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THE HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL URBAN ASSOCIATES

International Urban Associates was brought into formal existence by Board vote on April 14, 1989. After one year of operation under the sponsorship of MidAmerica Leadership Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, the IUA Board met on May 14, 1990 and voted for IUA to become a stand alone not-for-profit urban ministry organization by July 1, 1991 with Dr. Raymond J. Bakke as Executive Director and Senior Associate.

There is, however, a critical decade of developmental history that created the rationale and shapes the program of IUA.

In June 1980, Dr. Bakke was asked to coordinate a world wide urban church and mission consultation in Pattaya, Thailand by Dr. Billy Graham, Chairperson and other leaders of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization which originated at the World Congress at Lausanne, Switzerland 1974.

After the 1980 Congress, Dr. Bakke was invited to consult, organize and direct follow-up church and mission agency consultations in some 130 of the world's largest cities on all six continents. These church based consultations focused on ministry in slums, and on a range of problems unique to the largest cities. The World Council of Churches, World Vision and nearly all major denominations have been represented over the years.

Beginning in 1980, Dr. Bakke began to publish his research in a series of books and journals in many languages. He also produced an urban video series and other resources for urban church leaders and teachers of pastors and missionaries.

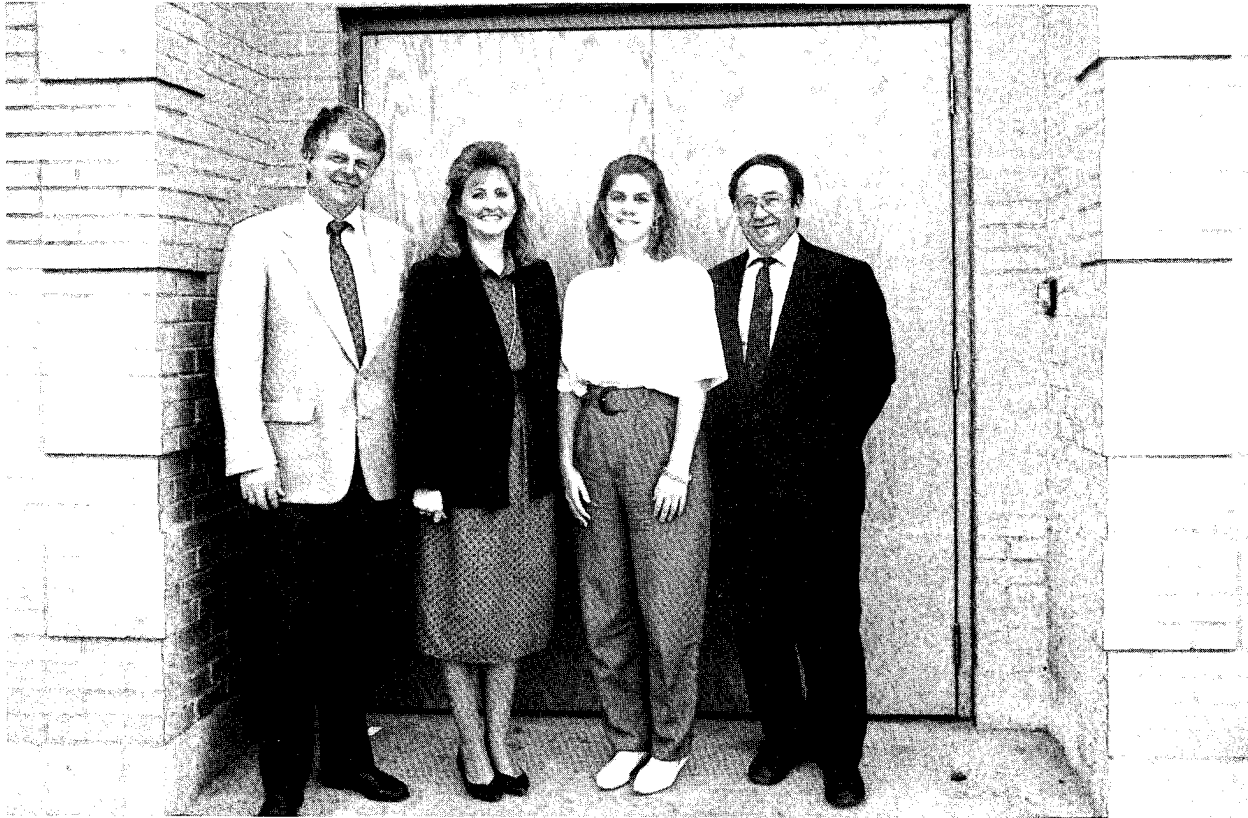
Dr. Bakke served as pastor 20 years, 1959-1979, then as Senior Professor at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Illinois from 1979-1989. Additionally he lectured in 25 theological seminaries in the USA and a similar number in other nations. During these years Dr. Bakke established a world wide network of urban church resource leaders in many large cities.

International Urban Associates was formally organized to continue and develop the pioneering work done by Dr. Bakke simultaneously with the invitation of the Lausanne Committee to ask Dr. Bakke to coordinate the urban program for the International Manila Evangelism Congress July 1989 which brought 4000 delegates from more than 170 countries. From that Congress came once again the call for an expanded urban ministry resource for the world's largest cities. IUA is a voluntary organization. The Lausanne Committee has endorsed Dr. Bakke since 1981 as Senior Associate for Large Cities, but in order to develop the programs, pursue staff, build partnerships in many diverse cities, IUA was organized.

INTERNATIONAL URBAN ASSOCIATES MISSION STATEMENT

International Urban Associates seeks to empower God's people in the largest cities of the world by means of leadership consultations that generate vision, partnerships, motivations and resources, so that the *"whole church can take the whole gospel to the whole city."*

Dr. Raymond J. Bakke
Chicago, Illinois
November, 1990



Raymond Bakke is Executive Director. He also teaches and mentors doctoral students in urban ministry at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Ray has focused many years of study, preaching and teaching on the urban areas of the world. He received his BA from Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, M.Div. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, S.T.M. and D.Min. from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, in Urban Church Planning and Urban Studies. He lives in Chicago with his wife Corean, who is Administrative Director of CHART (Chicago Artist).

Rene' Gorbold is Adm. Associate and Associate for National Development. She coordinates the office and IUA's national consultations. As an assistant to Ray Bakke for the past 6 1/2 years, she has helped organize and develop IUA. Rene' received her BA from Judson College, Elgin and is working on her MBA from Keller Graduate School, Chicago. She resides in Chicago with her husband Dwight who is a Supervisor of the Neighborhood Center for Olive Branch Mission. Rene' also volunteers at the Mission, spending time with the ladies on the Mission's Residential program.

Andrea Bakke is our secretary. She presently works part-time while pursuing part-time her BA in psychology from Judson College in Elgin, Andrea keeps our office running smoothly with her excellent typing, computer, filing, database and phone skills. She lives in Elgin, with her husband Woody who is an EMT Paramedic. Besides work and school Andrea is actively involved in the Bagong Silang Missionary Fellowship whose primary mission is to further the kingdom of God. Over the past couple of years Bagong Silang has raised funds to travel to the Philippines and build two churches.

Stephen Ujvarosy is the newest team member. As Senior Associate for International Development he will coordinate IUA's international consultations and help with fundraising. Steve brings with him a strong international business background and computer expertise. He received his BS from the University of Wisconsin. Steve lives in Evanston, with his wife Helen who is Business Manager for MidAmerica Leadership Foundation in Chicago. Steve is actively involved in the LaSalle Street Church and is Chair of the Advisory Board of the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic.

THE WORK OF IUA

IUA was called into existence in 1989 to continue and expand the ministry of Raymond J. Bakke and a team of urban specialists called Associates who bring vast and diverse urban perspectives and experiences along with a host of resource networks into partnerships with churches and mission agencies whose good is to see God glorified in an empowered church and a transformed city.

The work of IUA generally falls into four categories.

- I. Informing and activating urban church leadership by organizing and participating in conferences, seminars, preaching and teaching in the USA and abroad.
- II. Resource Development: Ray was asked by the IUA Board to allocate up to 1/2 time for writing. We are exploring several books and video productions for 1991 and 1992. The planning will occur in 1991. A book a year is not an unreasonable goal for IUA. Other books and videos already published are moving into translations in Spanish, French, German and Chinese.
- III. Urban Consultations with leadership foundations and cities who have developed an invitational committee made up of various mission and church organizations.
- IV. Strategic Planning and Consulting, with organizations who ask IUA to help develop their urban agenda.

Dr. Bakke is committed to including associates as partners and creating listening teams at nearly all events to multiply the leadership vision and skill transfer.

1991 PREVIEW OF IUA

Firm plans for IUA in 1991 include:

- **Lectureships in three colleges and three seminaries in the USA.
- **Lectureships in seminaries in South Africa and Australia.
- **Negotiating a 3-5 year urban evangelization plan with the Lausanne Committee at Budapest.
- **Negotiating overseas partnerships for Africa,

South East Asia, East Asia and the Middle East.

**Negotiating a very strategic International Urban Congress with World Vision and other partners in Reuchlichikon, Switzerland, for a major event that will impact Orthodox and Catholics as well as Evangelicals and Charismatics in 1992-1993.

**Two events in two cities which will produce books and videos for which IUA is a primary catalyst:

Minneapolis: consultation on Urban Youth
Denver: consultation on Urban/Suburban ministry partnerships

**IUA will plan and guest edit a feature urban issue of Transformation Journal which goes to leadership on six continents.

**IUA is negotiating a partnership with John Guest Evangelism Ministries in the USA and perusing similar relationships with Michael Cassidy's "African Enterprises" and with Floyd McClung and YWAM.

**IUA will focus in the USA on:

Pittsburgh
San Francisco
Washington, DC
Birmingham
Orange County/Los Angeles
Minneapolis/St. Paul
Seattle
Chicago
Miami

**The major internal operational strategy for 1991 will be to become an organized, funded, fully responsive and responsible not-for-profit ministry by July 1, 1991.

NATIONAL URBAN MINISTERS TO MEET IN CHICAGO JANUARY 14, 1991

IUA is a co-sponsor and host for this national gathering of denominational and mission executives in charge of urban ministry for their respective groups. Most of these leaders are new in their position and have not met together before.

The agenda in a sentence: "What is God doing in our cities, what are the signs of hope that encourage you?"

Call IUA at 312-850-9000 for more information.

**RAY BAKKE'S 1991 CITY
TRAVEL SCHEDULE**

JANUARY

4 Pittsburgh, PA
15 Grand Rapids, MI
16-21 San Francisco, CA
23-25 Atlanta, GA
28-30 Montgomery, AL

FEBRUARY

6- 8 Harrisonburg, VA
11-14 Miami, FL
25-26 Washington, DC

MARCH

1- 3 Birmingham, AL
6 St. Louis, MO
8-11 Minneapolis, MN
17 Rolling Hills Estate, CA
18-20 Birmingham, AL

APRIL

1 Chicago, IL
4 Vancouver, BC, Canada
2-18 Orange County, CA
19-26 Seattle, WA
29-30 New Haven, CT

MAY

1- 3 New Haven, CT
3- 4 Arlington, VA
5 Washington, DC
20-24 St. Davids, PA

JUNE

3- 7 Monticello, MS
7- 8 San Jose, CA
17-18 Washington, DC
China

JULY

3-14 Melbourne, Australia
Africa

AUGUST

19-26 Reuchlichikon, Switzer.

SEPTEMBER

1- 7 Budapest, Hungary
9-13 Wintergreen, VA
27-30 Middle East

OCTOBER

1-13 Middle East
14-15 Orebro, Sweden
16-20 Minneapolis, MN
20 Eden Prairie, MN
25-27 Miami, FL

NOVEMBER

3- 5 Seattle, WA
18-19 Washington, DC

DECEMBER

3- 4 Birmingham, UK

BOOK REVIEW: *Making Cities Work: how two people mobilized a community to meet its needs* by Basil Entwistle, Hope Publishing, 1990.

Entwistle's thesis -- and the life work of his subjects, John and Denise Wood -- is about taking the yarn of vision, skills and relationships and weaving community designs which are productive and beautiful.

For 17 years the Woods went about uniting their fellow citizens in Pasadena, California, to come to grips with the problems facing their community: drugs, youth unemployment and children raised in poverty without access to adequate health care. Among the fruits of their work are the Community Skills Center which trains 4,000 people a year, the Commission on Children and Youth which works for child welfare in Pasadena, and DAY ONE, which addresses drug and alcohol abuse.

The Woods worked out of two hubs, their home and the Office of Creative Connections of all Saints Episcopal Church. The book offers 15 chapters of stories. Pasadena, a mid-sized city in metropolitan Los Angeles, is known for its roses, but it is also a place of accelerating pain.

The Woods' approach can be put rather simply: a need is researched and documented, a diverse group sorts out the priorities and selects the strategy, and a coalition emerges and goes into action. Don Miller describes the Woods as wonderful listeners, who refuse to be confrontational, possess a bountiful expectancy and make honest assessment, while avoiding finger-pointing.

Like Moses of old, who practiced for 40 years on sheep in bad neighborhoods before God would trust him with a mud-making unemployed refugee migrant group, the Woods draw deeply from multi-generational and transcontinental experiences. They attribute many of their values to their parents; their work before they came to Pasadena took them to five continents. They were Global before they were local.

Because they had worked in so many different contexts and were secure in their identity, they could risk failure in Pasadena. They were audacious. Pasadena had 225 human service agencies, but there was room for one more -- the Office of Creative Connections, whose contribution, in the words of Don Miller, was "the nurturing of individuals within these agencies and services."

Transcendent values, personal integrity, a legitimate base (a local church, near city hall), negotiating skills, willingness to work and lots of time -- by naming the qualities and skills, Entwistle helps us teach them.

For me, a number of theological themes emerge from their work. The concept of the city as accountable to God is a classic reformed idea. In it institutions are gifts of common grace. Personal piety and public service are integrated in the quest for the common good and public justice. If -- as the Woods do -- you approach everybody as a gift, rather than a problem, you celebrate the divine image in each person.

Turf battles, drugs and gang wars remind us that urban sin is both personal and structural, requiring the spiritual liberation of both persons and places. This is the public side of God who became flesh and became a communicating Word to the human race.

Bruce Philpott of the Pasadena police department described the Woods and the Office of Creative Connections as "the conscience of this city." It sounds like an epitaph worthy of all Christian tombstones, with an echo from the Hebrew prophet Isaiah -- "and you shall be called restorers of streets to live in." --Ray Bakke