who we are and what we are, recognize our activities, and help with fund raising, etc. As we develop the UAI name and image as a recognizable "brand name", slogans and logos are important in quickly communicating to others who we are and what we are about, especially to potential new readers and as we become involved in interfaith activities such as the World Conference of Religions this coming December.

The slogans of successful companies and organizations seem to prove the value of this too. Some companies and organizations are more recognized by their slogan than their name. UAI put out a call for suggestions for a slogan in April 2009 and the deadline for submitting a slogan is June 30th.

If you have an idea for a slogan that pertains to UAI as a whole, please send it to us before June 30th at uaicentraloffice@urantia-uai.org. A slogan should be relevant to the entire international family of associations and meaningful in all languages. Thanks!

2009 ELECTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BOARD

The voting period for the 2009 ISB elections has ended. Since all candidates were unopposed, the vote was to approve a slate of candidates. The nominations were:

Gaetan Charland as PRESIDENT for second term
Mark Kurtz as CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER for second term
Gary Rawlings as MEMBERSHIP CHAIR for second term

Sheila Keene-Lund as EDUCATION CHAIR
Phil Taylor as CONFERENCE CHAIR
Chris Moseley as TRANSLATION CHAIR
Michael Maclsaac as DISSEMINATION CHAIR
And Benet Rutenberg as JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Here are the results of the voting by the UAI Representative Council:

YES ... 11
NO ... nil
Abstain ... 7

On behalf of the Election Committee, congratulations to all the elected people, and thank you all for your participation and your service to this Council. We wish to extend our gratitude and appreciation for those leaving the ISB after either four or six years of service to UAI. Those who completed their term in office were:

Carolyn Prentice – Education Committee Chair
Eddie King – Conference Committee Chair
Peep Sober – Translations Committee Chair
Jimmy Mitchell – Dissemination Committee Chair.
David Linthicum – Judicial Commission

STATS AND FACTS

The UAI database is an important tool for every local and national association. This database enables us to stay in contact with readers – both members and non-members, allows us to put readers in touch with each other to create study groups, and provide tangible information about how well we are living up to our mission. Every local association should make it a priority to keep your part of the database up-to-date.

According to our Urantia Association International database we have:

1399 full members
808 Associate members
41 Members-at-large
182 Governing Board members
Total Members = 2430

Non-members in our database = 1660

We have 44 local associations, 10 national associations.

The United States has 756 members (all levels) So, that is 40% USA and 60% non-USA. USA is largest in membership with Brazil and Canada being #2 and #3 respectively.

Of the non-members in our database, 977 (59%) are USA and 683 (41%) are outside the USA.

At the end of 2008 we had 1659 members (all levels). Today, we have 2430. Some of this increase is due to growth of the membership and some is due to local associations doing a better job of using the database. Additional information will soon be available in the UAI Annual Report.

TIDINGS ~ MAY-JUNE 2009 ISSUE

This issue features reports, art, a birth and much more

[President's Message ~ Gateman GO. Char](#)

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THE JOURNAL – JUNE 2009

In This Issue:

Who Am I ~ DAVID CO. GRAVES, CANADA

Editorial ~ SUZANNE KELLY, USA

The Urantia Book and My Christian Faith ~ ANDRE TRAVERSE, USA

The Second Mile as Job Application ~ CHRIS WOOD, USA

Is It Down Here that We Want to be Born Again? ~ ZIPPO CAMERA, FINLAND

Personal Growth and Mansion World Arrival ~ WILLIAM SADLER, JR., USA

The Journal

Enjoy!



WHAT IS UAI DOING AND HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Regular monthly contributors are the basis for our strength as an organization that is bringing man closer to God, introducing God as the loving Father of all mortals, and all mortals as the brotherhood of man. We do this by sharing the teachings of The Urantia Book with people around the world.

Regular monthly contributions, no matter how small or large, enable us to be wiser in our budgeting and planning for the coming year. We have many contributors who contribute \$10 per month by credit card. Several contributors give more. Currently, less than 1% of our members contribute to UAI at the international level. I have no way of knowing what this number is within the local associations.

Our contributors enabled us to purchase books from the Foundation and then offer them for only \$8 per book to our members and associations. Our contributors allowed us to produce the new "What is UAI?" brochure in three languages. We introduced this new brochure at the Spain conference and it was very well received. I am in the process of distributing this wonderful tool to all associations for their use.

Our contributors enabled many people from far away places to meet their brothers and sisters in Malaga. I cannot tell you with words how important that was to these people and to all of us.

Contributors paid for an upgrade to our database that allows us to do nearly all the maintenance of the database ourselves. The database is critical to our ability to serve readers. Contributors helped us to send leaders to Malawi, Zambia, and Korea to meet readers there and create new associations (Gaetan and Gary committed a lot of their own time and income to this effort). In just a short time, Zambia has grown to 64 readers and their president, Joel Mvula attended our conference in Malaga. Joel is an exceptional leader who is doing great things in Zambia.

We have other associations that will be coming along soon as they achieve the 10 full members needed to form an association. As you all know, our local associations are servants to all readers in their areas. So, the more associations we form, the more people we serve and the better job we can do by serving them with local people.

Your contributions allowed us to send 6 books to an interfaith study group in South Africa that is studying The Urantia Book as part of their research. Our relationship with this group is growing because of this. Contributors could help us to provide for expenses as our study group chairman, James Woodward, travels to visit with study groups in many countries to strengthen existing groups and to create new groups.

We will be attending the World Interfaith Conference in Australia this year and our associations in Australia are leading the way on this. This is our opportunity to get our message out to the leaders of all the major religions of this planet which can only benefit the spiritual growth of this world. We need your financial support in order to do things like this.

The International Service Board is in the process of developing an intranet that will provide another great tool for our local associations to be more efficient and to reduce the amount of work needed by sharing information among all our associations. This intranet will provide local associations a place to store documents without fear of losing them to a computer crash or a change of staff.

We are also planning a leadership training event in 2011 that will bring leaders of the Urantia revelation, both in and out of UAI, together to share methods and problem solving solutions with each other and to receive training that will benefit their local dissemination activities and their personal growth.

Your contributions allow us to provide study group starter kits at no cost to those wanting them in order to create new study groups. Your contributions allow us to continue our support of Urantia Foundation both financially and with reader services. And, let me while I am at it, mention the need for an office and a full time staff person to handle the many emails, phone calls, and daily needs of running UAI.

Sorry for the long email but I get excited about what we are doing and what we can do to serve our Father and all his children of Urantia.

If you would like to become a regular monthly contributor or an occasional "one time" contributor to what we are doing, please call the UAI office at 773-572-1180 with your credit/debit card information. Add +1 for international calls to the USA.

You may contribute by check or other written instrument by mailing your contribution to:

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559 W. Diversey Parkway, #351
Chicago, IL 60614-7640
United States

You may certainly contribute by using your online bill payment through your bank by sending such contribution to the above address. Use your name as the account number. The bank will then send a paper check to us.

You can support our activities through PayPal by visiting our website at www.urantia-uai.org and clicking on the word "Donations" just below the picture on the home page.

Our mission is spiritual but we live on a material world. So, material means are often required for spiritual purposes. I find it difficult to ask people for money but what we are doing is important. You

are important to what we are doing. If you can only afford one dollar, one euro, one pound, one peso, or one of whatever is your form of currency per day, that is a great contribution to bringing light to this dark world. We especially want to encourage our brothers and sisters in the international community to contribute as well. Great things are happening in South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia. We encourage you to first fund your local associations activities with membership dues or contributions and then help us at the international level to fulfill our responsibilities as part of the UAI team.

Never hesitate to call the UAI office if you have any questions.

With love and friendship,
Rick Lyon
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Interested in Readers in Mexico? Have any pictures from the conference in Malaga, Spain?

Please check out some new photos on our UAI website from our association in Mexico.

www.urantia-uai.org/photos/index.html <<http://www.urantia-uai.org/photos/index.html>>

If you have photos or comments from our Spain conference that you would like to share, please send them to the UAI Office at:

uaicentraloffice@urantia-uai.org <<mailto:uaicentraloffice@urantia-uai.org>>

The Urantia Foundation's New Library Placement Policy

UF recently revised its library placement policy. Spread the word at your conferences, to your Nationals and Locals. Brand new Spanish and English versions at deep discounts!

Link to printable application/placement forms:

<http://www.urantia.org/pub/LibraryPlacement.pdf>

And don't forget UAI just acquired a batch of dissemination books from the Foundation, so seed on!!

Link to Global Seeding Project:

<http://urantia-uai.org/projects.html#library> <<http://urantia-uai.org/projects.html#library>>

Urantia Foundation Library Placement Policy ~ January 2009

Urantia Foundation is committed to disseminating the teachings of The Urantia Book around the world. One way this may be accomplished is by donating free copies of the book to libraries and

other places where new readers may discover it. To date, thousands of books have been placed in public libraries around the world. For individuals and groups who want to participate in our library placement program, Urantia Foundation offers the following book sale terms:

English and Spanish hard cover books will sell for \$10.00 each, up to 10 books at a time, plus shipping. Other translations will sell for \$10.00 each, plus shipping, based on availability. Contact Urantia Foundation at 773-525-3319 or www.urantia.org <<http://www.urantia.org>> for current information on translation availability.

We ask that you agree to use these books only for placement in libraries and similar environments, and that they not be used for personal or commercial purposes. Suggested placement settings include:

- a. College and university libraries;**
- b. Public libraries;**
- c. Religious libraries (seminaries, churches, ashrams, synagogues, etc.);**
- d. Hotel, youth hostel, cruise ship, and other libraries provided for travelers;**
- e. Hospital libraries;**
- f. Highly trafficked private libraries;**
- g. Coffee shops with "free book" shelves;**
- h. Waiting rooms and other places where people may be looking for something to read.**

It is important to obtain permission from the librarian or shop owner before placing the book at a site. If permission is not received the book may be discarded.

In return for the discount we are offering on new books, we would appreciate your letting us know where you placed them. Any additional information that you consider helpful will be most welcomed. We will publish results of this program from time to time, and if you would like to write about your experiences, we will consider featuring your report in Urantia Foundation News Online or on our website.

UAUS PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Dear friends and family of Urantia Association United States,

This is my last issue of Messenger and so I wish to close by expressing my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve this revelation and all of you in this position. In 2004, my journey into this project began by showing a personal website that I was building to James Woodward. Morris Kaplowitz was the originator of the UAUS website and he and James encouraged me to continue the great work that Morris had already done. As with many things I have experienced since becoming an active participant in UAI, it was indeed a learning experience and one that helped me to grow in many ways. Sometimes we think of service as serving others but service to others is also service to ourselves. By serving others, we develop new skills, take on new responsibilities, grow in confidence, and at the end of the day it is a spiritually rewarding and fun experience. Don't cheat yourself out of the opportunity to find pleasure and personal satisfaction by not participating in the many tasks available to you by serving God and your fellow man through UAI, UAUS, or your local association. Love God – Serve Man: UAI.

Quote of the Month:

...The expansion of material knowledge permits a greater intellectual appreciation of the meanings of ideas and the values of ideals. A human being can find truth in his inner experience, but he needs a clear knowledge of facts to apply his personal discovery of truth to the ruthlessly practical demands of everyday life.... p1222

Truth, Beauty & Goodness in The Urantia Book

<http://www.urantia.org/papers/index.html>

Complementary Quote:

...Why do you not allow the Adjuster to strengthen you with the spiritual truths of cosmic power while you wrestle with the temporal difficulties of creature existence? p1223

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