

Society-EC Conclave Draft Agenda

**1) Opening Reading or Prayer**

**2) Welcome and Overview of Meeting**

**3) Brief Personal Introductions (<1 minute each)**

**4) Society Introductions (6 minutes each)**

- a brief, brief introduction of the society's history
- current projects, events, activities of your society
- any relevant update on the vitality of your community

**5) TDA Prep**

- a. May 18<sup>th</sup> Delegate Election Deadline
- b. Candidate Video Interviews (access and deadline)
- c. Time Management During the Meeting
- d. Questions?

**6) ZOOM Accounts for Societies**

**7) Society Discussion Topics (17 Topics) - Join a Team/Create a Team/Society-Review/EC-Review**

**Golden Gate Circle Society**

- a) Focus on global outreach efforts
- b) Spend its resources spreading books and supporting connections between readers wherever interest in The Urantia Book is highest
- c) Embrace and support family life and encourage engagement with young people
- d) Use, expand, and provide technological infrastructure – email servers, websites, computer hardware, databases, zoom accounts, and other appropriately modern technology to help readers connect with each other and spread the revelation, especially in countries where interest is high and financial resources are low
- e) Commit to an ethical investment strategy, divesting shares in companies that create wealth to the detriment of the environment
- f) Create a speaker's bureau

### **First Society**

- a) We would propose that during that year of Society Conclaves, the Executive Committee does not hold a formal joint meeting with societies so that oversaturation does not do away with Society Conclaves. We would also suggest that the EC/Society meetings do not use the word “Conclave” in order to avoid confusion with the 40-year tradition of the Society Conclaves.

### **Pacific Inland Northwest Society**

- A) A significant focus on helping Societies to become an active and integral part of the activities of the Fellowship. Currently it seems like Societies are separate from the Fellowship organization.
- B) We would like to be involved in projects that the GC and the EC are managing.
- C) We want projects that Societies are involved in to be known about throughout all Societies so they can be replicated.
- D) We are especially interested in being involved with the Stepping Stones project. We see the GC/EC able to provide internet-based tools that all Societies can use to attract people interested in spiritual growth using the Fellowship Google Ads grant. We want to be able to interact with these “truth seekers” using various methods, for example:
  - i. Scheduling a one-on-one phone or Zoom conversation to discover their interests and needs.
  - ii. Signing up for a topical group conversation on subjects of interest to them.
  - iii. Joining a group training on topics ranging from spiritual growth to healthy families to world peace.
  - iv. Opportunities for enrolling in a course(s) for spiritual growth, and other related courses.
  - v. Age specific conversations for youth to elderly participation. In these interactions we can share spiritual concepts suited to their interests and level of understanding (A key focus and training opportunity for Urantia students representing the Fellowship in these interactions would be to learn to share the Urantia teachings using a more secular (common) terminology, avoiding over-dependence on UB-based concepts and terms. This program would be seen as an evolutionary learning experience for both presenters and participants. While Societies would determine their own level of participation, the Fellowship would provide access to participants that signed up when finding us through the Google Ads or by other means. )

### **Urantia Book - Los Angeles Society**

- A. Our Readiness?

Re-evaluate today's readiness for wider publicity VS previously appropriate policy of lengthy, quiet dissemination period . How long to delay? Still appropriate with today's worldwide internet avenues, growing spiritual openness and meeting youth's evolving preferences for interactive media flow?

#### B. Our Infrastructure? Message Presentation

Consider the Fellowship purchase and share with Societies of well-developed enterprise software designed for expanding awareness of our presence via Zoom, online or in-person gatherings. Already bundled with instructions, powerful visuals and music resource choices, today's presentation tools can support Society volunteers in creating more engaging, inspiring presentations and speaker's visuals.

Attracting more seekers and potential young leaders available for training to take local Society and national posts may succeed by engaging them in welcoming creative outlets to express faith through media. How better to learn which approaches attract younger readers in today's demographic mix challenges than readily available tools .

Note: Sharing of these inspired local presentations for use among many Societies can:

- multiply the great work done and saves duplicating efforts.
- we suggest creating an energizing Annual Fellowship-Awarded Prize for outstanding presentation.

#### C. Our Infrastructure? Society Management Tools - Preparing for Coming Growth.

Equally missing support is needed for modern training materials for Society Officers and Chairperson functions. Societies cannot always rely on outgoing position holders to pass-on vital operating or recordkeeping standards.

Time-saving non-profit management software that include vendor tutorials relieves volunteer burnout and smooths position transferring for consistent operations. Less stress would encourage more volunteers to accept Society leadership positions - fulfilling our mandate to train teachers and leaders .

#### **Fort Wayne Urantia Society**

- A) A discussion of the interview with David Schlundt on June 5, 2020. In that interview we raised questions and concerns for the status and direction of the Fellowship along with many other concerns that I hope were brought to the GC for which we have not received answers.
- B) A discussion concerning the mission and duplication of services for the various Urantia organizations.

**Multi-Society Topic**

-Purchase of a Building

**8) Improvements to Today's Meeting**

**9) Adjourn**