SCICR
Select Committee to Investigate Constitutional Revision
Chair Report
to the General Council
July 29, 2023

My Fellow Councilors,

When SCICR rises and reports at the 2024 General Council meeting, we hope to have been successful in placing a well-structured revised constitution before the General Council for ratification. This will be possible if we can keep all of you well apprised of what we are doing.

Tentatively, a subcommittee envisions a tripartite balance of power among three branches of Fellowship governance. Our membership subcommittee is working on the concept of universal membership and direct election of General Councilors. These ideas are coming together like a complicated jigsaw puzzle, but we will persevere until we can confidently recommend a revised and simplified constitution to place before you for ratification.

SCICR has decided to meet in-person on December 15 – 18th in Reno Nevada. At that time, we will have the opportunity to bring all the pieces of this governance jigsaw puzzle together and present a constitutional mosaic that we hope will be acceptable to the General Council and membership in the Fellowship.

SCICR is asking the Executive Committee to place an extended discussion about the Preamble and Purpose statement (Article II) on the October 28th General Council meeting agenda. At that time, we will engage you all about the purposes of the Fellowship.

Our work is an open book. We need your help. Our Zoom meetings are placed on our website. I generally have office hours every Monday from 1 – 3 pm central time. I encourage you to keep up with our deliberations as we diligently work to suggest revision to our outdated constitutional model. The Urantia Book Fellowship has an important role to play in the future of Urantia. We need a constitution that paves the way into that future with a structure that simplifies and stabilizes our collaborative and democratic efforts to bring the fifth revelation of epochal significance to a spiritually hungry world.

In service,

Tom Allen, Chair
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