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from Associations around Urantia

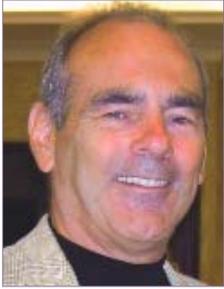
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President's message

Dear Friends of UAI and readers of *Tidings*,

HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL summer and the opportunity of meeting many readers in the various Urantia activities that took place during the summer. As I mentioned in previous messages on different discussion lists and here in a previous edition of *Tidings*, UAI is moving forward in the promotion and management of a **Universal Study Group portal**. This initiative is in its final stage of development and will provide a place of reference for the growing community of study groups, while making it easy for any reader to find a group in their area, no matter where they live, as long as a group is listed in their region or city.

While this initiative is a worthwhile project deserving our support, it will need time and wisdom to make it the reference that every sincere reader should use in search of a group to study the teachings of *The Urantia Book* in complete confidence. Just the fact that one criterion is asking that any group who will register to that portal should be free of any political stamp has raised many eyebrows and triggered some profound questions in more than one reader. Our movement is in need of a paradigm shift in philosophy as to its true nature, purpose and function.

While our Charter eloquently states our mission as "To foster study of *The Urantia Book* and to disseminate its teachings," much emphasis has been put on the organization itself and in so doing we have acquired the idea that study groups are a part of our organization. Probably the fact that more than one organization is catering to the readership, we have come to politically identify study groups by the allegiance of its members to different organizations. This behavior is totally detrimental to the nature and mission of study groups and is as far away from spiritual unity as we can get.

As a leading Urantia organization in this world, it is our responsibility to show the way and treat study groups as completely independent entities that should be totally involved in the exclusive study of *The Urantia*



Book. This means that UAI will foster and support study groups that can provide an authentic experience of serious study and brotherhood to any sincere truth seeker. UAI is not engaged in the promotion, study or practice of spiritualism, mediumship or channeling or any phenomenon's of this category, neither are we engaged in studies other than *The Urantia Book* itself, so it goes to say that the study groups we support should reflect this attitude and orientation.

I believe study groups are a special place where the real efforts of spiritual growth is taking place, where the premises and foundation of wise and efficient dissemination potentials are slowly taking shape in the minds of emerging leaders and teachers. I see this new portal as the unifying hope for the emerging community of study groups, a community that will provide the workers and leaders needed by every Urantia organization to further the expansion of the Revelation to this world. Study groups are the family entities that our organization should serve in order for them to create the spiritual momentum that our world needs.

There are many more things that can be said about study groups, but let us start by having our own study group and see what it would be like to have thousands of them in each of our countries.

In October, the International Service Board will have a weeklong face-to-face meeting in Chicago. We will use that opportunity to revise the International Service Board strategic plan and see to many more things having to do with our mission and the Leadership Symposium that is scheduled for next year. We will also be meeting for a full day with the Fellowship to explore how we can address certain confusions that permeate our movement and see where we could cooperate to serve readers. In the last month, the International Service Board has approved the 2011 budget. It is now in the process of being translated so it can be sent to the Representative Council for approval.

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Around Urantia

Tidings is a bi-monthly publication of Urantia Association International, whose mission is to foster study of *The Urantia Book* and to disseminate its teachings.

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Regarding the Representative Council, they have been busy discussing many interesting subjects. An announcement was made to its members, informing them of the new status of the Urantia Association of the Andes which has reverted to the status of a local association, with the potential of becoming a national in the years to come. The Representative Council members were also informed of the upcoming chartering of a new association in Ukraine. This chartering should happen during the weekend of the 4th of December in the city of Kiev.

While I will be visiting those readers in Ukraine, I will be using this opportunity to meet other readers and members in nearby countries. It is possible that I will be visiting Finland, Estonia, Sweden and Holland before returning home for Christmas and the upcoming Leadership Symposium.

I hope you will enjoy this edition of *Tidings*.

In the spirit of brotherhood

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Michael's Celebration in Brazil



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Brazil UB readers celebrating Jesus' 2016th birthday.

SOME WORDS ABOUT OUR Celebration of August 21st at our home in São Paulo.

"The São Paulo Readers Group celebrated on August 21st the Anniversary of Jesus' birth. Twenty two persons gathered coming from different places of São Paulo State.

Everybody read a short passage from *The Urantia Book* regarding Michael of Nebadon and Jesus and we had an interesting discussion about Jesus' Faith.

We also had a moment of art with Caio Gabriel playing piano and we finalized with a moment of silence and meditation.

Thereafter we offered a table of sandwiches, cakes and juices and people stayed chatting and knowing each other until late evening, it was very agreeable.

With love, fraternally
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Caio Gabriel playing piano.



Birthday picnic in Montreal



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The picnic group in Montreal.

NO WAY WE CAN FORGET MICHAEL of Nebadon's anniversary arrival date. It is now a tradition for the Association Urantia du Québec to invite UB readers and family to celebrate this event with a picnic at Angrignon Park in Montreal. To this effect, on Saturday August 21st, some thirty persons answered the call. The meeting place was the same as the previous year and the spot was identified with a large banner illustrating the three blue concentric circles.

The gloomy and somewhat rainy weather had no grasp on the fraternal and

serene character of the fiesta. I say a hearty thanks to all who contributed to garnish our elongated picnic table with food supplies and good wine; it was full course, even a portable "Johnny" was installed near our base camp.

A piece of cake dressed with the three blue concentric circles was served to all present in commemoration of Michael of Nebadon's arrival on Urantia as the son of man.

This activity has become a tradition for readers of *The Urantia Book* in the Montreal area. Many take advantage of this occasion

to acquaint with readers outside their study group. It is an opportunity for all to exchange views.

A photo being worth a thousand words, I invite you to visit the following site : <http://www.urantia-quebec.ca/album/page221.shtml> where you can peruse at leisure pictures taken on this site this summer and even on the previous years. Enjoy.

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Service Trails

Part 2



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“Sit down with me while I tell you of the service trails and happiness highways which lead from the sorrows of self to the joys of loving activities in the brotherhood of men and in the service of the God of heaven.” [The Urantia Book Paper 130:6, page 1437:2]

IN THE LAST ISSUE OF *TIDINGS*, I WAS sharing my experiences on what I call the ‘ready and willing’ service trail inspired by Mother Theresa. One of the bumps I hit on this service trail was when a woman came up to me in the parking lot of Trader Joe’s and asked for bus fare to get to the homeless shelter. While she was asking, my mind jumped into high gear. Was this woman scamming me; should I give her money anyway; should I tell her I have no cash with me; should I give her a ride to the shelter (but I don’t want to take the time)? I was focused on extricating myself from the situation, totally immersed in separateness, the urge to serve buried in self interest. I gave her some money and wished her well, got in my car and left. And then I felt bad. What just happened? God sent one of his beloved children to me for help and I can’t even take a moment to focus on her needs? Obviously I had some work to do. Being ‘ready and willing’ and staying focused on service were not deeply ingrained enough to sustain me. I failed and I felt awful.

When I presented this topical to my study group and then to a reader gathering, many were sympathetic with my reactions, and all were united I should not have even considered giving a stranger a ride. Maybe so, maybe not. I didn’t even attempt to move from stranger to connection. How would I know the right thing to do if I wasn’t ready and willing to take the time to discern the true needs of the person asking me for help? Where was unselfish love in this experience?

You cannot truly love your fellows by a mere act of the will. Love is only born of thoroughgoing understanding of your neighbor’s motives and sentiments. It is not so important to love all men today as it is that each day you learn to love one more human being. If each day or each week you achieve an understanding of one more of your fellows, and if this is the limit of your ability, then you are certainly socializing and truly spiritualizing your personality. Love is infectious, and when human devotion is intelligent and wise, love is more catching than hate. But only genuine and unselfish love is truly contagious. If each mortal could only become a focus of dynamic affection, this benign virus of love would soon pervade the sentimental emotion-stream of humanity to such an extent that all civilization would be encompassed by love, and that would be the realization of the brotherhood of man. [Paper 100:4, page 1098:3]

One additional vow of Mother Teresa’s has led me to an enlarged understanding of service. It was her vow “to be found faithful in the little practices.” Little practices like love which meant treating every person she met with dignity and deference, every day in every situation. She spent a dozen years yielding herself to God in the little things, praying for God to speak to her, to tell her what he wanted her to do and promising to refuse him nothing. Then at age 36 she was travelling to a conference in Calcutta and God entrusted her with a service assignment—to serve the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta. To live among the people she would serve, eat what they ate, dress as they dressed and do so quietly for the rest of her life. She was ecstatic that God would even notice her and was ready to start immediately as she had vowed. But her superiors would not release her. She had to wait for almost a year and a half to begin her new service assignment. Mother Teresa was patient though persistent throughout

this “waiting” period. She proved herself to be faithful in attending to the little things and then she got this big, huge service assignment. She got a promotion so to speak. I recalled *The Urantia Book* also indicated we earn better service assignments and here was a perfect example. But what does the book have to say about how to earn better assignments? One day I happened to flip my book open to “The Tertiary Seconophim” [Paper 28:6, Page 313-317] and things haven’t been the same since.

The Import of Time. *Time is the one universal endowment of all will creatures; it is the “one talent” intrusted to all intelligent beings. You all have time in which to insure your survival; and time is fatally squandered only when it is buried in neglect, when you fail so to utilize it as to make certain the survival of your soul. Failure to improve one’s time to the fullest extent possible does not impose fatal penalties; it merely retards the pilgrim of time in his journey of ascent.* [Paper 28:6, Page 315:3]

Oh dear! I can’t even get where I need to be on time. Where does the time go anyway? I need to get a handle on my time.

The Solemnity of Trust. *Trust is the crucial test of will creatures. Trustworthiness is the true measure of self-mastery, character. These seconaphim accomplish a double purpose in the economy of the superuniverses: They portray to all will creatures the sense of the obligation, sacredness, and solemnity of trust. At the same time they unerringly reflect to the governing authorities the exact trustworthiness of any candidate for confidence or trust.*

It is the plan of your superiors to advance you by augmented trusts just as fast as your character is sufficiently developed to gracefully bear these added responsibilities, but to overload the individual only courts disaster and insures disappointment. [Paper 28:6, Page 315:7]

This is just great. Now I have character and self mastery issues. If I can't be trusted to get where I need to be on time or to faithfully follow through on my commitments, how will I ever pass this test?

The Sanctity of Service. *The privilege of service immediately follows the discovery of trustworthiness. Nothing can stand between you and opportunity for increased service except your own untrustworthiness, your lack of capacity for appreciation of the solemnity of trust.*

The real nature of any service, be it rendered by man or angel, is fully revealed in the faces of these seconaphic service indicators, the Sanctities of Service. The full analysis of the true and of the hidden motives is clearly shown. These angels are indeed the mind readers, heart searchers, and soul revealers of the universe. Mortals may employ words to conceal their thoughts, but these high seconaphim lay bare the deep motives of the human heart and of the angelic mind. [Paper 28:6, Page 316:3]

This service thing is really demanding. I need to clean house if angels are going to come poking around.

The Secret of Greatness and the Soul of Goodness. *The ascending pilgrims having awakened to the import of time, the way is prepared for the realization of the solemnity of trust and for the appreciation of the sanctity of service. While these are the moral elements of greatness, there are also secrets of greatness. When the spiritual tests of greatness are applied, the moral elements are not disregarded, but the quality of unselfishness revealed in disinterested labor for the welfare of one's earthly fellows, particularly worthy beings in need and in distress, that is the real measure of planetary greatness. And the manifestation of greatness on a world like Urantia is the exhibition of self-control. The great man is not he who "takes a city" or "overthrows a nation," but rather "he who subdues his own tongue."* [Paper 28:6, Page 317:1]

So much to think about. But at least now I have the road map to more and better service opportunities. I also have a better understanding of my personal challenges and an increased desire to service.

My service adventure continued when I encountered my next stumbling block—volunteering in an organization.

To be continued in Part 3. □

Introducing The Urantia Book Historical Society



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THE SOCIETY'S MISSION IS TO COLLECT, document, and preserve the legacy of *The Urantia Book* and its history.

In July 2006, fifty-one years after the publication of *The Urantia Book*, The Urantia Book Historical Society (UBHS) was officially created. Over the years the number of records in possession of readers had grown in size to such an extent that the Society turned to the University of California at Santa Barbara for help. They agreed to house all that the Society had collected as part of their "American Religions Collection." That same year, www.ubhistory.org was launched and made available to the public.

The Historical Society, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, currently has twelve members serving on its Board of Directors, all of whom in some way are educated and experienced in history or archiving. UBHS is an independent organization and is dedicated to preserving, recording, documenting & cataloging, collecting, and storing the history of *The Urantia Book* and subsequent movement both digitally and physically.

Many of the physical records in the online archive are the possessions of individuals like you who have temporarily donated their historical materials for digitization. The physical repository of documents is housed at the University of California at Santa Barbara, while the digital library of records is online at www.ubhistory.org and the UBHS website contains over 5000 records and is constantly growing.

This summer The Urantia Book Historical Society will be launching a new software program that has state of the art internet services giving groups from around the world the opportunity to record their history. Each group that decides to participate will be granted access to its own document or collection room in the online library. A volunteer



Historical Society website home page



Dr William S Sadler MD (1875-1969)

archivist from that group will be able to save the group's records directly from the internet and choose which records the group makes available to UBHS Archivists for incorporation in the public archive.

The Urantia Book Historical Society invites and urges local groups and readers of *The Urantia Book* to participate in this important endeavor. This can be accomplished in several ways:

- A. Start talking about history. Start recording your personal history and invite your study group to jot down its origins and its history. Make video interviews of your group members and preserve them for posterity.
- B. Search your files for documents, meeting minutes, pamphlets, records, films, recordings, videos, and correspondence that you want to be safeguarded.

Share in The Urantia Book Historical Society's goal to collect, document, and preserve the historical legacy of *The Urantia Book* community. □



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UAI SERVICE REPORT



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WE ARE PLEASE TO ANNOUNCE THAT Gary Pratt, Secretary of Urantia Association Florida, has accepted the position of UAI Database Administrator. We appreciate Gary's willingness to serve the readers of *The Urantia Book* in this way.

If you submit an article for the *UAI Journal* or *Tidings*, you will receive a one year free printed subscription to the Journal. Send your articles to: uaicentraloffice@urantia-uai.org

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A long time reader recently shared this quote from the personal regent of the acting Planetary Prince to the contact commission. You can find this at: <http://www.michaelsplan.org/L2/L3/Regent's%20Instructions.html>

"I have great personal interest in your group and deep affection for you as individuals. I commend your loyalty, but I am somewhat amazed at your relative indifference to the importance of the mission which has been entrusted to your hands. Your group of Seventy may seem to show more interest because you are selected and because you are under more or less discipline. But the majority of your Forum shock me by their lack of enthusiasm. It must be that many otherwise well-meaning human

beings just cannot stand the test of time. I admonish you ever to be alert to the importance of the extraordinary trust which has been placed in your hands." [10.4]

I think this same message could be given to the readership today. Do we realize how important this revelation is to this world?

Our Urantia family in France has agreed to allow us to use their new French language discussion forum as a UAI discussion forum. You can find it at: www.urantia-uai.org/forums.html. We greatly appreciate their leadership and service to the French speaking communities around the world. We now have public discussion forums in English, French, and Spanish.

The 56 books we sent to our association members in Zambia are now in their hands and Spanish books have arrived to our Urantia family in Mexico. UAUS paid for us to ship the books to Zambia and Nick Scalzo supplied the Spanish books for Mexico. Here is part of a message from our friends in Zambia:

"This is to confirm that I have collected the books and our members here are very happy. I phoned leaders of our 13 study groups through out our country to inform them of the good news. I will be visiting the study groups from 1st September and distribute the books.

Thanks again to you Tamara, the Urantia Foundation, the UAI, Gary Rawlings and the UAUS for the donations and contributions that made it possible for us to have the books, we have been waiting

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for. At last God has answered our Prayer.

God Bless you all keep up the good works

Best regards

for Urantia Association of Zambia

Joel Chongo Mvula

President"

And this from our friends in Mexico:

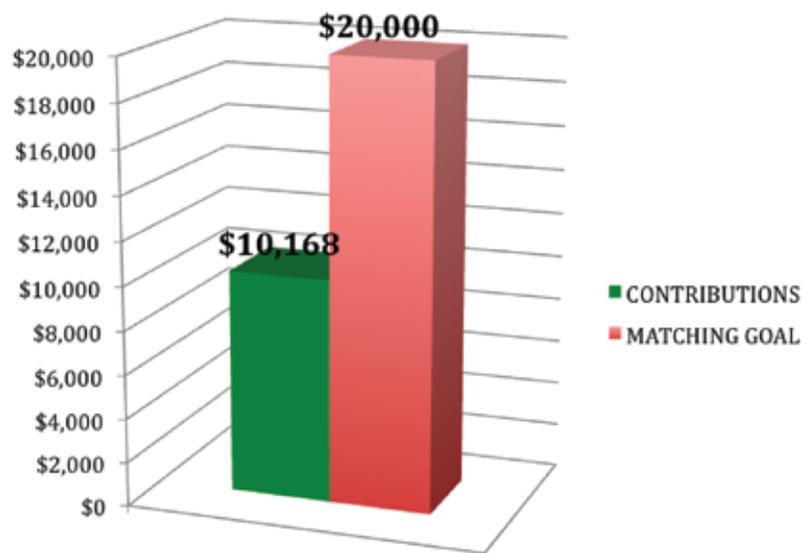
"Mexico's State study group is very happy and grateful for the support you have given us, in obtaining the box of books, so we can continue spreading The Urantia Book. We promise you we will take advantage to the fullest with these books you have so kindly help us obtain. We humbly thank you

Sincerely

Mexico's State study group"

It is only through our financial contributions and your prayers that we can make things like this happen. Below is the result so far of the matching fund challenge for our UAI 2011 Leadership Symposium: ☐

Matching fund challenge for UAI 2011 Leadership Symposium



To contribute by credit/debit card, call 1-773-572-1180 or send your contribution to: UAI, 559 W. Diversey Parkway #351, Chicago, IL 60614-7640. Thank you!

Video history and leadership of the Urantia revelation

PLAN FOR *THE URANTIA BOOK* REVELATION

of the Executive Committee drawn from “certain wise comments and advices.” It was known that these “wise sayings” were originally written communications addressed to the contact commissioners. We had heard them read in 1951 in their original form. Bill had adapted the language for “public” consumption, and he also read this paper to the Forum:

“We regard *The Urantia Book* as a feature of the progressive evolution of human society. It is not germane to the spectacular episodes of epochal revolution, even though it may apparently be timed to appear in the wake of one such revolution in human society. The Book belongs to the era immediately to follow the conclusion of the present ideological struggle. That will be the day when men will be willing to seek truth and righteousness. When the chaos of the present confusion has passed, it will be more readily possible to formulate the cosmos of a new and improved era of human relationships. And it is for this better order of affairs on earth that the Book has been made ready.

“But the publication of the Book has not been postponed to that (possibly) somewhat remote date. An early publication of the Book has been provided so that it may in hand for the training of leaders and teachers. Its presence is also required to engage the attention of persons of means who may be thus led to provide funds for translations into other languages.

“You who dedicate your lives to the service of the Book and the Brotherhood can little realize the import of your doings. You will doubtless live and die without fully realizing that you are participating in the birth of a new age of religion on this world.

“The future is not open to your mortal comprehension, but you will do well to diligently study the order, plan, and methods of progression as they were enacted in the earth life of Michael when the Word was made flesh. You are becoming actors in an ensuing episode when the Word is made Book. Great is the difference in these dispensations of religion, but many are the lessons which can be learned from a study of the former age.

“You must again study the times of Jesus on earth. You must carefully take note of how the kingdom of heaven was inaugurated in the world. Did it evolve slowly and unfold naturally? Or did it come with sudden show of force and with spectacular exhibition of power? Was it evolutionary or revolutionary?

“You must learn to possess your souls in patience. You are in association with a revelation of truth which is a part of the natural evolution of religion on this world. Overrapid growth would be suicidal. The book is being given to those who are ready for it long before the day of its world-wide mission. Thousands of study groups must be brought into existence and the book must be translated into many tongues. Thus will the book be in readiness when the battle for man’s liberty is finally won and the world is once more made safe for the religion of Jesus and the freedom of mankind.” □



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In 2010, Carolyn Kendall and Barb Newsome gave a 90 minute presentation on some of their memories and experiences in the early days of the Urantia Book’s publication.



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WE ARE TOLD IN *THE URANTIA BOOK* that revelators came to earth on missions and for specific purposes. There was an ordained plan for how each bestowal son would carry out his program of upstepping evolutionary life and imparting new spiritual truth.

There was a master plan for *The Urantia Book*, and I believe it is still in operation. Its features were specific. They guided the content, the quality, the publishing, and the protection of the Fifth Epochal Revelation. It decreed the establishment and the function of Urantia Foundation and Urantia Brotherhood. The constitution of Urantia Brotherhood was approved by the highest planetary authority. The relationship between the Foundation and the Brotherhood was prescribed. This feature of the plan is where I believe the guidance was not followed, and where subsequent problems arose to bedevil both Foundation and Brotherhood.

The plan was conveyed by the revelatory providers to the contact commissioners, who shared it with the groups known as the Seventy and the Forum. The commissioners had latitude to share elements of the plan with later arriving persons perceived to have leadership potential. The original messages which outlined the plan were not published as part of the revelation and would eventually be destroyed. The former Forum members who became Brotherhood leaders and Foundation trustees carried on knowledge of how the revelation was to progress. However, because of the recent schism, discontinuity occurred in the transmittal of information.

The plan was never presented as a 1-2-3 listing of do’s and don’t’s. If one is discerning, facets of the plan will emerge, just as they dawned upon each Forum member and Brotherhood leader. As was true in past revelations, in the realm of revelatory planning, timing is everything.

Timing of *The Urantia Book*

In April 1955 William S. Sadler, Jr., prepared a paper, “Timing of *The Urantia Book*,” for the files

Screen grab of the “History Videos” web page

IN MARCH OF 2010 AT A MEETING OF THE UAI 2011 Leadership Symposium team, Carolyn Kendall and Barb Newsome gave a 90 minute presentation of some of their memories and experiences in the early days of *The Urantia Book*’s publication. We want to share with you a video of that presentation that we have posted to the UAI website. We think you will find this presentation on leadership and history inspiring and informative. The video is broken into three segments so it downloads quickly.

Go to www.urantia-uai.org > Click on the word “Overview” at the top left of the page. In the left column, click on “Video interview with Barbara Newsome and Carolyn Kendall”. Or, use this link to go directly to it: <http://www.urantia-uai.org/history.html>

We hope you enjoy this video as much as we enjoyed being there. Thank you Carolyn and Barbara for sharing your experiences with all of us. □



GLMUA Picnic 2010



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Picnic group at Indiana Dunes State Park on Lake Michigan

GREATER LAKE MICHIGAN URANTIA Association's annual picnic, in celebration of Michael's birth on Urantia, was held Sunday, August 22, 2010, at the Duneside Shelter in Indiana Dunes State Park on the southern shore of Lake Michigan.

The tradition of this gathering dates back into the 1940s. The weather was warm, breezy and clear providing a refreshing departure from the sweltering heat and condensing humidity of the now waning summer.

Everyone brought various dishes from traditional salads, baked beans and dips to more eclectic vegetarian fare not to mention some very tasty Tai Wonton Puffs. There were several well prepared desserts. Our perennial chef, Bill Martin, offered his excellent rendition of Jamaican Jerked Chicken (Yes, I had the fourth piece!). This was all topped off by a delicious Vegan Carrot Birthday Cake, decorated with 3 Azure Blue concentric circles, lovingly made and provided by Danny and Mary Casko.

GLMUA officially welcomed our three newest members, Bob and Linda Buselli, and Mary Casko during the course of the program. Our President, Rick Lyon, gave a presentation which included plans for the annual Christmas Party, hosted by Urantia Foundation, and plans to attend the social during the ISB meeting with the Executive Council of the Fellowship this coming October. Rick also presented an outline of GLMUA's role for the UAI Leadership 2011 Symposium coming up in July of next year as we will act as hospitality coordinators for the event.

The program was briefly outlined by facilitator Benet Rutenberg. After each member introduced themselves, a question and response discussion was begun on Paper 159 section 3; Instructions for Teachers and Believers. While we are all very aware of how concentrated the text is in much of our revelation, we found this to be even more true of this section where almost each statement made by Jesus is replete and worthy of much consideration and contemplation. The content and quality of discussion in this verbal, intellectual and spiritual penetration of meanings and values proved both rewarding and inspiring. Recognition and thanks must be given to our entire group for their thoughts and insights during almost 2 hours of good natured if not intense dialogue. Though many questions were prepared in advance, the session took on a life of its own, no doubt fostered by our unseen invited friends. Just over half of the subject material received our attentions leaving some of us wondering what we still may contemplate and leaving the Program Chair questioning if all of it could be covered in a full day study session.

As many had quite a distance to drive, we concluded our celebration with the singing of Happy Birthday to Michael and shared altogether the eating of the cake. Shortly past 4:00PM, we parted company, until the next time, feeling a satisfaction with a sense of joy in our bodies, minds and souls. ☐

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