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Committee or Officer's Report

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Which Committee?
Education

This report covers what time period? (example: 'Year-end 2013')
January through June, 2013

What are your committee's accomplishments this year?

Activities of the Education Committee of the Urantia Book Fellowship, January Through June, 2013 Much of the Education Committee's work, as it is two of every three years, has been to prepare for the Summer Study Sessions. There is been a renewed and intensified emphasis on in-depth study on the part of the committee, focused on the theme of SSS13, "Our Gift to God the Father: Service to the Supreme."

Committee member Charles Olivea, a leading advocate for in-depth study, wrote an article on the topic that appeared in Fellowship publications, and in-depth study will be briefly highlighted as part of the conference opening. In the process of the work preparing SSS13, member and program chair Nick Stefero strove to include plenaries and workshops that not only fit the theme but also advanced part of the committee's mandate: to "...foster the in-depth study of The Urantia Book by sponsoring gatherings of students..." There is also an outreach strand of the Summer Sessions as well as a great deal of planned prayer and worship, organized by committee member Bobbie Dreier.

Another outcome of the planning is the development a planning timeline to serve as an adaptable tool for future seminars and conferences. Adjunct members Ken Keyser and Marilyn Kulieke created and

are developing this resource. Part of the outreach strand of SSS13 is the first ever Study Group Conclave. This is the first effort of the Education field and study group subcommittee. The planning for this event was the responsibility of Bobbie Dreier, Jackie Koury (the Fellowship's study group coordinator but not a member of the Education Committee), and David Kulieke, chair of both the education committee and SSS13.

As a part of this event, these three also revised Fellowship study group material into a new booklet about beginning and organizing study groups; the booklet will be distributed at the conclave, the Society Conclave, and at the General Council meeting. It will also be available on the Fellowship website. The Study Group Conclave is a joint effort of the Education, Membership, and Outreach committees. These three committees plan to continue such conclaves in future years; the committees are also collaborating on a project to develop more study activity in the field via geographic definition. Another vehicle for in-depth study will be at IC14. Marilynn Kulieke is in charge of a strand of workshops at that conference that will utilize the principle of in-depth study.

Another subcommittee is Educational Materials. Committee member Daniel Glazer, together with members Katharina Becker and Charles Olivea, is investigating the parameters for such resources as well as what and what not to include. This endeavor reflects a further portion of the committee's constitutional mandate: "...providing study resources centered on universe educational ideals of encouraging the development of student-teachers."The committee has also devoted some time to investigating Standard Text Reference System and Citations. This has been spearheaded by Ken Keyser, who pointed out that, in the wake of the multi-organization work on the standard text, there is not yet consistency on citations of quotations from The Urantia Book.

Ken also has begun some archiving work for the committee on conferences and other things. The Education Committee website is a work in progress, and it has taken great steps forward under the leadership Nick Stefero. Finally, at the bequest of the meeting of representatives of the Urantia Association International, the Urantia Book Fellowship, and Urantia Foundation, the education committees of each organization have begun seeking opportunities for cooperative projects. UAI's Sheila Keene-Lund, the Fellowship's David Kulieke, and the Foundation's Gard Jameson, met over the phone recently.

Motivated by a sharing of the Fellowship Education Committee's sharing of its list of "Prime Education References," (available on our website), the group has decided as its initial project to have an intensive study seminar on what the book teaches us about education. This is in the tradition of the Foundation recent seminars and the Fellowship's Wrightwood Series, the subcommittee for which is lead by Katharina Becker. The group plans these seminars for late May of 2014.

The Summer Study Sessions of 2015 will begin on July 15 and focus on the first five papers of The Urantia Book and our relationship with the Universal Father.

Respectfully submitted,
David Kulieke, chair
Katharina Becker
Bobbie Dreier
Daniel Glazier
Charles Olivea
Nick Stefero, members

Ken Keyser
Marilynn Kulieke
Barbara Newsom, adjuncts

What are your committee's goals for next year?

We intend to keep moving forward with the projects already in motion, including:

- *planning SSS15, with some updating of protocol and terminology
- *participating in the joint education seminars in May of 2014
- *participating by sponsoring several workshops involving in-depth study at IC14
- *continuing to work with Outreach and Membership in sponsoring future Study Group Conclaves and other study group related endeavors in keeping with our study group and field initiatives
- *improving our website
- *achieving a clear definition and sense of parameters for what kind of and which resources and materials we feel would apply to those we put on our website and make available
- *preparing for further discussion and refinement of our committee's grasp of educational principles at our annual weekend committee meeting in October
- *and adding more valid approaches to expanding strong approaches to education within the Urantia movement.

Please list the people on your committee

Members: Katharina Becker, Bobbie Dreier, Daniel Glazier, David Kulieke, Charles Olivea, Nick Stefero
Adjuncts: Ken Keyser, Marilyn Kulieke, Barbara Newsom

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