



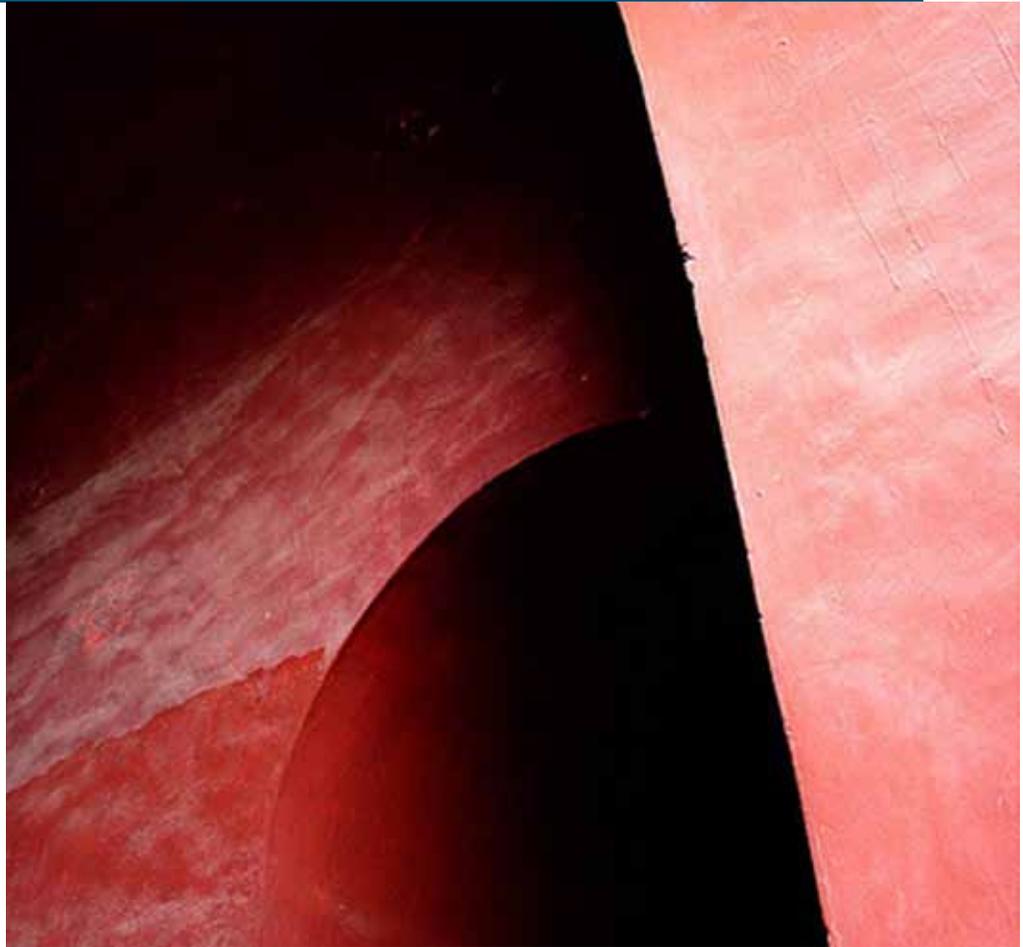
Tidings

from Associations around Urantia

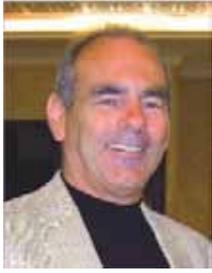
Urantia Association International ■ <http://urantia-uai.org>

Nº 54 ■ May-June 2012

Reach out for truth photo



<i>Gaétan G. Charland</i>	2	President's Message
<i>Olga López</i>	3	11 th Meeting of Readers in Spain
<i>Carlos Rubinsky</i>	4	Thank you URANCOL!
<i>Eggy Nitiprana</i>	5	Prana Cipta
<i>Federico Folchi</i>	5	Argentina's First National Conference
<i>Normand Laperle</i>	6	Medellin conference reflections
<i>Grevet Moyo</i>	7	A rewarding experience
<i>Dominique Ronfet</i>	7	AFLLU Meeting
<i>Chris Moseley</i>	8	The UAI UK Summer Meeting



President's message

Dear members and friends of UAI,

THE SUMMER SEASON IS already upon us and for many the opportunity to take a well deserved vacation. Vacations are also an opportunity to travel and for readers of *The Urantia Book* to meet new readers or old friends by attending a conference. This year like any other year many national or local associations are organizing local or regional conferences that could last from one to three days. So before you make your travel plans, inquire if there are any conferences close to where you are going and if not, contact the board members of your association to find out if there are any readers in the area where you intend to take your vacation and make a goal of meeting them.

As you all know, the UAI international conference was held in April for the first time in South America, more precisely in Medellin, Colombia. It was quite an event with more than 160 people attending, representing twenty-one different countries including representatives from four countries in Africa. We tried very hard to get people from Pakistan and Haiti to the conference, but because of visa issues, this wish did not come true. As we move forward in the organization of international conferences outside North America, we gain valuable experience in our understanding of the many challenges that UAI will be facing in the near and distant future when the number and diversity of our local and national associations encompass many more regions, cultures and languages of the world.

For everyone who came to this conference, I am sure all went back home with a greater sense of belonging to something that is still very much in its infancy, the spiritual brotherhood of men. What better way than international conferences to immerse oneself in a mixture of cultures and languages



while sharing the same spiritual purpose; we could also imagine this as an example of spiritual unity. While we struggle with all the different concepts of unity that readers hear or talk about, there is nothing like coming together at a conference to get a small taste of what it would be like to live a few days in a more spiritually advanced era.

For many association board members, the international conference is a place to learn new and different ways to serve readers by acquiring new information from other board members, and this is also very true for International Service Board members. Meeting board members of many associations and readers from around the world becomes a true opportunity of service. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the great service that everyone involved in the organization of this international conference provided to their brothers and sisters by making presentations, facilitating workshops or taking care of all the minute details that made this experience possible.

On another note, a few months ago, the ISB and Urantia Foundation received an invitation from the president of the Fellowship, Michelle Klimesh, to sign a document called the Declaration of Cooperation. Here is the text of that document: "We, the leaders of our respective organizations, declare our commitment to cooperate with each other in our efforts to spread the Fifth Epochal Revelation to all the peoples of the world. We further agree to share this Declaration of Cooperation with all known readers, and prospective readers, in their native languages." While this document reflects a spirit of spiritual unity, the ISB members were not clear as to what cooperation actually means to each organization and how far each is willing to go in order to respect such a declaration. In that line of thinking, the Urantia Foundation

TIDINGS

From Associations
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.

The Urantia Book online:

<http://www.urantia.org/en/urantia-book/read>

You may submit articles about *The Urantia Book*, news about your association, stories, photos and poems to the editor. All articles are subject to revision.

Editor: Federico Folchi

federicofolchi@gmail.com

Spanish Translation: Olga López,

olopez65@gmail.com

French Translation: Line St-Pierre and collaborators

line.stpierre3721@videotron.ca

Page Layout: Federico Folchi and Verner Verass

You may submit images for possible use on the cover to:

federicofolchi@gmail.com

Tidings archives:

<http://urantia-uai.org/tidings/>

Submissions limited to 700 words (one page) or 1400 words (1½ page) plus one or two photos. Deadline by the 15th of every 2nd month.



has proposed that all three organizations meet in Chicago in October to discuss how we can achieve better cooperation. The ISB responded positively to the invitation of the Foundation. The Fellowship requested we postpone such a meeting because they will be electing new board members this summer and they could not make meeting date commitments on behalf of their new board members. The ISB has informed the RC of this invitation and recommended that we accept the invitation of the Foundation.

As usual the ISB has its regular monthly meetings with the help of Webex and during those meetings we have the opportunity to express new ideas on how to foster our mission and make our organization more effective in its task of being of service to every one of our many associations. Study groups and the fostering of leaders and teachers >>

11th Meeting of Readers in Spain

President's message cont.

are always at the forefront of our deliberation and shortly UAI should have a new Website that will focus on those activities.

There is also the cooperation initiative of the Study Group Directory that is progressing. In fact the name was changed from portal to directory and we invite every one of our associations who have a website to put a link to the Study Group Directory (<http://urantiastudygroup.org/find.php>) so readers who are searching for study groups or wish to list their group can easily find this very important directory.

Soon the RC will be voting for a new Study Group Chair. So far we have received only one nomination for that position. Let us hope that when the call for nominations made at the end of this summer for six positions at the ISB, there will be many candidates from every UAI association who will answer the call. It is always one of our greatest responsibilities to volunteer for service to our brothers and sisters and to choose to serve in such capacity is certainly an act of selfless and loving service.

In October of this year, the last weekend, the ISB members will be meeting in Chicago for their yearly face-to-face meeting. This year we will be working on the revision of the UAI By-laws to make it more serviceable to all the associations, so we invite any board members who wish to participate in this work to let us know of your intention so we can reserve a space for you at the Foundation.

Recently I read a book written a few years ago by one of my friends and in it she wrote:

"To share a truth, one has first to find who is searching for it."

I pray that you will have a great summer and enjoyable vacations.

In spirit of brotherhood,

Gaétan G. Charland

President UAI

Gaetan.charland3721@videotron.ca □



All the group together



OLGA LÓPEZ

SPAIN

olopez65@gmail.com

THE URANTIA ASSOCIATION OF SPAIN held its 11th Meeting of Readers from May 11th to 13th in the beautiful city of Seville. About 33 readers coming not only from Spain, but from other countries too, such as France, Portugal, Germany, Canada, and Finland, attended this event.

On this occasion, we wanted to focus on leadership in the Urantia movement, and to convey what we learned at the UAI Leadership Symposium, held in Techy Towers (Chicago, IL, USA) in July last year. The first session, on Friday afternoon, we had three presentations about leadership and dissemination of *The Urantia Book*, given by Eduardo Altuzarra (Vice-President), Mariano Pérez (Study Group Chair), and Olga López (President). The second day, we had a workshop about leadership values, which was the same one we had at the Symposium, slightly adapted to our meeting format. This group activity was really appreciated by our attendees who were able to enjoy interesting and insightful conversations concerning this topic. At the end, we share our thoughts in a plenary session.

The last activity of our Meeting was the Governing Board Meeting of the **Urantia Association of Spain**. In this assembly, we renewed our National Board for a 4-year period:
President: Carmelo Martínez (Bizkaia)
Vice-President: Jaime Marco (Murcia)
Treasurer: Eduardo Altuzarra (Burgos)
Secretary: Ismael Gracia (Tarragona)
Study Group Chair: Mariano Pérez (Madrid).

We wish all the best for the new Board. I'm sure they are going to further our mission of disseminating *The Urantia Book* teachings in Spain in an excellent way! Congratulations to you all!

Olga López
 Spain □



New and old members of the National Board: Rear, from left to right: Mariano Pérez (Study Groups), Ismael Gracia (Secretary), Andrés Pérez (former Treasurer), Olga López (former President). Front: Jaime Marco (Vice-President), Carmelo Martínez (President), and Eduardo Altuzarra (former Vice-President and now Treasurer). Santiago Rodríguez (former Secretary) didn't attend the meeting

Thank you URANCOL! (Urantia Asociación Nacional de Colombia)



CARLOS RUBINSKY
Argentina
carlosrubinsky@gmail.com



THANKS TO ALL THE COLOMBIAN brothers and sisters who showed us the wonderful group of people that gathered together and put their effort and heart to make this International Conference of the UAI possible. The first one to be held in South America. Thanks also to the officers of the UAI that contributed in so many and varied ways.

It will be very difficult to beat this event, but it certainly is an example to try to imitate. All the details were considered and thus achieved a feast for the soul and a great advance in the attainment of the brotherhood.

It is for me difficult to convey in words all that I lived ... I do not know if the presentations were extremely intelligent or very clever, with great teachings or full of new insights, but the emotions of the heart and the feeling of love lived and shared makes me lack of enough words to express it.

In a quote *The Urantia Book* teaches us that relations between personalities have cosmic value in itself and persist through our universal career (Page 1235:4) and this I feel like a Truth in all its letters. The fact of being these days among "Urantian" brothers and sisters for the sole purpose of being an active part in the effort to share the wonder of a Divine Revelation was just fabulous...

The perspective offered by the passage of time will allow me to more fairly value all that I lived. But without doubt most of the experiences will remain treasured in our memory through the mansion worlds and perhaps into eternity.

Some other article might describe the amount of readers who attended the event and the different countries from where they

proceeded, it is not my intention to give an objective report on these aspects, but to try to convey the emotional and sensitive experience. But even if I try to find the best words and try to make a detailed and careful wording, I don't know if I can do it, simply because words fall short against such efforts.

But I do not say that all participants face the same difficulty, so I ask those who read these lines and have participated in the Conference in Medellin, to write an article and say what I am not saying.

What I can say with absolute certainty is that the bonds of love and friendship will be everlasting. That the emotions experienced will never be forgotten. That this Revelation is Divine, and that the future of this planet depends largely on the information and lessons contained in the pages of this Book. We can also assert that the work and effort of each individual reader and the social groups that have been formed and continue to be forming are the way to follow and to keep developing. I do not know any better.

I wish that someday our work, economic, social, and family obligations will allow us to have this kind of meeting for longer periods and more often.

Coming back to everyday life after being four days in an oasis of spiritual happiness is a bit hard ... but the food received nourishes our souls to continue doing whatever the Father sets for us on the road, until we meet again with our planetary family at the next International Conference.

Again, THANK YOU to everyone who made this meeting possible, without forgetting the invisible beings who support and help us permanently!

Now we have to continue studying the teachings of *The Urantia Book* in our study groups and through our national congresses and conferences, spreading the teachings whenever we have the opportunity. The road is long and uncertain, but if our faith and will are strong and our commitment is permanent, the Fifth Epochal Revelation will keep growing and spreading far and wide on our brave Urantia, rebellious and experimental world where dark forces seek to confuse and lead us away from the road.

But, as we were advised by our current President Gaétan Charland, if we focus on worship the Father and we pray with faith to his Son Jesus, we cannot fail. None of the false and misleading practices that threatens our study groups and our organizations could move forward and undermine the health of the Revelation. Let's be "relentlessly inexorable to evil and sinful deliberate rebellion" as taught at some point Master Jesus (Page 1966:5). Let's not be "politically correct" with what is really wrong. Let's defend the path of Truth, Beauty and Goodness, and that each of these values unified together, should guide our efforts and lead us to the planetary goal the Superior Beings wish for us.

This conference represented and showed what the unified effort of an enlightened human group can achieve. If we continue along this same path and with the same kind of effort, we can be sure that the Era of Light and Life will sooner arrive to our planet.

Thank you all! Carlos Rubinsky
(Written at 30,000 feet on the flight back home) □

Prana Cipta



EGGY NITIPRANA
Indonesia
nitiprana2004@yahoo.com



The study group together

PRANA CIPTA URANTIA INDONESIA is the Study Group of *The Urantia Book*. Our activity is to give ministry to the members to learn more deeply about the Thought Adjuster.

Our Vision is building a human mindset based on “spiritual intelligence”, and our mission is to train and enlighten and guide the human spiritual journey towards a better life. Vision and Mission are closely related to existing knowledge in *The Urantia Book*, where we as humans must recognize that the Adjuster is our partner. In the mission of service ministry, we Prana Cipta Urantia Indonesia, provide lessons:

1. How to (method) to see the Adjuster that is within us.

2. How to be able to cooperate with the Adjuster.
3. How to be able to Communicate with the Adjuster.

Mind is your Ship, the Adjuster is your Pilot, the human will is Captain. [Paper 111:1.9, Page 1217]

Prana Cipta Urantia Indonesia established since 2002. In 2006 we joined a conference in Australia. At that time, we opened the workshop, teaching the method to be able to see the Adjuster who is within humans. Study Group Prana Cipta Urantia Indonesia, right now has 56 active members from different religions and beliefs.

Eggy Nitiprana
Indonesia

Argentina´s First National Conference



FEDERICO FOLCHI
Argentina
federicofolchi@gmail.com

THE UAAR (URANTIA ASOCIACIÓN Argentina) is preparing its first national conference from the 17th to the 19th of August.

It will take place in the neighborhood of Saavedra, in the city of Buenos Aires, in a building of a Foundation who gave the salon free of charge.

The theme will be: “Towards Light and Life with Divine Guide”. The divine help is from the Father, the Son and the Infinite Spirit, and presentations will include them as their main subject. It is planned to have several workshops and the presentations of the conclusions to which each group arrives.

You can have more details at www.urantiaargentina.org

Federico Folchi
Argentina



To support our mission to foster study groups and in-depth study of *The Urantia Book* and to train teachers and leaders for the Fifth Epochal Revelation:

Call 1-773-572-1180

to contribute by credit card or

visit our website at www.urantia-uai.org

or

Send contributions to:

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

Medellin conference reflections



NORMAND LAPERLE
Lévis, Queber, Canada
nlap@videotron.ca



View of Medellín, second-largest city in Colombia.

THE AWARENESS OF THE VALUE OF *The Urantia Book* in our life is concomitant with the consciousness of the Father presence within us, the indwelling spirit of the Thought Adjuster.

I was at the 8th UAI International Conference in Medellín, Colombia, South America, from April 28 to May 1, 2012. The theme was “The art of teaching and dissemination of *The Urantia Book*”.

First of three observations:

The scope of the planetary dimension of *The Urantia Book*. When I went to the Chicago symposium in 2011, this aspect of *The Urantia Book* had not appeared to me as strong as it did this time. Chicago is the mother host of *The Urantia Book* and it feels normal to have seen related activities there. I felt as if Chicago was in my own backyard as I live on the same continent (in Québec, Canada).

But going to Medellín, Colombia, required a 12 to 15 hour flight including two border crossings. Upon arrival, we speak another language and bathe in another culture; we are somewhere else. I renewed friendship with people from other countries and continents which I had met in Chicago.

Paradoxically the planet now appears smaller to me. Medellín is in my own backyard now, because I’ve been there.

Organizing international conferences in various places on the planet is a good idea because it attracts people living about these areas. It “decentralizes” people’s involvement in regard to *The Urantia Book* related activities and this further establishes these regions in the Urantia movement. It reveals unsuspected potentials in these regions. Out of 150 participants, about 72% came from

Central and South America; 57% came from Colombia itself.

For those of us who travel to these regions, it reveals the planetary dimension of the book. It also highlights the impact of our own involvement. It makes us discover that there are much more similarities than differences among us truth seekers. It makes us tap into the global planetary knowledge in order to find ways of helping each other. It’s a perfect time to review our regional and individual evolution.

I was able to talk one-on-one with people from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Spain, Peru, Dominican Republic, Russia, England, USA, Africa (Nigeria, Cameroon, Malawi, Senegal), Colombia (Barranquilla, Bogota, Boyaca, Cali, Medellín, Monteria, Santander). My only regret is my lack of Spanish which otherwise would have allowed me to exchange more profoundly with the peoples of this culture. I decided to learn Spanish.

My second observation:

The two levels of exchange during this type of meeting. There are the speeches centered on the theme and there are **individual contacts**, one-on-one, between personalities. It is clear that it is mainly the latter that remains in memory when we go back home.

It’s as if the activities conducted up front were only the mere support for some underlying authenticity. They do not diminish the importance of the intellectual scope within these conferences; they set the tone for our future research, aims and directions. I realize that the more a statement is intellectual, the less likely it will be retained by the participants. And conversely, the more

a statement is personal (expressed directly from the soul and personality), the more it will be retained. Nevertheless these activities should not be neglected. Participants must constantly feel confident and well supervised. Organizational aspects should not be of concern to them. They need only to share with others in all peace of mind. When the intellect is in proper equilibrium, the soul can more easily strive in its growth process.

This brings me to my third observation. In these types of conferences, we feel a sort of background energy which prevails in interpersonal exchanges. It is gentle and strong at the same time. It is **Love**. But this type of love originates beyond sentimentality, beyond psychology and beyond the mind. It concerns the immortal potential of the individual and his attainment in the goal of eternity.

Could it be that this type of love takes origin beyond spirituality and with the Adjuster, the divine spark within us? I leave the question open.

Love is an influential force. It is the foundation of all relationships between individuals. It can be seen as having a certain “density,” something “tangible” and “substantial.” Awareness of the love that indwells us multiplies its strength and its impact, because from that moment on it can be over cared by personality.

I come out of this conference as an elder. Thank you, organizers.

Normand Laperle
Lévis, Québec, Canada □

A rewarding experience



GREVET MOYO
Urantia Association Malawi
Grevetmoyo@yahoo.com

IT WAS MY FIRST TIME TO TRAVEL such a very long trip on an airplane. I made this trip to participate at the UAI 2012 International Conference which was held in Medellin, Colombia.

Frankly speaking, I have never been on an airplane before and this was my first time and it was a wonderful experience. I am glad that I was part of this productive and great event.

To add more, I learned a lot during the conference. All the lessons I learned will be shared with my brothers and sisters in my country.

Furthermore, I was very much touched and inspired with the presentations of the delegates from different countries and I enjoyed meeting and sharing ideas with readers from all around the world.

I will not forget the good time, I had in Medellin. We visited a number of beautiful places, watched Colombian Folk Dance, and I enjoyed being on the Metro cables of Medellin.

It was my first experience to use the Metro cable. What a wonderful experience. I also enjoyed eating delicious Colombian food.

Special thanks goes to the UAI and to those who contributed money for sponsoring me to this event. Otherwise, I could not have made it to the conference in Colombia.

I would like also to thank Tamila Ragimova, Urantia National Association of Colombia and the UAI for hosting such a great conference.

The VIII UAI Urantia Book International Conference was my first Urantia event to attend and participate. I found it to be a rewarding experience that I will never forget for the rest of my life.

Above all, I thank God almighty for the fact that, the conference went on well and I travelled to and from safely.

Grevet Moyo
Malawi ☐



Grevet Moyo, Gaetan Charland, Armie Ondis, Paul Tsekar

AFLLU Meeting



DOMINIQUE RONFET
Aflu France
aflu@urantia.fr

THIS YEAR THE AFLLU, FRENCH ASSOCIATION, organized from the 23rd to the 27th of May its annual meeting in a quiet place, where a religious congregation lives — the Marists at Neylière.

The theme of our meeting was the divine values : Truth, Beauty, Goodness.

At last our elections put to the vote again the offices of vice-president and president, your servant.

After coping with that office for four years, it seemed better for me to hand over to new energies. And the French association is not short of them. But the gist of our meeting had to consist in group studies, meditation, communication on the subject of the 'winning triumvirate' so to speak, namely Truth, Beauty and Goodness.

So we were 25 this year at work.

Was it the newness of the place, its relative seclusion? No matter. Quality is always more important than quantity.

Among the questions we dealt with: What do we talk about when we cite those values? How do we coordinate them in our experience? If indeed we can seek Truth and Beauty, may we say we seek Goodness, or is the latter just a result of our efforts? The result is expected to happen unconsciously as a proof of our evolution that other people may note — "...*let not the left hand know what the right hand does.*" [Paper140:6.11, page 1577:5]

May one read therein a sign of the original Trinity?

Why is truth symmetrical and what are the components of that symmetry? >>

Aflu Meeting cont.

Truth is beautiful because it is both replete and symmetrical. *When man searches for truth, he pursues the divinely real.* [Paper 2:74, page 42:5]

Are perfection and the risk of imperfection such components then?

In a nutshell, our brains smoked. And the signals they sent to our heavenly friends must have aroused answers, undoubtedly, since our exchanges sometimes seemed to take off. Then we were on our flying carpets.

So, in order to unwind in our work, we attended a play read by three characters (Truth, Beauty and Goodness of course), written by Anne-Marie, which made our reflections physically real.

The exchanges sometimes underlined the difficulty that these values have as they try to understand one another.

The philosophical version of the Beautiful, the Good and the True in a way.

But I shall not reveal everything to you, after all, is it not more important to seek than to find?

About the administrative part of our meeting you should know indeed: the French association looks lively. A committee in charge of communication was created among the board of directors. So do not be surprised if, one night, you may find a Frenchman sitting at the table or in your lounge. Then he will come and perfect his foreign languages and discover your local specialities.

Also we hope to partake ever more with you and will do all our best to foster meetings and exchanges with you.

YES! With you!

See you again sometime.

Dominique Ronfet.

AFLLU

FRANCE

CONTRIBUTE TO UAI

To support the work of UAI please send your contribution to:

Urantia Association International
559 W. Diversey Parkway #351
Chicago, IL 60614-7640
UNITED STATES

The UAI UK Summer meeting

Caherdaniel, Ireland, 24-27 August 2012



CHRIS MOSELEY
UAI UK
chrmos50@gmail.com



Picturesque Caherdaniel nestled on the coast of County Kerry in Southwest Ireland.

EVERY YEAR THE URANTIA Association International branch in the British Isles organises a weekend of fellowship and study at a location away from our usual study group venues, in a summer holiday atmosphere, so that our scattered readership can come together and share our insights on a theme from our Book and to share each other's company.

We started out at English venues, but this year we are spreading our wings a little and appreciating the fact that our membership also includes Ireland. Thanks to the kindness of a reader we have the use of a spacious house for this year's meeting in the spectacular setting of the coast of County Kerry in Southwest Ireland.

What better place as a backdrop to consider this year's theme — "Be you perfect even as I am perfect." "No-one is perfect"—a useful get-out, if something is not going your way. However, God's command to us is to be perfect. How do we attain this seemingly impossible goal? Well, God reaches down to us as we reach up to Him in our quest for perfection. Our programme for the summer meeting 2012 will begin to consider how this is achieved through studying *The Urantia Book* and

- **discovering** the key attributes of the Gods. What does it mean to be perfect?
- **understanding** the significance of the Havona Worlds and inhabitants to an ascender from time and space;



The Blind Piper Pub, Caherdaniel.

- **considering** the origin, nature and destiny of the paradise sons with regards to their role in guiding the planet into light and life and the equivalent journey through the mansion worlds by individual pilgrims. The Gods down step and man steps up through the approach of man to God and vice versa through these sons of paradise origin; and
- **drawing** on the Jesus Papers, a group study of the man who revealed God to man and man to God.

We also expect a guest speaker to lead a session on the Master Seraphim.

The Summer Meeting, though an important event in our calendar, is not an end in itself but a means of strengthening the bonds between Urantia Book readers and fostering a deepening sense of the cosmic citizenship.

We welcome you to participate in our Summer Meeting that you may come away with an enhanced reality of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men to share with your fellows in your daily lives.

Chris Moseley
UAI UK