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RICK LYON RETIRING AS UAUS PUBLICATIONS CHAIRMAN

Rick Lyon has notified the UAUS Governing Board that effective July 1, 2009 he will be stepping down from the position of UAUS Publications Committee chairman. Due to the increasing activity and responsibilities for his position as Executive Administrator for Urantia Association International and after much prayer and thoughtful consideration, Rick has decided to retire from his position with UAUS. He has been UAUS Publications Committee Chairman since 2004.

Other members of this committee include James Woodward, Sheila Schneider, Jeremiah Kinnamon, and Scott Brooks to the committee. The Publications Committee rebuilt and expanded the UAUS website, created the new UAUS logo, and returned the UAUS Messenger newsletter to publication with a new format.

Rick says that, "This Publications Committee position really is a lot of. Hopefully, this opening will create an opportunity for someone to step forward and shine their light through this opportunity to serve with UAUS. This committee needs a chairman and an editor for the Messenger."

UAUS is seeking someone to fill this position of UAUS Publications Committee Chairman. If you would like more information about this opportunity to serve Urantia Book readers in the United States, please contact Rick at ricklyon@tctc.com or any UAUS governing board member listed at the end of this newsletter.

An INTER-national STUDY DAY?

Australia/New Zealand Urantia Association (ANZURA) held their second annual International Study Day for readers of The Urantia Book this past weekend. This holiday helps the readers in our vast geographical nations feel a little closer to one another. We all get together on the same weekend, and read the same paper. This year, we read Paper 100: Religion in Human Experience.

From small seeds big things grow – imagine in 100 years each reader setting aside one day to join with others and reflect on the refreshing truths contained within these marvelous papers.

"Spiritual growth is mutually stimulated by intimate association with other religionists" [p.1094:2]

If you or your study group participated in this event, please send stories and photos to Marian Hughes, ellanora606@gmail.com for publishing in TIDINGS.

Study Conference at Boulder CO, June 25-28.

It's not too late to register for the "Second Mile and Beyond" study conference in Boulder. It is sponsored by the younger readers but all are invited. We have a wonderful program developed featuring both well established and up-and-coming speakers and workshop leaders. Evening entertainment will include a planetarium show, a private patio party with one of the most breathtaking views of Boulder and the mountains, and (tentatively) a Pato Banton performance.

I hope you can all make this conference. June 25-28, University of Colorado - Boulder

\$260 early registration (\$300 standard registration)

For more info you can visit the UAUS website (www.urantiausa.com) our Myspace page (www.myspace.com/urantiaconferencekc) or register online at (https://www.regonline.com/63367_694721J)

Questions? Contact Chris Wood cwesquire@hotmail.com

HOW TO SUPPORT UAI

What is UAI doing and how can you help? UAI's Executive Administrator answered a member's questions about ways of supporting UAI's multi-faceted service. He wrote in part:

...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.

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.

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, most of them high school and college students. 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 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.

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 money order 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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UAI WEBSITE

The new brochure "What is UAI?" is not posted on the UAI website at the top right corner of the home page. If you would like printed copies of this brochure please contact the UAI office. The brochure is also posted on our UAUS website: www.urantiausa.org .

Please check out some new photos on our UAI website from our association in Mexico and photo from the UAI international conference in Malaga.

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 us at: uaicentraloffice@urantia-uai.org Watch for more stories, photos, and presentations from Malaga in Tidings and Journal.

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>

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

Last fall the ISB began using freeconferencecall.com to conduct monthly live meetings of the board. This has been a great tool for getting things done quickly and with less confusion. Nothing beats live communication when working on projects and problems. UAUS first discovered this free service and has used it in the past for meetings between the UAUS governing board and the local associations. We would encourage all local associations to use this free service to regularly communicate with your board members and with local association members. It is easy to use and works great. The ISB calls include people from Australia to Sweden and the quality is great. The call can also be recorded for free so that anyone missing the meeting can replay the call by phone or through their computer. Visit www.freeconferencecall.com for more information.

GLMUA ANNOUNCES DATE AND THEME FOR 3RD ANNUAL FALL STUDY SESSION

Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association has secured the Hilton Garden Inn in Chesterton, Indiana, for their 3rd annual Fall Study Session. The first year theme was "The Revelation Within Us". The second year theme was "The Revelation Within Society". The theme for this year will be "The Revelation of Jesus". The dates for this event are September 25-27. The UAUS Council of Local Presidents will have their annual meeting as part of this event with the CLP meeting scheduled for the afternoon of September 25th. Benet Rutenberg is managing this event. If you would like to participate in this event as a presenter or attend this event, please contact Benet at rutabl@aol.com.

Quote of the Month:

"...If different religions recognize the spirit sovereignty of God the Father, then will all such religions remain at peace. Only when one religion assumes that it is in some way superior to all others, and that it possesses exclusive authority over other religions, will such a religion presume to be intolerant of other religions or dare to persecute other religious believers."
p. 1486

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