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## President's message

*Dear Friends of UAI and readers of Tidings,*

**T**HE YEAR 2011 WAS FILLED with many challenges and activities. This is true for many of us who have devoted much time to the Revelation and the activities supporting its mission. For the members of the International Service Board, the Leadership Symposium was the biggest challenge we had ever undertaken as a group and a team. Without the help of many of our members from the US, and especially from the Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association, the task would have been nearly impossible.

Truly, the Symposium has been the highlight of all my activities for 2011 and I believe it was the same for many leaders who came from more than twenty-five countries around the world. Never in the history of the Urantia movement have we seen such a joyful gathering of souls, it was an inspiring and historical moment of time that was also made possible by the generosity of many of you because of your gifts of funds and time, many were able to participate in this event.

In addition to the Leadership Symposium, the members of the ISB have been busy devoting some of our time to a very important project, the Study Group Portal. James Woodward has accepted the nomination of Captain of the team consisting of four members of each organization participating in this project. Those organizations are the Urantia Foundation, The Urantia Book Fellowship and the Urantia Association International. This team will be looking after the management of the portal to ensure it corresponds to the highest values of our mission. While James Woodward was filling the role of Study group Chair, he did a marvelous job of publishing a newly revised version of the Study Group Guide that you will find available on the Study Group Portal and also on the UAI website.

While the Study Group Guide has been made available in English since the Leadership Symposium, the translations in



other languages are under way and you should soon see the French, Spanish and Portuguese version of the guide made available through download or paper format. Not only was the Study Group Guide revised, but the Conference Guide that was started

a few years ago is also in its final phase of proof reading before being published. Our friend Vern Verass, the Communication Chair, has worked his creative potential and formatted the Conference Guide in a similar model as the Study Group Guide. It should see the light of day before the end of this year.

Interestingly, this new guide for conferences will not only address itself to the organization of international conferences, but also help national and local associations organize their own conferences. This guide can easily be a complement to study groups by offering their members to act as speakers and workshop facilitators. In the work, our new Dissemination Chair Bernie Belarski, has the task during his term, to publish a guide on dissemination that should not only include how to place books in libraries or prisons or how to approach individuals with the revelation, but also to include ways on how to disseminate the teachings of *The Urantia Book* as specified in our mission.

The Symposium was not yet over that our Treasurer and CFO, Mark Kurtz, was coaching the ISB members in the production of the budget for next year. This year, as opposed to the previous years, the figures in the budget were more a reflection of what we could achieve with the money we usually receive, instead of the money needed in order to achieve our mission. Many things had to be left aside and many thousands of dollars are still missing just to accomplish the bare essentials. As an example, the UAI database is in urgent need to be updated so it can meet the growing demands of many associations. The UAI website has been awaiting a facelift for many years so it can represent better the multi-cultural and multi languages of its

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diverse associations. The intranet—a long awaited project, is still waiting for funds so it can see the light of day and made available to all of our associations to archive their reports, activities and history.

These are only the most evident big projects; there are many more which could help the fostering of our mission. I left out many things that could be done in the area of education and training teachers. Another thing that is in our mind at the ISB are the members who will replace us in the years to come. We have to make sure that the ISB positions are open and available to any members from any country with or without money to travel so they can participate at this level of service and commitment. For this to happen, we will need greater generosity from you in the years to come so as not to have the position of the ISB filled only by people that are financially well off. >>

## President's Message cont.

Coming next year, during the spring season, is the UAI International Conference that will be held in Medellin, Colombia. Not to worry, Colombia and its many cities are very safe now. I have traveled many times to Colombia during my term as president and I sincerely recommend you attend this conference in this beautiful country, a must see in South America. The facilities where the conference will be held are of the highest quality, so take this opportunity to have a memorable vacation. You will soon be able to register for this conference by visiting the UAI website or the Website of the Urañtia Association of Colombia at this address: <http://www.urantiacolombia.com/>.

This year the members of the Representative Council have been busy with many things, one of them the election of new ISB members, Caio Gabriel Donega from Brazil as Study Group Chair and Bernie Belarski from Australia as Dissemination Chair. The members already in place renewed the other positions open for elections. There was also a new policy for UAI, voted by the RC, that address the issue of channeling in the activities fostered by UAI. There was also the 2012 budget and being presented now is the creation of an endowment fund for UAI.

The ISB met at the end of October in Chicago for a whole weekend. During that time, a joint meeting was held with the Fellowship and two projects were proposed as collaborative activities between the three main organizations, they are:

1. A joint calendar of events similar to the Study Group Portal, a website where each organization would post their yearly activities. The Fellowship accepted to be the prime organizer on this project.
2. A set of policies on choosing, registering and using domain names so as not to create confusion among readers and the general public and so preventing the wrong persons or organizations from using names similar to ours.

I could write a lot more about the activities in UAI, but in the articles of this edition, you will find what was significant for many during the last few months.

May the Holiday seasons and the New Year bring you peace, good health and spiritual happiness.

Good reading,  
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## With incredible tenderness



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I AM COMPELLED TO SHARE WITH ALL of you the stupendous and exhilarating part of me that just smiles in reverent reflection of what has tuned my soul in a direction of gladness and real hope.

With sincere reckoning for our mid-wayer friends whose efforts **made all of this possible for us**; and for the mandates metted out by the universe rulers who **indited the 5th revelation** of God to mortals of Urañtia; to Gabriel for being the Brightest of us all; to Van and Amadon who have proven that **faith goes beyond patience**; to Tabamantia for the **incredible insights into the Supreme** our Creator Mother; to Adam and Eve for exhibiting **incredible bravery** in volunteering to even come here; to the life carriers, for **successfully up-stepping their formulas** in such a way as to bring about will so soon in the evolutionary process (I'm quite sure this has given us parents a great deal of consternation with regard to these willful little ones); to Grandfanda for being bold enough to try to **achieve the Central Isle**; to the Resident Governor General and the Twelve Most Highs Gavalia and Galantia for the **endless service to our welfare**; to Father Melchizedek and his wisdom for selecting The Great Machieventa who is known throughout Orvonton, of course he wont let us call him great; and to the revelatory commission who is on hand to **foster progress and growth**; to adjutant mind spirits that have made possible worship and wisdom which thankfully **set us apart** from our beloved animals; to the Divine minister of Salvington who has a **mothers touch** and knows all of sensitivities of men and women; to our beloved Creator Michael of Nebadon who has made the command **be you perfect possible for us all**; and as Jesus the man with

cheerful dignity and a gracious majesty pointed his finger westward, saying: "*Come, my brethren, let us go on into Jerusalem, there to receive that which awaits us; thus shall we fulfill the will of the heavenly Father in all things.*"; to Immanuel of Salvington for representing the perfection of the Deities here in our neighborhood and for the **gladness and joy** his presence represents; to the 7th Master Spirit who has **stamped us so indelible** that we will forever be known as hailing from Orvonton; to the Infinite Spirit who has **minded us all** and who **maintains personal contact** with every one of us through mind gravity; and to the Eternal Son whose **spiritual gravity pulls all reality to himself**; and of The Universal Father who is so **intimately connected to his sons and daughters** that he even knows the first time we skinned our knee.

Thank you Father for our existence, for our **personality that makes each of us absolutely unique** and great feelings of gratitude for our Fragment of you Father that will surely by "rebound momentum" carry us gracefully back into your presence. Father, I really enjoy the imaginings of that day when I can feel your embrace and hear those words —"welcome home my child".

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## Report from ANZURA



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IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEAR FOR ANZURA, the main highlight has been the annual Urantia Book Readers' Conference which was held at the glorious Lake Dewer Lodge in the Daylesford region in Victoria.

The venue was ideal for our needs. We were surrounded by nature and the building had floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall sheet glass windows on both sides which allowed for the serenity of the natural surroundings to be viewed at all times throughout the conference. Truly magic. While the number of attendees were down this year, the quality of presentations was excellent.

ANZURA's AGM for 2011 was held during the conference. Elections were held for the Governing Board positions of Vice President and Treasurer. I'd like to welcome onto the Board our new Vice President Julian McGarry from Tasmania and new Treasurer Rita Schaad from Newcastle. On behalf of all members I would like to thank outgoing Vice President and Treasurer Robert Coenraads and Trevor Swadling respectively. Both served diligently in these positions for the past four years.

Trevor Swadling reported on his progress with the "Operation Contact" project at the AGM. Many groups have been targeted and sent a copy of *The Urantia Book*. Trevor's report can be seen on page 13.

The 2012 ANZURA conference will be held in Queensland. Graeme Chapman has volunteered to be the main organiser and has booked the venue already. **Alexandra Park Conference Centre**, Sunshine Coast, Queensland, 14 to 17 September 2012. So mark your calendars and stay tuned for details as they emerge.



ANZURA Conference group photo on the shore of Lake Dewer, Victoria.



Graeme Chapman (geologist) presenting his talk on scientific content of *The Urantia Book*.



Attentive audience appreciating treasures shared.

ANZURA members Julian McGarry, William Wentworth and Merindi and Bernie Belarski represented ANZURA at the Leadership Symposium that was held in Chicago in July of this year. The call went out for the participation of readers from all over the world who are interested in taking on teacher and leadership type rolls in their efforts to spread the teachings of *The Urantia Book* in their regions. All came back with good reports on meeting and fraternising with readers from all over the world who are dedicated to the task of attempting to further the Urantia revelation in their countries.

William Wentworth has been invited to speak at next year's international conference in Colombia, it's great to see our good friend, accomplished speaker and scholar of *The Urantia Book*, participating at such a key event. ANZURA members should take the

opportunity to attend this exciting event which will be held from April 28th to May 1st, 2012 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Medellin, Colombia. Visit [www.urantiacolombia.com](http://www.urantiacolombia.com) for more information.

Nigel Nunn showed Part 1 of his DVD presentation—**Universe Frames**—at the conference. He received some encouraging feedback as well as some constructive criticism. Nigel now has Part 2—**The Personal Universe**—ready to be viewed. Here are the links if you'd like to see them on YouTube:

[Part 1] <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ls9fkACrKk> [Universe Frames]

[Part 2] <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iA7xRTSS0> [the Personal Universe]

Enjoy this Christmas and Celebrate the New Year, may God bless you and your families.

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## UB youth



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Outdoor adventure group, Flagstaff, Rocky Mts, Colorado.



Study group indoors at Laura's place.

I AM FROM HAWAII AND OTHER PARTS of the USA but have been living in Sweden for about fifteen years. In recent years I've been working as a high school teacher of English and World Religions in Stockholm.

I am 36 years old and my wife and I are overjoyed by our 16 month old daughter. I was raised by readers and started seriously reading after I attended the inauguration of the world's first UAI association in Hawaii when I was 16, where I was told that I could become a member as soon as I'd read the entire book. When I was twenty I got tremendously inspired when I attended my first conference, and since then I've made it an utmost priority to attend UAI and Fellowship conferences. I've also helped plan a few conferences and organized over a dozen mini-conferences, retreats and other adventures for young readers. At my first conference (Nashville 1996), I only found one other reader close to my age, and I was moved to begin to focus on finding, reaching out to, encouraging and building a family of friends among people of my generation with some degree of connection to or interest in the UB. Such work has been the chief labor of love in my life thus far. In ultra-secular Sweden, I spent many years in relative isolation working to make the book available to truth seekers and foster a readership, and today I'm grateful to be part of a small but wonderful local group that is made up of many nationalities (from less secularized countries). I organized the formation of Urantia Association of Sweden in 2007, of which I am president. ([www.urantia.se](http://www.urantia.se)) I also recently spent some years serving on the ISB as dissemination chair. I've

been working for some years on a master's thesis at Stockholm University that I hope to publish in the future. It delves into such topics as apparently prophetic scientific claims, and the phenomenon of parallel texts, the contents and origin of *The Urantia Book*, and the book's influence in the world. I have thus watched and given considerable thought to trends in the community and so forth. I am also part of a team that is excited to be working to organize a Europe conference next summer which it looks like will be in Berlin in early July. More and more Europeans speak English—particularly the younger generations, and many feel that it is time that we begin having European conferences (of course with help of UAI infrastructure). If you live in Europe or might be able to go there next summer, keep an eye out for more information as details are finalized.

### The Generations Situation

As the years of young reader work passed and I spent each summer in the US, dozens of immensely rewarding events were coordinated and a humble and not-formally-organized "UByouth" network developed. Some of our most thrilling adventures were "tours" that involved groups young groups with a Urantia focus traveling all over N. America and sometimes Europe and other parts of the world for up to months at a time. Among other joyous activities that fostered friendships and faith during these tours, we attended international and regional conferences, had countless gatherings and retreats, visited readers groups all over the world, and engaged in outreach efforts such as placing books in libraries and hostels around Europe and creating Urantia camps for truth seekers at amazing Rainbow Gatherings.

Today, like many of my generation, I am no longer able to devote as much time to such projects due to the responsibilities of family and a demanding job. Nevertheless, we feel it is vital that we continue fostering community and activity among Generation X readers, in addition to youth. One reason for this is that many younger generation readers are less inclined to become and stay active with a group of people their parent's age, and having dozens of precious friends who are devoted to the UB's marvelous teachings, including some that are of one's generation, enriches and inspires immeasurably. Additionally, it is clear that there are still extremely few UB enthusiasts that are younger than the baby-boomer generation (those born in or around the 1950s) active in the US and Canada. Some other Western countries with relatively robust readerships such as Finland and Australia appear to follow the same pattern. This is not only a trend in the Urantia movement, the dominance of the boomer generation with a lack of significant influx from younger generations is common in many political, fraternal and religious movements in Western countries. Fortunately this is not the case in places such as Africa and Latin America where the median age of readers seems to be much lower. I want to do all I can so that North America and places in similar situation will continue to benefit from dynamic Urantia communities rather than there being a tremendous diminishment of the movement as the boomers begin to graduate in larger numbers.

Significant readership decline took place in Chicago as the Forum generation graduated – if Chicago had the activity level today that it had in its heyday, it might be the largest local readership in the world! But that vibrant group eventually shrank dramatically. I remember visiting Urantia Foundation >>

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when I was seventeen and being so surprised that there was so little activity in the city where the revelation was born. Fortunately thousands in the Boomer generation in N. America fell in love with the teachings and large waves became and remained active, bringing the small movement all over the country and to a great extent the world. As more and more boomers retire, I hope that many 'Golden Boomers' will utilize their retirement years to their fullest and continue (or in some cases begin) acting like the revelation is as important as they believe it to be. If the demographic trend that has been going on for decades does not severely change soon, we are going to see a dramatic drop in study groups etcetera and the UAI, Fellowship and Foundation will not continue to have enough key North American readership support to continue being of service to an extent anywhere near what they are today.

I know that many thousands of young truth seekers as well as hundreds mostly quite isolated and inactive younger readers are findable in the Boomer-dominated parts of the world. I've spent quite a few years since I became active in the mid 1990s in searching far and wide for younger readers in North America and Europe. I have managed to find hundreds of individuals that like the boomers are of extremely varying degrees of enthusiasm for, knowledge of and connection to the revelation and readership. Fortunately a slow trickle of new younger readers continues to appear. But all the younger generations combined are currently not anywhere near the proportion of the total US & Canada boomer-generation which is at least ten or twenty thousand, many of whom are barely on the readership's radar but quite a few hundred (at least) are pretty active. I envision an iceberg the tip of which is the more active portion of the generation of readers—another analogy used by scholars is that of the layers of an onion since groups have small cores with many layers of diminishing involvement, devotion and so on.

Particularly in countries where the current readership is apparently 85–95% boomers (probably closer to 98% of those that are formally active or members of organizations), I believe it is imperative that we do all we can to foster a dynamic, Jesusonian, undivided, attractive and growing family of friends and dynamic teams of fifth-epochal-faithers among younger generations to prepare for the inevitable 'passing of the torch' that looms on the horizon.

I am an optimist; I am confident that things will work out in the long run but also that there is much we can do to assist our unseen friends with their plans for the revelation. One



UB Youth sharing ideas, ideals and aspirations around the warm glow of the campfire, Sunday evening potluck.

thing we all can do is not neglect to take good care of our 'transient life vehicles' [Paper 112:2. page 1229:7], so as to increase the odds of being privileged to stick around to help write more service-chapters in this story of this confused 'world so largely dominated by selfishness and sin' [Paper 133:3. page 1472:6]. Urantia needs the help of fifth-epochally-charged agondonters and we younger-folks really love and appreciate the many dynamic and devoted boomer generation readers who are the lion's share of the current movement.

We are also very grateful for the work, inspiration and dedication of the American boomer-generation 'soldiers of the circles' that graduated recently such as Bert Cobb, Victoria Clark, Al Aldo, and Daryl Berry, as well as other bright souls like Lee Farmer and Lynn Prentice who passed some years ago. They are greatly missed but we can do our best to '... learn to view natural death with something of this same cheerfulness and lightheartedness' [Paper 55:2. page 624:0] as on more advanced worlds. We can look forward to seeing them again. The work they did to support and bond with younger readers was priceless and I believe the Urantia community would grow and be greatly benefited by more cross-generational bonding and reaching out to relatively inactive and isolated readers to build true friendships. I might not have become active had it not been for Tonia Baney's taking me out to lunch as a teenager talking about how she saw leadership potential and encouraging me to get involved in the community.

'I'll meet you in the next world, and don't be late' (UB reader Jimi Hendrix' 1968 song Voodoo Chile)

## Younger-Generation Conference, January 13–16, 2012, Boulder Colorado

My family and I are spending this fall in Boulder CO while I am on paternity leave. Being in the USA, I took the opportunity to organize a younger-generations conference in Boulder CO in October (a recap and more pictures and info can be found at [www.ubyouth.org](http://www.ubyouth.org)—the next gathering will be quite similar to the previous). After that priceless inspiring event I couldn't resist planning another mini-conference Jan 13–16 before going back to Sweden!

### Primary Goals and Themes:

Bonding, sharing, developing and strengthening friendships.

Continue the discourse on fostering an expanding dynamic family of friends as well as potentials of community and developing '5<sup>th</sup> epochal culture'.

Develop deeper understanding of, and inspiration for, cosmic living. Discussion of our spiritual lives and habits that favor spiritual growth. How do we increasingly go ... *the second mile of free service and liberty-loving devotion that betokens the Jesusonian reaching forth to grasp his brother in love and sweep him on under spiritual guidance...* in our lives? (P. 2084)

It is encouraging that a team of young readers was recently formed that is devoted to fostering Urantia youth and young adults. This is the Youth and Young Adult (YaYA) committee of the Fellowship ([www.urantianow.com](http://www.urantianow.com)). To the best of my knowledge, >>

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Sunday meeting to plan ahead.

this is the first time a reader organization has ever (at least in recent decades) had a formal youth-focused endeavor. I've begun working with this wonderful team and I'm grateful to have their help in planning and promoting the upcoming gathering in Boulder. They have also offered to provide funds toward scholarships which will make a huge difference for several young readers that otherwise would not manage to make the trip.

Lately, I can't seem to shake the thought that it would not be too soon for UAI to set up a structure supporting efforts to build as much of a foundation as possible to eventually 'take the torch', so I'll probably be making a formal proposal along these lines before long. I know it is short notice, but if anyone reading this feels moved to help scholarship a young reader to this upcoming mini-conference via UAI, please get in touch with Rick Lyon. Or if there is a young reader that you know, you could contact them directly. Local associations might also consider sending someone from their area—if you don't know candidates, I likely know some in your area. Since attendants will be staying with myself and other readers and food will be kept as inexpensive as possible, there are no registration fees, which means that potential attendants just need to come up with airfare or a few tanks of gas. A little money can make all the difference for many struggling students etc to have life changing experiences. Please contact me [mmacisaac@gmail.com](mailto:mmacisaac@gmail.com) if you have any questions or suggestions, or if you are a younger-generation reader that hopes to come!

*Love is only born of a thoroughgoing understanding of your neighbor's motives and sentiments. 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.* [Paper 100:4. page 1098:3]

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# Who is my brother?



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**T**HE DESIRE TO BELONG WILL ALWAYS be a part of our personality, because the Father has put this propensity there purposefully. His desire to see and know all of us intimately has caused all creation to mobilize and function.

The desire to belong can be seen in the little ones, which precedes the bestowal of the Thought Adjuster. We are impacted all the days of our lives by this innate desire, just a little reflection and we all can remember “our first love” how warm and connected it felt to be accepted unconditionally for the first time, by someone other than those of our immediate family.

This alliance with the unseen Father begins when the Father Fragment arrives, and I can recall a very specific situation where I was placed in front of my parents and asked this question by my father ...son who do you want to go with mommy or daddy? Now, I am not saying with any certainty that this was the day my Thought Adjuster arrived, but I can say that the response that came from my mouth was surprising to me as well as my parents, and I said to them “If you don't love each other I don't want to be with either of you” and proceeded to walk away to my room where my infant brother was in his crib I remember trembling at being so bold to the two people in my life that I was truly afraid of. I could hear them both crying and for a while they got along better.

I share this story to bring a light to this desire of wanting to belong, and how important it is for us to be aligned with good values and worthy relationships. Throughout my relationship them I was always left with trying to figure out why they did not show love for one another. Early in life I made the choice that I did not want to be like my parents, at least not the part that was mean and violent.

So how does this relate to brotherhood? My desire to belong, and wanting to belong to something worthy, because this was missing in the family setting. I started upon the trail that led to the discovery of *The Urantia Book*. Even in the childhood setting, this desire to belong to something good and worthy,

is part of us and we are mined to search. An interesting thought from an excerpt from: *Personality Survival—The Self* “The human child first lives and subsequently thinks about his living. In the cosmic economy insight precedes foresight.” [Paper 112:2. page 1228:1]

Having pursued a path of looking for information I began to read their books (*Atlas Shrugged*, *Brave New World*, *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, *The Way, The Way Beyond*, *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living*, the last book I read in their collection was *The Prophet*) I did this in hope that it would help me understand my parents and how I could cope with the things that I witnessed being their son, this journey of discovery really began with the book *The Prophet* and a verse of this poetry that I memorized at ten years old still affects the way I think about children...

It is these words that gave me a leg up with regard to philosophy and to be keen to look for other great inspirations. This poem no doubt was a key into the world of thoughts and how they could affect my life:

And a woman who held a babe against her breast asked  
Almustafa to speak to us of children.  
And he said:  
Your children are not your children.  
They are the son's and daughter's of life longing for itself.  
They come through you but not from you,  
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.  
You may give them your love but not your thoughts,  
For they have their own thoughts.  
You may house their bodies but not their souls,  
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,  
Which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.  
You may strive to be like them,  
But seek not to make them like you.  
For life goes not backward nor carries with yesterday.  
You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.  
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,  
and He bends you with his might that His arrows may go swift and far.  
Let your bending in the Archers hand be for gladness;  
For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that is stable.  
“Life longing for Itself”

## Who is my brother? cont.

(a must read for those who have not gazed it's pages ) Following this path of discovery for many years lead me to Zoltan Mason's Occult Bookstore in New York City where, as I was leaving with my copy of Handbook to Higher Consciousness thinking that surely this is what I have been searching for, when I was stopped in the doorway by a Skinny Fellow named Bruce who said; "if you like that you'll definitely like *The Urantia Book*". And so turning right round went back in and purchased my first copy in 1977 for forty two dollars. Thus began my journey with the teachings in *The Urantia Book*. I remember the original dust cover, ultra white and the three blue circles, I remember staring at them and feeling as if I was in possession of something pure, holy and powerful, on the back it said "do not let the size or in some places the complexities, discourage you for in time comprehension will grow" and that is what has occurred for me. I could hardly put it down then and three decades later I still have a bit of trembling as I peruse its pages.

From those early moments of exploring the table of contents and reading about Adam and Eve I became a believer and have never doubted the authority of the writing. It was this single episode that forever changed the path of my life, and so to Bruce where ever you are I must thank you for being forthright with me on that summers day in NYC when in a brief moment you acted and spoke up.

I have gleaned from these papers over these many years of exploring it's content and exercising my imagination to see and believe in the underlying message of a friendly universe where beings of a high order are constrained by love and tolerance for those just below, and to show proper humility and respect for those just above. What a magnificent adventure awaits our arrival. Many times to the delight of my Father Fragment have I envisioned resurrection morning and how



foolish I may look running about and jumping up and down exclaiming "I told you it was going to be great and beautiful, and we will live forever". Of all the worth while pursuits of thought that I could ever hope to find I found in *The Urantia Book*, and the satisfaction of having found the "Rock of my Salvation" still inspires me to keep forging ahead, with full expectation of the inevitability's I will yet face.

So you can see from this story about Bruce, that we have an endless opportunity to serve in this family, irrespective of language, culture, or environment, and especially in those brief moments, as we pass by, they really do count, the revelations of the Spirit of Truth shall be forever new as promised by the Master. This is what we are sharing this is the symbol of our faith. The contagion of brotherhood is as real for us as in our day as in any other day since the outpouring of Michael's Spirit. It is within our ability to listen ask questions and surrender to the unknown that moves our relationships forward.

Since being taught the bible on the back end of wooden ruler and standing in the corner for what seemed endless hours in 7th & 8th grade Christ the King Catholic School in the Bronx NY, I know first hand ecclesiastical tyranny. Just a small glimpse into the physical punishments meted out by those women married to Jesus, blinded by authority and bent with wrath. Those teachers although dogmatized and unduly taken with authority did wield a spiritual hammer called guilt and it was so oppressive that after while I began to believe that "any good I could possible do was but a filthy rag in the eyes of God" and "you were born in sin and you will die in sin" and "the best you could hope for is to meet the pope and kiss



his ring". These experiences gave me insight into the stark contrast of the religion of guilt and the Jesus' demonstration of Brotherhood as portrayed by farewell supper in the upper room of Elijah Mark.

At 10 years old I was confirmed a Catholic in St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC , along with 400 other boys. On that day a Cardinal was brought in from Rome to do the service in that incredibly ornate church, massive amounts of gold chalices ,chains, and crosses were on display. I remember trembling and somewhat terrified by the sight of this man "the Pope's Servant" in his gold robe and enormous red cardinals cap, and all the lesser figures of the diocese equally dressed for the occasion. During the service, which was delivered in English and Latin I remember hearing the name of the devil and el diablo so many times that I actually fainted in the front row, I remember waking in a daze and resolving in my heart that this was weird and I was not going to be a Catholic. On that day I received my first cross and during the ceremony was told that I was redeemed by the innocent blood of Christ and that because of my belonging to the Catholic Church I would be saved from the "wrath to come".

Never again was I in that church but the memory still lingers, nor did we ever really go to church. So I was left with an indelible image of God and Church, and deciding that there must be something more to my relationship with God and church, the search to belong to a church began. Forty plus years of searching has made me smile at times laugh at others, literally hundreds of churches left in my wake of searching and even the Crystal Cathedral has passed away. So here is where >>

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Who is my brother? cont.



the story finds completion. When in Techny Towers ( A structure built to teach men about God ) this past summer with 160 plus people I found my church and I found my brothers sisters. Listening to Bob Sloan and that beautiful voice from beyond the curtain was real group worship for me and Merindi.

So it is with all sincerity I can say thank you Urantia Association International for your wonderful gift to me. I pray that someday I may be the avenue by which some searching soul crosses my path and I can do for one what UAI has done for so many!

You have my support and because I have found my church and my fellows. I intend to honor Machieventa Melchizedek and his teachings to Abraham to tithe generously to support yonder church. I will do this as an example to others who like me have found their way home. Little did I know that when the search began that the building I was searching for did not yet exist, perhaps with the growing of our family someday we can together build "The Father's Temple" here on Urantia and give our Master Michael Son a royal welcome home he truly deserves! And so to honor this agreement please attach our names Rose & Merindi & Bernie, Mr. President to the \$1000 a year club and if we can do more we will. Peace&Love and a burning desire to see more of these in the world!

Bernard Gabriel Belarski □

## Sharing Our internet address on Facebook



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**T**HIS IS A MESSAGE TO ALL MY Facebook family and friends:

I want to ask you to help me with a project that I believe is the single most important project on this planet today. We all want our brothers and sisters of this planet to have enough food to eat, good education and medical care, and a safe place to live, especially during this holiday season, but there is a project even more important than these material needs.

33 years ago I discovered a book that changed my life. It is called *The Urantia Book*. I have been a student of this book since then. In 1993 I visited Urantia Foundation in Chicago for the first time. In 1994 I became a member of International Urantia Association (now called Urantia Association International, UAI). In 1999 I became secretary of a local association of UAI and today I am Executive Director of UAI.

I would like your help with sharing information about our organization and the work that our Father has given us to do. The message of *The Urantia Book* is that God is our Father and therefore we are all brothers and sisters and we should treat each other and everyone as such. If we believe that God is our Father and the creator of all then we must therefore also believe that we are ALL the children of this same Father—brothers and sisters of this world. Our purpose in life is to find God and to learn to be like God as best we can in this imperfect mortal life—"be you perfect even as God is perfect"—*to be perfect, even as the Father in heaven is perfect* [Paper 99:5, page 1091:2]. Our personal mission is to live our lives in accordance with God's will and in a way that reveals our Heavenly Father to those around us. This is our personal mission.

As members of this non-profit organization, our mission is to foster study groups and promote the in-depth study of *The Urantia Book*. We train teachers and leaders for this revelation by providing opportunities for teachers to teach and leaders to lead. We do this through leadership and teamwork.

*The Urantia Book*, completed in 1935 and first published in 1955 by the Urantia Foundation, provides information about the origin, history, and destiny of mankind. It is richly detailed with scientific and historical information that integrates science and religion. It explains our relationship with God and your importance as an individual in a vast universe of universes.

*The Urantia Book* teaches us friendship with God. It answers many of the questions we have—such as why do bad things happen to good people and so much more. Through *The Urantia Book* we learn who God is and discover "God's will". We learn that we are not just citizens of some far distant speck of sand in space - alone in the universe—but that we are citizens of a vast cosmic community with a near limitless number of entities, beings, and personalities. This universe of universes was created to support life. Therefore, life is abundant though out the grand universe. God and His creation are much greater than anything our mortal minds can imagine—in size and in truth, beauty, and goodness. We learn about the life of our creator Christ Micheal who we know from his visit here as Jesus. After reading about this time in his life you will never feel alone or forgotten in your life again.

*The Urantia Book* says that the more we know about each other the more we will love each other. So, communication is the >>

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tool that we use to get to know each other more. And this will change our world from the dark and stressful place it is today to a world of light and life where there is true, real, and lasting peace on earth and goodwill to all mankind. *The Urantia Book* is not a religion. It is not meant to replace any religion but rather to uplift all religionists in their personal relationship with God. People of all cultures, faiths, and religions will recognize and welcome the truth it contains. It is not about UFO's or Atlantis or other mythical things but you may find the truth that many myths are based upon. The book is about the most real things in creation—God and all the spiritual beings that watch over us everyday.

### Web Links

Please help me by visiting and sharing our website addresses and those of Urantia Foundation.

**Urantia Foundation:** [www.urantia.org](http://www.urantia.org)

(Read the book here for free)

**UAI:** [www.urantia-uai.org](http://www.urantia-uai.org) (Urantia Association International)

**Urantia Book Study Group Portal:** [www.urantiastudygroups.com](http://www.urantiastudygroups.com) (find a study group)

**UAI 2012 international conference:** [www.urantiacolombia.com](http://www.urantiacolombia.com)

**UAI Central Office email:** [uaicentraloffice@urantia-uai.org](mailto:uaicentraloffice@urantia-uai.org)

I hope that you visit these sites and find them as enlightening and exciting as I have.

Please send me a private email if you would like to know more about UAI or to support this most important work.

With love and friendship,

Rick Lyon

Executive Director

Urantia Association International

# VIII UAI Urantia Book International Conference

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**D**EAR URANTIAN FRIENDS AROUND the world, The Urantia National Association of Colombia and the UAI, invite you to participate in the VIII International Conference of Urantia Association International. This International Conference will be held from 28th April to 1st May, 2012, at the Intercontinental Hotel in Medellin, Colombia.

The success of any Conference depends upon the presentations and workshops. Those wishing to make a presentation should send us your articles. Deadline for submitting articles for the Conference proceedings and inclusion is 1st December, 2011.

The two official languages at the Conference will be Spanish and English, with the simultaneous translation of each presentation by official translators. Those who wish to serve as translators in the Conference, please let us know by e-mail.

We invite you to pre-register for the Conference in order to calculate the number of participants and reserve the rooms at the hotel. Pre-registration deadline is 1st October, 2011.

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## Fast Start for Study Group Portal Tri-Partisan Support Team Formed



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IN ONLY A FEW SHORT MONTHS students of *The Urantia Book* worldwide have embraced the new Study Group Portal. Readers now have online access to over 200 study groups in 24 nations!

*The Urantia Book* Study Group Portal was designed to provide the community of Urantia Book readers with a new resource by consolidating all active Urantia Book study groups. Heartily supported by **Urantia Foundation**, **The Urantia Book Fellowship** and **Urantia Association International**, this joint project exhibits a unity of purpose in the development of study groups for all readers of *The Urantia Book*.

Featuring an easy-to-use interface, the Study Group Portal is a web-based directory and resource center for study groups where hosts create a profile to share details about their local meeting. This voluntary approach to listing and managing data improves upon previous publishing methods as contact information, meeting times, meeting format, and current topics can now be updated as the group evolves, at the convenience of the host—*virtually anytime*.

Currently the website is available in English and French with translations in other languages coming soon. The Urantia Study Group Portal is designed to recognize the native language of the visitor and will automatically display it if that language is available.

In recognizing the need to support and administer this new resource, all three sponsors have provided members to serve on the Portal Support Team.

Representing **Urantia Foundation**:  
Marta Elders  
Tamara Strumfeld

Representing **The Urantia Book Fellowship**:  
Emilio Coppola

Lenny Cowles  
John Hales  
Representing **Urantia Association International**:

Scott Brooks  
Caio Donega  
James Woodward, Team Captain  
Ex-officio members include the Presidents of each organization:  
Gaetan Charland, President Urantia Association International  
Michelle Klimesh, President The Urantia Book Fellowship  
Mo Siegel, President Urantia Foundation

The team recently participated in a conference call and made some key decisions regarding the group process and the operation of the Portal. Perhaps most important was the decision to work in consensus on policy matters, reflecting a commitment that service to readers transcends the interests of organizations. Now that a representative team has been formed, issues related to improving the scope and function of the Portal can be addressed and implemented.

The support team is well aware of the historic implications and opportunities of this first tri-partisan working group of the three major Urantia Book organizations. Publicizing the important role of study groups in the evolution of our reader community is one of the tasks of the Portal support team. Please join us in our enthusiasm for the promotion of study groups all over Urantia and feel free to repost this announcement to any forum or Urantia Book communication medium. If you host a study group and wish to attract readers, visit the website now and create a profile—join the growing network of study groups!

<http://urantiastudygroup.org>

James Woodward □

## Baby Jeethuth



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CHARLES MONTGOMERY'S ART IS well known to many Urantia enthusiasts. He sent us copies of two of his beautiful posters for our Urantia booth at the Miami Book Fair in November.

They are always a hit. We even managed to keep them dry when the rains persisted. If you haven't seen Charles' newer work, "Local Universe Mother Spirit Bestowing Angels on Urantia" contact him. It is beautiful. His artwork makes nice Christmas gifts. Charles Montgomery may be contacted at: [sgl@newmex.com](mailto:sgl@newmex.com) Another poster by Charles depicts our evolutionary journey through the cosmos. It's a smaller version of one we have seen in the past. During the Book Fair, a young boy entered the booth and picked up one of these posters. Holding it firmly, he studied the Superuniverses orbiting around Paradise without question. His words were mispronounced due to 2 missing front teeth. He said abruptly, "There's no baby Jeethuth." I was in shock. This little guy was serious. I had to not laugh and I was unsure what to say. "What?", I bought a couple of seconds. "There's no baby Jeethuth," he repeated, eyes searching the poster. So precious. I wanted to crystalize the moment. It was adlib time. Daddy was silent. I had to think fast. I pointed onto the poster, "I think Jesus would be with Adam and Eve. Here." It worked. He kept the poster. Daddy was happy. They walked away. That was a close one. Mr. Montgomery, you gotta put Jeethuth back into that poster!



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## UAI Central Office Service Report



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**O**CTOBER AND NOVEMBER ARE THE months that we send out our annual fund raising letter. This letter went out to over 3600 people in many countries. The letter included information about the 2012 International Conference in Medellin.

So, we got double duty from one mailing. One of our fund raising goals is to double the number of regular monthly contributors. We had 28 and we are now up to 43. Another goal is to find 100 people to give \$1000 a year (\$83.33 per month). If we can meet that goal then our budget for 2012 will be fully funded. Call the UAI office at 1-773-572-1180 to set up your monthly contribution. We are offering the wonderful study aid *"The Entities Beings and Personalities of The Urantia Book"* as a free gift to anyone who contributes at least \$10 per month for a year.

In November our website was infected with a virus. Scott Brooks moved our website and database to another server to solve this problem but it has been a lot of work for our trusty website administrator. The software we are using is old – no, make that ancient. Our server was an inexpensive server that did not provide for the protection necessary in today's internet. Vern Verass has been working on upgrading our website but we need \$8000 for the development software and hosting to get this done. Our database is also in desperate need of an upgrade. These are valuable tools for our organization at all levels but they are so old that they are no longer "user friendly". This causes associations to look elsewhere for their needs of maintaining contact information for members and friends of UAI – those people we serve. Our website is not just a pretty

face for our organization but a valuable tool for dissemination and communication. The database is the library of readers we turn to in order to help other readers form study groups, to do activities in their area, find volunteers to fill positions and needs, and to keep the worldwide community of Urantia Book readers informed about news and events and services within that community. This is a major need that we have to meet during the coming year as quickly as possible. If you can help with this please call us.

Our UAI Member email list recently went through a review process for the list rules. Meredith Van Woert and her team of moderators produced a revised list of rules for the list which is currently being reviewed by those subscribed to the list. This list is for UAI members only but we also have our UAI Forums in English, French, and Spanish that are open to the public for discussion of Urantia related topics. You can find them on our website.

We have produced a Conference Guide similar to the very popular UAI Study Group Guide. The Conference Guide will help our local associations with planning and hosting local, national, and international events. This guide contains the hard earned wisdom of many who have produced successful event in the past. If you can help with funding this please call us.

The Study Group Guide has proven to be very popular. We originally printed over 200 of them and they are all gone. We need to print more but this will cost us about \$2000 to do. If you can help with this please call us. You can find the guide on our website too.

Other projects and opportunities that need your support are replenishing our

Global Seeding Fund for distributing books to study groups and individuals. The printing of the UAI Journal. Your support for the Journal helps us to provide this wonderful study topic publication in print to over 120 subscribers. We would like to do more. We want to be able to visit with readers and give presentations about things like the Publication Mandate, the importance of study groups, and why the local associations are so important to this revelation. The ability to sponsor people to attend our events has proven to be a major tool for seeding this revelation far and wide. We need your help to do this. We would like to be able to hire a full time Administrator and put in place a business plan for UAI that was developed by our CFO Mark Kurtz. There are so many exciting things that we could be doing and should be doing in addition to all the good things we are already doing. If you would like to know more please call us at 1-773-572-1180 or email to [uaicentraloffice@urantia-uai.org](mailto:uaicentraloffice@urantia-uai.org).

*The Urantia Book Study Group Portal* continues to grow and is being well received by the readership. Including your group in the portal is completely voluntary and we encourage you to either list your group or use the portal to find one in your area. You can find it at [www.urantiastudygroup.org](http://www.urantiastudygroup.org). We are continuing to work on translations for the portal pages and creating icons that our associations can use on their websites to link to the portal. In just a few months there are already almost 200 study groups from 23 countries listed there.

We are working to clean up the access to our UAI database. The list of governing board members who have access to the database needs to be cleaned up and we are >>

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### UAI Central Office Service Report cont.

working on that. We use the database to send out many emails and postal mail communications. As the emails bounce or the postal mail gets returned we are sending these to the local associations and asking them to contact those readers to get their contact information current. We want our new database to allow readers to add themselves to our mailing list and keep their own information current. This will reduce costs and work for our office and local associations.

Other things we are working on include asking our Facebook friends to visit our websites and share the links with others on Facebook. We could use a volunteer to run our UAI Facebook page if you are into that. We would also like to have a staff person for volunteer coordination as well.

We continue to see, hear, and feel the positive reverberations from the UAI Leadership Symposium. This event has energized the readership like no other event that I know of. It has uplifted the international community of readers and energized all of us to higher levels of service. If you could sit in my chair and answer my phone you would see and feel the excitement and the love that came from this event.

With love and friendship,

Rick Lyon  
UAI Executive Director □

**A**NZURA'S STRATEGIC PLANNING Committee met in Sydney in April 2011 to discuss dissemination plans of the 300 Urantia Books purchased from the UAI that were printed in India.

At that meeting it was decided to distribute these books in a couple of different ways, one of which is the creation of a new program called "Operation Contact". The objective is to target prominent individuals and groups including philosophical/religious type centres that appear to be progressive in their programs or who we think might be open minded enough to take a look at *The Urantia Book*. I volunteered to lead this project and can now report on our progress to date.

After contacting various individuals and institutions that we felt may be interested in *The Urantia Book* we have distributed 7 books to the libraries of a group called *Progressive Christianity*, 6 books to the lending libraries of the *Unitarian Church*, and 2 books to the library of the *Sea of Faith*. Individual books were also sent to leading figures in *The Centre for Progressive Religious Thought*, *Australian Lutheran College*, *The Australian Association for the Study of Religions* and the *University of Melbourne—The Charles Strong Memorial Trust*.

As an example as to why we wish to target these kinds of groups, here is an extract from *Progressive Christianity*:

- *What is Progressive Christianity?... a nondenominational approach to faith and spirituality... emphasises how we live rather than correct beliefs... values inquiry and intellectual integrity... is open to diversity of opinion... rejects biblical literalism and inerrancy... affirms the importance of each person's search for meaning.*

- *Who are Progressive Christians? ... people who have found an approach to God through the life and teachings of Jesus... who recognise in Jesus a human life in harmony with God... who see the Gospels and other New Testament writings as documents written for diverse Christian communities decades after the death of Jesus to convey messages about him rather than to report historical events.*
- *What do Progressive Christians Believe? ...Jesus' mission was to demonstrate the power of love to oppose injustice and oppression and proclaim that the Realm of God is now... that a current world view is radically different from that of the early Church and therefore traditional doctrines and religious practises need to be interpreted in the light of contemporary knowledge... the death of Jesus was a result of his unwavering adherence to love, justice and reconciliation and was not a sacrificial guilt offering preordained by God to remove humanity's original sin.*

We are still seeking out groups and individuals who we feel may be interested in *The Urantia Book*, so if any readers know of any please let us know. You can email me at [anzura@urantia-anzura.org](mailto:anzura@urantia-anzura.org) and make it attention to Trevor.

In addition to the above we have distributed 84 books to individual readers for them to share with others. So far, out of the 300 Indian books we have distributed 103 leaving us 197 to go.

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# Miami Book Fair International 2011



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FOR A WEEK IN NOVEMBER AUTHORS and book enthusiasts come to Miami Florida USA from around the world to meet other authors, enjoy their presentations and see what's new in the book world. The Street Fair runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Streets are closed and lined with colorful booths filled with books of all kinds.

Our Florida Students of *The Urantia Book* have staffed a Urantia booth at this book fair for over 20 years. We were encouraged by having our dear friend, Robert Borello, join us during the weekend. Robert headed up the book fair during the past two decades. This year, the Governing Board of UAUS sponsored the booth for us. Our thanks to UAUS President, David Linthicum for his assistance with this vital outreach project.

## Our Team for 2011

UAF members, Kathleen Reynolds and Doug Cable and I worked together through the weekend. On Thursday, we hauled books and supplies to Miami, set up our booth and grabbed our hotel rooms.

Friday is student day. Kids from toddlers to grammas played games, got their faces painted and ate cotton candy. A mass of little green t-shirts, then a mass of little red t-shirts as classes of students strolled by. Characters on stilts and fun activities kept them busy. Babes in their parents' arms, pointing up and staring at our Urantia banner. Buckets of rain did not hamper their fun. When the rains would come the high school kids would duck into the booths.

Oh!... "Have you seen *The Urantia Book*? ..."

We were surprised and inspired by the young people who seemed interested. We offered the brochures to interested students. One teen had taken the Urantia "Description" and "Selected Text". Doug saw him later. Our



Florida team members Kathleen Reynolds and Betty Lou Wallace on hand at one of the two display tables.

Urantia info brochures were the only flyers the boy had at the end of the day.

## Buckets

Happens every time. I warned 'em. Buckets of rain. Oh, we were scrambling. The booths are lined up down the streets. When the rain comes we have a healthy creek running along the back of the booths a few inches deep. Interesting maneuvers ... We took strips of 4x4 fence post to hold the boxes away from the pavement. And, that was just Friday.

On Saturday and Sunday the rains lightened up. Long time friends and new acquaintances joined us at the booth. Big "Thank you!" to all who came to staff the booth. We enjoyed friendship, fellowship and great food. We also shared the Revelation with hungry souls. That's what it's all about. The love and camaraderie charge our spirit and grow our soul. Buckets of love.

Each year we notice that more people are exploring deeper into their quest for spiritual knowledge. When Jesus met people he would listen to them and share his brotherhood and God's Fatherhood from *their* viewpoint. We find it rewarding and inspiring to hear the questions from our brothers and sisters of 606 and then share the teachings with them.

We also enjoyed meeting several Urantia readers who stopped by the booth to say hello and check out other Titles and

new cover designs we had to offer. We have some new friends and we hope to see them again at future Urantia gatherings!

One lady walked right into the booth and without hesitation bought an Eng hardcover edition. Another woman walked up slowly and said, "I have this book but I haven't read it, yet." She said she is researching Christian theology. I replied, "You should read that book." She agreed and walked away. It's the little personal interactions that plant those seeds.

## *El Libro de Urantia*

We sold more *El Libro de Urantia* than any other at a ratio of 6:1. Miami has a large Spanish-speaking population. We were very fortunate to have Javier Agudelo to greet these precious seekers. His approach is refreshing and genuine, answering questions and speaking of the teachings with authority. Javier hosts a weekly online meeting for Spanish-speaking readers answering questions submitted by their members. Meet Javier and Adriana at: [javadri@msn.com](mailto:javadri@msn.com)

We also welcomed Augustin from Mexico who has worked extensively on study groups and library placement. I remember seeing art work created by children with themes from the Urantia teachings. His ongoing service to the Revelation is widely known. We were glad to have him.

## Miami Book Fair International cont.



Urantia booth display at the Miami Book Fair, November.

*Le Livre d'Urantia*

We did some trading, too. Doug traded Javier some *El Libro de Urantia* for three French translations, *Le Livre d'Urantia* which Doug in turn donated to UAF. The Haitian population in South Florida will appreciate having these books.

Also, a used books booth down the way had a copy of the small blue leather cover edition of *The Urantia Book* with yellow pages. A classic. Katie had given her's away and missed it madly. She ran down to the other booth and bought their book for 8 bucks! LOL!

I realized that now, the other booth no longer had a copy of *The Urantia Book* to offer. I had one of the red cover versions from India, the letters on the front fading. I'd taken it to sell as a used book. I took it down to the other booth and offered it to them to sell. What fun – this Revelation!

Sunday evening is the load-out. FSUB President, Dave Albee and his wife Carol Anne came in the afternoon and helped us haul our books and booth toys back to the van. On our way back home to the Palm Beaches the five of us enjoyed a fun dinner at Chili's. Doug stayed a few extra days and enjoyed Thanksgiving festivities with Dave and Carol Anne and members of their study group before heading on to Dade City. Check out his blog at: <http://wanderingurantian.blogspot.com/>

Our time at the Miami Book Fair International 2011 was enjoyable and gratifying. We hope to do this again next year. This is a great way to share The Revelation one-on-one with our Urantia siblings. If we offer it, they will be led when they are ready. I encourage any devoted Urantia student to pursue this booth-type project. And who knows, you may even sell a book or two!

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## ENALUBRA Meeting



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**U**AB—URANTIA ASSOCIAÇÃO DO Brazil held its VI ENALUBRA —National Meeting of Urantia Book Readers of Brazil, from Friday December 2nd to Sunday December 4th, 2011 in the city of Porto Alegre, capital of Rio Grande do Sul State at the extreme South of the country. The continental dimensions were overcome by 41 readers coming from 20 different far distant cities and 5 different states of Brazil.

During the meeting actual and interesting themes were presented contributing to the success of the event. The presentations were:

- THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER, by Nemias Mol;
- REVELATIONS, by Carlos Leite;
- RECENT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES AND *THE URANTIA BOOK*, by Ricardo Alejandro and Wagner Andrade;
- THE TRUE WAY OF LIVING, by Caio Gabriel Donega;
- WORKSHOP ABOUT JESUS' VIRTUES with all participants.

The VI NATIONAL MEETING OF URANTIA BOOK READERS OF BRAZIL was concluded with a moment of art with music and songs among the participants within a confraternization climate of joy and harmony.

Sabino Souza. ☐



**The Tidings team  
extend very merry  
Christmas wishes  
and happy holiday  
cheer to all**



**let there be peace  
on Urantia and let  
it begin with me**