



UAUS MESSENGER

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URANTIA ASSOCIATION UNITED STATES ELECTION 2009 - RESULTS FROM BENET RUTENBERG.

Distinguished Members of Urantia Association of United States Council of Local Presidents,

It gives me great pleasure to announce the results of UAUS 2009 Election. We thank each member who voted in affirmation of the two GB Offices up for election this year. All votes received were in affirmation.

Please welcome David Linthicum as your new UAUS President and Daryl Berry as your UAUS Treasurer continuing in his second term.

The new Governing Board will be announcing roll call, upcoming events, conference calls with UAUS Locals and our 2009 UAUS CLP Meeting in Chicago at Urantia Foundation this September. Expect to receive these announcements in the coming days and weeks. The minutes from the March 19, 2009 GB Conference Call are being proofed currently and will be posted as soon as they are approved.

In response to the request and discussion from the UAUS CLP Meeting held last summer in Kansas, the UAUS GB has voted unanimously to include all Officers of our UAUS Local Associations on the UAUS List. This will take effect as soon as the roll call is complete and all officers have been updated.

Leadership is a tremendous responsibility in UAI and UAUS supports all efforts for its development. We ask all those ready and those who may not think they are ready to step up. The dissemination of these Teachings, the fostering of thousands of study groups and the development of teachers and leaders remains the call to service in this current age of spiritual progress. There is more going on within our movement and the spiritual economy of the planet that any of us realize. Few of us think we can and then we do.

In closing, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and profound gratitude to all currently serving in UAUS: Marian Hughes, VP; Patti Snyder, Secretary; Daryl Berry, Treasurer; Rick Lyon, Publications; Michael Berry, Membership and Study Groups; Scott Brooks, Web Design and Support. There are many positions to fill and much work to do. These folks have and continue to pour their efforts into service for UAUS and UAI. Please take time to thank them and ask questions. And congratulations to David and Daryl for their willingness to serve and proven ability to successfully accomplish the work.

It has been my privilege and my joy to be of service. In closing, I would leave you all with a thought that came up as a result of the Study Sessions this past weekend at GLMUA's Annual Membership Meeting. I got to thinking about the people who don't know the Father very well or at all, I thought about those that don't believe or have faith and I considered those that do and yet still struggle with that which we call faith. Many are given to asking if one is a Christian or if one really believes in Jesus and then there it was. God believes in us. God has faith in us, in each one of us because he knows who we are, where we are going, how we are going to get there and he trusts us with Himself literally and spiritually. Each one of us is individual and unique in all the universes and so He has placed the highest value on who we are and what we have to give in life. Yes He knows our status and that we are just learning to walk but he also sees our true destiny and is actively engaged in going through it with us subject to our will. He sees us as persons of Paradise Completion and Father Realization; as finalizers of agondonter status. God has faith in us. It is then that much more of a privilege and an honor to live as a loving child of the Heavenly Father. Is it so much of an effort that we would mobilize all of our faith in response to the gift of life already received?

My Warmest Regards and Deepest Affection, Benet Rutenberg, UAUS Past President

UAI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

It is hard for the authors of *The Urantia Book* to adequately communicate truth and meanings to us when constrained by the mortal languages of our planet. It is equally difficult for me to express the happenings and feelings I have from attending the 2009 International conference in Malaga, Spain, this month. Although, even with the multitudes of languages apparent at this international event, communication did not seem to be a major issue. Joyful mirth and the smile-equivalent are as universal as music.

I think that this event underscores the true international nature of UAI. I don't have firm numbers yet, but it is my understanding that 112 people from 23 countries attended the conference. The economy did hurt the attendance. I know many people from my area that wanted to go but everyone is either unable to afford it or afraid to spend that kind of money right now. Although, perhaps because of that, the

donations to the sponsorship fund seemed to be much higher. I haven't seen any numbers yet, but that is my feeling.

We began the conference on Friday with a leadership roundtable hosted by Mo Siegel, President of Urantia Foundation. Each leader of a UAI association gave an update on their association and discussed problems and solutions. It is accurate to say that everyone appreciated the value of this roundtable discussion. I imagine this will become a regular feature of future conferences.

Saturday began the full day of presentations. The schedule was a little different from what we in the USA are familiar with. The day began at 10 a.m., breaking for lunch from 1p.m. to 5p.m. I noticed that the smaller businesses in Malaga actually do close from 1pm to 5pm for siesta time. The program resumed at 5 p.m. with dinner at 8 p.m. 10 p.m. was time for entertainment.

The new European version of the Spanish Urantia Book was introduced at this event to the great excitement of the Spanish readers there. The new UAI brochure, "What is UAI?" was also seen for the first time. Monday featured a tour of Malaga that included an old fort overlooking the beautiful Mediterranean Sea. We visited the birthplace of Picasso, an excavation of Roman ruins, and a breathtaking beautiful cathedral. Several people spent our last day in Malaga on the beach, dutifully studying the effects of reversion.

Before I attended a few conferences, I did not understand the value of conferences. I was one of those that said, "For the cost of attending the conference, I can buy a lot of books to give away." Of course, I never took that same money and bought books. After attending a few events I could see the real benefit of conferences being the social interaction with other readers, being able to put a face with a name, understanding the person behind the email, and the re-energizing of our workers for this revelation.



Manager of Vistamar hotel is a UB reader so he named their conference room, the Urantia Room.



Joel Mvula speaking at leadership roundtable about Zambia. 64 readers most of them in high school and university. Mo Siegel, President of Urantia Foundation Trustees, hosted the roundtable.



The new European version of the Spanish translation with the new style cover was introduced at the conference. It generated great excitement among the Spanish readers.



You can see the new Spanish books as well as the new UAI brochures on display. Both were seen for the first time at this event.



Readers from Korea - Byung Seo



Old fort in Malaga



Bull fighting arena



Excavation of Roman ruins in Malaga



Mike MacIsaac - Sweden
Rick Lyon - USA
Joel Mvula - Zambia
at old fort



Hotel Vistamar



Tour of Malaga - visited old fort, Picasso birthplace, Roman ruins, and breathtaking cathedral.

URANTIA FOUNDATION'S NEWS LATEST ISSUE:

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URANTIA BOOK CONFERENCE: *THE SECOND MILE AND BEYOND...*

University of Colorado at Boulder--June 25-28, 2009

Make plans now, the youth group is hosting a study conference on going the second mile. Last year's conference in Kansas City was a grand affair and great get-together. This one will be in Boulder, June 25-28.

Details and Registration:

http://www.ubyouth.org/Events/2009_tour/The-Second-Mile-and-Beyond.pdf

...Christianity even now willingly goes the first mile, but mankind languishes and stumbles along in moral darkness because there are so few genuine second-milers--so few professed followers of Jesus who really live and love as he taught his disciples to live and love and serve.... p2084

TIDINGS Newsletter

If you have an article that you would like to contribute to our Tidings newsletter, please submit it for consideration to Marian Hughes at ellanora606@gmail.com . We encourage everyone who has a Urantia related website or newsletter to add Marian to your mailing list. Please contact Marian with permission to reprint articles from your publications in our Tidings newsletter.

Tidings Issue № 38 Mar.-April. 2009 Urantia Association International:

President's message from Gaétan G. Charland
Urantia Study Aids by Hara Davis
Urantia Power Couples - Patagonia by Marian Hughes
Farewell Benet, Welcome David from Patricia Snyder
In Memoriam - Cati Covas by Olga Lopez
How the Urantia Book Found Me by Horacio Gamboa
Fisher of Men by Marian Hughes
UAI Announcements from Rick Lyon
"Magellanic Clouds" Photo by Tetsuya Nomura

Click here: [March/April 2009 Issue: http://urantia-uai.org/tidings/index.htm](http://urantia-uai.org/tidings/index.htm)

Thanks to the Tidings editorial staff for another beautiful, insightful issue of global happenings in the Urantia community.

The Urantia Foundation's New Library Placement Policy

Urantia Foundation recently revised its library placement policy. Spread the word at your conferences, to your Nationals and Locals. Brand new Spanish and English versions at deep discounts! We encourage you to visit libraries and book stores in your area and request *The Urantia Book*. The more requests they get for the book, the more likely they are to stock it.

Link to printable application/placement forms: <http://www.urantia.org/pub/LibraryPlacement.pdf>

And don't forget UAI just acquired a batch of dissemination books from the Foundation, so seed on!!

Link to Global Seeding Project: <http://urantia-uai.org/projects.html#library>

Urantia Foundation Library Placement Policy ~ January 2009

Urantia Foundation is committed to disseminating the teachings of The Urantia Book around the world. One way this may be accomplished is by donating free copies of the book to libraries and other places where new readers may discover it. To date, thousands of books have been placed in public libraries around the world. For individuals and groups who want to participate in our library placement program, Urantia Foundation offers the following book sale terms:

English and Spanish hard cover books will sell for \$10.00 each, up to 10 books at a time, plus shipping. Other translations will sell for \$10.00 each, plus shipping, based on availability. Contact Urantia Foundation at 773-525-3319 or www.urantia.org for current information on translation availability.

We ask that you agree to use these books only for placement in libraries and similar environments, and that they not be used for personal or commercial purposes. Suggested placement settings include:

- a. College and university libraries;
- b. Public libraries;
- c. Religious libraries (seminaries, churches, ashrams, synagogues, etc.);
- d. Hotel, youth hostel, cruise ship, and other libraries provided for travelers;
- e. Hospital libraries;
- f. Highly trafficked private libraries;
- g. Coffee shops with "free book" shelves;
- h. Waiting rooms and other places where people may be looking for something to read.

It is important to obtain permission from the librarian or shop owner before placing the book at a site. If permission is not received the book may be discarded.

In return for the discount we are offering on new books, we would appreciate your letting us know where you placed them. Any additional information that you consider helpful will be most welcomed. We will publish results of this program from time to time, and if you would like to write about your experiences, we will consider featuring your report in Urantia Foundation News Online or on our website.

Mark Bloomfield extends an invitation to travelers.

If you have been planning a visit to Jerusalem, Mark Bloomfield is offering an unofficial guided tour to assist with your visit. Mark is a fellow reader for the last 25 years. The key attractions listed below are less than ten minutes or so to walk from Marks residence.

The Garden of Gethsemane, The Mount of Olives, the Kidron Valley where Judas met his end, Golgotha (the real one), the underground probable location of the last supper, the Wailing Wall, the Dome of the Rock, Mount Zion, the Temple Mount, the Pool of Siloam, the Pool of Bethesda, David's tomb, the City of David, Mary's tomb, the Damascus Gate that Jesus carried his crossbeam through, and the sealed Golden Gate that is supposedly going to miraculously open upon the arrival of the Messiah, along with the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and many lesser known but equally fascinating nooks and crannies of historical.

You may contact Mark at mpblmfld@yahoo.co.uk

MESSAGE FROM URANTIA ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL



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Quote of the Month:

"As they walked along, Jesus said to John, 'John, do you love me?' And when John answered, 'Yes, Master, with all my heart,' the Master said: 'Then, John, give up your intolerance and learn to love men as I have loved you. Devote your life to proving that love is the greatest thing in the world.'" p. 2047

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