

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

1955 ANNUAL REPORTS

Presented to General Council

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URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1955 ANNUAL REPORT

*To the Executive Council*

To the ~~Executive Committee~~  
Orantia Brotherhood

The Judicial Committee reports the following business for the year 1955:

1. Two Committee meetings were held during the year.
2. The Committee studied the Constitution of Orantia Brotherhood so as to become familiar with it as against the day when problems might be referred to it.
3. Certain matters from the Council and from the President were reviewed and discussed by the Committee.
4. No specific problems were referred to this Committee during the year.

Respectfully submitted

*Edith E. Cook*

Edith E. Cook  
Secretary  
Judicial Committee

January 13, 1956

Chicago, January 3, 1956

*Annual Report to General Council*

Miss Marian Rowley,  
Secretary General,  
Urantia Brotherhood,

Dear Marian;

This is to inform you that the Fraternal Relations Committee has held three meetings the past year.

Plans were discussed for the acquisition of material for the study of the Worlds Great Religions and the viewpoints of the prominent denominations of the Christian Religion, in order to be prepared for situations and questions which may be referred to this Committee for solution.

~~Sincerely yours,~~

*Edmond F. J. Stuebe*  
Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT  
DOMESTIC EXTENSION COMMITTEE  
FISCAL YEAR 1955

The Domestic Extension Committee held eight meetings during the year 1955.

Business before the committee at the first two meetings was limited to discussions on how best to promote the sale of the Urantia Book and the necessity of maintaining a steady flow of sales in order to provide revenue for operating the Urantia Brotherhood.

With the change of policy regarding the sale of the Urantia Book and the raising of funds for operating the Brotherhood, the work of the committee was confined, largely, to composing and getting out a questionnaire to be sent to all Forum members, concerning the number of books they would purchase, and to whom they would be sent, etc. etc.

At the last meeting of the committee, held on November 14, 1955, the first screening of the files of the Brotherhood gift book list was made and a list of individuals, and public and university libraries was compiled for the approval of the Executive Committee.

Julia B. Sunderland  
Secretary



Annual Report To  
General Council

Chicago, Illinois  
January 3, 1956.

To: President, Officers and members of  
the Executive Committee of Warranted  
Brotherhood.

We submit the following as  
the first annual report of the  
Foreign Extension Committee of Warranted  
Brotherhood covering our activities  
during the calendar year 1955.

During 1955 the Foreign Extension  
Committee met six times and reports  
as

I. Accomplishments

a. Completion of its own internal  
organization

b. Assignment of territories and  
responsibility thereof.

c. Decision to point our first  
efforts toward Canada as a means  
of gaining experience and to apply this  
experience to our next effort: that of  
expansion toward and is the



British Commonwealth of Nations.

d. Cooperation with the Domestic Extension Committee in preparation of a questionnaire.

e. Decision to subordinate our efforts to those of the Domestic Extension Committee until such time as our field is expanded by requests originating in other countries.

II The Foreign Extension Committee has made the following suggestions.

a. That at the earliest dated permitted by Wreantia Brotherhood Constitution and By-Laws consideration be given to changing the name of the Foreign Extension Committee in such a manner that the word "Foreign" may be eliminated and replaced with a word symbol more designation of the world wide purpose of Wreantia Brotherhood.

b. That committees of Wreantia

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Brotherhood be permitted to assign individual members to serve as observers and liaison coordinators of and with other committees of WANTED Brotherhood

Respectfully submitted  
James C. Mills  
Chairman



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD  
For the Year 1955

During the year the Educational Committee held 24 meetings.

One of our first tasks was the selection of a group of Brotherhood members which could be looked upon as potential teachers in a projected school for the training of Certified Leaders and Ordained Teachers. It was from this list that a smaller group was selected to take up a course of intensive training with William S. Sadler, Jr.

Next, our attention was addressed to the formulation of an application questionnaire to be filled out by Leader or Teacher applicants.

Then, our Committee turned to the building of a Two-Year Course of Study, and also provided for a third year to be added at some time in the future. This course of study, in briefest outline form, covers the following ground:

Proposed Schedule and Skeletal Curriculum Designed to  
Prepare Candidates for Certified Leader and  
Ordained Teacher

Faculty

The class which was led by William S. Sadler, Jr. from September 1955 to June 1956 is to provide the nucleus of a teaching staff. The Committee on Education, which must approve all staff members, will determine what qualifications will be necessary and then arrange for a balanced teaching staff.

Time Schedule

It is proposed that classes begin in September 1956, and that two evenings per week be devoted to this program with the following schedule in effect:

- (a) First semester -- September through January  
Second semester -- February through June
- (b) One class from 7:30 to 8:30 P. M.  
Fifteen-minute intermission  
Second class from 8:45 to 9:45 P. M.

Program

Course of study for Certified Leaders shall consist of the first of the proposed two (three) year's course.

Course of study for Ordained Teachers shall start with two years, and later be extended to three years.



A Major consists of a course that meets one hour a week for two semesters.

A Minor consists of a course that meets one hour a week for one semester.

The completion of the first year course with the writing of an appropriate thesis will qualify an individual for Certification of Leadership. Those who wish to qualify for Ordination as a Teacher must continue at least another year in an advanced course.

### THE CURRICULUM

#### First Year

1. Major: (2) Study of the Urantia Book. Synthetic.
2. Minors: (4)
  - a. Topical study
  - b. Life of Christ - (The Four Gospels)
  - c. Leadership -- methods of speaking and teaching.
  - d. Study of Urantia Brotherhood -- Urantia Societies.  
(Constitution - Organization)

#### Second Year

1. Major: (2) Urantia Doctrine and Philosophy
2. Minors: (4)
  - a. Introduction to Comparative Religion
  - b. Advance Course in speaking and teaching
  - c. Education Psychology
  - d. Study of Christian sects and denominations.

#### Third Year

1. Major: (2)
  - a. Science and History -- The Urantia Book
  - b. Advanced Comparative Religion
2. Minors: (4)
  - a. Homiletics
  - b. Advanced study of The Urantia Book
  - c. Old and New Testament History
  - d. Technic of Presenting The Urantia Book

The Committee has engaged in much discussion regarding the name for this school, but has not been able thus far to agree upon a suitable designation.

At the closing of the year's work the Committee was in the midst of preparing the details of the various courses of study. About half of this work has been accomplished, and it will continue to occupy our attention for the early meetings of 1956.

Wm. L. Sadler  
Chairman *W*

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Secretary

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD  
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

*To General Council*

1955 Annual Report

To: The Executive Committee  
Urantia Brotherhood

Publications Committee reports the following activities for the  
year 1955:

- (1) Two Committee meetings were held at which -
  - (a) The Brotherhood Constitution was studied.
  - (b) Certain advices from members of the General Council  
and from the President were reviewed.
- (2) The Quarterly News Letter from the Executive Committee to the  
General Council and other interested individuals has been  
duplicated and mailed to those concerned.
- (3) No other problems have been referred to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leone M. Sadler*  
Leone M. Sadler, Chairman

Dated as of 31 December 1955



*Annual Report to Gen'l Council*  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

*1/15/56*

Pursuant to instructions to submit some details of 1955 activities, the Finance Committee wishes to report that several meetings were held. The early meetings resulted in decision to advise only the Forum membership of the Brotherhood's requirements as to money which was done in the form of a letter in April. The results were most satisfactory in that contributions beyond the bare essential needs were received.

It was the decision of the Executive Committee later in the year that solicitation of funds continue to be restricted to only the active Forum group and a November letter covering estimated 1956 requirements was sent to a smaller list than the April letter. It can now be confirmed that this effort will be successful also and a small surplus beyond immediate needs will be accumulated during 1956.

Depending on the unpredictable expansion of activities by the various Brotherhood Committees, the need for larger sums of money must become a more pressing problem. As early as practicable another discussion with the Executive Committee will be held to review the desirability of accepting and soliciting funds from "outside" sources. Attention to this will be a major concern of the Finance Committee during 1956.

Respectfully submitted

*David Adler*

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD  
COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES  
1955 Annual Report

*To General Council*

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

The Committee on Miscellaneous Activities reports the following activities for the year 1955:

- (1) No specific problems were referred to this Committee.
- (2) The Committee met twice during the year to become familiar with the Constitution of Urantia Brotherhood and to study certain communications from certain members of the General Council and from the President.
- (3) The individual members of this Committee have assisted the office of the Secretary-General in the discharge of various clerical, secretarial, and housekeeping duties during the year.

Respectfully submitted

*E.L. Christensen*  
E.L. Christensen, Chairman

Dated as of 31 December 1955.

# CUSTODIANS OF URANTIA BOOK

## FUNCTIONING JOINTLY FOR URANTIA FOUNDATION AND URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

Report of Transactions for Period: 26 September 1955 to 31 December 1955

To: Treasurer, Urantia Foundation  
Treasurer, Urantia Brotherhood

The Joint Custodians accepted their appointment on 26 September 1955. Report is submitted herewith concerning their activities from that date to the end of 1955.

This report assumes that the original edition of the book was in the number of ten thousand (10,000) copies. Based on this assumption, we report as follows:

<u>Inventory of books as of 31 December 1955:</u>		<u>Books</u>
Books due to Purchasers:		
Account the Urantia Foundation		
At the \$5.00 rate	\$ 445.00	89
At the \$7.50 rate	135.00	18
Total for account of Urantia Foundation	\$ 580.00	107
Account Urantia Brotherhood (\$7.50 rate)	382.50	51
Total books Due to Purchasers (both accounts)	\$ 962.50	158
Unsold inventory of books in our joint custody		<u>437</u>
Total books in our joint custody at 533 Diversey Parkway:		595
Presumed inventory in Donnelley's custody at Crawfordville:		<u>7,710</u>
Total (presumed) inventory of books as of 31 December 1955:		8,305
<u>Books released during the period covered by this report:</u>		
Books purchased by individuals and delivered to them	1,676	
Used by Urantia Foundation for copyright requirements	<u>19</u>	
Total released		<u>1,695</u>
Presumed total of books printed in the first edition:		<u>10,000</u>

Marian T. Howley, Joint Custodian

Dated as of 31 December 1955

Leone M. Sadler, Joint Custodian

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No annual reports were made by the officers of the  
Urantia Brotherhood at this time.

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Council - 1/15/56

REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE  
CHARTER COMMITTEE  
TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

providing the forms, the  
patterns, the procedures by  
which local groups can  
begin to function as integral  
units of the Brotherhood  
that is, Urantia societies

The Brotherhood Constitution has given to the Charter Committee the responsibility of ~~initiating activity in the local units of the Brotherhood, the Urantia societies.~~ Therefore, unlike some of the committees whose work will come later, we of the Charter Committee have been plunged promptly into urgent duties. It is our task, in addition to the obvious one of devising a charter for Urantia societies, to decide details of membership qualification for founders, minimum standards of local membership, rituals for installing societies and initiating individual members, and finally, at the request of the Executive Committee, to furnish a suggested pattern of a local Urantia society constitution.

After many meetings and much discussion, and with the deeply appreciated help of our Elder Statesman, and suggestions from the Brotherhood President, we have, to date, produced for your examination the following seven documents:

1. Standards of Admission of Urantia Societies
2. Standards of Admission of Members
3. Application to be Chartered as a Urantia Society of Urantia Brotherhood
4. Urantia Brotherhood Charter (to be issued to a local Urantia Society)
5. Ritual for the Installation of a Urantia Society
6. Ritual for the Initiation of Individual Members into a Urantia Society
7. (Suggested) Constitution of the (Blank) Urantia Society of (Blank)

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth F. Burton  
Chairman of Charter Committee

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