

## The Bertrand Russell Society (USA)

From responses to the original letters to potential members, a founding group was set up from among those who had a strong motivation to actively participate in organizing the Russell Society.

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Since the last report, work has consisted of sifting from many suggestions what the aims of the society should be.

It was judged best that we decide upon an over-all purpose. Though this seemed to be a simple problem, it was necessary to proceed with care so as not to intimate that there would develop a "cult of personality" with its invidious connotation. On the other hand, the overwhelming feeling was that Russell's life work should be extended.

All correspondence was reviewed to see if those outside of the organizing group were in general agreement.

Mrs. Katharine Tait had written, "Promote his purposes for the world". In one form or other this was expressed by a large majority of committee members and others, and has been accepted - subject to possible modification.

For a time we shall be concerned in working out by mail a more explicit set of aims under the over-all purpose. There was a strong interest in promoting peace, happiness, and providing ethical and moral leadership. When the preliminary thinking has been completed, the group will meet in New York for the formal founding of the society. This will be followed by a proposed meeting open to charter members.

In the meantime we earnestly solicit comments from readers of *Russell*. They can be addressed to any member of the above committee.

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