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Existing Effort

As a committee, we have successfully integrated ourselves into our respective interfaith community councils. We have "graduated" from serving on projects to leading and working with our friends of different faiths and cultures. We are sharing the revelation through dialogue and "by our works" of service with the faith members in our communities. Since we are not a religion, we are known as members of the Urantia Book Fellowship. If you want to join in our effort to be part of the world of Interfaith in your community, please contact me.

Our newest effort

The Interfaith Committee is attempting something new. The reason is that we've tried over the years to involve Urantia Book students directly in interfaith work but very few feel that it's the way they want to provide their service. Interfaith work is particularly difficult for Urantia Book students because the process does not allow for evangelizing or proselytizing about the book, the approach that has customarily been used by readers. We feel that the mission of the Committee is to work with other religionists and not simply to introduce them to the book.

After a myriad of projects and the failure to bring many of our Urantia brothers and sisters into our work, we decided to go a vastly different avenue. Our brainstorming session went something like this: "Why don't we do an interfaith documentary. And why don't we use Urantians to work on it with us." And then the idea, "why don't we film Urantians that are actually doing the work?"

Consequently, we are filming a documentary specifically to bring awareness of the great need to educate women and children in 3rd world countries. Free Schools was the obvious choice because it is Urantia based and interfaith in nature. We're working with Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist and Christian children; plus Muslim, Hindu and Christian advocates in Kansas City.

I want to stress that this film is not directly about our Urantia Revelation. We are not promoting the book or proselytizing but rather filming the positive results of Urantians that are living the teachings. We believe bringing awareness of this work to the public will help increase awareness of the need of these children. Much is being done by many people, and we are in the mix. One film won't make a difference, but there is a wave across this planet that many of us are riding that we believe will advance the lives of women and even out the genders. 49.4.4 "Sex equality prevails on all advanced worlds; male and female are equal in mind endowment and spiritual status. We do not regard a planet as having emerged from barbarism so long as one sex seeks to tyrannize over the other. This feature of creature experience is always greatly improved after the arrival of a Material Son and Daughter." Our foray into film making and choosing Free Schools is the attempt to advance the work of many towards sex or gender, equality.

The film crew goes to India the first two weeks in February. They will be researching the area plus filming and interviewing. We need enough footage for an initial 8-10 minute video that will aid us in raising the rest of the funds for the documentary. Our plan is to market this documentary to PBS stations. We're all Urantians working on this project except our director, who is award winning Risa Morimoto www.wingsofdefeat.com.

We are the Interfaith Committee doing what we believe is the work of our Father and Mother. We really do believe this work was given to us to do. After Free Schools we hope to find other worthy efforts to film.