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Dear Delegate:

Welcome to a rich and diverse but, as you may have noticed, no-frills Founding Convention.

As you know, CEM is a coalition of independent organizations in every state of the U.S. and 57 other countries on six continents. It represents a wide range of social and cultural concerns, united in working for freedom, fairness, diversity, responsibility, respect for cultural integrity, the protection of children, and democratic decision-making in the cultural mainstream of all countries. We have representation from many states of the U.S., a contingent of 15 from Canada, and delegates from some 15 other countries.

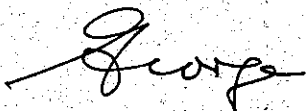
The response has been extraordinary. In order not to disappoint too many, we have admitted more delegates than the Convention can conveniently accommodate. Staff and facilities are strained to (and sometimes beyond) the limit. We ask for your patience, understanding, and cooperation.

This is a Convention, not a conference. That means that we are here to work. The goal is a platform for action.

You will note that we have a full, exciting, and very tight schedule. It consists of panels, keynotes, cultural events, Working Groups and a concluding Plenary session to set the course of CEM's future.

We ask you to read and consider the documents in this folder, and others that will be distributed. The keynotes and cultural events will provide further ideas, inspiration and directions for action. The time to discuss them is in your Working Group. The time to make your recommendations is at the Plenary session. We intend to start and end every session on time. Please move quickly to the place of each session.

We have much to do.



George Gerbner
Founder and Chair

The Founding Convention of the Cultural Environment Movement will be held at Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri, on March 15-17, 1996. For more information call 215.387.5303.



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