

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

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URANTIA BROTHFRHOOD GENERAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 11, 1984

REPORTS OF

OFFICERS

DEPARTMENTAL CHAIRMEN

FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

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on it? REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL AUGUST 11, 1984

Here is a list of projects and activities which have engaged my attention since last July 2:

- 1) Publicity Statement. The compilation of material for the paper, "The Dissemination of The URANTIA Book and Statement on Publcity" was completed, and a 4-page abridged version was distributed to the mailing list in October 1983. The 25-page full statement was sent to General Councilors, URANTIA Societies, field representatives, and other interested individuals soon after. The ideas and expressions of nearly 50 persons were incorporated into the statement. Its purpose is not to proscribe the spreading of the book, but rather to suggest the many ways in which the book and its teachings can wisely be shared individually and to the world at this time. Gloriann Harris, Scott Forsythe, and Michael Painter provided invaluable assistance in the final editing process.
- Revision of Dust Jacket. The suggested revisions of the dust jacket of The URANTIA Book was completed and forwarded to URANTIA Foundation November 17, 1983. A resolution adopted by the 1982 Triennial Delegate Assembly, accepted by the General Council which then referred it to the Executive Committee, asked that the jacket be revised to better

". . . convey the spiritual message of the heavenly Father's love for his earthly children with which The URANTIA Book

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URANTIA Foundation has communicated the information that they we want act. will be unable to effect any changes in the dust jacket in time for the What is 30% 8th printing. B The Endles Just the trang their

3) 1984 General Conference. The General Conference will be held at American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 12-17. The Planning Committee, consisting of midwest URANTIA Society representatives: David Kulieke, Gloriann Harris, Michael Painter, and Lillian Nicholas; Special Projects Chairman, Charles Burton; Education Committee Chairman, Lynne Kulieke; and John Hales, Brotherhood President (I am coordinator), have planned a diverse program which should excite the enthusiasm of attendees. The many segments are being coordinated by departmental committees and URANTIA Societies. All programs will align with the conference theme: "Reaching Out: Studying, Living, and Sharing the Teachings." Special thanks should go to June Moritz, secretary at the Brotherhood offices for her tireless work in overseeing the details of conference expediting.

- 4) <u>Bulletin Newsletter</u>. In an effort to get the URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin Newsletter out in a timely manner, the officers undertook the writing of the text of the news portion of the Bulletin in early Winter 1984. I have written the first draft and the polishing has been completed by the officers and Barbara Kulieke. A publishing schedule for the news will be established: October, February, and June. The Publications Committee will continue to prepare the features and will add their material to the news portion at the mailing deadline.
- 5) Travel. During 1983-4 I have represented the Brotherhood at conferences in Tennessee, California (Los Angeles Media), Pennsylvania, and Missouri. I also accompanied John Hales and Marian Rowley to Clayton, California to attend a special meeting called by Vern Grimsley in October 1983.

What is perhaps most noteworthy about the trying events of the past year are the warm and loving friendships that have endured regardless of certain ideological differences. The continuing mutual trust is perhaps indicative of the maturity, stability, and spirituality of those individuals who have behaved so superbly. From a personal standpoint, things could have been a lot worse!

Carolyn B. Kendall, Vice President

July 20, 1984

This past year has brought us a new URANTIA Society, new members and members-at-large. We continue to grow and URANTIA Brotherhood is slowly but surely approaching the 1000 persons membership mark.

We are constantly confronted with new kinds of decisions to make, new joys to savour, and new problems to deal with. If we know that this is a world of experience we also know we're getting plenty of that experience in our deliberations.

The routine work of the Secretary's job goes on as usual. As the years pass I'm sure that too will change to keep pace with current affairs of the Brotherhood. In addition I have, from time to time, been able to do some extra tasks such as balancing and bringing up to date the records for members-at-large, and typing some of the forms used for gift books.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine J. Harries, Secretary

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URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION

Balance Sheet December 31, 1983

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 24,900	
Miscellaneous receivables	2,411	
Inventory	6,772	0
Prepaid expense	2,606 307,550	\$344,239
Commercial paper and marketable securities	307,330	\$344,233
	36,309	22.05427
Less accumulated depreciation	17,162	19,147
		6262 206
		\$363,386
LIABILITIES & NE	T WORTH	
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,803	
Due URANTIA Foundation	13,079	
Due Amadon Corporation	1,348	
Payroll taxes payable	3,807	
Accrued expense	5,188	
Deferred income	15,104	4 (0 500
Reserve for TDA	200	\$ 40,529
Board-designated gift book funds		3,763
Net Worth		
Treasury reserve, December 31, 1982	\$265,996	
Net income for the year ending December 3		
Increase in board-designated gift book fu		319,094
TOTAL LIABILITIE		\$363,386

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION

Comparative Statement of Revenues and Expenses For the Years Ended December 31, 1983 & 1982

INCOME	1983	1982
Commissions earned - URANTIA Foundation	\$ 37,643	\$ 28,452
Contributions for expenses	103,677	83,990
Tithes from URANTIA Societies	1,439	1,534
Charter Application Fees	200	
Sale of Concordex	4,320	4,428
Subscriptions to URANTIAN Journal	4,145	4,304
Sale of Emblems	189	567
Sale of Artist's Conception Master Universe	1,837	2,016
Sale of Carrying Covers	505	450
Interest earned	26,708	32,600
Workshop Registration Fees	4,274	2,715
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OPERATING EXPENSES	42011100	Assessed
Rent	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Telephone	1,997	1,484
50.70 (March 1990	8,021	4,917
Postage & Handling	3,004	4,093
Office Supplies and Expenses	5,560	6,595
Committee Expense	3,276	2,040
Workshop Expense	4,128	3,029
Travel Expense	4,150	3,900
Audit Expense	10,257	7,083
Accounting Services	10,237	7,000
Accumulated Expense for	200	200
Triennial Delegate Assembly	54,323	45,479
Office Salaries	3,640	3,047
Social Security Taxes		5,859
Employee Insurance Expense	11,252	2,326
Depreciation Expense	3,884	1,997
Maintenance Contracts	2,118	827
General Insurance	488	6,361
URANTIAN Journal Expense	3,725	900
Retirement Pay	1,200	
Concordex Cost of Sales	2,890	3,054
Emblems Cost of Sales	184	535
Carrying Covers Cost of Sales	224	200
Master Universe Cost of Sales	609	876
Interest Expense	(130)	122
Board Increases to Gift Book Funds	3,089	7,995
Miscellaneous Expense	389	230
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$134,478	\$119,149
TRANSFERRED TO TREASUREY RESERVE	\$ 50,009	\$ 41,907

Each year the work of this office increases a little, as we are growing slowly but surely. Much of the work is routine, for example, handling most of the money which is received, recorded, and deposited. There is also the job of handling sales and records of the Concordex, Study Aids for Part IV, and carrying covers. The covers which Herman Schell left us are now gone and the Concordex is temporarily out of print. Clyde Bedell is preparing the third edition, but cannot predict when it will be available, probably several months.

Letters to be answered consist primarily of requests for names of people in the writer's vicinity, which quite often we are able to give to put readers in touch with each other. The second category is how to get the book and other material about the book and the organizations.

We added a new society this year - URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley - so we now have 14. There are a few other groups which have contacted Charter Committee and are starting the procedure for becoming a society. As of December 31, 1983, there were 714 society members and 205 members-at-large - a total of 919. Twenty-nine of these are international.

We have five paid employees (two on a part-time basis and one retired). They are John Hales, June Moritz, Dawn Mallozzi, Beth Surface, and Anna Rawson. Gloriann Harris, our accountant, is an independent contractor. There are two regular volunteers, Marian Rowley and Helen Carlson. There are also other dedicated volunteers who come in occasionally to help get out large mailings, such as the Bulletin and solicitation letters.

The mailing list increases steadily and now numbers about 3,850 up about 350 from last year. The Journal subscriptions stand now about 550 which is a low point. Many people fail to renew their subscriptions, even though we do send out one reminder.

As you know, a solicitation letter was sent out November 14,1983 by the Finance Committee for operating expenses for 1984. A report was made and presented to the Executive Committee as of March 31 showing responses. Following is a brief summary of the results:

\$53,315
14,616
\$67,931
47,174
\$115,105
\$67, 47,

The total was divided exactly evenly (within \$15) between the Foundation and the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood figure of \$57,560 amounts to only 36% of our 1984 budget.

A follow-up letter was sent May 31, 1984, and returns are now coming in as a result of that, most of them fairly small.

We now have a computer which is handling the General Conference program and much of the detail work on the Spanish translation. June Moritz has been trained by Dan Massey to handle this work.

It is a real privilege to be in this spot.

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REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

By the Chairman, JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

The year 1983-1984 has been one of modest activity for the Judicial Committee and its Chairman. Several matters referred to the Committee have involved administrative functions for the Chairman to perform as a member of the Executive Committee rather than matters which have involved discretion, policy or ajudication calling for committee action.

Matters upon which the full Committee has acted include the following: 1) an amendment to the Brotherhood constitution requiring individuals to have read The URANTIA Book in its entirety before being eligible for election to the General Council; 2) a suggestion that the Brotherhood adopt some plan to use former members of the General Council in advisory roles as elder statespersons or as General Councilors Emeritus; and 3) to consider how best to handle three petitions to the General Council. All reports were made to the Executive Committee or the Charter Committee. The work product of the committee on these matters is reflected in actions of the Executive Committee.

There is presently pending before the Judicial Committee a task to consider the method of establishing an agenda for General Council meetings with particular reference to the handling of petitions to the General Council, and to draft an appropriate amendment to the By-Laws or Rules of the Executive Committee pertaining to the matter. The work product of the Committee will then be used as point of departure for further consideration by the Executive Committee.

The Committee had one face-to-face meeting during the year and handled the remainder of the Committee's business by correspondence.

Kenton E. Stephens will be retiring from the Committee at the end of this year after many years of long and faithful service. We wish to extend our personal thanks and best wishes to Kenton for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane L. Faw

TO: GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

FROM: DAVID ELDERS, CHAIRMAN--CHARTER COMMITTEE

SUBJ: 1984 REPORT OF CHARTER COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

During this past year, the members of the Charter Committee have worked on the following projects:

- 1. Chartered the URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley. On 9
 October 1983 this Society was officially installed as the 14th
 active society of URANTIA Brotherhood(Charter number 16). The
 installation ceremony was conducted by David Elders and Lucile Faw
 as part of a warm, thoughtful program put together by the members
 of this new society. John Hales, also attending, welcomed this
 group into the family of Brotherhood Societies.
- 2. Pamphlet on the meaning of membership. This project is finally nearing completion. David Renn's original copy has now been reviewed by the Executive Committee and a final rewrite, incorporating all comments, is underway. Plans call for the printing of the pamphlet for distribution to any interested persons as a statement of the way in which our organization views membership. A quote from this pamphlet, which is representative of its tone and expression:

Membership confers no special privileges but rather increased responsibilities and opportunities for service within an organized framework. If one is interested in working toward the goals we have established for ourselves, if one can adjust to a long range view of this undertaking, and if one can work for the group and with the group, then further consideration of membership is appropriate.

- 3. Constitutional Ammendment. We will be presenting for consideration and action by the General Council at this year's Council meeting a Constitutional Ammendment which will require that all members of the Triennial Delegate Assembly and all members of the General Council shall have read <u>The URANTIA Book</u> in its entirety at least once.
- Requests for information on Standards of Admissions. We have received requests during the year from the following areas: Santa Cruz, CA; Columbus, OH; Anchorage, AK.
- 5. Wenatchee Society Constitution. We have been working with Lew and Alice Clark in their evaluation of ways to broaden the active reach of their society to include more of the Pacific Northwest. This evaluation includes revising their constitution.

My deepest thanks to the members of the committee who accomplished much this year: Lucile Faw, Mary Lou Hales, Charles Olivea, David Renn, and Irene Sprunger.

Respectfully submitted by David Elders for the Charter Committee

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT August 10, 1984

The General Council URANTIA Brotherhood

Dear Friends:

In the interest of establishing greater concentration on my outreach work with the Christian churches I asked the Executive Committee last September to accept my resignation as chairman of our committee and suggested they elect Mo Siegel as our new chairman. The Executive Committee was not agreeable to making this change and persuaded me to continue as chairman.

I believe it is important that we involve the younger members of the Brotherhood who have leadership abilities in supervision responsibilities and experience. All of the current members of the Fraternal Relations Committee have significant leadership capabilities. To help actualize these potentials I sent the following directive on October 3, 1983 to our committee:

I should like to ask Vern and Bettina to be responsible for relationships and education regarding the various religions of the world. Literature, conference programs, and multi-media related to this broad area will be under their supervision. I would ask Cap and Jim to be in charge of directing our activities and relationships in interfacing with Christianity. Ecumenical activity among Christian churches, educational activities in colleges and universities related to the Christian culture, and other institutions of Christianity are a fertile field for interface functions. Finally, I am asking Mo to assume responsibility for integrating and directing our committee activities and initiating short and long range planning for the committee. I should like to have Mo take charge of communications within the committee and communications to the Executive Committee. I will act as a consultant to any of you in carrying out your committee responsibilities if you should need my involvement and I will cosign with Mo all committee communications directed to the Executive Committee. I trust this sharing of responsibilities will enable each of us to be creatively involved in doing the Father's will as we understand it in our lives.

During the year Mo has done an excellent job directing planning strategies, has issued a Planning Book, and has supervised the planning of our program at the General Conference. We look forward to some truly creative contact work with members of the various religions of the world. I believe we are at the beginning of a fruitful period of outreach ministry.

Cordially,

Meredith J. Sprunger

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Report of the Domestic Extension Committee to the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood June 1, 1984

During the past year our committee's two main projects have been library book placement and study group organization. Tom Allen remains in charge of our library book project, and since last year's report has placed and additional 138 books, for a total of 425 books since the project began in early 1982. One change from last year's procedure has been that certain volunteers have been permitted to contact libraries using the mails, without the personal contact which all of us agree is the perferred method. This change was only made due to the fact that our "ready, willing and able" volunteers have already placed books in all of their local libraries, and despite notices in URANTIA publications, exhortations at conferences, letters and phone calls, we haven't been able to stir up sufficient new volunteers to keep up the pace. Naturally, wherever possible, we continue to encourage the personal placement procedure. Our committee appreciates the Brotherhood's support in this project, and by means of off-budget support we have been successful in Keeping the overhead associated with getting the books out at virtually zero. In order to retain your support for the library placement project, we are engaged in a project to prioritize the types of libraries we should approach for maximum effect, and determine the best method of approaching them. David Kulieke is in charge of this project, and has designed a comprehensive questionnaire which he will use to help us improve our procedures.

The second major project has been with the Study Group Fellowship. Last fall we called the leaders of every Known study group, first, to make personal contact with them, find out how their group was going, what their needs were, etc, and secondly, in the event they had not already joined the Study Group Fellowship of URANTIA Brotherhood, to ask if they would care to be included in the upcoming Study Group Directory. Taking into account talking with babysitters, people who had moved, talks with uninvolved spouses, etc, this involved completing over 500 calls! I am pleased to report that Waldine Stump, who co-ordinated this project, not only survived sane, but thoroughly enjoyed it. As a result of making all those calls and hearing the gratitude of the more-isolated groups at the fact that someone paid some attention to them, she has become our foremost advocate of increased contact with study groups. The grand totals are now 198 groups, and with only three exceptions, every group we contacted wished to be included in the Directory.

By the time you read this, the Study Group Directory should be printed. It is the preliminary result of Waldine's work last fall. Our feeling is that we will discover quite a few errors in this first directory, and that the second directory will be substantially better. Our

expectation is that other groups will surface and desire to be included, and that lots of individuals who are not listed as being members of their study group will write us to make sure that they are included in the next edition. Our hope is that this directory will stimulate interaction among URANTIA study groups at the regional level, and thereby strengthen our movement all around.

Our committee made one proposal this year to the Executive Committee which was turned down, but with encouragement to resubmit more temperately. The proposal was for the Brotherhood to have a booth at the New Orleans World Trade Fair, which is being held from May 12th through November 12th of this year. The cost was budgeted at \$132,000, with outreach estimated at several million contacts. The Executive Committee's complaint was "too much, too soon." However, we were encouraged to find another fair on a smaller scale, and try that. The fact that the fair format involves personal contact by volunteers was thought to make such an outreach a promising means of making known the existence of the book. Many of you may have heard about the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society's second successful fair, held in Denver this May. This fair had approximately 150,000 in attendence, and the volunteers there gave away approximately 750 pamphlets, and held around 500 conversations withs interested parties. They even discovered a URANTIA study group in Denver that had been meeting for some time that had never contacted anyone in the movement! The First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma is trying to get space at the Tulsa State Fair, which will be held September 28th through October 8th. The Oklahoma Society will be keeping good records of procedures, costs and results for use by Domestic Extension Committee and the Brotherhood in making their determination of whether this appears to be a promising type of outreach.

Our Committee is also privileged this year to be hosting two afternoon segments of the General Conference, one on the subject of book distribution and the other on study groups.

Domestic Extension Committee's primary responsibilitieshave been assumed to be the fostering of study groups and increased distribution of The URANTIA Book in the United States. Concerning the future, I believe that we have a vast amount of fertile ground that needs attention with respect to our study groups. That we have around 200 study groups gives us a marvelous base, but our more isolated groups, in particular, need attention and would appreciate advice. Their common problem is difficulty in getting new readers and irregularity in attendence by their existing members. In my opinion, an improved outreach program by the Brotherhood solves both problems, as it helps bring in new members, who inspire us all when we learn anew from them the life-changing impact of the Urantia Revelation.

It might be that some of the best money we could spend would be to hire a full-time circuit rider to visit our outlying study groups and

readers. The right person could encourage the present members to greater loyalty to their group, offer advice on how other study groups had solved certain problems, and show them how much the Brotherhood cares for them. This is not a recommendation, but think about it.

One matter of a constitutional nature which our committee discusses from time to time is a change of its name, which rings parochial. The problem is functional as well as aesthetic. "Domestic" Extension implies that the Brotherhood is a U.S. organization, which, while it may be the present reality, is not the image we wish to project. To change the name to "United States" Extension would be an improvement, but it still sets the U.S. in a special catagory; ie, the U.S. rates a committee all its own, and the rest of the world gets one committee. The best solution I have heard is for a realignment of the functions of Domestic Extension and International Fellowship Committees, in which the first word in both titles would be dropped and we would have an "Extension" committee and a "Fellowship" committee, both of which would be international in scope. The Extension Committee would be involved with outreach matters -getting new readers -- and the Fellowship Committee would concern itself with the nuturing, comforting and encouraging existing readers and study groups. Another option would be to simply merge the two committees into one, or disband one of them; however, self-serving comments aside, I believe that would be a silly resolution of the problem due to the amount of work both committees are presently involved in, and the importance of outreach and fellowship in the Brotherhood's overall goals. This is not to be considered a recommendation, but merely something that you might want to be thinking about. Quite frankly, I like it just fine the way the committees are presently structured, but it may cause us embarassment sometime in the future.

On a personal note, my term as chairman of the committee expires this year, and I would like to thank the General Council for having permitted me to serve. It's been an education and an honor. I would also like to thank my fellow committee members David Kulieke, CeCe Forrester, Mary Schlueter, Tom Allen and Waldine Stump for their labors during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry McMullan, Chairman

REPORT FOR YEAR JULY 2, 1983 TO AUGUST 11, 1984 International Fellowship Committee

The International Fellowship Committee participated in the Summer Work Shop at Lake Forrest for the week of July 3-7, 1983. The customs and culture of many Countries were shared at evening meetings, including Africa; Saudi Arabia; The Netherlands; Fiji Islands; Colombia, South America; and Brithis Columbia, Alberta and Quebec, Canada. Three members of our Committee met with people from other Countries, as well as anyone who desired to attend the last day, and discussed International issues.

May 9-11, 1984, Martin Myers and I flew to Montreal, Canada and met with a group of URANTIA Book readers. Origionally the entire IFC had planned to have their annual meeting in Montreal, but when only 2 members could attend we cancelled the meeting. It seemed very important to make this trip to clarify some breakdown in communications. At the last minute Mary Snider was unable to go with Martin and me, but it was a profitable trip. After 2 business meetings in Bob Plomondon's office - Saturday and Sunday mornings - we returned home Sunday evening. Saturday evening Bob and Adele Plomondon served a dinner and afterwards we had two Study Groups - one in French and one in English. Their ideas and help have been invaluable.

The brochures have been translated and checked in Spanish and French. They have gone back to the Foundation for approval for publication.

The "Selection" Committee, Douglas Fraser, Richard Prince and Martin Myers, has selected a translator for the Spanish translation of The URANTIA Book. The fund drive is just now getting under way and hopefully before the end of this year the actual translation will be in progress. Fantastic news!

The International Fellowship Committee is meeting in my home June 22-24, 1984. An International speaker has been selected for the General Conference in August at Green Lake, Wisconsin and the Committee will finalize plans for our 2-hour program on Thursday, August 16th, as well as discuss many other important issues.

A thought to keep in mind - if 1,000 persons gave \$1.00/day - each day - a translation could be made available each year.

My sincere thanks to each committee member, Martin Myers, former Chairman, and the entire staff at headquarters, for all their help!

Sincerely,

International Fellowship Committee

Berkeley Elliott, ¢hairman

THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD AUGUST, 1984

The Education Committee is pleased to report, concerning its activities in the past year, the following:

- 1 Just subsequent to the last General Council meeting, the committee participated with other Brotherhood committees in the successful realization of a seminar on Prayer and Worship, held in Lake Forest, Illinois.
- 2 The committee has engaged in assisting the General Conference Planning Committee to prepare for the 1984 URANTIA Brotherhood Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. It has undertaken the task of organizing the small group sessions dedicated specifically to intensive study of the teachings of <u>The URANTIA Book</u> related to the theme of the conference.
- 3 As part of the afore-mentioned task, the committee has drawn from the wisdom and experience of interested teacher/ students of <u>The URANTIA Book</u> in the formulation of guidelines for leaders of small group study sessions to use as they deem fit. Such guidelines will be available for all others who request them.
- 4 The committee has begun planning for an intensive teaching practicum seminar to take place in the summer of 1985. The emphasis will be on methods of teaching/learning the content of <u>The URANTIA Book</u>.
- 5 The committee has roughed out a preliminary proposal for a scholarship program to be submitted for review to the Finance Committee and subsequently for approval to the Executive Committee and General Council.
- 6 The committee has cooperated with the Publications Committee in recommending to the Foundation, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the reissue in microfiche of early text books related to study of <u>The URANTIA Book</u>.

On behalf of all the members of the Education Committee--Helen Carlson, Stephen Dreier, Marilyn Hauck, Joycee Henrion, and Marjorie Reed--I thank you for the opportunity to serve and urge the continued contribution of such thoughts and suggestions as you may have that will assist us in carrying out our constitutional charge.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne B. Kulieke,

Chairman of the Education Committee

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

1984 Report to the General Council

Activities since the last Council meeting began with the Chairman attending the Media Conference sponsored by the First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles in September, which was a very valuable weekend exchange of ideas and experience on broad-ranging topics concerning the use of media.

The Committee held a formal meeting in Chicago in October, which included making final plans for multi-language issues of the Bulletin, including the special international issue which will be printed in time for the General Conference. During the two-day weekend meeting, the Committee also wrote and submitted its feedback concerning proposed changes in the dust jacket for The URANTIA Book.

The joint subcommittee of Education and Publications Committee members completed their recommendations concerning reprinting of the Brotherhood School textbooks, which were accepted by the Executive Committee and submitted to URANTIA Foundation by the President of URANTIA Brotherhood.

Details for the Study Group Directory were worked out with the Executive Committee, and the directories will be printed in time for the General Conference. The Brotherhood office staff did the final checking for accuracy of names and spelling, but the bulk of the tremendous work involved was done by the Domestic Extension Committee as a part of the Study Group Fellowship project.

To expedite the Bulletin, the Brotherhood officers and June Moritz, secretary to the Resident Director, have become involved in writing the day-to-day news of the Brotherhood. The Publications Committee will continue to write feature stories, but when time delays occur, the news items will be published anyway, to keep the Bulletin on schedule and readers up-to-date concerning Brotherhood activities. This new involvement on the part of June and the Brotherhood officers has helped tremendously.

General Conference folders were designed and printed, and Committee members and volunteers are sponsoring the newsletter and study aids display at the Conference, showing the slide-tape history, and participating in the media program coordinated by the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society.

Projects to be continued this year include finishing the style manual and guide to aid readers, study groups, and societies in their preparation of publications involving The URANTIA Book and URANTIA activities, and finishing the preparation of the slide-tape history for use in study groups and in French and Spanish.

Our thanks go to Mike Painter for his six years of service on the Committee, and we welcome Dan Massey who agreed to join us when Mike retired from the Committee this spring. I would like to thank Peter Laurence, Lisa Renn, Mark Kulieke, and Nancy Grimsley for their work on the Committee, as well as the many individuals and groups who contribute to the overall success of publications in URANTIA activities.

Current interests of individuals, study groups, and societies seem to be in the areas of study aids, outreach ministry, and expanded use of media in facilitating study and ministry. Individuals and groups are developing their own study aids and their own media aids for outreach ministry. Many creative projects are underway or have been completed.

I highly recommend that you make an effort to see some of these new works, such as the two slide-tape introductions to The URANTIA Book produced by the First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma, the video-tape from the Los Angeles Media Conference, and the many study aids which are proliferating. Stop by the Study Aids and Newsletter Display at the Conference for more information about these new areas of emphasis in publications.

We invite your comments, questions, and suggestions about Publications Committee work at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara H. Kuluke

Barbara N. Kulieke, Chairman Publications Committee ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL
August 11, 1984

During the past year the Finance Committee held two official meetings. The following is an update:

BUDGET

Goal: To prepare and monitor the annual budget.

Objective: To assist committee chairmen in preparation of their annual budgets. To keep each chairman informed quarterly of budget/actual expense of their committee. To request explanation of any large variance and recommend corrective action to be taken. To make recommendations regarding any additional requests for funds not previously budgeted.

Update: We prepared the budget analysis forms for all committee chairmen to be used for the above stated objective. We have kept all chairmen informed quarterly of their budget/actual expense. The budgeted expense for 1983 was \$138,420 and the actual expense was \$131,639, which reflects a decrease over budget of 16%. Income, was 5% lower than budget, expense remained well within constitutional limits.

MAILINGS

Goal: To prepare and mail the solicitation letters.

Objective: To prepare the Foundation/Brotherhood annual and follow-up letters. To insure that they are mailed on schedule to all individuals on our mailing list.

Update: The letters were prepared and mailed on November 14, 1983, and May 31, 1984.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Goal: To review current coverage.

Objective: To review our current health insurance coverage in order to determine if it meets our current needs and the price is competitive.

Update: It was determined that we could get better coverage if we switched from Prudential to Blue Cross/Blue Shield and at a better rate. We therefore recommended a change that was approved by the Executive Committee.

In making the switch, we have been able to add dental, maternity and disability benefits & an additional \$5,000 per employee life insurance coverage. The Brotherhood savings will be \$6,842.16 annually.

SPANISH TRANSLATION

Goal: To assist the Foundation in Soanish Translation Campaign.

Objective: To direct and co-ordinate a Fund Drive to be completed by 12/31/84 for the translation and printing of the Urantia Book in Spanish.

Update: We have developed a plan that was approved by the Foundation and have begun the early phases of this campaign.

As of June 1, 1984 the preliminary figures are not confirmed and I will submit an oral update at the General Council on August 11, 1984.

RESIGNATION OF CHARLOTTE WENSEL

In April of this year Charlotte Wensel resigned from the Finance Committee for health reasons. While her resignation was accepted it was done reluctantly. She has been an excellent committee member, she will be missed.

FINANCIAL DATA

		12/31/83 _Actual	12/31/82 Actual
Expenses	3. 4	\$134,478	\$119,149
Contributions		103,677	83,990
Cash Reserves		332,450	284,805

We welcome your criticisms and suggestions regarding the work of this Committee.

FRANK SGARAGLINO, CHAIRMAN

FINANCE COMMITTEE

SPECIAL PROJECTS ANNUAL REPORT 1983 - 84

The past year has been a relatively quiet one for the Special Projects Committee. We basically were active in two areas -- both related to General Conferences. The first, of course, related to some of the planning and logistical work in the preparation for the 1984 General Conference this summer. The second involves site selection for the 1987 General Conference.

At Green Lake we have assisted Carolyn Kendall in preliminary negotiations and planning -- as well as conference budgeting, food service room liasons, scheduling facility useage, and last minute conference crisis management.

As for the 1987 General Conference, we are working with Allison Gardner-Massey in negotiating for Smugglers' Notch near Burlington, Vermont.

The only other area of service in which we are engaged pertains to a follow-up of the 1982 marketing studies. This work is being carried out by Marilyn Kulieke, who is gathering data as she works in conjunction with the Foundation office staff.

We hope that this summer's experience at Green Lake is a delightful and uplifting one, and look forward to the always memorable fellowship which we will share together. See you there!

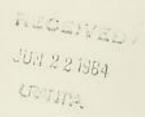
Special thanks to the members of this Committee for their service: Carol Forsythe, Bill Hazen, Neal Kendall, Marilyn Kulieke and Chuck Montgomery.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT JUNE 1984

The past year has again been a year to be very thankful for. Spiritual growth is going on in the older students, and inevitably this results in new readers and studygroup members. Sometimes it may be something of a problem to get new readers to become also members of a studygroup. Experience shows that a solitary reader generally does not get far into our book. Much, if not all, depends on the degree of spiritual transformation of the existing students. As one of the Councilors so beautifully stated, really transformed students cannot help attracting other persons. "A city on a hill cannot be hidden..."

This, however, may be in some cases a slow process. We had a lady in one of our groups who had attended very regularly the meetings of that group for at least 8 years, but always she said she did not believe... A few months ago she definitely stated she had changed! Patience, tolerance, and perseverance are needed on our part, with faith in the Adjuster's work.

We now have four studygroups in Wassenaar and the Hague, meeting every two weeks, a little group in Laren, and a group in Amsterdam, which often comes to Wassenaar, but is seeking its way and has the potential to become a stable group.

Holland is demanding practically all my attention and energies. I have not travelled much. The situation in France is not very clear to me, but I have the impression there is progress. Some young people have organized a conference in Paris, but you could better ask Jacques Dupont about that, who was not very enthusiast about it. People still seem to flock around Jacques Weiss to a certain extent.

Belgium is going on steadily, but England seems to have come virtually to a standstill. It needs the return of Nigel Hornby, who lives in Norway for the time being. He reported the beginning of a studygroup there.

Namuel regards,

REPORT OF LEWIS CLARK, FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

REPORT TO GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING - AUGUST 11, 1984

PIELD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

On August 14, 1983, Marc Sztejnberg, one of our most active and capable NYC area readers made an unexpected departure to the Mansion Worlds. Just one day before, a first child was born to Marc and his wife Dale. The unexpected and untimely loss of contact with Marc was a shock to all who knew him. We all miss his presence among us.

A new study group was formed in Manhattan this year. After several meetings a disagreement arose in the group over matters of procedure; this was resolved by forming a second group. Both of these groups are currently meeting. This kind of thing has been the norm in Manhattan.

The Philadelphia area study group sponsored a spring regional meeting in Boiling Springs, PA; this was their first attempt at doing a regional meeting and they did an excellent job. This group has been stable for over two years - a record for the Philadelphia area.

Existing study groups in Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island, and New Jersey continue as usual. Attempts are being made to form new groups in Reading, PA, and the New Jersey shore area.

There was a brief period of interest and concern Vern Grimsley's announcements, but this settled quickly and has now virtually disappeared. Quite a number of people expressed irritation with what they felt was a deliberately censored flow of information from URANTIA Brotherhood concerning this matter, and this sentiment is still sometimes referred to. Most people are disinterested in the substance of the event, but they have some reservations about the way it was handled. I believe that these feelings arose from the flurry of position papers which arrived uninvited - several of which expressed strong personal feelings- while from the Brotherhood there was silence.

Personal contact work continues as usual, involving phone calls, letters and meetings. In the past I have reported a decrease in the number of new inquiries, and this pattern has continued in the last year.

Repsectfully submitted,

Stephen Dreier

REPORT FOR YEAR JULY 2, 1983 TO AUGUST 11, 1984 Field Representative

Harry McMullan, III and I attended the General Council meeting in July, 1983 and Tom Allen and Fred Farha joined us for the Summer Work Shops at Lake Forrest, IL for the week of July 3-7, 1983.

The Dallas Fellowship sponsored the Forum at Fountainhead Lodge from July 29-31, 1983. Very well attended and a new type of Study Group Forum was introduced.

Paul Snider, from Chicago, was our speaker at Jesus' Birthday, with approximately 100 in attendance at the Sheraton Hotel. We had several out-of-town guests and took in 10 new members.

Tom (Allen), Dick (Berkeley Elliott) and Harry (McMullan, III) gave speeches and we showed our Multi-Media - "Men of Clay - Children of Fire" in Los Angeles, CA over Labor Day weekend. (September 2-4, 1983). We were joined by Waldine Stump and Kathy King, from Oklahoma, as well as Debbie Foster, Leanne Flickinger and Tom Choquette, from Anchorage and Debbie's Mother from Kansas City.

November 5, 1983, Dr. Meredith J. Sprunger, from Ft. Wayne, IN did a World Shop on "Prayer." It was very well attended - 50-55. Meredith and Irene flew in Friday and stayed until Wednesday A.M. attending classes Sunday thru Tuesday evenings.

February 4, 1984, Tom Allen, Fred Farha and I drove to Springdale, AR and visited Barbara and B. Golden Hester. David Johnson joined us and Saturday evening we showed our Multi-Media - "Pebbles" to a group of about 25, and got acquainted with a lot of readers that have been meeting regularly each Tuesday evening since Barry and Barbara moved there. A great experience.

March 24, 1984 was the date of our Spring Work Shop, held at Center for Christian Renewal and conducted by Wesley Smith. The theme was "Forming a Jesusonian Approach to Racial Evolution." Tom Allen and Barbara Hester helped with music and we bid farewell to our dear friend Waldine Stump, who moved to Florida. The Work Shop was attended by about 50 people. We had several out of State guests and we hope to eventually have a pamphlet to share. Meredith Sprunger and Larry Mullin's description of The URANTIA Book, as presented in Multi-Media form, were both well accepted.

Tom Allen, Harry McMullan and I attended the Allenberry, PA conference May 11-13, 1984. Harry and I gave talks and we shared our Multi-Media - "Men of Clay - Children of Fire." About 80 attended and it was a great Conference.

May 18-20, 1984, Harry, Tom and I attended the regional West Palm Beach,

Florida Conference. Harry gave a talk and we showed our two short Multi-Medias, describing The URANTIA Book. Another great Conference!

Two members continue to minister to inmates at the prison in El Reno each Sunday. Only time will tell how profitable this outreach ministry will be.

Certainly our Father gives us plenty of opportunities to serve - and to do His will.

Sincerely,

Berkeley Elliott

Field Representative

ANNUAL REPORT TO URANTIA BROTHERHOOD GENERAL COUNCIL 1983-1984

This report is prepared to serve in fulfilling the purposes and goals as set forth by the Executive Committee of The URANTIA Brotherhood for activities of the Field Representatives. Detailed reports have been submitted through the year:

Help was given to San Fernando Valley Study Group in preparing to become a Society. Correspondence and consultations were provided up through the time of installation. We welcome another Society in this area and the two Societies have been cooperating and working together.

A special study on World Literacy is on-going. The latest census report shows that, of the world's current population of 4.7 billion, 2.2 billion are illiterate. This fact presents us with an extraordinary challenge as we "...(go) into all the world telling this good news to all creatures of every race, tribe and nation". (2054)

The Media and the Message Conference was held on September 3-4, 1983, in Culver City. Many people contributed to the success of this event which was led by Roxy Allesandro.

Visitors from other lands who we have much enjoyed include: Isireli and Martha Racule from Fiji; Emmanuel and Janette Lou from Tahiti have visited several times, recently on their way home from a 2-week visit with Jacques Dupont of Paris; David and Odile Fagu of Tahiti; and other travelers from Australia, New Zealand and France.

At the Annual Labor Day Conference in Anaheim, California, a slide talk of the early days of the URANTIA movement was presented and videotaped. Approximately 100 attended in the home of Marlene and Pierre Chicoine.

Contributions to the arts inspired by The URANTIA Book are encouraged, both through original contributions and the combined effort of teamwork. Distribution by request seems the best way of sharing the fruits of such inspiration. One current example is the song, "Faithfully, I Believe", introduced at the Santa Barbara Conference. Sandy Garrick composed the music to lyrics adapted from an original piece by Julia Fenderson, and soloist Cathy Jones sang beautifully.

Work for the upcoming Wisconsin Conference continues, as resource materials (gathered and cataloged here for the past 28 years) are being provided on a variety of topics to FUSLA and others. FUSLA is responsible for a session of the conference on Marriage and Family, a favorite topic of mine.

Correspondence and filling orders for materials goes on continually to individuals and groups around the country and around the world. Charles Arterburn helps with this service as does Jeff Cutler who duplicates materials for distribution on request. Research is on-going here for 3 projects by Charles and me. The results would be available for the use of others subject to the approval of the Foundation:

- 1. World Literacy
- 2. The Good News of The URANTIA Book
- 3. Visiting the Sick and Afflicted

Respectfully presented,

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Julia K. Fenderson, Field Representative

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Richard F. Prince, M.D. 1655 Los Altos Road San Diego, Ca. 92109

June 26, 1984

Executive Committee URANTIA Brotherhood 533 Diversey Parkway Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Friends:

My activities over the past 12 months can be divided into three categorieswhich are local, long distance, and translation efforts.

Local activities are the usual sorts of answering letters, phone calls, etc. which we all do. No dramatic study group growth has occurred in the area, but the ones here continue to be consistent. I have also continued to maintain contact with readers in Tijuana, Mexico, which is only 20 miles from my home. Interest there continues to grow.

I continue to support and correspond with groups in India and Colombia, though have been to neither country in the last year. In India Mr. Chouhan now has over 60 books, and has also received some funds from me to buy some essential supplies to further his work. He seems to be creating a very solid base there and I believe he deserves all the support we can give him.

In Colombia things continue to go well. There are two study groups in Bogota which meet consistently with readers who have been coming for years. Additionally, there has been a recent upsurge in new readers. They have exhausted their supply of books and are in the process of receiving 18 more to keep up with the demand they anticipate.

In most of the capital cities of South America Douglas Fraser has one or more persons interested in receiving the book when it appears in Spanish. He has been able to nurture these contacts while on his frequent business trips there. I predict growth of readership will be very rapid once the book appears.

Finally, with respect to translations, I have been active in the selection process. I continue to feel very confident of the quality of the translation Euramerica will produce. Recently, while talking to their president, he told me of a man who walked into their office and applied for a job. They had not advertised, and the president was surprised to see him there. Nonetheless, they gave him a page of The URANTIA Book to translate, as he was applying for a position as spanish translator.

The vice-president in charge of their romance languages group called the president excitedly after the applicant had finished and told him that "his translation is a work of art. We must hire him. " Turns out this person has a Doctorate of Theology from Havana University, and arrived in the Euramerica offices unsolicited, by apparent chance.

My best to each of you this summer. I regret that family obligations and demands of my work schedule will preclude my being with you in Green Lake.

Sincerely,

Dick

JUNI 1989 Chimin May 29, 1984 To: Executive Committee From: Helena Sprague Re.: Field Representative's Report Contacts with readers in the northern tier of New England have resulted in their initiative to come together at a weekend camping conference at Squam Lake, NH on June 23-24. They have confined their mailing list, about 100 names, to ME, NH, VT to keep the group small enough for them to get to know each other. Several in these three states have expressed interest in helping with the 1987 conference. There is now available in the northeast a pen pal for those unable to get to meetings and wanting a correspondent; also a member of AA has offered her name to correspond with other AA's who study the teachings. Several contacts with prisoners have recently developed. The Connecticut Society is starting a process of review and evaluation of its goals and purposes; this will extend over a period of several months. Currently the most active library placement effort is on Cape Cod, coordinated by Jack Schmedes. A recent count shows that 136 books are known to have been placed in libraries in the six New England states since 1956. Study groups continue to form and disband; the number has remained constant. So-called "Homework Groups" are functioning in the areas of New York City, Hartford and suburban Boston. These meet less often than local study groups, are designed for established URANTIA Book students and assume participants will do homework. Programs are usually topical.

To: Officers, Executive Committee and General Council, URANTIA Brotherhood.

Subject: Field Representative's Report.

From: J.C.Mills

Date: June 20, 1984.

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Since my reappointment is so recent, and the work on my dissertation occupying most of my time, little of official import can be included in his report.

During the past year, mostly in unofficial capacity, I have visited the Tampa-St.Petersburg and Savannah, Ga. groups, served as advisor for Harmony, the Atlanta area Newsletter, and have been unofficial advisor for the Tallahassee study group. The latter group is showing considerable progress under the leadership of David and Paula Henne of Tallahassee, who are indeed dedicated workers. Two years ago they began a disciplined study of the URANTIA Book, their progress has been steady and individual progress is quite good.

Some members of this group have recently convinced themselves that they have direct advice from their guardian angels but have decided that the communications are personal and so far have resisted the temptation to break into print with this astounding news. In fact, they have even avoided discussing the event as a matter of group interest.

After my academic work winds up early this Fall I will hopefully be able to devote more time and effort to to the work of Field Representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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James C. Mills.

JOINT CUSTODIANS' BOOK REPORT FOR 1983

Custodians of The URANTIA Book and Le Livre d'URANTIA, functioning jointly for URANTIA Foundation, URANTIA Brotherhood Corporation, and Amadon Corporation, submit the following:

TO:

GENERAL COUNCIL

CC:

URANTIA FOUNDATION

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION

AMADON CORPORATION

The URANTIA Book - English Edition

1983	January 1			
	Balance in inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway	439		2012
	Received from R.R. Donnelley during 1983	7,000		7,439
	Defective & damaged books received and			
	returned to inventory	1		
	Books returned for credit and/or refund			
	and returned to inventory	71		
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	Books recovered from Dead Mail Section	_3		76
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	Defective books returned to Donnelley for credit	0		
	Lost and damaged books replaced	19		
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Helen Carles

JOINT CUSTODIANS

Prepared by R. June Moritz and Dawn V. Mallozzi for the Joint Custodians, July 1984.