

Dear Friends,

This is my first report as president.

I am very fortunate and grateful that the angels lead me to the UB. I feel that it is my responsibility to repay them by working hard on behalf of the Revelation. That is what I intend to do, as best I can, for the remaining two and a half years of my term.

Now a short summary of issues the Fellowship is working on:

As you know, 7 members of the EC met in October 2012 for several hours with 7 trustees and associate trustees. We came out of this meeting with a better understanding of each other and a commitment to continue to communicate and to cooperate on projects of mutual interest.

The same weekend, a group of highly tech-savvy UB readers and not so tech savvy presidents of the Fellowship, the Foundation and the UAI met for the purpose of exploring technological cooperation across a wide variety of existing and potential services. The camaraderie, the mutual respect, and the loving friendship during both these meetings were palpable. One of the practical results of this IT roundtable is renewing of the work on the joint International Study Group directory.

One very successful joint project was a book fair in Chile in 2012 sponsored by all three organizations. On the heels of this success, we agreed recently to sponsor a joint book fair in Korea in May 2013. Another noteworthy joint project was the Reader Survey, on which Foundation Trustee, Marilyn Kulieke, will report at this GC meeting.

Joint media training and a meeting of three Presidents and two additional members of each organization are scheduled for March.

Our new website has been launched and is in the process of continual development. To help David, Sumio and Paula in their tireless work, I appointed two teams, one to help with the content of our website, lead by Larry Bowman, and the other, to help with the IT technical issues, lead by Steve Dreier.

Our committees are active and busy, not only with their regular agendas but also with implementing the resolutions passed by the TDA. You will hear their reports later in the meeting.

Our organizational challenges are largely financial. Our donations are decreasing while our expenses are higher than what we take in through donations, investments and sales combined. This year, despite significant cuts, we will again run a deficit budget. This issue will have to be addressed and corrected in order for us to be able to continue and expand our work on behalf of the revelation.

But, as Jesus used to say, "Let us be of good cheer ". Our organization is strong and, as long as we remember that the Seraphic Planetary Government is in charge and as long as we try to ascertain and comply with their plans and goals, our organization will be successful. After all, we work for our Supreme Son, Michael of Nebadon.

Respectfully submitted,
Lila Dogim, President of the Urantia Book Fellowship