

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

1956 ANNUAL REPORTS

Presented to General Council

January 13, 1957



URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

533 DIVERSEY PARKWAY

CHICAGO 14, ILLINOIS

*Report to General Council
January 13, 1957*

December 13, 1956

~~Miss Marian Rowley
Secretary-General
Urantia Brotherhood
533 Diversey Parkway
Chicago, Illinois~~

Dear Marian:

Re: To General Council
Report Of Judicial Committee
Chairman

Although there were no formal meetings held during the year, ~~the secretary of the committee, Edith Cook,~~ has been compiling an index and cross-reference outline of the Constitution and By-Laws. This work is nearing completion. It represents a good many hours and hours of work.

Yours very truly,

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

William M. Hales

William M. Hales, Chairman
Judicial Committee

WMH:BB

REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
of the work of the Charter Committee
during the year 1956.

Although the Charter Committee, at the end of 1955, had submitted to the Executive Committee certain documents concerning the chartering of local societies, these papers were not finally approved, after slight revision, until March 5, 1956. They deal with standards of admission for founders of Urantia societies and for later members, the form of an application for a charter and of the charter itself, rituals for the installation of a society and for the initiation of individual members, and a sample constitution for a local society.

During the year 1956, these documents have been used by two groups in the process of obtaining a charter. On June 17, a charter was presented to the former Forum members, here in Chicago, and they were installed as "First Urantia Society". On October 5, Charter No. 2 was granted to ten applicants of the Los Angeles area, who, as soon as it is practicable, will be presented with their charter and installed as the "West Coast Urantia Society".

from ~~experience~~ ^{experience} thus gained, the Charter Committee realized that there should be available here at headquarters, information and literature ready to be sent as a routine matter upon inquiry from new groups interested in becoming integral units of the Brotherhood. Such packets of information are now being duplicated, ready for future use.

Respectfully submitted,

December 14, 1956

Ruth F. Burton
Chairman, Charter Committee

Chicago, December 13, 1956.

Annual Report of Fraternal
Relations Committee to General

~~Miss Marian Rowley,~~ Council for year
1956

~~Secretary General~~

~~Uranian Brotherhood;~~

~~Dear Marian;~~

I do not recall holding any formal meetings with the members of the Fraternal Relations committee during 1956. We are constantly trying to familiarize ourselves with the attitudes and teachings of the principal Religions and Denominations of the World. Thus we hope to cope with the problems which may arise.

Yours truly,

Edmond J. Kulicke

Chairman

Fraternal Relations Committee

Annual Report of Domestic Extension Committee to General Council for Year 1956

The Domestic Extension Committee had six meetings during the year 1956. In the spring the Extension Group suggested about 50 libraries and Universities plus a few individuals to whom gift books were to be sent. The Executive Committee oked the proposed list and these books were sent out.

During the year the Extension Committee proposed that the price of the Urantia Book be revised upward, but upon consideration by the Executive Committee the proposal was tabled for the immediate future.

The last meeting of the year was held with the heads of the various discussion and study groups ~~and~~ with the idea of being of service if possible to these groups in the promotion of the Urantia Book. and our ^{and} committee looks forward in the New Year to helping if possible any new society or study group along the promotion line.

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~~XXXXXXXX~~ Domestic Extension Committee

Everett M. Farwell -Chairman

Annual Report of
Foreign Extension Committee
for year 1956.

During the year 1956, The Foreign Extension
Committee of Wentaia Brotherhood,

1. In common with other committees
reviewed the proposed Charter and Constitution
for local societies

2. Initiated contacts with Foundations
with the aim of procuring funds for trans-
lation of the Wentaia Book into languages
other than English. This effort was
early felt to be doomed to failure and
perhaps provocative of unfortunate
publicity. It was discontinued soon
after starting.

3. With the help of the committee on
Miscellany carefully selected and mailed
books to 100 libraries in the British
Commonwealth. Mailings were made to
libraries in England, Ireland, Scotland,
Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South
Africa. To date acknowledgements
received total about 50% with 2
rejections

Respectfully submitted
J. C. Mills
Chairman

Neenah, Wisc., Dec 13, 1956.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE for 1956

To - The General Council of Urantia Brotherhood

For the first half of the year the Committee met almost weekly for discussions and to effect the organization of the teaching corps and the curricula. It was decided to inaugurate only one-half of the first year's course for this year.

The first semester of the School started September 19th. Seventy-one students and auditors matriculated.

A corps of a dozen teachers has been assembled to cover the two-years' course (ultimately three-years'), and the entire curriculum for two years has been established, and teachers assigned.

The officers of the School, designated by the Educational Committee, are:

William S. Sadler, President
Alvin L. Kulieke, Dean
Kenton Stephens, Secretary and Treasurer

The Committee is gratified with the interest shown in the School, and we feel that an auspicious start has been made.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Sadler

Chairman, Educational Committee

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

1956 Annual Report

To General Council

Urantia Brotherhood

Publications Committee reports the following activities for the year 1956:

- (1) No formal meetings were held.
- (2) Philip Coppenaver, Jr. resigned from committee and was replaced by Donna Rowley.
- (3) The Quarterly News Letter from the Executive Committee to the General Council and other interested individuals has been duplicated and mailed to those concerned.
- (4) No other problems have been referred to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Leone M. Sadler
Leone M. Sadler, Chairman.

Dated as of 31 December 1955

DAVID ADLER
141 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO

December 13, 1956

Annual Report of the

~~MEMORANDUM FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE URANTIA BROTHERHOOD~~

General Council

The Finance Committee has had an inactive year. This for the reason that no requests for money beyond the sum available from letter solicitation of the active Brotherhood membership have been submitted. The approximately \$5,000.00 needed for the past year's operation was acquired from 137 persons, responding to the December letter sent to 251 persons. Informal discussion with members has convinced this Committee that any reasonable sum required for an activity approved by the Executive Committee will be contributed. We have not attempted to precisely define "reasonable" as used above.

No discussion concerning contributions have been held with other than Brotherhood members. It would be desirable if members of the Executive Committee or any member, for that matter, familiar with expanding interest on the part of Book purchasers, would provide the Finance Committee with names of those persons or organizations likely, in their opinion, to consider a contribution to the Brotherhood when such funds are needed. We understand that tax exemption for contributions to the Brotherhood, although not yet a matter of official record, will unquestionably be granted.

Respectfully Submitted

David Adler
David Adler
Chairman

CUSTODIANS OF URANTIA BOOK

FUNCTIONING JOINTLY FOR URANTIA FOUNDATION AND URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

Report for Period: Jan. 1, 1956, to Dec. 31, 1956.

To: GENERAL COUNCIL

CC Treasurer, Urantia Foundation
 Treasurer, Urantia Brotherhood
 Treasurer, Urantia Brotherhood Corporation

1956			
Jan. 1	Inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway Chicago, Illinois	595	
Sept. 1	Received from Donnelley's, Crawfordsville, Indiana	<u>500</u>	1095

Books released during 1956

	Cash sales	373		
	Delivered by Foreign Extension Committee as gifts	100		
	Delivered by Domestic Extension Committee as gifts	45		
	Delivered as Special Gifts by Urantia Brotherhood as approved by Executive Committee	<u>34</u>	179	
	Delivered to purchasers paid for in 1955		85	
	Stored in Belmont National Bank Vault as per Urantia Foundation Trust Agreement	<u>2</u>	639	<u>639</u>
Dec. 31	Number of Books at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Ill.			456

Respectfully submitted:

 Marian T. Rowley, Joint Custodian

Dated December 31, 1956.

 Leone M. Sadler, Joint Custodian

On Hand - 7666
Disposed of - 2334

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES
1956 Annual Report

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TO: *General Council*
~~EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE~~
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

The Committee on Miscellaneous Activities reports the following activities for the year 1956:

- (1) No specific problems were referred to this Committee.
- (2) The Committee met several times during the year to become familiar with the proposed constitution for Urantia Societies and to familiarize themselves with the procedures and provisions for starting Urantia Societies.
- (3) Many jobs have been turned over to this Committee for execution by the Chairmen of other Committees; considerable work has been done by this Committee in assisting the Publications Committee with the preparation of material for use in the Urantia Brotherhood School.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dated December 31, 1956.

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

To: GENERAL COUNCIL

CC Treasurer, Urantia Foundation
 Treasurer, Urantia Brotherhood
 Treasurer, Urantia Brotherhood Corporation

Joint Custodians of the Urantia Book submit the following supplemental report including the transactions and presumed inventory in the custody of Donnelleys at Crawfordsville, Indiana.

1956

Jan. 1	Inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway	595	
Sept. 1	Withdrawn from Crawfordsville, Ind.	500	
Dec. 31	Crawfordsville Inventory (presumed)	<u>7210</u>	8305

Books released during 1956

Sold for cash for Urantia Brotherhood	223	
Sold for cash for Urantia Foundation	93	
Sold for cash for Urantia Brotherhood Corp.	<u>57</u>	373
Delivered as gifts by Foreign Extension Committee	100	
Delivered as gifts by Domestic Extension Committee	45	
Delivered as special gifts by Urantia Brotherhood	<u>34</u>	179
Delivered to purchasers which were paid for in 1955		85
Stored in Belmont National Bank vault as per Urantia Foundation Trust Agreement	<u>2</u>	
Total released		639
Dec. 31 Inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway	456	
Dec. 31 Presumed inventory at Crawfordsville, Indiana.	<u>7210</u>	8305

Respectfully submitted:

 Marian T. Rowley, Joint Custodian

 Leone M. Sadler, Joint Custodian

Dated December 31, 1956.

1955	Released	1695
1956	Released	639
	Total	<u>2334</u>

10,000
 2,334
 7,666 left

The President of the Urantia Brotherhood, William S. Sadler, Jr.,
did not make a formal report to the General Council in 1957

Annual Report of The Vice-President
of Urantia Brotherhood To The General
Council. for year 1956

January 13, 1957

The work of the Vice-President during the past year has been three-fold:

1. Serving as Chairman of the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee during the absence of the President
2. Preparing the Quarterly News Letter from the Executive Committee to the General Council.
3. Acted as Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the Brotherhood. This committee was also responsible for launching the First Urantia Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren F. Zwickler

SECRETARY

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

1956 Annual Report

To: ~~The Executive Committee, and~~
The General Council

Urantia Brotherhood

Apart from taking the Minutes at the annual meetings of the General Council I have very little to report as to overt activity. However, there have been some interesting contacts by telephone, letter, and in person concerning our organization, the procurement of Books, and general information, which I have enjoyed trying to take care of as satisfactorily as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Rawson

Secretary, Urantia Brotherhood

Dated as of December 31, 1956

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

Year 1956

My job, as you know, is to keep in touch with all the committees and their activities and to manage the central office and handle all general correspondence. The committee chairmen have already reported on their activities.

As far as the general work is concerned, there has been nothing this year as exciting or spectacular as the publication of the book. But the most interesting thing has been the gradual awakening of interest in the book among people outside of the Forum. We are getting an increasing number of letters from strangers who have seen or heard of the book and want to know more about it. In some cases, they identify their source of information, but in other cases we have no way of knowing how they heard of the book. Answers to these letters are the kind I most like to write. Sometimes I hear nothing more and sometimes I get more correspondence and an order for the book. There has also been quite a bit of more or less routine correspondence with out-of-town Forum members.

During the past year two Urantia Societies have been chartered — the First Urantia Society here in Chicago and the West Coast Urantia Society in Los Angeles. In addition, there are several study groups here in Chicago and suburbs, one of which is almost ready to apply for a charter. There are a number of people in Albany, New York, ~~who have books and are very interested, but I don't know whether they have been organized formally as a study group.~~ There are also two other spots where there is keen interest in the book. In Oklahoma City there are 75 to 100 books and the material is being used in the church services of the New Age Christian Church. There is also a study group in Oklahoma City which is working with the purpose of becoming a Urantia Society. In Culver, Indiana, there is another spurt of interest. Over 25 books have been sent to the minister of the Grace Evangelical and Reform Church for his use in forming a study group. This development is too recent to be able to report any details, but it looks encouraging.

At the present time we have no material to help these study groups, but within the next year we hope to have something available for new groups.

Marian Rowley
Secretary-General

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS for 1955-6

Close of Business Dec.31,1956

During the years 1955-6 we received funds for the following purposes:

Individuals deposited money for the purchase of books (Postage \$31.53)	\$ 9,976.53
Contributions were made for books to be given away by Brotherhood or Corporation	2,394.50
Contributions were made for 1955-6 Expenses	10,873.08
Contributions were made for Memorial purposes	<u>643.00</u>
TOTAL Funds received 1955-6	\$23,887.11

During the years 1955-6 money was spent as follows:

Rent and Telephone	\$ 4,853.00
Stationery purchased and cost of printing	702.10
Cost of Duplicating Services	901.63
Shipping and Handling Costs	245.94
Cost of Accounting Supplies	55.57
Cost of other office supplies	109.74
Cost of supplies for Quarterly News Letter	8.95
Cost of redecorating first floor conference room	73.23
Cost of cleaning drapes in Assembly room	<u>7.65</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,957.81

We also purchased a file case, desk lamp, and adding machine for total cost of 226.00

During 1956 a total of 1493 books were purchased from the Foundation at \$5.50 per copy, and delivered as follows: 1246 to individual purchasers and 247 as gifts - Total cost of \$ 8,211.50

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1955-6 \$15,395.31

Balance of funds available for Corporation obligations, activities, and expenses, of which \$7,100 has been budgeted and approved for 1957 expenses of the various Committees and Officers. \$ 8,491.80

Treasurer's Report To General Council

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION

BALANCE SHEET

Close of Business Dec. 31, 1956

ASSETS:

Cash on hand - Ass't. Treas. Petty Cash Fund	\$ 100.00
On Deposit -- Northern Trust Company	<u>8,391.80</u>
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$8,491.80
Office Furniture and Fixtures (file case, lamp, adding machine)	<u>226.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,717.80

LIABILITIES:

Balance remaining of Funds received from individuals for distribution by Corporation of Gift Books	\$ 542.00
Treasury Reserves - Trusteed funds (Sadler, Kreutzer, and Kellogg Memorials)	\$ 643.00

PROFIT AND LOSS:

Book Deliveries	Selling Price
Personal (1246)	\$ 9,945.00
Gifts (247)	1,852.50
Net Postage Received Thereon	<u>31.53</u>
Total Amount Received	\$11,829.03
LESS: Cost at \$5.50 per copy	<u>8,211.50</u>
PROFIT	\$ 3,617.53

Contributions for Expenses 1955-6	\$10,873.08
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LESS: Expenses for 1955-6 (See attached statement for detail)	<u>6,957.81</u>
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Excess of Contributions over Expenses to date	<u>\$ 3,915.27</u>
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TOTAL available for Corporation activities and Expenses	<u>\$ 7,532.80</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 8,717.80