

Celebrating the Birth of the Forum on February 11, 1923:
Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the First Meeting of the Forum

First Society for Readers of *The Urantia Book* will be hosting the 2023 Midwest Conference. This conference celebrates the role of the Forum, established on February 11, 1923, in the revelatory process and publication of *The Urantia Book*. It explores the origin and history of a unique group of individuals who met weekly as members of the Forum to listen to and discuss the newly revealed material. Their dedication and loyalty to the Urantia Project enabled them to support the revelators in the creation of an epochal revelation which would be understandable by the human mind.

In 1955, Urantia Brotherhood was established and in 1956 First Urantia Society was installed. Many of those participating in the Forum became the original members of First Urantia Society, ending their days of service in the Forum.

Our Conference Chair, Emily Deam, President of First Society, is pleased to share the tentative program for the conference, included on the next page. Please join us to celebrate!



A Meeting at the Hales', June 18, 1949.
Background; Charlie Rawson, Barney Burton,
Helen Thurman; Foreground; Harry Rowley,
Ben Copenhaver, Clarence Bowman, Tom Wideroe,
Harry Beatty, Knox Kreutzer, Katherine Adler

**2023 Midwest Conference
for Readers of *The Urantia Book***

An In-Person and Zoom Conference

Friday, February 10, 2023

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Central Time
Study Group and Social

Saturday, February 11, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Central Time
Program and Lunch

Conference Location:

Urantia Foundation, the Forum Room
533 W. Diversey Pkwy.
Chicago, Illinois 60614

TO REGISTER:

Start a new email thread and send to
urantiachicago@gmail.com

In the Subject Line, put "Midwest
Conference 2023" and your name.

In the text, list the names and contact info.
for all individuals attending, and whether
they will be in-person or on Zoom.

The \$40.00 in-person Registration Fee
can be paid upon arrival. Donations
from Zoom participants are welcome.

Questions: Contact Ken Keyser by
email at urantiachicago@gmail.com
or by phone at (773) 338-1127.

Overnight Accommodations Nearby:

The Willows Hotel, Chicago
The Hotel Versey – Days Inn, Chicago
or, consider a nearby B&B

Parking is available on-street or
at a nearby parking garage only.

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Hosted by First Society for Readers of *The Urantia Book*

Midwest Conference 2023 – Tentative Schedule (all Central Times)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

5:30 – 6:15 PM **Registration**

6:30 – 8:30 PM **Study Group and Social**

The Gift of Revelation Paper 92:4 (page 1007) followed by a Social

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023 – Live streamed on Zoom from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM also

8:00 – 8:45 AM **Registration**

9:00 – 9:15 AM **Welcome** (Emily Deam, President First Society)

9:15 – 9:30 AM **Meditation and Prayer** (Marilynn Kulieke)

9:30 – 10:15 AM **Presentation:** *Origin, History, Destiny* (Barbara Newsom)

10:15 -10:30 AM Break

10:30 – 11:15 AM **Video Presentation:** “*The Urantia Book: The Early Years.*”
(Marilynn Kulieke)

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM **Presentation:** *The Mystique of February 11*
(Larry Bowman, a Member of the Forum)

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 PM **Breakout Group Discussion:** *What Questions Would You Ask the Revelators?*
(Multiple Facilitators)

1:45 - 2:00 PM Break

2:00 – 2:45 PM **Report Back on Group Discussions** (Emily Deam and Facilitators)

2:45 – 3:45 PM **Presentation:** *Destiny: The Future of Urantia*
(Barbara Newsom, Ken Keyser, Tom Sadler)

3:45 – 4:30 PM **Group Discussion** on *Destiny* (Barbara Newsom)

4:30 – 5:00 PM Tour of the Urantia Foundation Building (Ken Keyser)

5:15 – 7:00 PM Optional family style dinner at
Pars Cove Restaurant, 435 W. Diversey Pkwy., Chicago, IL