

Foundation Leadership Roundtable — Opening and Introductions

Date: 2026-04-25 **Duration:** approximately 32 minutes **Host:** Mo Siegel **Co-host (introductions):** Gard Jameson

Overview

The opening session of the 2026 Foundation Leadership Roundtable. Mo Siegel introduced the agenda and the five forum leaders, then participants went around the room (in person and virtual) introducing themselves with their organisational affiliations and how long they have been reading the Urantia Book. The session closed with Mo handing the floor to André Radatus to begin the Internationalisation forum.

Mo Siegel's Opening Remarks

Siegel previewed the agenda for the gathering, identifying the five forum leaders and the topics each would lead:

- **André Radatus** — Internationalisation of the revelation
- **Joyce Anderson** — Study groups
- **Elisabeth Callahan** (with the educators) — Education
- **David Kantor** — Multimedia outreach
- **Chris Wood** — How can we help one another

He noted that Gabriel Rymberg had requested a half-hour slot because the Center for Unity's work did not fit cleanly into the other categories, and Siegel had agreed.

He framed the meeting as "the beginning" of a more international gathering, and stated: "next year, I hope that screen is filled with multi-racial people, leaders from across the globe. This was a US and French organisation. It's expanded now. The fastest growing readership is Latin America."

Participants

Participants were asked to give name, organisational affiliation, and length of time reading the Urantia Book. The following list compiles those self-introductions:

Name	Affiliation(s)	Reading since
Mo Siegel	Urantia Foundation (host)	(not stated in this segment; previously stated as 1969)
Victor Garcia-Bory	Trustee, Urantia Foundation	24 years
David Kantor	(Foundation; introduced in this segment by Mo)	49 years
Sue Seccombe	President, Urantia Book Fellowship	(not stated)
Joyce Anderson	Associate trustee	(not stated)
Marcel Peereboom	Associate trustee, Netherlands; co-organiser of 2018 Netherlands conference	(not stated; 2018 conference reference only)
Richard Jernigan	Chief editor, UAI Journal	(not stated)
Chris Wood	Trustee, Urantia Foundation	28 years

Name	Affiliation(s)	Reading since
Rick Lyon	Center for Unity (with wife Susan); Cosmic Creations	1978
André Radatus	Urantia Book Fellowship; IFC chair; on UUI board (former curriculum chair); CO-leader of a study group with Paula Thompson, Mo Siegel, Mike Butler, Carol Enright	50 years (celebrated previous month)
Gard Jameson	Trustee; member of UAI, Fellowship, UUI, Urantia Foundation	55 years
Alice Wood	Executive Manager, UAI; President, UAI United States	22 years
Marilynn Kulieke	Trustee; chair of Translation Committee; co-founder of UUI teacher education programme	50 years
Tamara Strumfeld	Urantia Foundation staff	25 years (since 2001)
Lisa Crawford	Urantia Foundation (joined January 2026)	4.5 years
Tom Allen	Judicial Chair, UB Fellowship; Oklahoma City	53 years
Ari Horn	Director of Administration, Urantia University; daughter of Merritt Horn	"since I was a very small child"
Marvin Gawryn	UUI faculty; multiple grants organisations	1968 (~58 years)
Collins Lomo	Ghana; former African coordinator of UAI; recently associate trustee of Urantia Foundation	14 years (since 2018) [see verify list — date inconsistency]

Name	Affiliation(s)	Reading since
Alejandra Rodriguez	Urantia Book Fellowship; digital platforms for Spanish-speaking countries; lived in India, Colombia, China, US, currently Dubai	new reader
Geoff Theiss	Executive Director, Urantia Book Fellowship; second-generation reader	~14 years (serious self-study)
Roy Healey	British Columbia, Canada; Unity seminary minister; UUI TEP educator; curriculum committee	1975
Pablo Morales	(Spanish translation work, mentioned by Tamara Strumfeld earlier)	finished first reading 1996
Gaétan Charland	Quebec; president, local Urantia association of Quebec	47 years
Bennett Rutenberg	Terre Haute, Indiana; UAI Judicial Commissioner; long association with Urantia University	55 years
Sally Anabella	Central Washington; Secretary, IFC (International Fellowship Committee); granddaughter of Clyde Bedell	1982 (44 years; with reference to family lineage)
Trudy Cooper	Secretary General, UB Fellowship; chair, upcoming international conference (Monterey, July)	~50 years
Barb Maier	Anchorage, Alaska; IFC; international travel (India, China, Nigeria)	1974
Elisabeth Callahan	UUI	(not stated)

Name	Affiliation(s)	Reading since
Brad Gardner	Urantia Foundation staff (digital, IT, web); second-generation reader	early 1990s
Richard Zhu	Chinese translator; associate trustee, Urantia Foundation	(not stated)
Gabriel Rymberg	Hebrew translator (~10 years); member of Fellowship, UAI, Foundation; works with Rick Lyon and others	(Hebrew translation since ~2011)
Susan Myers	West Lafayette, Indiana; UUI advisor; membership chair of GLAMR	1976 (50 years)
Mark Wood	Malta; editor, Urantia Book Fellowship publications (Urantian Messenger, the Herald); UBIS contributor	~35 years (introduced by Henk Mylanus in Malta)
Douglas Burns	Petaluma, California; Bay Area study group host; on Fellowship General Council; UAI member	~1978
Geoff Taylor	UUI board of directors; UBIS facilitator; Fellowship General Council; partner of Susan Myers	1985
Joanne Strobel	Atlanta area; representing UBIS	(not stated)
Myra Hight	Communications chair, UAI; English branch manager, UBIS	49 years
Merritt Horn	Boulder; UUI trustee; SRT committee	1968
	Boise, Idaho; trustee	1973 (53 years)

Name	Affiliation(s)	Reading since
Judy Van Cleave		
Emeka Anazodo	Nigeria; outreach to truth-seekers	2001
Byron Belitsos	Publisher of secondary works on the Urantia Book; founder, Rodin Institute; Substack "Union of Souls"	1974

Two named individuals were noted as not present at the introductions: **Jeannie Vasquez** (UAI social media chair) and others on the screen who were not visible at the moment.

Notable Quotes (verbatim)

- **Mo Siegel** on the trajectory of the gathering: *"This was a US and French organisation. It's expanded now. The fastest growing readership is Latin America. We'll have to deal with translations, but this is the beginning."*
- **Bennett Rutenberg** on the moment for the organisations: *"Since 2010 all of these organizations have been involved in growing together... the encouragement is to abandon the idea of a divided house in favor of a house that is continuing to grow together."*
- **Mo Siegel** on the unanimous response to a call for unified efforts: *"All in favour of unified efforts... unanimous. All right, that's a good message."*
- **Gard Jameson** on Sally Anabella's lineage: *"Behind every great man is a greater woman."*