

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

1959 ANNUAL REPORTS

Presented to General Council

January 24, 1960



URANTIA BROTHERHOOD  
533 DIVERSEY PARKWAY  
CHICAGO 14, ILLINOIS

December 31, 1959

Miss Marian T. Rowley, Secretary-General  
Urantia Brotherhood  
533 Diversey Parkway  
Chicago 14, Illinois

*General Council*

Re: Annual Meeting January, 1960  
Re Activities of Committee During 1959

~~Dear Marian:~~

Although the Judicial Committee did not have a formal meeting during the year 1959, its members are aware of the work yet to be completed relative to the manuals for the officers and departmental committees. These manuals are to be a reflection of the Constitution and By-laws in more accessible and understandable form.

The committee members also reviewed copies of the Constitution for the Urantia Society which the Charter Committee is anxious to be sure is in correct form with the stamp of approval of the Judicial Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. M. Hales*

W. M. Hales, Chairman  
Judicial Committee

WMH:js

REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

of the work of the Charter Committee  
during the year 1959.

During the year 1959, as in 1958, no group studying the Urantia Book applied for a charter and installation as a Urantia society, and obviously in that way the Charter Committee has been inactive. Further, the completion of the simpler, shorter pattern constitution for societies, which the Charter Committee has devised, awaits decision by the Judicial Committee regarding its constitutionality. In fact, this has been the least active year of our existence, with only ~~four~~<sup>three</sup> meetings for the year.

At first, in 1955, Charter Committee was faced with the urgent and immediate necessity to produce a form of charter, standards of admission for both founders and later members, initiation rituals for each, and a sample constitution as a suggestion for new societies. These various documents were in usable form for the installation of First Urantia Society on June 17, 1956. The year 1957 saw the inauguration of three societies -- at Glenview, Pasadena, and Oklahoma City. But there has been none since.

Experience made evident the advisability of certain revisions in some of the forms used, and in providing clear statements of requirements and steps to be taken by groups interested in becoming societies. These projects occupied Charter Committee in 1958 and 1959. Recently we mailed such information to two inquirers. We now feel the necessity of some sort of introductory, less detailed, more general statement for first inquiries, and this, among other things, we shall undertake in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth F. Burton

December 31, 1959.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
THE FOREIGN EXTENSION COMMITTEE  
1959

Inasmuch as there has been no opportunity for activity on the part of the Foreign Extension Committee during the last year, the only action taken was to amend the committee rules and procedures in order to facilitate committee work when the time arrives for activity in foreign extension of The Urantia Book and its teachings.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sylvia Sunderland*  
Sylvia Sunderland, Chairman.

December 30, 1959.



Report of  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
of  
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD  
for year 1959

To the Executive Committee of Urantia Brotherhood:

The chief responsibility of this Committee is the conduct of the Urantia Brotherhood School. During this year, the part-time program has been continued - two courses being conducted every Wednesday evening of the school year.

The second semester of the present school year, extending from February into June, was devoted to the study of DOCTRINE OF URANTIA BOOK, Part IV, which I conducted, and WORLD RELIGIONS, conducted by Tom Wideroe.

The Fall semester was devoted to a course on WORSHIP AND WISDOM, which I am conducting, and the beginning of a two-year's course on SCIENCE IN THE URANTIA BOOK, conducted by Alvin Kulieke.

The enrollment remains about the same from year to year, running in the neighborhood of twenty-five students registered for credit, and about twenty-five auditors.

On the whole, I feel rather satisfied with the program of the Brotherhood School except in the matter of new students. A study of the personnel of the student body reveals that we are having about the same students from year to year. There are only a small number of new students each year, and this gives me some concern as I look into the future.

It is our custom to hold commencement or graduation exercises at the beginning of the Fall term. This year we graduated six Certified Leaders.

As teachers, we are gaining experience with the curriculum, not only as to its content but also as to its organization - that is, how much time it requires for these teaching courses.

During the year, three new textbooks have been added to the school library. These textbooks are written, not only to serve the present and future purposes of the School, but also with the thought in mind of a future correspondence school.

During 1959, at the request of the Educational Committee, Ruth Burton has made a very thorough study of correspondence schools and has possessed herself of a very valuable collection of data and information which will be of service to us later on. There does not seem to be a real call for a correspondence school at the present time. A note asking for response from those who would be interested in a correspondence school only brought two inquiries.

During the year the Committee held regular monthly meetings, and continuous study and consideration has been given to the welfare of the School and possibilities of improving the curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,

*William D. Sadler*

Chairman, Committee on Education

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD  
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

1959 Annual Report

To The General Council  
Urantia Brotherhood

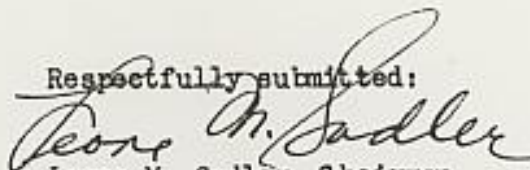
Publications Committee reports the following activities for the year 1959:

No formal meeting was held during the year 1959.

This Committee has duplicated and mailed out the Quarterly News Letter from the Executive Committee, edited and signed by James C. Mills, Vice President, to the General Council and other interested individuals.

Also the Publications Committee has mimeographed materials for the Committee on Education, as well as other working materials for other committees having to do with duplication, etc.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Leone M. Sadler, Chairman

Dated Dec. 31, 1959

January 4, 1960

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

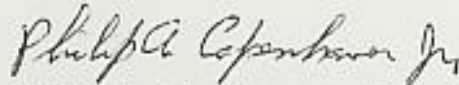
One meeting of the Committee was held on October 28, 1959, for the purpose of drafting the budget for the year of 1960. The comparison of the Treasurer's memo accounts of the various committees' actual expenses to date against their budgets revealed an over-all expense for the year ~~more~~ than the budget estimate. Whereas several committees reduced the amounts of their estimated budget expense for the coming year, the materially increased expenses anticipated by others caused the total to increase to \$6,425 as compared with \$5,700 for 1959.

As in the past, the practice has been continued of limiting the solicitation of funds to the active membership of the Brotherhood. As of December 31, 1959, the result of the letter solicitation shows total pledges for 1959 of approximately \$5,250.50 of which \$4,792.50 has been paid. This compares with a total of \$5,600 pledged for 1958. 184 letters were sent out covering 245 individuals plus 57 additional letters sent in three bulk shipments to other Urantia Societies.

According to the practice instituted last year, the books will again be audited as of December 31, 1959, by Olga DuVal, accountant.

On December 16, 1959, we finally received notice of our tax exempt status.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip A. Copenhagen, Jr., Chairman



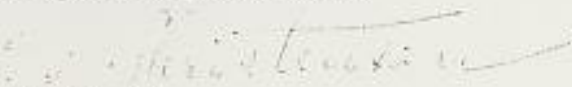
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD  
COMMITTEE ON MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES  
1959 ANNUAL REPORT

To: Executive Committee  
Urantia Brotherhood:

While many interesting jobs were performed by this Committee during the past year, they were all of a clerical nature and not of sufficient importance to be enumerated here.

We wish at this time to advise other Committees that we will be glad to assist them in any way.

Respectfully submitted

  
E.L. Christensen,  
Chairman



Custodians of Urantia Book ufunctioning jointly for Urantia Foundation, Urantia Brotherhood and Urantia Brotherhood Corporation submit the following

REPORT FOR PERIOD: January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959

TO: GENERAL COUNCIL

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

1959

Jan. 1	Inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois	468	
Feb. 28	Received as gifts	3	
Nov. 15	Received from Donnelley's, Crawfordsville, Indiana	<u>500</u>	971

Books released during 1959

	Cash sales for U. B. Corporation	446	
	Presented to certain individuals upon request on Form 10 from Special Gift List	8	
	Replacement of defective books during 1959	<u>4</u>	458
	Balance in inventory at 533 Diversey		513
Dec. 31	Balance in inventory at Crawfordsville, Indiana. (Note: 348 books were found to be defective at time of publication.)		<u>5362</u>
	Balance in both inventories		5875
Dec. 31	Books remaining in Special Gift List, Form 10	69	

Memo of Books released to date:

1955	1695	Recapitulation:	
1956	639		
1957	594	Books released to date	3770
1958	388	Original defectives	348
1959	<u>454</u>	Defectives discovered since publication	7
	3770	Balance in inventories	<u>5875</u>
			10,000

Respectfully submitted:

Marian T. Rowley, Joint Custodian

Dated: December 31, 1959

Leone M. Sadler, Joint Custodian

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Fraternel Relations Committee.  
Summary of activities for year 1959.

There were two meetings held during 1959, June 7, and Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The discussion at the first meeting dealt mainly with the outlook that apparently there would not be any problems for this Committee for a long time, inasmuch as the dissemination of the teachings of the Urantia Book are not being pushed to any extent, this being the policy of the Executive Committee.

Therefore it was decided that the members of the Committee should continue to become familiar with the teachings and activities of the various religious denominations and religions of the world, in order to become prepared to deal intelligently with any problems involving relations with any and all such organizations, whenever they should arise.

At the meeting held Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1959, the Committee decided that, since there has been no calls for the services of this Committee on the part of the Brotherhood, it would be better to require only one meeting during the calendar year, to be called at the discretion of the Chairman.

It was urged upon the members to keep alert for any published news items, dealing with the activities of Religious bodies throughout the world. In connection with this phase it was decided to invite such students as Rev. David Schlusnat and others to sit in with the Committee in order to glean first hand views of their teachings and problems.

Respectfully submitted.



# Annual Report of the President of Urantia Brotherhood to the General Council

January 31, 1960

The question has arisen, and rightly so, regarding the immediate goals and the purpose of the Urantia Brotherhood organization. It seems fitting and proper that for my annual report I take up this question and explain what we are trying to do. Therefore I submit the following statements as viewed from January of 1960. In presenting this document, I shall rely upon the following sources to substantiate my report: The Urantia Book, The Constitution of Urantia Brotherhood, and the acts and deliberations of the Executive Committee and Departmental Committees.

The subject to be considered may be divided into three distinct areas:

1. The long range purpose of Urantia Brotherhood.
2. The immediate goals
3. The value and significance of the Brotherhood organization.

1. The purpose of the Brotherhood is aptly expressed in Article II of the Constitution where we read:



"The purpose of the Atlantic Brotherhood is the study and dissemination of the teachings of the Atlantic Book; the promotion improvement and expansion among the people of the world of the comprehension and understanding of Cosmology and the relation of the planet on which we live to the Universe, of the genesis and destiny of Man and his relation to God, and of the teachings of Jesus Christ; and the inculcation and encouragement of the realization and appreciation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man — in order to increase and enhance the comfort, happiness, and well-being of Man, as an individual and as a member of society, by fostering a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with Man's intellectual and cultural development, through the medium of fraternal association, ever obedient and subservient to the laws of this country and of all countries wherein Atlantic Brotherhood may extend."

Nothing need be added to the above statement of purposes. These will be our aims as long as the Brotherhood exists, and the chartering of each society witnesses, in part, the fulfillment of this purpose.

2. The immediate goals, in our judgment, constitute the best way to proceed in the present to effect the purpose of the Brotherhood as it unfolds



day by day, year by year. Our planning consists of several specific goals.

First we are trying in a quiet, unobtrusive but personal manner to put the Book in the hands of as many people as possible - particularly those where it will find grateful reception. It has been sent as a gift to many influential people. It has been placed on the shelves of hundreds of libraries and bookstores throughout the world. In this way we are confident that those who seek the Truth shall one day find the fulfillment of their quest in the Urantia Book.

Another immediate goal is being realized through the work of the Urantia Brotherhood School which was established by the committee on Education. This is training teachers and leaders for that time when the movement gains wider acceptance in the world. We regret that for the present the school is limited to one geographical area. As the demand for an extension of the services of this school to other parts of the world increases, a more extensive program will be undertaken - in fact, is now being planned.

The Executive Committee also foresees that the Book must be translated into other languages. Although publication has not been authorized as yet, a French translation is in process. Translations will require large sums of money. The Brotherhood will need financial aid especially from those people of means who will supply the funds for translating the Book into other languages. And it is



my recommendation that we plan, definitely toward that end as soon as possible.

The Executive Committee recognizes the need for a closer relationship between the individual societies and between the Executive Committee and these societies. Accordingly we plan to enlarge the Quarterly Newsletter so that this channel of communication will open up a closer working relationship and understanding between all groups of the Brotherhood. This goal is also being realized through the work of our field representative, William Sadler Jr., who is now functioning as a liaison between the Executive Committee and each society. During this beginning period when we are so anxious for things to move at a faster pace, great patience and understanding is required of all of us.

In all its functions the Executive Committee relies heavily upon each Departmental Committee functioning in its own domain to achieve the goals of the Brotherhood.

3. The value and significance of the Brotherhood organization: The writers of the Constitution of the United Brotherhood carefully and deliberately provided for an institution with a strong central over-control while at the same time establishing the autonomy of the individual societies. In so doing they were consciously aware of the statement in the United Book which says:

"While it is true that the institutionalization of religion has usually detracted from its spiritual quality, it is also a fact that no religion has thus far succeeded in surviving without the aid of institutional organization of some degree, greater or lesser." (pg. 1083)

And may it be ever thus - that individual believers will band together to form churches, societies and these societies will group together to form the Wantha Brotherhood organization for the purpose of attaining the goals herein expressed.

But let us not overlook another important function of this organization, namely - the safeguarding of this Revelation which has been entrusted to us. Religious fanatics and those with sinister intent as well as many well-meaning over-zealous individuals will try to attach themselves to our cause or even try to take it over completely. Such have already arisen. Our Constitution is designed to prevent such attempts. We are safeguarded by law. The Brotherhood reserves the right of revoking a charter when necessary or of expelling individuals it deems harmful. The Wantha Foundation retains control over the Book itself. In supporting the organization we are insuring the future of the teachings of the Wantha Book!

We are not in a hurry. We will not be stampeded into unwise actions to



promote our revelation. Those of us who have witnessed the formulation of the Urantia papers and the subsequent publication of the Urantia Book will zealously guard and control the manner in which it will be presented to the world, letting the example of our unseen friends who have waited hundreds of years to make this revelation, curb our own impatience and govern our enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted  
 Warren H. Zwick



Menasha, Wisconsin

Dec. 20, 1959

To: General Council and Executive Committee  
Wanteda Brotherhood

The activities of the Vice President, Wanteda Brotherhood during the year 1959 were.

1. Served as Chairman of the Executive Committee when called upon to do so.
2. Served as editor of the quarterly news letter, the real work in its preparation and publication being ably carried out by the Publications and Miscellaneous Committee.
3. Visited with Mrs E.H. Blomberg, Hibbing Minnesota to evaluate her claims to recognition as a retail soap vendor. Report of this interview has been filed with the Executive Committee.
4. Served as chairman of the Nominating Committee

Respectfully submitted  
James C. Mills



ANNUAL REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE JANUARY 4, 1960, AND TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL  
JANUARY 24, 1960.

The Secretary-General's office has been the usual interesting spot this last year. In fact, it seems to get more interesting all the time. Not only is there close contact with all the societies and individuals within the societies, but also with persons who write in for information, or come in person to call on us. Those who come in the daytime meet Anne Rawson, Edith Cook, and Dr. Sadler. But there have been several very interesting interviews in the evening or weekends in which I've participated with Doctor.

We've had a number of visits from Bud Kagan, the President of the West Coast Urantia Society, and two visits from Oklahoma people -- first, Mary Kathryn and Bill Grisso, the President of the Oklahoma society, and later, Berkeley Elliott, the Secretary of the Oklahoma Society, Helen and Van Butler, and for the second time Mary Kathryn Grisso. Traffic in the other direction has not been so heavy. Ruth and Bob Burton and Al Dyon have been visitors to the West Coast group in 1959. Contacts with the Glenview group are too numerous to detail, I'm happy to say. We're very eager to promote personal contact among all the groups and hope that there will be more of it in 1960.

Besides the usual correspondence with our own people in the local societies, I have written approximately 80 letters to interested outsiders who have asked for information. These were spread over 17 states and 5 foreign countries -- England, Australia, France, Switzerland, and Egypt.

In May 1959 the Executive Committee appointed William S. Sadler, Jr., as a Field Representative to act as a personal liaison between the Executive Committee and the local societies and study groups. He visited and made reports on the societies in Oklahoma City, Los Angeles, and Glenview. For the second year he held a week-long seminar in Los Angeles in July, which was well attended.

Official permission was finally received from the Urantia Foundation for the Brotherhood, the Corporation, and the local societies to use the Urantia symbol -- three azure blue circles on a light background.

In July the Executive Committee made three Urantia Books available for loan purposes and they have all been in constant use since then.

As many of you know, we lost three members of the General Council in 1959 -- one by resignation, Walter Parkin, and two by death, William Harrah and Clarence Bowman. Their places will be filled by election at today's meeting.

We know of a number of study groups -- Albany, Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Worth, Darien, Wichita, Bensenville, Western Springs, Winnetka, Springfield and Chicago. Because the West Coast society is so scattered, they meet in small study groups in seven places: Cold Canyon (Bud Kagan), Pasadena and Desert Springs (the Steens), La Mirada (Gollnicks), West Los Angeles (Fendersons), Arcadia (Fred Squires), Rancho Santa Fe (Tacketts), and San Diego (Richard Squires).

Book sales have been greater this year than last and we hope that they will increase every year from now on. The trend has changed this year and in our opinion it is a healthy trend. More books are being sold through bookstores than to individuals. A look at the bookstore record is most interesting. The following figures are only for the year 1959. Sales through foreign stores are still slow -- 5 stores, 1 each in 5 cities, in 4 countries -- England, Switzerland, Australia, and Egypt. But in the United States the situation is much better. We have sold through 43 stores and mail order establishments. These were located in 29 cities in 14 states -- for a total of 244 books, more than half of all the books sold in 1959.

The greatest concentration, as might be expected was in California (60 books through 7 stores), Illinois (41 books through 8 stores), and New York (34 books through 8 stores). Another heavy purchaser is a mail order business in Minnesota -- 37 books in 1959. Two of the New York contacts also do a big mail order business -- so the books are going out into many places we're not aware of. The map we have with the red pins is interesting, but far far from complete.

These figures do not include the bulk shipments to societies and study groups. A great many books have gone to Australia to one person for use in study groups, and of course Los Angeles, Oklahoma, and Glenview have all had bulk shipments.

We feel this is a very encouraging trend -- and are looking forward to increased sales in 1960.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marian Rowley*  
Secretary-General

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URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
for year ended December 31, 1959

During 1959 we received funds as follows:

Contributions:

For Expenses	\$5,815.50	
For Index	118.00	
For Gift Books	<u>12.00</u>	
Total Contributions		\$5,945.50

From Urantia Societies:

For Tithes		203.87
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From Operation of Urantia Brotherhood School:

Tuition, Matriculation, Registration, and		
Auditing Fees	566.50	
Textbook Sales	871.00	
Postage received on sales	<u>1.20</u>	
Total from School		1,438.70

<u>Interest to 7/1/59 on Savings Account</u>		111.54
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From Sales of Urantia Books:

99 at \$12.00	1,188.00	
401 at \$ 7.20	<u>2,887.20</u>	
500		
Total Sales		<u>4,075.20</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$11,774.81

During 1959 money was spent as follows:

For Expenses

Shipping and Handling Costs	\$ 190.77	
Rent	4,200.00	
Legal Expense	1.00	
Telephone	132.28	
Auditing Books	50.00	
Cleaning and Decorating	29.50	
Repairing and Servicing Office Machines	39.50	
Stationery and Printing	235.13	
Office Supplies	209.14	
Duplicating Services (School Textbooks, etc.)	<u>1,799.84</u>	
Total Expenses		6,887.16

For Purchase of Urantia Books sold

464 copies at \$5.50		<u>2,552.00</u>
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

9,439.16

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	2,335.65
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Bank Balance as at 12/31/58	<u>13,051.29</u>
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Bank Balance as at 12/31/59	\$15,386.94
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NOTE: These funds are available for corporation obligations, activities, and expenses. However, \$6,425.00 has been budgeted and approved for 1960 expenses as estimated by the various committees and officers, and the cost of the index will absorb substantially more than any balance which may then remain.

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1/17/60