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President's message

Dear Friends of UAI,

HOPE PART OF YOUR SUMMER time is shared with some Urantia activities and that it enhances your vacation experience. Nothing like traveling to a new region of our own country or to a different one and mix vacation time with a Summer conference and make new friends and renew old friendships. I recently traveled to Boulder, Colorado, USA, to attend a conference organised by a group of young and dynamic readers. It gave me the opportunity to visit a region of the US that was new to my traveling experience, while providing the opportunity of meeting new readers and making new friends.

While some of us at the International Service Board, and other dedicated members of UAI, took the opportunity of the Boulder conference to meet and progress in the organization of the 2011 Leadership Seminar, we fully enjoyed this very engaging conference and participated in many workshops. The conference itself was well organized and provided anyone attending the many workshops with a multitude of enriching experiences. The plenary was all focused on active service and were very much coherent with the mission of *The Urantia Book*. In essence, it was a very successful conference for it permitted the emergence of new leadership, while providing many teaching opportunities.

It is heartening to see that young readers are slowly and successfully organizing activities that are of very good quality while catering to readers belonging to different organizations. While there were no talks of unity, there was present at this conference a unity of purpose, enshrouded in a spiritual flavour. I hope that some of the many speeches given during this conference will find their way in a next edition of the UAI Journal and that the experiences shared in a workshop about study groups and young people given by Jennifer Siegel will also be shared with a greater number of readers.



There was also a workshop that I attended, given by a reader by the name of David Nash. Some of you might have already learned on the UAI list of his very interesting project, which is called the Urantia University. I previously met David and learned of this project during the educational initiative organized by Urantia Foundation at the end of June, where we were on the same workshop. There is much emphasis on education lately and we might see more and more projects about education in the near future; remember part of our mission is to train leaders and teachers.

Even if it is Summer and vacation time, the International Service Board members are hard at work for there is a lot to do if we want to be ready for the 2011 Leadership Seminar. At the end of June, a few members of the International Service Board and UAI met in Chicago to discuss and plan the creation of the Intranet site, to improve the UAI database and redo the UAI Website. Our Webmaster, Scoot Brooks, is presently working extra hours to provide us with a working design for the Intranet, while using our existing database which has an essential component to this project. While Scott is providing much of his talent for free, we will need the financial support of committed readers and members to complete all those essential tasks before 2011.

Our Communication Chair, Vern Verass, and Executive Administrator, Rick Lyon, have not been idle these last few months. They have engaged the International Service Board in the production of an UAI pamphlet and an UAI annual report. The actual UAI pamphlet that was released at the Malaga Conference has been under aesthetic modifications for its cover picture and minor edits to its text. You will find on our Website this revised pamphlet in two different covers presentation, have a look and print whichever cover version you like. The final touch has also been

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given to the UAI annual report which is also published on our Website and will be sent to the Representative Council for their use and feedback. Both, the pamphlet and annual report were created and produced by the communications Committee, using the new UAI graphic style guide.

The Charter and By-Laws committee has also been working to produce a "Privacy Policy" that will be used to manage personal information which is harvested on our Website or used in our database. This initiative was started in order to respect the laws of different countries pertaining to the use of personal information. This Privacy Policy has been written to comply with the Safe Harbour protocol and should satisfy our members from every where in the world. This Privacy Policy was approved by the International Service Board at its last teleconference meeting and should find its way to the Representative Council for approval. This committee is also working >>

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closely with the UAI Secretary, Susan Owen, to gather all the resolutions passed before 2006 to be approved by the Representative Council, to make UAI compliant with its previous existence as IUA.

As of now, a request on the UAI list by our Executive Administrator, Rick Lyon, to suggest a slogan for UAI, is under way and should find its conclusion in the months to come. Many worthwhile suggestions were made and it was very interesting to witness the creativity of our interested members and the thinking behind their valued expressions. It is like a wake up call to what we are about and who we are.

Our CFO/Treasurer, Mark Kurtz, is hard at work again. The members of the International Service Board were asked to give their projections for the 2010 budget. While it is for some of us a daunting task, it is very much a necessary process for evaluating how much resource is needed to accomplish the objectives of our goals for the coming year. We are all hoping that once the budget is presented and approved by the Representative Council, it will find a resonance in your dedication to the mission of our Association and provide you with the necessary motivation to give generously to the “dissemination of *The Urantia Book*.” If every member of UAI would only give \$100 a year, we could accomplish all of our goals and much more.

As president, and in collaboration with two other members of the International Service Board, Gary Rawlings and James Woodward, we took the responsibility to provide the International Service Board members with a code of ethics. This code will only address itself to International Service Board members and assure UAI of the utmost ethical behaviour on the part of the International Service Board members while representing UAI around the world. Once completed and approved by the International Service Board it will be presented to the members of the Representative Council for informational purpose and to receive their commentaries. We hope by this action to provide other leaders within UAI with a blue print of a recommendable ethical behaviour while representing UAI and their national or local association.

On the part of the Representative Council, no business is taking place at this time, but this should change soon, as some ISB business needs to be approved by this Council.

I wish you a good Summer and nice vacation.

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NEW MOON IN JUNE — Campout and Star-Gazing

SURF RETREAT REPORT, PINON FLATS, CA — JUNE 19 – 21, 2009



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THE HIGH DESERT EAST OF LOS ANGELES in the mountains above palm springs was the venue for one of the most exciting get-togethers I have experienced as a member of SURF.

The Marina del Rey Urantia Book Study Group presented its first topical study, entitled: the Seven Master Spirits, with an Emphasis on Master Spirit Number Seven.

Hosted by Susan and Ed Owen at their high desert hideaway, there was plenty of room for everyone who brought a tent to find an “ideal spot”. And there were plenty of beds for those who did not bring a tent and plenty of food, fun, flourishing music, and art. It was a magical three days and two spectacular nights, which included (1) a telescope and astronomer Matt Hughes, who brought his laser pointer and gave us all insights to finding and recognizing stars and star clusters, (2) a chance to contribute artistic talent, (3) group music making and singing, and (4) wonderful hikes.

The topical was especially rewarding: Patti Snyder presented an overview and an explanation of Symbols that were created (by the MDR SG and finished at the campout) to clarify the concepts of the Seven Master Spirits and the Trinity; Michael DiMattia discussed Mind and Master Spirits; Ernie Padilla presented God the Supreme and Master Spirit Number Seven with a display that illustrated the Supreme’s experiential nature; Rey Baskerville talked about the attributes of the Seven Master Spirits and created a neat UB cross-word puzzle that stumped everyone; and then we did a musical presentation, which included rhythm, vocals and music to emphasize the full prominence of Master Spirit Number Seven. We took a break midway through and enjoyed a marvelous potluck lunch. After the topical there was a delicious barbeque and more star gazing. What a blast of a good time! Most of us sincerely hope we can make it an annual event (with Ed & Susan’s consent, of course). If so, I hope each of you will get to enjoy the experience as much as we did. □



SURF Retreat Participants



Rey Baskerville



Deep in Thought



Retreat Hosts: Ed and Sue Owen



Desert Campsite

POSTSCRIPT



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SINCE WE JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN the area, Matt and I were able to attend the SURF Retreat. Upon our return to Hawaii, having been inspired by the Marina Del Rey presentation, the HULA (Hawaii Urantia Local Association) Study Meeting duplicated the construction of the interlocking geometric shapes that represent the Seven Master Spirits.

Matt suggested that instead of showing the Marina Del Rey shapes, it would be interesting to have teams of readers devise their own way of depicting the Spirits. Squares of blue, yellow, and red construction paper were distributed to each team and they were challenged to read Paper 16 for clues about how to complete the task. Each of the four teams came up with their own unique way of using color and shape to portray what they read in the book.

I thought that if by any chance our "unseen friends" were observing our group, we must have looked like a kindergarten class with our poster board, scissors, and scotch tape. But I think that they would give us an "A" for our effort to clarify our understanding of one of the more advanced concepts in the book. □



Marc Boucher and Rob Nievar of HULA proudly display their creation.

Urantia power couple



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HELLO MY NAME IS MARÍA JOSÉ García. I am 36 years old and my husband, Horacio Gamboa, is 56 years old. Even with our age difference, we understand and know each other extremely well.

This relationship is fostered by our mutual understanding of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*. Our relationship has grown in parallel with our knowledge of the book. When we first met, he always had the book everywhere we went. He was in the middle of his first reading. He was constantly inviting me to read the book but at first I told him my mind was not ready.



Santiago, Chile with snowcovered Andes Mountains in background.

Our relationship began in 2001 after both of us had divorced our previous mates. Since then we have been together happily sharing our life.

In 2003 we made a trip to Argentina. We had found out about a contact person, Carlos Rubinsky, in Buenos Aires who was a Urantia Book reader. I remember an anxious and worried Horacio, because he didn't want to find out that Carlos was a kind of mystic priest or a strange prophet. Of course nothing like that happened. When we finally arrived in Buenos Aires, Carlos greeted us with a big and sincere hug (it was the first contact of Horacio with a representative of the Urantia Foundation.) This was the first of many meetings with Carlos. Carlos was the person that was the catalyst for me to start reading the book.

We believe that it is indispensable to communicate truthfully with your partner. This has been one of the keys in our marriage and the other is the book. The blue book represents for us the tool box in our lives. We find in it the correct tool for every situation,

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IN THIS PAINTING, RANDALL HAS tried to visualize the personality of Majeston.

Majeston is a true person, the personal and infallible center of reflectivity phenomena in all seven superuniverses of time and space. He maintains permanent Paradise headquarters near the center of all things at the rendezvous of the Seven Master Spirits. He is concerned solely with the co-ordination and maintenance of the reflectivity service in the far-flung creation; he is not otherwise involved in the administration of universe affairs...

The creation of Majeston signaled the first supreme creative act of the Supreme Being. This will to action was volitional in the Supreme Being, but the stupendous reaction of the Deity Absolute was not foreknown. Not since the eternity-appearance of Havona had the universe witnessed such a tremendous factualization of such a gigantic and far-flung alignment of power and co-ordination of functional spirit activities. The Deity response to the creative wills of the Supreme Being and his associates was vastly beyond their purposeful intent and greatly in excess of their conceptual forecasts. [Pg. 200 Urantia Book] □

if we are sad the book comforts us, if we are tired, worried, without energy, we just look at the Jesus papers and the book fills us with the energy to continue. If we are happy the book offers us more happiness. It is the center of our life. Now that we are together for 8 years and have been through some big storms, we know that the Father lights our way with the shining guide of MICHAEL of Nebadon. And this is our inspiration to do the Father's will. We are dedicated to helping rebuild the UAI in Chile and to reconnect our organization with the Carlos' group in Argentina. □

How *THE URANTIA BOOK* found me



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Aida's painting titled "Alpha and Omega Jesus love shining on me"

DURING THE 80's, WHEN I WAS STUDYING in Odessa, I was exposed to many political ideas in my classes. I studied about the beliefs from all the cultures of the world — Hinduism, Catholicism, Buddhism, Muslims, Communists, and other Christian sects. My classmates and I spent our free time discussing these ideas and were inspired by a brilliant Jewish professor to revise our previous thoughts and habits. It was about this time that our father was sick with cancer. We grew up listening to his long discussions about medieval alchemists, initiates, gothic cathedrals, the mind, the enigmas of the universe and the Gods. In our house was the book "the Gospel of San Juan" by Spanish author J.J. Benítez. At the end of the book there is a reference to the Urantia Foundation.

In 1996, shortly after our father was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, I found *The Urantia Book*. The main pillar of my life was about to fall. The news of his impending death sent me into despair and depression. My brother, Jafet, and I began a laborious and erratic search for truth, looking for some miracle or story that we would not lose our father totally. In a Santo Domingo bookstore, we discovered one blue volume with the English title, *The Urantia Book*. Inside were three blue circles with the name URANTIA, Urantia Foundation. "Here it is the secret of Benítez!" I said to myself.

Immediately, I opened to the index. I happened to the Forward and in that fast glance and already I knew that if I began to read the *El Libro de Urantia*, I could not stop until finishing it. My brother read some paragraphs and the index and said to me, "Let's buy it." The owner of the store who



A nation on the island of Hispaniola, part of the Greater Antilles archipelago in the Caribbean



Aerial view of Santo Domingo, the capital, showing the tropical scenery which attracts many visitors

was carefully observing us with attention and curiosity said, "I believe I still have one of those books in Spanish in the warehouse." We could only afford one book, so we decided that my brother would read first. I was able to read in those short times when my brother put it down. The stories and the answers in the book moved me to form a new cosmic perspective and my mind began to expand. The imminent death of my father lost its tragic aspect and the conversations with him became more pleasant and deep.

My father had managed to transmit the message to me more extraordinary than a human being can receive: "I leave you with Your Father, the True One." *The Urantia Book*, on the other hand, marked a route to me that I easily followed. I was enchanted by the narration of the reality of the cosmos. The refreshing metaphors brought me to a second discovery: the wonderful bestowal of the Paradise Son. A search different, although equally amazing and exciting began for me, since it was not enough for me to find a new vision of the cosmos, nor have the certainty of the existence of the Father. I had read the Bible from my childhood and knew all of Jesus'

parables written in the Gospel, but I could never understand what kind of man Jesus was. The fourth part of *The Urantia Book* introduced me to Christ Michael's life and teachings. The last papers describe Jesus' character but Paper 106 describes the faith of Jesus. After reading the last pages of *The Urantia Book*, I had answers to all my questions.

I needed no more theories about God to believe a new challenge was beginning and that was to identify God's presence in my day-to-day life. I needed the experience, the perception and, better still, the knowledge of his Personality. The life of Miguel de Nebadón, Jesus de Nazareth, and his wise parables shook me out of my lethargy. I found what I was looking for. At this moment, I belong to a small Christian community in Santiago that dedicates their time to the adoration of the teachings of Christ Michael. Now we are more and more conscientious of the Presence of the Father in all manifestations guiding our passages from inside, in synchrony with the ministry of the Conjoint Actor and while all the personalities of the universe attend to us in this wonderful race towards the infinite.

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Educational Initiative Report

HELD THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 11 THROUGH THE 13TH, 2009,



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A GROUP OF EDUCATORS MET AT 533 Diversey to discuss education within the Urantia community. There was general consensus that there is room for improving the quality of education among readers. Using a process known as Appreciative Inquiry in which the assets of our educational endeavors are accentuated and appreciated, the group continued the second part of the AI process, a continuation from a gathering in June of 2007, which was to consider the Design and Destiny of our educational mandate.

We began by exploring what the Urantia community has already developed that has worked well, discussing how we might sustain and build on that body of experiential wisdom and work. Our group was broken down into three groups, one group dealing with Study Groups, another dealing with On-line learning and the last group dealing with Other Considerations in relation to education in our community. The goal was to move toward actionable items that would enhance the value of education in the Urantia community.

Gaetan reminded everyone that other cultures' approach to learning may be different than that found in North America. We should be open and flexible as we proceed. The Study Group committee first of all recognized the incredible value of study groups, with a deep appreciation for the variety of study group styles. There was discussion of how study groups operate are able to operate under any political radar and are therefore very compatible with the growth of the Urantia community internationally. There was use of the designation of a study group as one's "chosen family." Study groups should ideally be a place wherein the awareness of Cosmic Citizenship is consciously enhanced.

Previously I had experienced study groups only as a predominantly intellectual approach to the study of the UB. After listen-

ing to Gaetan and others, I realized the the spiritual, worshipful dimension potential in study groups. Study groups represent a mean of inviting Deity into the equation. 'Wherever two or more of you are gathered in my name, there I will be also.' Through the method of study Gaetan's group was able to develop better skills of listening to and honoring one another. The depth of their involvement in the text also made it clear that study groups are the ideal environment for the training of teachers and leaders for the transmission of the teachings of the UB from one generation to the next. It was requested that Urantia Foundation take the initiative to invite study group leaders next year to engage in the Appreciative Inquiry process over a three to four day period to look at how study groups serve as a place of incubation for leadership, for teacher qualification, as well as a place where there exists the opportunity to enhance the quality of study, using a variety of approaches and techniques. It is hoped that at this Study Group AI event in 2010 there will be a table for different groups to display their resources with the other groups attending. There will be some preparation for the event. It will be by invitation only and it will cover demographically the international spectrum of groups. There will be at least 20 participants with as many as 40.

The Internet/On-line Learning group met and affirmed the complementary nature of the two major on-line projects underway, UBIS and Urantia University. Both sites will work to be mutually supportive. What differentiates the schools at this point is the teaching methodology. UBIS employs the Socratic style of engagement in a manner that complements the approach of Urantia University. It is the expressed desire by UBIS and Urantia University to take full advantage of the huge library of teaching resources that are available. There is a desire to see a library of presentation and studies developed, perhaps through a linked site. There was a desire to have valuable links to all qualified resource materials. There was preliminary discussion on Standards for UB Teaching Resources, including: 1) identify the source of all materials, 2) ensuring accuracy of materials, 3) evaluating the meaning, aesthetics and value of materials, differentiating the level of materials (ie. Advanced, Intermediate, Beginning), and examining the simplicity of presentation. There is a desire to see Teacher-

Training on-line, as well to see different types of approaches to learning areas including, youth-appropriate materials, parenting materials, marriage materials, gospel materials, etc. The question of Teacher Qualifications was raised with respect to aspiring teachers. A preliminary list was prepared including, 1) a complete reading of the UB, 2) acknowledgement of its revelatory status, 3) a capacity for effective communication, 4) computer literacy, 5) classroom technique, 6) moral character, 7) two to three references, 8) an essay to be evaluated on the subject material and view of the UB, 9) evaluation of commitment level, 10) completion of an appropriate teacher training course, and 11) course evaluations from students.

The third group expressed the desire to see an on-going body of educators loosely organized, but linked by their passion to see education flourish within the Urantia community. An initial name for the group was given, The Urantia Foundation Educational Service Group. This group of educators would not be officially affiliated with any particular social group of readers but would cross boundaries politically and demographically. Its purpose would be to serve as a resource for the educational process, to maintain a level of commitment to upstep the quality of educational endeavors within the Urantia community, and to help facilitate that upstep in whatever ways deemed appropriate. It would help to highlight educational resources, to provide advisement when requested and to help resolve any apparent social conflicts within the educational community.

The entire group acknowledged that we need to find new ways to make these teachings attractive to the next generation of readers, since some methods that were successful in the past may need to be updated with technology congruent with the 21st century methods of learning. Some presentations videoed by Eric Cosh by Sheila Lund (Spiritual Perception), John Causland (Cosmology) and Gard (Personality) were shared with the group. Using the background of certain qualified individuals, such presentations could be utilized successfully in a study group environment.

There was deep satisfaction both during and at the end of the gathering by the participants. Gaetan put it this way: "it is nice to see that we are finally working toward light." There was a sense emerging of study groups as sacred space within which cosmic citizens are allowed to grow and flourish. There was also an excitement about the possibilities associated with the internet and education. Most importantly, there was a powerful expression of how the educational impulse provides cooperative unity within the community of Urantia Book readership. □

Planning for Leadership Boulder, Colorado USA June 25–28, 2009



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A NUMBER OF DEDICATED SERVANTS and leaders attending the Boulder conference gathered at a day-long planning meeting for the scheduled 2011 leadership seminar in Chicago.

A formal proposal for the seminar will be presented in the fall after greater communications with the international associations to better discern their leadership needs. The purpose of this initial meeting was to explore the seminar's goals and purposes.

While there were many thoughts on the ideas and ideals of leadership, at the present time, it appears that this seminar may serve in the following areas by:

- Bringing greater clarity and vision to our mission through a better understanding of the origin, history and destiny of the revelation and the UAI.
- Addressing the challenges of leadership, organization, and administration that all our associations confront in their service to the revelation.
- Articulating organizational and spiritual harmony—the imperative of spiritual living in our work together and in service to the revelation.

While there are many other aspects of leadership that will be considered, these were the first few initial ideas that came to fruition at this meeting. Thanks to Michael MacIsaac, Gaétan Charland, James Woodward, Benet Rutenberg, Daryl Berry, Gary Rawlings, David Lithicum, Sue Owen, and Phil Taylor for their attendance and participation. □



'Urantia Camp' banner with a quote from the book

Urantia Outreach at the Rainbow Gathering New Mexico, USA



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AFTER AN INSPIRING CONFERENCE IN Boulder, a group of readers made their way to the Rainbow Gathering in the Santa Fe National Forest in a remote part of New Mexico. National Rainbow Gatherings such as this one have been taking place each summer in different mountainous public forest locations since the early 1970s, and this year's gathering took place in a particularly stunning forest high in the mountains. The gatherings are temporary communities in nature based on service and brotherhood, and they draw wide ranges of idealistic visitors by the thousands.

After previous outreach efforts with encouraging results at gatherings, I worked to inspire a larger Urantia presence this year. Thanks to the devotion and hard work of over a dozen readers who established and manned the Urantia camp, and the astonishing level of interest among so many Rainbow Gathering pilgrims, this summer's endeavour greatly exceeded my expectations.

'Urantia Camp' was established in an exquisite spot that looked invitingly down on a major trail. We put up signs and banners so that the camp could not be missed and many a passer-by stopped to read (and often photograph) our banner with a quote from the book. We also put a book out on a stump on the trail that served as a reading-stand so that trail walkers could conveniently stop and check the book out.

We would set a lamp up to hang over the book at night, which drew a great deal of attention. At times the majority of individuals or small groups that would walk by would at least stop to explore the book. We were constantly entertained when hearing people read sections out loud to or discussing it with their friends at all hours. Late one evening, I decided to count how many seekers spent some time at our bookstand, and counted twenty-three visitors in half an hour (1:15 – 1:45 AM)! You can imagine how many people came into direct contact with the book just that night, and some came back the next day to talk with us or read more. The revelation appeared to do a stellar job of selling itself!

I hope to coordinate more such expanded outreach efforts in the future.

Your brother, Mike □

UAI (UK / Ireland) At the QUEST health show Devon, England



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THE URANTIA ASSOCIATION (UK) & Ireland were at stand No 8 at the recent Quest Natural Health Show at Newton Abbot in Devon for a 3 day weekend event in early July. This Mind/Body/Spirit Festival has been taking place for over 10 years and is an event with a difference! It includes all the usual psychics; therapists offering taster sessions; products for sale from water beds to crystals, books & music as well as beauty products, jewelry and clothes as well as environmental stands, music concerts and much much more. You can even do a walk over broken glass! The success of the Show is partly due to the alternative and spiritually-oriented nature of this area of England. There are many yoga & meditation centres and spiritual retreats. Nearby Totnes is home to the Transition Town movement which has now spread globally.



Max and Chris at the stand with Hara and people interested in the Urantia Book

The Urantia stand fitted in nicely between Hay House publications and natural cosmetics! Gary, Chris, Max and Hara spoke to many people about the Book over the course of the exhibition. There was certainly a lot of interest. Hara gave a 30 minute introductory talk to about 40 people on the Saturday afternoon which went well with good feedback and some people signing up as interested in a Study Group and where 11 of the New Type Urantia Books and 10 Hara Davis — Study Aids were sold to the 150 truth seekers who showed great interest in the 5TH Epochal Revelation.

The first new Study Group starts this weekend at Hara's home in Hope Cove, Devon, England this weekend. We hope it will grow, and the starting of other study groups in the area. □

Announcements



What is UAI? brochure



PREVIOUSLY UAI HAS NOT HAD any promotional literature to give to persons interested in our organization, “What is UAI?” brochure has been produced to address this need

Understanding that our international organizations have varying needs where a choice in approach is advantageous, UAI has made the brochure available with the choice of two cover options. One is a development of the first printed version which features many faces and was distributed at the recent International conference in Malaga, Spain, this best demonstrates “the world and its people” in accordance with the UAI Style Guide. The other, uses the water ripple as the main image and builds on the metaphor of sending out ripples of change to the world.

Gaétan Charland, our UAI President has already mentioned work done on improving the brochure in his letter on pg 2 of this *Tidings*. The revised versions are now available for you to view and download at www.urantia-uai.org in a choice of two sizes, US letter and A4. ☐

UAI Annual Report



IN PROVIDING THE UAI ANNUAL REPORT which is now available for you to view and download at www.urantia-uai.org, we hope that your response will motivate you to participate more actively in the many different projects that UAI is fostering and is engaged in. Understanding the mission of UAI is crucial to the successful development of strategies for the attainment of our short and long term goals. In light of this statement, for the last two years, the board and a few other dedicated members of UAI have met many times in Chicago to work on the ISB Strategic Plan. This will guide UAI in responding to the ongoing challenges of a growing worldwide organization — it provides a roadmap to success in our

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A wonderful opportunity for service

If you enjoy the content of *Tidings* and would like to work with a small team gathering, editing and proofing articles from our local and International associations please contact UAI Communications Chair, Verner Verass at vern@designnd.com.au ☐



News From Canada

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF URANTIA Association of Canada held a general annual meeting on June 19, 2009. Elected as incoming President was Nathen Jensen, much known for his integrity and commitment towards TUB, and devotion in regard to Urantia Foundation. In Canada, our Nathen, from Vancouver on the West Coast, is welcome as a Pacific breeze, here to strengthen unification within UAI outreach in Canada ☐



Columbian Invitation

YOUR COLLEAGUES REPRESENTING the National Association of Colombia would like to extend an invitation to their annual conference, to be held August 15–17, 2009, in Bogota, Colombia.

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Or go to their website at: www.urantiacolombia.com ☐

mission to foster the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

The report is a budding reflection of certain strategies to promote cooperation and provide assistance to all the local and national associations of UAI. South Korea is one such area where those strategies are taking root and is explored in the report and should help any serious believer in our mission to understand the urgent need for their support, whether financial or by service participation, or both.

Our watchwords are teamwork and service and by living these ideals we ensure personal growth and a vibrant organization.

In spirit of brotherhood,
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