

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

1963 ANNUAL REPORTS

Presented to General Council

January 26, 1964



URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

533 DIVERSEY PARKWAY

CHICAGO 14, ILLINOIS

REPORT TO URANTIA BROTHERHOOD GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 1964

Re: Activities of Judicial Committee
During 1963

The Judicial Committee had one meeting during the year 1963. This was held on June 15. This meeting was for the purpose of discussing the memorandum prepared by Marian T. Rowley, Secretary-General, concerning the first Triennial Delegate Assembly and to answer the questions raised in this memorandum.

Our committee reviewed this with Miss Rowley and rendered verbal opinions on most of the questions raised. Certain questions were referred to the attorneys who prepared the Constitution and By-Laws of the Urantia Brotherhood for specific interpretation.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Hales, Chairman
Judicial Committee

WMH:js

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

Edith Cook, Secretary
Judicial Committee

December 13, 1963

REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

of the work of the Charter Committee
during the year 1963

During the year 1963 the Charter Committee has been more or less dormant, there being no demand upon the Committee for the installation of a new society. There has been inquiry, however, for information regarding steps of preparation toward becoming a society; and this material has gladly been sent. It will, we hope, eventually bear fruit.

One meeting of the Committee was held on May 26 of this year for the purpose of acquainting two new members with previous Charter Committee activities and also with the probable needs of inquiring groups.

We look forward to the future with the expectation of augmenting progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth F. Burton

Chairman, Charter Committee

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR 1963

As has been the case in other years, no special problems were presented to this committee during the past year and there was no occasion to hold any special meetings.

The one regular meeting of the committee was held on November 3, 1963, at 533 Diversey Parkway.

As a special feature of this meeting, Dr. Sadler had been requested to sit with the committee and present his views of the proper field of responsibility and functioning of the Fraternal Relations Committee. This he did in a most interesting and helpful statement, the gist of which will be found in the minutes of that meeting.

In keeping with the orientation provided in Dr. Sadler's presentation, our goal - as stated in our report for 1962 - will continue to be "to prepare ourselves against the time when increased awareness of the message of the Urantia Book on the part of various churches and world religions may begin to place more active demands upon the resources of the Fraternal Relations Committee."

Respectfully submitted,



Edmond F. J. Kulieke, Chairman

AHD/MTR
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OF

DOMESTIC EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The Domestic Extension Committee of Urantia Brotherhood held five meetings during the year, 1963.

Gift books were sent to five libraries and to Walter Reed Hospital.

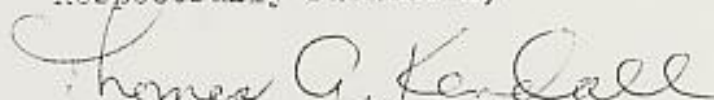
The committee arranged for the reprinting of several hundred copies of the "Fundamentals of the Urantia Book" which are available for distribution to interested parties.

The answers to the "Information Please" questionnaire have been tabulated and the results will be printed and available soon.

The committee chairman made one teaching visit to the Culver, Indiana study group during the year. This activity will be continued.

The Domestic Extension Committee welcomes any suggestions which will enable us to be of service to the Urantia movement.

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas A. Kendall, Chairman

December 14, 1963

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
FOREIGN EXTENSION COMMITTEE

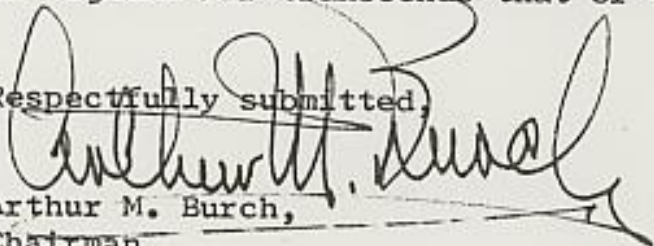
On December 8, 1963 the Foreign Extension Committee held its Annual Meeting.

In the past we have been requested by the Urantia Foundation to consider and recommend to them an appropo additional translation of the Urantia Book. It has been reported previously to the General Council and the Executive Committee that due to other more demanding needs of our limited finances, and other extenuating reasons, we deemed it wise to withhold making any recommendations pending world developments.

It is interesting to report that at our Annual Meeting an article from a recent issue of Time Magazine was read wherein it commented that two hundred and fifty million people of the world now speak English as their native tongue, - and that hundreds of millions of people speak as second to their native tongue English. Further, French has been supplanted by English as the diplomatic language of the world and that 80% of the speeches made by delegates to the United Nations are presented in English.

It would augur well that our unseen friends' foresight in translating the original transcription of the Urantia Book in English far transcends that of the human.

Respectfully submitted,


Arthur M. Burch,
Chairman

December 23, 1963

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
1963

To the Executive Committee
To the General Council

It was with considerable trepidation and anxiety that the Committee on Education voted to launch the first Summer Study Session.

The dates decided upon were August 23-25, 1963, and a special committee of Dean Alvin Kulieke and Secretary-General Marian Rowley were asked by me to formulate the course of study.

It was more than gratifying to have registrations, from 12 states, of 102 students. The interest in the work on the part of the class was all that could be expected, and as we mentioned, the results of this first effort more than met all our most sanguine expectations.

As reported quite fully in the October news letter, the teachers attempted to cover, in a comprehensive way, an over-all survey of the Urantia Book. The instructors assigned for this summer session were Alvin Kulieke, Dr. William S. Sadler, Dr. Meredith Sprunger, Miss Marian Rowley, Kenton Stephens, and Mrs. Anne Rawson. Sessions were held morning, afternoon, and evening, with the exception that Saturday evening was devoted to a more recreational and relaxing type of program.

The many letters which have come to headquarters from those who attended the summer session afford ample testimony to its helpfulness, and assure those responsible for its inauguration that the undertaking was more than successful. And there pervaded all of the sessions a really over-all spiritual inspiration as was suggested by the remarks of the Urantia Brotherhood President, Miss E. L. Christensen, in her keynote speech.

In the Urantia Brotherhood School I am carrying on the study of the Books of the New Testament, and Mrs. Anne Rawson is conducting an interesting course in the synoptic relationship of the Urantia Book to the Four Gospels of the New Testament. This year we had three graduates in the group of Ordained Teachers.

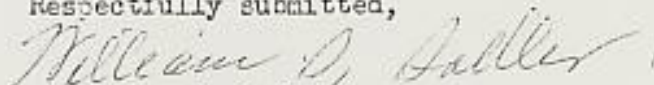
Year after year I have been recording in my annual report the gradual decrease in the attendance at the School of the Urantia Brotherhood. It is not altogether clear to me as to how to account for this fact, and I have, from year to year, been hoping to see a revival of interest, a growing desire to increase one's training in the art of teaching the Urantia Book.

From time to time we have sent out letters and inaugurated other efforts to try and interest the people of outlying groups and the other Urantia Societies of the metropolitan area, but so far the efforts of your Educational Committee have not been very fruitful.

Perhaps some one can give us a suggestion as to how we may enlist the interest and thus enlarge the attendance on the part of those who are seeking degrees from the School or at least are interested enough to become auditors. I am glad to see that we do have a group of auditors that almost equals in size the number of regular students.

We seek the answer to the question, "What can we do; what can you do to help the Brotherhood School?"

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William S. Sadler".

William S. Sadler

Chairman, Committee on Education

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

1963 Annual Report

To: The General Council
Urantia Brotherhood

Besides the duplication of programs, ballots, and materials for other committees, the major publication of this committee is still 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. At this time the news letter is mailed to more than 500 individuals, including 16 in foreign countries.

Respectfully submitted:

Leone M. Sadler
Chairman

Dated Dec. 31, 1963
Copy to Sec. Gen.

January 2, 1964

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the Year 1963

One meeting of the Committee was held on October 23, 1963, for the purpose of drafting the budget for the year of 1964. Comparison of actual expenses of the various committees to date against their budgets indicated an over-all expense for the year slightly less than the budget estimate. Most committees, therefore, estimated approximately the same amounts of budget expense for the coming year with the exception of the Secretary-General's office, whose expenses will be somewhat decreased during 1964. Again, as last year, an amount was included to be applied to the reserve for the Triennial Delegate Assembly which is to be held in 1964. The resulting total budget for 1964 is \$8,125.00, as compared with \$8,350.00 for 1963.

As in the past several years, the practice has been continued of limiting the solicitation of funds to those actively interested in the Urantia Book and Brotherhood. As of December 31, 1963, the result of the letter solicitation shows total pledges for 1963 of approximately \$6,809.00, of which \$6,334 has been paid. This compares with a total of \$5,929.00 pledged for 1962.

In November 1962, 277 letters were sent out to individuals, plus 91 additional letters sent in bulk shipments to other Urantia Societies. These mailings continued to use the new form of solicitation letter and pledge card carrying a joint appeal with the Foundation. In February 1963 for the first time, follow-up letters containing annual statements were sent to those who did not respond to the first solicitation. This procedure will be repeated in 1964.

As in the past, the books will again be audited as of December 31, 1963, by Olga DuVal, accountant.

Respectfully submitted,


Philip A. Copenhaver, Chairman

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Urantia Brotherhood,
Chicago, Illinois.

Annual Report of the Committee on Miscellaneous Activities:

During 1965 no projects or problems were referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Activities, nor did the committee initiate any action. (One meeting was held in November.

Alvin L. Kuliske

Alvin L. Kuliske,
Chairman,
Miscellaneous Activities Committee.

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

Annual Report for 1963 -- (Jan. 1, 1963, to Dec. 31, 1963)

To GENERAL COUNCIL

cc Treas: Urantia Foundation
Urantia Brotherhood
Urantia Brotherhood Corporation

1963

Jan. 1	Inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois	298	
Apr. 5	Received from Donnelley's, Crawfordsville, Indiana	500	
			798
	Books sold during 1963		<u>593</u>
			205
	Books presented as gifts with approval of Urantia Brotherhood		<u>7</u>
Dec. 31	Balance in inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway		198
Dec. 31	Balance in inventory at Crawfordsville, Ind.		<u>3362</u>
	Balance in both inventories		3560

Memo: During 1962 697 books were sold
During 1963 593 books were sold -- showing decrease in sales
of 104 books

Rectors Book Store, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	236
DeVorss, Los Angeles	140
Krochs and Brentanos	127
Ariel Taylor Warren, New York	124
Allen's Book Shelf, Fontana, California	121
Sam Weiser, New York	85

Respectfully submitted:

Deane M. Sadler
Marian Fowler
Joint Custodians

Dated 12-31-63

Report of the Vice President

To: The General Council, Urantia Brotherhood

The activities of this office during 1963 were:

1. Presided at 1963 meeting of the General Council.
2. Served as Editor of the Quarterly News Letter, the detailed work of its preparation being most capably handled by Mrs. Leone M. Sadler and Miss E. L. Christensen.
3. Visited with the Oklahoma City Society on December 6 and December 8, and again on December 18.
4. Contacted by telephone or personal interview, the following while in the area:

Albuquerque, N.Mex., Dec. 10 - Mrs. Dorothy Elms and Miss Minnie Mae Powell - by telephone.

Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 13, 14, and 15 - by telephone:

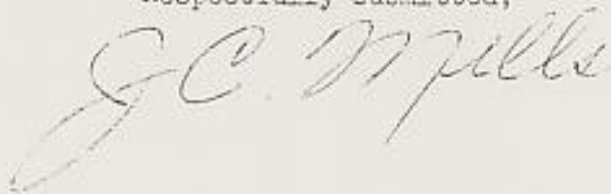
Mrs. Don Grothaus
Mrs. Don Liniger
Mrs. Gene Reynolds
Dr. Henry Trautman

by personal visit:

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fraser, Scottsdale
Miss Dorothy Ennen, Phoenix
Mr. David Wenger, Phoenix

In these visits one factor most important to group development seemed to stand out. This is the necessity for strong leadership for the formation and development of a study group into a local Urantia Society. Oklahoma City definitely has this. Its absence was clearly noted in Phoenix, Arizona.

Respectfully submitted,



J. C. Mills
MTR

December 1963

1963 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

To the Executive Committee of Urantia Brotherhood
To the General Council of Urantia Brotherhood

As Secretary my regular duties continue in the usual fashion, but it is my extracurricular activities which are most intriguing, that is, meeting and talking to the many who visit our offices to inquire about the Urantia Book. Nothing could be more stimulating than to meet those who are seeking further truth, and my prayer is that I may be able to speak and act in a manner which will enhance the teachings which we so earnestly believe and desire to disseminate among our fellowmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Rawson

Anna Rawson
Secretary

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
for Year Ended December 31, 1963

Income:

Contributions for General Expenses	\$5,214.06	
Contributions for Specified Expenses	3,015.00	
Sale of Urantia Books (593)	5,573.11	
Tithes from Urantia Societies	361.56	
Miscellaneous Income	236.73	
Urantia Brotherhood School	237.90	
Summer Study Session	<u>549.52</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$15,187.88

Expenses:

Rent	\$6,000.00	
Telephone	138.82	
Shipping and Handling Expense	192.30	
Office Supplies and Expense	627.70	
Committees' Expenses	125.73	
Cost of Books Sold (593)	3,558.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	130.45	
Accumulate Exp. for Triennial Delegate Assembly	<u>250.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>11,023.00</u>
INCOME IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES		\$ 4,164.88

Transferred to Treasury Reserve	\$ 1,149.88
Transferred to Trusteed Funds	3,000.00
Transferred to Reserve for Gift Books	<u>15.00</u>
	\$ 4,164.88

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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL
OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD COVERING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OFFICE

For the Year 1963

During 1963 the General Council lost one member by resignation - William S. Sadler, Jr., who resigned June 18, 1963.

Five new members-at-large were added to our list during 1963, making a total of 18. Several others have expressed a strong interest and several applications are out at the present time.

Our only major purchase this year was a mimeograph machine, which was very much needed and is a joy to use. The Pure Oil Company donated some office equipment to the Brotherhood, which included chairs, desks, and filing cases, all of which was greatly needed and very much appreciated.

Although the job of Secretary-General covers the co-ordination of the committees and the general operation of the headquarters office, my principal duties at the present time consist of handling the correspondence. The mail has been quite a bit heavier this year than before, and almost every letter we get receives a reply, unless it is a straight simple order for a book. The letters consist mainly of requests for more information about the origin of the book, information about the Brotherhood or the Foundation, requests for names of people in the vicinity of the writer, and some very inspiring letters about what the book means to the writer. There is practically no unfavorable or abusive mail, although a little of it falls within the category of "crackpot."

Occasionally the question is raised as to why the chairmen of the committees cannot handle the mail which relates to their committee functions. At the present time, practically all the mail is handled by me for the Brotherhood and by Miss Christensen for the Foundation. It is common practice for an organization such as ours to handle all correspondence from the headquarters office rather than scatter it among committees. I am familiar with two such organizations, the American Petroleum Institute and the Association of National Advertisers, both of which have headquarters in New York, with committee chairmen located all over the United States. Only when a committee is working on a special project does it correspond with other members or outsiders directly. But the headquarters office keeps the committee chairmen informed of everything which is pertinent to their committees. I follow this same procedure. Whenever I write letters which relate to any committee, I send the committee chairman a copy, so he will be kept up to date on what I am doing. We feel that this is the only practical procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Rowley

Secretary-General

Marian Rowley
1/4/64

A Message from the President of
the Urantia Brotherhood
to the General Council
January 26, 1964
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Inasmuch as my colleagues have told you about the activities of the Brotherhood during the past year, I need to mention only four things:


First: I want to remind you that the Triennial Delegate Assembly will hold its first meeting this year. It is nine years since the Urantia Brotherhood began to function and it is time to take a "look-see" at our accomplishments as well as to formulate our plans for the future. This meeting will be an historical rung on the Urantia ladder. Let us also make it a most memorable occasion for our out-of-town friends. Besides the delegates and alternates from each Society, who must of necessity attend, we are inviting ^{Members} ~~Friends~~ of the Brotherhood and we hope to have a good attendance. The Program Committee will provide some interesting sessions for those who will not be wholly occupied with Assembly duties.

Second: The passing of our first President, William S. Sadler, Jr., on November 22, 1963, has left in our hearts an emptiness which can not be filled. His loss will be keenly felt. The Urantia Brotherhood was fortunate to have as its first president and chief executive officer a man of his organizational and administrative ability with the vision needed to launch a movement such as ours. He has left an indelible mark on many phases of our organization.

Third: I must single out for commendation our Committee on Education, which did an outstanding job this past year in launching our first summer school session. It was a great success and we had the joy of meeting students of the Urantia Book from the length and breadth of our land.

Fourth: Dr. Sadler and I have had many interesting visitors, and we enjoyed our talks with all of them. Perhaps the most outstanding of our callers was a Mr. Auguste Berg and his family from France, who spent two days with us. His wife is an Englishwoman. Mr. and Mrs. Berg have spent some years as translators

and interpreters at the United Nations headquarters in New York. He now publishes a small magazine in the Nice area. He has written a resume of the Urantia Book which we think is excellent.



We, the founders of the Urantia Brotherhood and the disseminators of the Urantia Book, are called to a great work and ours is the transcendent privilege of presenting this revelation to the peoples of a strife-torn world.

We are standing on the frontiers of an unprecedented religious awakening where great things are waiting to be done. Not since the times of Jesus has such an opportunity been given to the peoples of earth to cheer and comfort a distressed world. Our forefathers opened up land and industrial frontiers; we have the greater privilege of exploring a spiritual frontier -- the presentation of a revelation of God and his universe. To accomplish this stupendous task we must be born of the spirit so that we will show forth the fruits of the spirit in our everyday lives.

If religion in these times is to be vital and effective it must be able to deal with the realities of human life as they are found in the world today. Religion can no longer be just a creed that man recites. Man wants to know for certain his relations to the mysterious universe in which he lives as well as his present duty and his final destiny in this vast universe.

History has shown us that down through the ages a new burst of religious truth has nourished the faith that has lifted the civilizations of the past to new and higher spiritual levels. We who are the torchbearers of this new revelation should give to our present generation a new burst of faith, such a new and dynamic revelation of the teachings of Jesus as will effectively arouse the spiritual consciousness of all mankind to the reality of the living gospel of Jesus, as is so clearly set forth in the Urantia Book -- a new assurance of sonship with God.

Our religious faith must be re-thought and adjusted to present-day scientific discoveries. No longer will men and women be satisfied by the teaching that heaven is a vague, indefinite somewhere far off in the skies. The world is

filled with hungry souls who are

waiting for the true story of Havona, Paradise, ~~outer space~~, and the wonderful plan of human ascension revealed in the Urantia Book. This story gives new meaning to life. ^{These} Spiritually-hungry souls would like to hear, I am sure, that our life on this planet is but the starting point, that it is a sort of "shakedown" cruise, a time in which our characters are being tried and tested and otherwise made ready for that long and eventful journey through the mansion worlds, the systems, the constellations, and on through the universes to Paradise and the eternal adventure.

As we go about our daily tasks, as we pass by, let us prepare the soil and sow the seeds for this revelation which will, in due time, shine forth to enlighten and inspire all mankind. Jesus made just such a preparation for the presentation of his gospel on his trip to Rome, and Paul and his friends reaped an abundant harvest of souls as a result of this seed-sowing. Take a look at what Paul did for the spiritually hungry men of his day. How really remarkable were the results of his preaching when you think how little he actually knew about God and the universe; how very little, in fact, he knew about Jesus. Imagine the sermons that Paul and Peter would have preached from the truths contained in the Urantia Book!

We have been told that we are the salt of the Urantia revelation, the new light to illuminate the path of deliverance from the chaos, confusion, and darkness of the present planetary dilemma. We must cease to quote the prophets of old, and instead, aspire to become living prophets and spiritual heroes of the coming kingdom.

The triumph of the religion of Jesus remains an event of the future. We, as soldiers of the circles, ascending sons of God, should become the potential unit of our time out of which the world-wide kingdom of God is to be eventually realized. We need to cultivate the ability to envision our share in bettering

the present world. We need to believe that God has spoken to us, that he can use us and our talents, and that he does call us to our particular place of service. We need to be willing to be used for the fulfillment of God's purpose.

We may minister to our spiritually hungry brothers with or without the aid of the Urantia Book if we ourselves truly know God. The Book is only a means to an end. It is secondary and subordinate to the achievement of this one end: the realization of sonship with God. Jesus said, "If we would guide others into the kingdom, we must ourselves walk in the clear light of living truth."

Let us face our responsibilities with courage, determination, and devotion, while we pray for wisdom for the great task before us -- doing our part to achieve the bringing of the kingdom of God to this generation.

Jesus said to his apostles: "Everyone who hears my message and sincerely executes his commission to represent me before men, even as I have represented my Father, shall find abundant entrance into my service and into the kingdom of the heavenly Father."

E. F. Shristensen
President.

*Report
for year 1963*