
1973 Report of the Charter Committee to The Triennial Delegate Assembly of Urantia Brotherhood

Mary Lou Hales

Since the last report of this committee to the Assembly in 1970, the Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Charter Committee and a charter was given to the First Urantia Society of Houston on January

Assisting at the installation were Miss E.L. Christensen, Mr Martin Myers, Mr William Hales and Mrs Hales. Eleven Founders and nine charter members signed their membership book on this very happy occasion.

The above mentioned members of the First Urantia Society also had the pleasure of visiting a study group in Darien, Conn. last year. This fine group has been meeting for some time under the leadership and inspiration of Helena Wall, and we hope that some day they will wish to become a society.

There are also several other groups in the eastern states who may, under the guidance of our Field Representative, join the Urantia Brotherhood and become dedicated societies working for the dissemination of the Urantia teachings in a more organized way.

Several inquiries have been received from groups who thought they might be ready for a charter, but after further correspondence realized that they could not meet all of the requirements as yet. Many well-meaning individuals who would found a Society, do not realize the responsibilities, the guidance and leadership necessary, and the real dedication needed to keep a society moving forward. It is one of the duties of your Charter Committee to make these good people aware of these very necessary requirements and to encourage them or discourage them, as the case may be.

The Urantia Brotherhood organization will only be as strong as its Societies, therefore it is most important to have intelligent, dynamic and spiritually dedicated leadership and members in each society.

Many of you, I'm sure, met Mr Johl Rhenstrom. He is leader of a group in Helsinki, Finland who have are studying the Book and who hope sometime in the future to form a Society.

Mary Lou and Bill Hales had the great pleasure of meeting Mr and Mrs Begemann in Amsterdam, Netherlands last fall. through, the courtesy of Jim Mills, who wrote his friends, we enjoyed a luncheon and some lively conversation with these two delightful people. Mr Begemann has a few friends who meet with him to read the book and hopes to enlarge the group gradually.

1973 TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

Harry Rowley

The Urantia Brotherhood Corporation is the financial agent of the Urantia Brotherhood. All money contributed to the Brotherhood and all money paid out by the Brotherhood is handled through the Urantia Brotherhood Corporation. The Urantia Foundation is a separate organization and keeps its own financial records. Any money received by the Brotherhood for the Foundation is transferred immediately to the Foundation and is not included in this report.

The Corporation, for the three years ending December 31, 1972, has received in approximate figures the following income: \$22,600 in contributions; \$900 in tithes from the Urantia Societies; \$2,300 from the sale of textbooks, and \$2,800 from miscellaneous sources. This gave the Corporation an income of \$28,600 for the three-year period.

During the same period the Corporation paid out \$36,900 for home office expenses as follows: \$18,000 for rent; \$9,650 for telephone, postage, and office supplies; \$6,450 for office salaries; \$1,100 for legal fees; and \$1,700 for miscellaneous expenses.

The Corporation is the agent for the sale of the Urantia Book and during the three-year span ending December 31, 1972, we sold 16,411 books for \$190,800. We paid the Urantia Foundation \$152,200 for these books. For the three-year span ending December 31, 1969, we reported the sale of 5,306 Urantia.

\$20,000 was transferred to the Foundation in 1971 for the third printing. We anticipate the transfer of another \$20,000 in 1973 for the fourth printing.

The Corporation publishes an annual report every January showing the income and expenses for the previous year. This report is mailed with the quarterly Bulletin to all members of the Brotherhood and other interested persons. Our financial records are audited annually and are open to the inspection of any member of the Urantia Brotherhood.

Harry E. Rowley, Treasurer
Urantia Brotherhood Corporation
Urantia Brotherhood

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Report To Triennial Delegate Assembly Foreign Extension Committee

August- 1973

Three years ago the Executive Committee asked members of our Committee to offer ideas for the promotion of Brotherhood growth and activity. An abundance of ideas was forthcoming; however more realistic is our interest in the steady stream of letters that come in to headquarters testifying to interest in the book and its acceptance. Much like the Thought Adjusters the Book has its own work to do. The primary job of the Urantia Book is to stimulate spiritual thinking and promote the inner life. Definitely secondary, though consequential, is the fostering of this Brotherhood of Believers, which we, in the implementation of our Constitution are striving to do. We all foresee a need for this Committee just because we have something of immeasurable value to share with the world.

Bernard Burton- Chairman

**REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
TO THE TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY of
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD**

August 3, 1973

During the past three years there has been no problem which required direct action by this committee.

We have been aware, however, of a developing interest on the part of individual members of some religious organizations which may forecast the likelihood that the time is approaching when the full functioning of this committee will be brought into play.

This would appear to mean that the committee would become increasingly involved in the interchange of ideas and programs which could be expected to result in the wide spreading of the truth portrayed by the URANTIA Book and become accepted by the various churches and religions of this world.

What the future will hold for the Fraternal Relations Committee in facilitating the spreading of the truths of this book would be difficult to conjecture. But we at least appear to have passed the time when our watchword was simply to observe the trend of events and wait for further developments.

Albert H. Dyon, Chairman

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**1973 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE
TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY OF
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD**

Marian Rowley
August 3, 1973

The work of the Secretary-General's office goes on as usual, but each year there is a little more of it. For those of you who are not familiar with my job, I handle routine mail, do the filing, buy office supplies, attend committee meetings (I am an ex officio member of all committees, except Education of which I am a regular member), and I keep the records of the Executive Committee, of which I am Secretary. I am also Assistant Treasurer of the Corporation which means that I receive money, keep some of the records, and make deposits.

Book sales are increasing steadily. Now most books are going to bookstores rather than individuals. Leone Sadler, Chief Custodian, handles all of the book sales and keeps the records, assisted by Helen Carlson. We have a fairly large reserve fund for gift books and some of those go out each year. Many gift books have been given to libraries and now many libraries are buying the book.

The additions in the way of office equipment consist of a large safe, a secretary's desk, and two steno chairs. We also have bought three Selectric typewriters, one of which was stolen a month after we received it. All of this equipment is owned jointly with the Foundation. A more efficient type of postage meter has just been installed which will simplify the work of mailing the books.

Secretary-General URANTIA Brotherhood

Marian Rowley 6/22/73

1973 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

E. L. Christensen

August 5, 1973

During these past three years, I have had the pleasure of visiting all of our societies and a great many of our study groups in company with other members of our Brotherhood, sometimes to help install new societies and sometimes just for a pleasant visit.

This past month a good many Chicago members and officers of both the Brotherhood and Foundation attended and took part in the First Western Regional Conference in Los Angeles. It was an inspiring occasion for us all. report will be carried in the next Brotherhood Bulletin.

Our Brotherhood has been through some traumatic experiences. The loss of our President, Alvin Kulieke, was a bad blow. He has left a vacuum which is hard to fill. His calm, kindly, dedicated manner filled us all with assurance and a sense of security as we worked along with him. He was one of God's great and good Soldiers.

We have had to expel from our midst a long-time associate, whom we trusted, but who decided he could no longer walk with us.

Many serious problems have arisen, crying for solutions. These problems are indicative, if nothing else, of the growth of Urantia Brotherhood and the changing nature of its being. We are no longer a small, fledgling organization. True, our Brotherhood is not a nation-wide -- no not a worldwide replete organization, but it is destined to be the greatest on this planet:.

One of our major problems is the changing nature of the functioning of Urantia Brotherhood. We can no longer expect to meet the challenges of the future, and those which presently face us, without a reassessment of the operation of our organization.

To date, the Brotherhood has depended on volunteer help and one part-time secretary, at a very low wage, to carry on its day-to-day business. I believe we must face the fact that the Brotherhood, if it is to have competent, capable people to carry on its business in the

future, must be able to offer salaries which will draw and hold young and capable people. We have been lucky to have had the loyal and dependable help we have had for all these years. But now we must give attention to the proper organization of our office, so that as the old guard passes on we will be able to provide for the continuity of administration.

The time is past when we can effectively function without regular visits among the Societies by our officers. A travel fund should be established to permit our officers to have regular personal contact with societies and study groups. This will promote unity and will help to prevent misunderstanding. This will further the aims of the Brotherhood in wisely promoting the dissemination of the Urantia Revelation. There is a real lack of communication with our membership.

We should begin to plan some mechanism that will permit, in the near future, the employment of a full-time president who can wisely labor for the stable and orderly growth and coordination of Urantia Brotherhood and its societies.

Our organization was designed to anticipate the needs of the future and as a result, some of the structure has been somewhat superfluous. But now with the steady spread of the Urantia Brotherhood, these committees may begin to function. The Fraternal Relations Committee and the Foreign Extension Committee have not been very active, but may be increasingly so in the near future. The Brotherhood must be alert to the challenges which it will surely face from dissident individuals and groups and the impatience of well-meaning -- and some not so well-meaning -- individuals. The Brotherhood should realize that other organized religions may attempt to discredit and disrupt our movement. We all, if we are to be effective Kingdom builders, must learn the helpful technique of wisely and unselfishly subordinating our own short-range temporary desires to the long-term and permanent success of the Urantia movement and the ultimate realization of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man on this planet.

Just as the Life Carriers in nurturing biologic evolution must wait for the physical evolution of the geologic stage on which they carry out their drama of biologic development, so must the custodians of The Fifth major Epochal Revelation await the natural unfolding of the cultural and religious development of the planet, as well as the organizational growth of the supportive and protective mechanism of Urantia Brotherhood.

The world does need spiritual regeneration. The forward progress of our planet has been slowed almost to a halt. The mortal establishment stagnates in a morass of ideological confusion, philosophic chaos, racial strife, political disorientation, economic derangement and unbelievable spiritual and material poverty.

"Now comes The Urantia Revelation to shed light upon the path of national life as well as upon religious experience and personal conduct. The Angels of the Churches and the

Angels of Nation Life are standing, as it were, at attention, while the Seraphim of Progress marshal their reserves for the impending attack upon the world's stalemate of international confusion and Spiritual lethargy."

We now have The fifth major Epochal Revelation, a solid standard, a solid rock upon which we can build a better world, and through which we can enjoy a fuller individual existence. We must "stand firm and resolute behind the battlements of our organization. We must ever protect the purity and integrity of The Urantia Book, and we must ever be vigilant--like Van and Amadon--over the defense of our simple but very necessary Urantia Brotherhood.

The growth of Urantia Brotherhood is only beginning. The Urantia Book is beginning to find a dependable following of sincere readers and loyal supporters. The first steps are being taken to offer to a world languishing in spiritual darkness a new light of hope and direction, a light illuminating the way to salvation and progress in the place of spiritual stagnation and material confusion.

Let us stand together in grand and united protective array, and as Soldiers of the Circles may we wholeheartedly enlist in the solid ranks of those mortals who shall go forth in this battle for truth against error under the unfaltering leadership of the mighty seraphim of Progress.
