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URANTIA BROTHERHOOD GENERAL COUNCIL  
TRIENNIAL MEETING JUNE 29, 1985

REPORTS OF

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE TRIENNIAL  
MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, JUNE 29, 1985

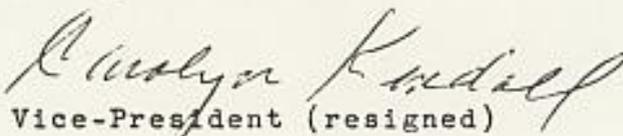
During the 1984-85 Brotherhood year the vice-president engaged in the following activities:

1. Coordinated URANTIA Brotherhood General Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin.
2. Wrote first drafts of Bulletin newsletters.
3. Represented officers at Clyde Bedell's memorial service.
4. Assisted president and secretary-general with correspondence and office overflow.

Between 1982 and 1984 she worked on these projects:

1. Synthesized marketing studies prepared by Special Projects and Domestic Extension Committees.
2. Coordinated dust jacket revision.
3. Coordinated (first) long-range planning proposal.
4. Coordinated preparation of paper, Dissemination of The URANTIA Book and Statement on Publicity.
5. Represented Brotherhood at regional conference presented Updates, wrote reports.

Carolyn B. Kendall

  
Vice-President (resigned)

Annual Report of the  
Secretary of URANTIA Brotherhood  
to General Council  
June, 1985

Since the work assignments of Secretary tend to be of a routine nature Annual Report time each year poses a problem of what to say.

Executive Committee meetings during the year are held at regular intervals and call for "reminder" letters in advance and minutes taken during the meetings. General Council meetings, TDA, yearly census, election letters, and many things not listed here provide a variety of duties and record keeping.

It was my pleasure, last November, to be in the Atlanta, Georgia area on a weekend when a study group meeting was being held. Although I was not there in the capacity of Secretary I attended the meeting and met a new group of URANTIA readers and friends. An informal report of my visit was made at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Don't let the above recitation of duties lull you into thinking the position is a dull one. Anyone who really loves URANTIA Brotherhood and its activities and purpose can't help but be thrilled just to be a part of it all. There can be no greater honor than to serve in any way possible.

*Katharine J. Harries*  
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Secretary, URANTIA Brotherhood

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF  
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD AND URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION  
TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

June 29, 1985

Attached are the financial statements of URANTIA Brotherhood Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1984, which have been audited by Arthur Andersen & Company.

Gloriann Harris  
Treasurer

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION

Balance Sheet  
December 31, 1984

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash		\$ 13,104	
Miscellaneous receivables		6,360	
Inventory		5,073	
Prepaid Expenses		3,462	
Commercial paper and marketable securities		<u>337,437</u>	\$365,436

<u>Office Equipment, at cost</u>	\$38,303		
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>21,910</u>		<u>16,393</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$381,829

LIABILITIES & NET WORTH

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable		\$ 1,565	
Due URANTIA Foundation		11,253	
Due Amadon Corporation		1,700	
Payroll taxes payable		1,529	
Accrued expense		6,750	
Deferred income		9,281	
Reserve for TDA		400	
Reserve for gift books		<u>2,992</u>	\$ 35,470

Net Worth

Treasury reserve, December 31, 1983	\$319,094		
Net income for the year ending December 31, 1984	23,502		
Increase in board-designated gift book funds	<u>3,763</u>		<u>346,359</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH \$381,829

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URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION

Comparative Statement of Revenues and Expenses  
For the Years Ended December 31, 1984 & 1983

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
Commissions earned - URANTIA Foundation	\$ 31,118	\$ 37,643
Contributions for expenses	90,142	103,677
Tithes from URANTIA Societies	3,616	1,439
Charter Application Fees	-----	200
Sale of Concordex	2,292	4,320
Subscriptions to URANTIAN Journal	3,599	4,145
Sale of Emblems	24 3/4	189
Sale of Artist's Conception Master Universe	1,713	1,387
Sale of Carrying Covers & Study Group Directories	490 2/3	505
Interest earned	32,008	26,708
Workshop Registration Fees	<u>7,037</u>	<u>4,274</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$172,099</u>	<u>\$184,487</u>
 <u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
Rent	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Telephone	1,968	1,997
Postage & Handling	5,677	8,021
Office Supplies and Expenses	4,793	3,004
Committee Expense	18,058	5,560
Workshop Expense	3,858	3,276
Travel Expense	3,075	4,128
Audit Expense	4,450	4,150
Accounting Services	11,066	10,257
Accumulated Expense for Triennial Delegate Assembly	200	200
Office Salaries	62,199	54,323
Social Security Taxes	4,344	3,640
Employee Insurance Expense	7,664	11,252
Depreciation Expense	4,747	3,884
Maintenance Contracts	2,324	2,118
General Insurance	1,078	488
URANTIAN Journal Expense	2,720	3,725
Retirement Pay	1,320	1,200
Concordex Cost of Sales	1,408	2,890
Emblems Cost of Sales	320	184
Carrying Covers Cost of Sales	64	224
Master Universe Cost of Sales	739	609
Interest Expense	---	(130)
Board Increases to Gift Book Funds	389	3,089
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>136</u>	<u>389</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$148,597</u>	<u>\$134,478</u>
TRANSFERRED TO TREASURY RESERVE	<u>\$ 23,502</u>	<u>\$ 50,009</u>

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REPORT OF SECRETARY-GENERAL  
TO  
TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY JUNE 23 AND GENERAL COUNCIL JUNE 29, 1985

Each year the work of this office increases a little, as we are growing slowly but surely. Most 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 Study Aids for Part IV and the Concordex, which we hope to be selling again in August. Some of the work, including the mailing list, is now being put on the computer, which takes it out of my hands.

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, thus putting readers in touch with each other. The second category of letters is how to get the book and other material about the book and the organizations.

No new societies have been chartered this year. The total now stands at 14. As of December 31, 1984, there were 741 society members and 213 members-at-large - a total of 954. Thirty-one of the members-at-large are international.

We have four paid employees (two full-time, one part-time, and one retired). They are John Hales, June Fain, 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 volunteers who help occasionally in getting out large mailings, such as the Bulletin and solicitation letters.

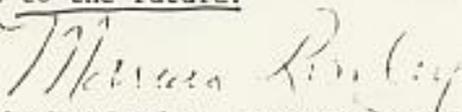
The mailing list increases steadily and now numbers about 4,025, up about 175 from last year. The subscription slip for the Journal which was enclosed with the Spring Bulletin brought in a large number of new subscriptions, but it also brought about 150 renewals from people who already had paid-up subscriptions. In those cases, we simply extended the subscriptions. Almost all were for 3 years so a lot of people are paid up to 1988, 1989, and one even goes to 1990. The figure now stands at about 700 subscriptions.

As you know, a solicitation letter was sent out November 19, 1984, by the Finance Committee for operating expenses for 1985. A report was made and presented to the Executive Committee as of March 31 showing responses. Following is a brief summary of the results:

98	(13%) of society members pledged	\$43,743
44	(21) of members-at-large pledged	12,750
	Total members	\$56,493
367	(12%) of nonmembers pledged	39,873
	Total pledged	\$96,366

All figures were down from last year - both the number pledging and the amount pledged. The total was divided, giving 53% to the Brotherhood and 47% to the Foundation. Last year the two were exactly even. The Brotherhood figure of \$50,973 amounts to only 32% of our 1985 budget, which was also less than last year. A follow-up letter was sent May 22, 1984, and returns are now coming in as a result of that.

This has been a stressful year for several reasons, but we have managed to survive, as always - and look forward to the future!

  
Marian Rowley, Secretary-General



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REPORT of the JUDICIAL COMMITTEE  
to  
The TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY  
and  
The GENERAL COUNCIL  
June, 1985

1984-1985 has been a quiet year for the Judicial Committee. It drafted the wording for a proposed amendment to the Constitution as requested by the Domestic Extension Committee, however the matter has been tabled pending a study of the functions of four committees (Charter, Fraternal Relations, Domestic Extension and International Fellowship) and consideration of a possible re-alignment of functions of these committees.

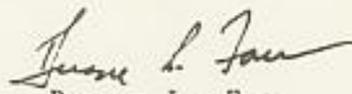
The Judicial Committee also drafted a proposed amendment to the By-Laws of URANTIA Brotherhood which is being submitted to the General Council at this meeting. The proposed changes involve the following matters: a) the development and adoption of an agenda for each meeting of the General Council; b) the adoption of Roberts Rules of Order as the procedural guide for all meetings of the General Council; c) rules concerning the handling of petitions to the General Council; and d) a more appropriate procedure by which to determine whether or not to remove a General Councilor. A rationale for the proposed amendment has been submitted to each General Councilor and is available to members of the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

A proposed draft of a Charter for a Society to be known as The Northern Lights URANTIA Society of Alaska has been examined to assure that there is no conflict between it and URANTIA Brotherhood constitution.

The Judicial Committee had one face-to-face meeting during the year. The business of the Committee has been carried on primarily through correspondence and by telephone.

My term as Chairman expires at the General Council meeting. It has been my pleasure to serve six years in that capacity with perfect cooperation from all members of the Committee. I extend heartfelt thanks to Ellen Montgomery, Larry Posner, Helena Sprague, Scott Forsythe, Phil Rolnick and Marian T. Rowley (ex officio member) for their prompt responses, their whole-hearted cooperation and for their wise counsel during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Duane L. Faw  
Chairman

TO: GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD May 18, 1985  
FROM: DAVID ELDERS, CHAIRMAN---CHARTER COMMITTEE *DE*  
SUBJ: TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR PERIOD JUNE 1982-JUNE 1985

On a committee which basically is responsive to the needs of groups interested in becoming Societies in URANTIA Brotherhood, and which does not initiate activity in its own right, the members of the Charter Committee have worked hard during the last several years accomplishing the following:

1. In October, 1983 Charter Number 16 was given to URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley.

2. As the result of a questionnaire and workshop on membership sponsored by the Charter Committee during the summer of 1982, a membership pamphlet has been drawn up and is in the process of final typesetting prior to printing. This pamphlet, entitled "The Meaning of Membership," is designed to provide a context in which those persons interested in joining URANTIA Brotherhood may consider and be certain of their decision.

3. The General Council this past meeting (1984), considered and affirmatively voted on a Constitutional Amendment put forth by the Charter Committee requiring that all members of the General Council and all delegates to the Triennial Delegate Assembly shall have read The URANTIA Book in its entirety at least once.

4. The Charter Committee received the formal application for Society status from a dedicated group of students in Alaska in May, 1984. Our schedule calls for completion of the final version of their constitution, presentation of our Committee's recommendation to the Executive Committee this June, 1985, with the chartering of this group in late August or early September this year. Once chartered, this group will adopt the name: Northern Light URANTIA Society of Alaska (or some version thereof).

5. We have responded to requests for information on society formation from: Pittsburgh, PA, Pueblo, CO, Muscatine, IA, San Francisco, CA (a second interested group), Santa Cruz, CA, Columbus, OH, Murfreesboro, TN, Bothell, WA, Belgium, Phoenix, AZ, Victoria, Australia, and, Magog, Canada.

6. After discussion with Lew and Alice Clark of the Wenatchee Society on ways to broaden their constitution to enlarge the active reach of their work, we have just received their revised, amended constitution. While as of this date the Charter Committee has not had the opportunity to review it in committee, we fully expect, based upon our open dialogue with the Clarks, that it will be a carefully considered and crafted document.

Our committee thanks the members of the General Council for the opportunity to be of some small service to our work together.

Avi Dogim, David Elders, Lucile Faw, Mary Lou Hales, David Renn, Irene Sprunger, and, of course, Marian Rowley.

Respectfully submitted by David Elders, for the Charter Committee.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN  
FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MAY 1985

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize, on behalf of the entire Committee, the contributions of our previous Chairman, Dr. Meredith Sprunger, who resigned from the Chairmanship last Fall and retires from the Committee this Summer. This retirement concludes the process by which Meredith has gradually disassociated himself from formal organizational responsibilities within URANTIA Brotherhood, to be free to pursue his personal initiatives in dissemination of and ministry through The URANTIA Book.

Throughout his long and illustrious association with URANTIA Brotherhood, Meredith has been recognized for his frank and honest opinions on the changing issues of the day, for his unique and insightful commentary on the relation of the Book to contemporary "mainstream" Christianity, and for his excellent and timely theological commentary on matters Urantian. A dedicated supporter of group action beyond mere group debate, Meredith sensitized a generation of readers to the concept of "outreach" in its many forms and manifestations.

We have all been enriched by our friendship with this man and by his years of unselfish service to URANTIA Brotherhood.

Almost twenty-two years ago a debate began within the Fraternal Relations Committee. The opposing sides of this debate have polarized the thinking of the Committee and the Brotherhood to the present day. The essence of this debate is the manner in which the Brotherhood can best satisfy two apparently conflicting purposes.

One purpose derives from the Constitutional charge to the Fraternal Relations Committee. This purpose is to establish a relationship of good will between URANTIA Brotherhood and religious groups throughout the world. Many sincere readers of the Book have urged that this purpose be addressed by aggressive, direct, and even official contact between URANTIA Brotherhood and the leadership of such religious groups.

The other purpose derives from the realization of the limited degree of acceptance which The URANTIA Book can receive at this time from most leaders of most organized religions, as buttressed by years of personal experience by many readers and by the traditional authority of the Contact Commission. This purpose is to protect the Book from extensive uninformed criticism, that it may be received by as many new readers as possible as a fresh experience, uncontaminated by the authoritarian pronouncements of unsympathetic commentators. Some sincere readers of the Book have urged that this purpose be addressed by avoiding contact with existing religious groups.

For many years the Fraternal Relations Committee has sought a middle way in this debate, satisfying neither extreme, but accumulating experience which can now support the unification of these divergent purposes.

Under the Chairmanship of Jim Mills, the Committee first initiated the idea of helping URANTIA Societies to establish Speakers Bureaus, to provide local religious groups with access to informed and prepared discussants of the Book.

Under the Chairmanship of Carolyn Kendall, the Committee gradually evolved a program of presenting to the readership, at general and regional conferences and workshops, commentaries on the belief systems of world religions, on their relationship to the concepts of The URANTIA Book, and on the overall commonality of their concepts of final value.

Under the Chairmanship of Meredith Sprunger, the Committee began to serve readers as an interface between URANTIA Brotherhood and associations which they formed to engage in "outreach" activities, encompassing dissemination of the teachings of Jesus, as presented in the Book, and the teachings of the Book in general.

The common theme which unites all these activities is one of service to the readership by helping readers to bridge the gaps of understanding or authority which separate them from fellow religionists of differing beliefs and social customs. Over the past 18 months, as the Committee has sought to clarify its purpose and mission, the primacy and practicality of service to the readership has emerged as a key feature of our activities.

We now have before us the challenge of determining how best to serve.

In the final analysis, relationships of trust and good will between organizations are simply the sum and substance of the trust and good will which exists between the members of the organizations. Trust and good will between organizations is not created by joint executive fiat, but is earned as the individual members of the organizations learn to love and to trust one another.

The task of the Fraternal Relations Committee is to assist, in any way possible, in the formation of these relationships of trust and good will. By emphasizing this role for the Committee, we make it possible to begin active outreach at a level which is practical for the readership and which will not challenge the established religious authorities of our day.

The Fraternal Relations Committee will develop and sponsor activities designed to assist the readership in discovering and living the fraternal ideal, to help the readership in extending bonds of fraternity to their fellow non-readers, and to unify the readership in purposeful, personal service to God and man.

The Committee is currently considering how best to develop an educational forum to support exploration of the fraternal ideal and its effective relationship to the overall purpose of URANTIA Brotherhood. Such a forum would reach as much as possible of the active readership, would involve these readers in creation and direction of activities of direct interest to themselves, and would enhance communications between the central organization in Chicago and the readership.

While this program could be conducted through the traditional mechanism provided by General Conferences and Intensive Study Sessions, it may be more appropriate and effective to work through regional conferences, local URANTIA Societies, and larger study groups. The principal advantages of a decentralized approach are the ability to

involve a broader class of readers and to allow specialization to accommodate local themes, priorities, and attitudes.

The past year has been a time of searching reevaluation and reconsideration for the Fraternal Relations Committee. We now see emerging a coherent guiding purpose for our work. We pray for the wisdom and humility to receive and to accept those spiritual insights which can unify us for effective service to URANTIA Brotherhood and the worldwide readership of The URANTIA Book.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Massey  
Temporary Chairman

1985 Annual Report of the  
Domestic Extension Committee

During the preceding year, the committee has worked in three areas:

1) The Library Gift Book Program. At the time of last year's report, 425 books had been distributed; the count is now 526 books. 142 volunteers are helping with this project. We have somewhat depleted our pool of willing volunteers, in that most of them have already placed books in the libraries near them, and we have therefore purchased a mailing list of 3,000+ libraries and will be sending each of them an offer of the book. The letter is prepared and ready to go out as soon as 8th Printing books are available to enable us to respond to acceptances. I wish to particularly thank Tom Allen for his work as coordinator of this project.

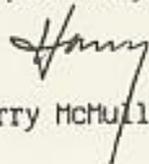
2) The Study Group Fellowship. The First Edition of the Directory became available subsequent to last year's report and contains 237 groups and comprising 1,095 members. We intend to update the Directory before the end of the year. We have received considerable appreciative response on the Directory from members in the more isolated areas.

3) Name change. As previously reported, for years our committee has felt its name to be parochial, and specifically that the word "Domestic" incorrectly implies the Brotherhood to be a U.S. rather than an international organization. At its meeting last summer, the committee voted to change its name to the "Extension Committee" as an interim step prior to a needed realignment of function with International Fellowship, so that both committees would operate internationally - Extension in "extending" out to new readers and Fellowship in "fellow-shipping" existing readers. The Executive Committee is moving ahead on this matter and will doubtless report in due season.

As a thought for the future, I hope that our committee will be able to develop a study program for new study groups, to emphasize personal spiritual growth based on the insights of *The URANTIA Book*, perhaps similar to Alcoholics Anonymous' "12 Steps." If well done, this could give beginning groups a place to start, and a feeling of direction in their study, to carry them through to the point at which they are able to chart their own course. Part of this should be a well-developed program of getting new readers through personally introducing others to the book. Any thoughts?

I wish to thank our members David Kulieke, CeCe Forrester, Mary Schlueter, Tom Allen and Waldine Stump for their work during the past year. We all appreciate the opportunity we have been given to help serve the Brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,



Harry McMillan, Chairman

REPORT FOR YEAR AUGUST 12, 1984 TO JUNE 29, 1985  
International Fellowship Committee

The International Fellowship Committee participated in the General Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin for the week of August 11-17, 1984. We had two panels - one directed by Martin Peng who asked the participants answers to the group of questions prepared by the Montreal, Canada group. The other panel was directed by Mary Snider. Geri Johnson from Saudi Arabia told of the people, their religion and customs. Ralph and Betty Zehr - who had lived in Africa for 3 years - shared some slides and told of their experiences in that Country. Avi and Lila Dogim - one born in Israel and the other in Russia, shared some of their knowledge and answered many questions. Deborah Foster ended the too-short meeting with a touching true story. We surely have lots to learn about the people of this planet! Andre des Bois-Francis was our International speaker at the Conference.

John Hales and I flew to Paris, France September 18-25, 1984 and stayed at the home of Jacques DuPont. We met with approximately 30 readers of The URANTIA Book and had some great discussions. We hope communications were improved and we feel confident loving fellowship was enjoyed. Bob and Adele Plamondon were visiting from Montreal and they were a great help with translating. Henry and Balk Beggemann came from the Netherlands; Fernand De Vinck from Belgium; Gene Royer from southern France; and Nigel Hornby, from Sweden, in addition to local people.

Final checking is now being done on the five brochures in French and Spanish. Three will be done in Mexico - in Spanish - and the French will be done in Chicago. The 2 owned by the Foundation will be done in Chicago, in both Spanish and French. Hopefully these will be available sometime this year.

The "Selection Committee" - Douglas Fraser, Richard Prince and Martin Myers - selected the translating company to translate The URANTIA Book into Spanish and the Andite Corporation was formed as a subsidiary of URANTIA Foundation. The Finance Committee of the URANTIA Brotherhood has raised the funds necessary for the printing and final plans for the translation should be worked out in the near future.

The International Fellowship Committee met in Los Angeles February 15-18, 1985 at the Sheraton Plaza La Reina Hotel. Ronald Louie from Vancouver, B.C.; Martin Peng from Oak Ridge, TN; John Hales, President of URANTIA Brotherhood; John Hay, Carol Setters, Cheryl Prince, Paul Snider; Francyl Gawryn and Marian Rowley, as well as 5-members of our Committee (Richard Prince, Mary Snider, Julia Fenderson, Marvin Gawryn and I) were present. In less than a month after mailing 1400 letters to multi-lingual university libraries around the world, we had received 9 requests for URANTIA Books for their libraries. We have now received about 30 requests. We are very excited about this. We discussed the possibilities of an "eastern" translation, possibly Chinese, and did some work on "guidelines" which we hope to complete and share with interested International groups in the future. The letter to libraries is now being translated into French so we might offer the French Translation to French-speaking Countries. After 2 days of meetings we were hosted to a dinner

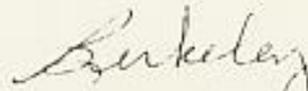
party at Dorothy Elder's home by the 2 URANTIA Societies in the Los Angeles area. It was great seeing and visiting with everyone.

May 11, 1985 - Twenty happy URANTIA Book readers will leave for Paris. We will meet with and have dinner with readers in that area, before leaving for Florence, Rome, Israel and Egypt. A girl from Finland will join us for 3 days in Israel, which will be exciting. Actually, we have friends joining us in Paris, in Rome, in Israel, and in Egypt.

I want to express deep appreciation to Martin Myers, former Chairman of this Committee; Marian Rowley and John Hales, from headquarters; my Committee members; and the entire Executive Committee for their willing and much needed assistance this past year.

Sincerely,

International Fellowship Committee



Berkeley Elliott, Chairman

Report  
of  
Education Committee  
to  
General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood  
August, 1984 to June, 1985

This year the Education Committee has been pleased to engage in the following activities:

- 1 - In cooperation with many other individuals and arms of URANTIA Brotherhood, we participated in the preparation for and realization of the General Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, by organizing the morning study sessions, and we wish to express our deep appreciation to all those who contributed to their success.
- 2 - With the valuable in-put of many teacher/leaders, we have created a set of guidelines for small study group facilitators to be available upon request and for all who participate in Education Committee Seminars in such capacity.
- 3 - In the preparation stage now is a questionnaire, the completion of which will enable the committee to function more efficiently and purposefully in both short-range and long-range projects. We are moving carefully in the formation of said questionnaire, working under the guidance of an expert in research fact-gathering, in order to maximize number, quality, and usefulness of response.
- 4 - We have planned a four-year (with a break for the General Conference year still under discussion), sequential study of The URANTIA Book for the Education Committee Intensive Study Seminars, addressing Part 1 in June, 1985 at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois. Many of our efforts this past year have been directed toward carrying out the first stage of this plan. We are genuinely pleased by the generosity of those who have responded, volunteering their time, effort, and talent to the realization of the Seminar.
- 5 - We have invited several individuals from various parts of the country to work with us in the preparation of the afore-mentioned Seminars; these persons will constitute a special task-force for a three-year period and will be followed, in turn, by others. In this endeavor, the committee hopes to take advantage of the valuable resources to be found throughout the readership of The URANTIA Book.

On behalf of the members of the committee--Helen Carlson, Stephen Dreier, Marilyn Hauck, Joyce Henrion, and Marjorie Reed--, I wish to thank the Council most warmly for the opportunity, privilege, and constant challenge of serving in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lynne B. Kulleke*  
Lynne B. Kulleke, Chairman

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - Barbara Kulieke

NOT RECEIVED

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL  
June 29, 1985

During the past year the Finance Committee held one official meeting. The following is an update:

BUDGET

Goal: To prepare and monitor the annual budget.

Objective: To assist committee chairmen in the preparation of their annual budgets. To keep each chairman informed quarterly of budget/actual expenses 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 1984 was \$159,070 and the actual expense was \$132,061 which reflects a decrease over budget of 17%. Expenses remained well within the 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 19, 1984 and May 21, 1985.

SPANISH TRANSLATION

Goal: To assist the Foundation in a Spanish Translation campaign.

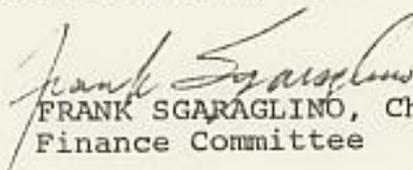
Objective: To direct and co-ordinate a Fund Drive to raise \$350,000 for the translation and printing of the Urantia Book in Spanish.

Update: As of April 30, 1985 we have received \$213,652.81 with an additional \$135,393.15 pledged for a total of \$349,045.96 which is \$954.04 short of our goal. We are confident that we will reach our goal.

FINANCIAL DATA

	12/31/84 <u>Actual</u>	12/31/83 <u>Actual</u>
Expenses	\$148,597	\$134,478
Contributions	90,142	103,677
Cash Reserves	350,541	332,450

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

  
FRANK SGARAGLINO, Chairman  
Finance Committee

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE  
1985 REPORT

This past year the Committee has been actively involved in two primary projects. The first relates to the selection of a site for the 1987 General Conference. Thanks to the patient and diligent leg-work done by the Connecticut Society, the Executive Committee has provisionally accepted Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, as meeting our criteria. We now only need to agree upon contractual language to finalize the decision. Special recognition should be given to Allison Gardner for all her work in heading a local ad hoc committee which has successfully uncovered an excellent location.

The second project involves working on the logistical aspects of the 1985 workshops to be held this summer at the Lake Forest College. Marilyn Kulieke has been delegated the task of coordinating some of the planning and is presently working with the Education Committee and the office staff to make this summer's event a successful one.

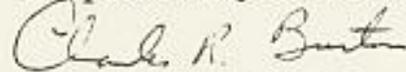
In a meeting this spring Bill Hazen has proposed the preparation of a needs-assessment questionnaire to be used to gather a variety of information from our members. This will be brought up for discussion at the meeting of the Executive Committee, following the General Council meeting.

Carol Forsythe, at the last meeting, proposed that the committee sponsor a special interest workshop at the 1987 Conference. This workshop would deal specifically with the subject of conference planning and organization. This will be further discussed and a proposal presented later in the year.

Finally, it is the desire of the Committee to broaden the scope of its projects, planning and participation. With this in mind, we have decided to arrange a one-day meeting later this fall to brainstorm ways in which we can accomplish these goals. Each member of the Committee is assigned the task of choosing another person to attend this one-day session in either October or November. If anyone has any ideas regarding our fall meeting, please feel free to share them with me or any other member of the Special Projects Committee.

I would like to thank all the members of the Special Projects Committee for their service and participation.

Respectfully submitted,



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FIELD-REPRESENTATIVE REPORT HENRY BEGEMANN. 1984/1985

NETHERLANDS. We are very grateful for growth here, qualitatively and quantitatively. Our studygroups meet once in two weeks and are very stable and meet regularly. The groups are rather small, about 6 or 8 people, also because we are used to sit around one table, with the books on the table, but another reason is that the capacity for intensive study is greater in a small group than in a big one. Besides, friendship and brotherhood, which should grow equally, are easier to realize in a small group.

There are seven groups meeting in The Hague and Wassenaar (a suburb in reality of The Hague). One of these groups comes from Amsterdam and meets there also. One group is under the leadership of a lady who herself is a member of two other groups here.

There are some other readers in other parts of Holland, who do not yet have their own studygroups.

FRANCE. Jacques Dupont reported about his periodical "Lettres", which is still going and in which he tries to foster the spiritual unity in our movement and advocates the copyright. He complains however about being rather isolated from many groups that keep more to Jacques Weiss and André Hiesse. But he is in contact with several French speaking people in Switzerland, which is a very good thing. We consider visiting Switzerland together this summer. His own group is going on regularly and there are a couple of groups in his neighborhood.

BELGIUM. Fernand de Vinck reported that the situation in Belgium is unchanged, his own group going on steadfastly. The attempt to form another group in the south of Belgium has not succeeded so far.

ENGLAND. The one regular group has become inactive, mainly because Nigel Hornby has moved to Norway. Another couple has moved to the west of England. It is remarkable that in the one country of Europe where there is no language barrier for our book, it proves to be so difficult to form studygroups. Another person is trying now, but I doubt if he is the right person for this.

NORWAY. Nigel Hornby reported that after much effort there is now a small, but apparently good group regularly studying together. Nigel has made a trip to Finland and was amazed about the activity there and the number of readers. There was a translation into Finnish already, but apparently not good enough, as it is revised now. The man who does the main work is won for the book and qualified for translation.

I regret not having the time to travel more, but my URANTIA work here occupies all of my time. Three studygroups and two translation groups attending every week, plus the work annex with it, limits my travelling. But the work is not in the least a sacrifice, to the contrary. Bauk and I regard ourselves as very privileged persons and we daily thank our Father for being given this opportunity to work in his vineyard.

May 7, 1985

Henry

REPORT OF FIELD REPRESENTATIVE - Lewis A Clark

NOT RECEIVED

A new study group has formed in Holmdel, N.J., and is meeting regularly on a biweekly basis. Otherwise, there has been little substantial change in New York Metropolitan area study group activity. The two Manhattan groups which formed last year continue to function on a weekly schedule. One of these groups has volunteered to coordinate a regional meeting in November, 1985, and arrangements are already well along.

At the time I was appointed as a Field Representative there were few active readers of The URANTIA Book in this area. Virtually all contact activities from and to headquarters were handled directly by me. There are now many willing and experienced URANTIA Book students here, almost all of whom are routinely involved with referral and study group matters. Much of this work requires extensive personal interaction, somewhat unpredictable, often quite challenging and invariably time intensive. It is a most happy circumstance to have numbers of capable individuals sharing in these activities.

The mechanism by which information flows to and from headquarters has also changed. The presence of a local URANTIA society, along with several General Councilors, has made this function of a Field Representative somewhat redundant here. Several area persons now act as bi-directional channels of communication.

All of this is obviously good. Distribution of this work among many individuals makes it possible to do more, to benefit from variety of interpretation and style, and to provide a base for future continuity which is not available through a single person.

Given these happy circumstances, it seems to me that an official Field Representative is no longer required in this area. This feeling, combined with a personal uneasiness about unnecessary titles, has led me to decide to resign my position as a Field Representative.

Though submitting my resignation as an Field Representative, I should very much like to continue active participation in an untitled capacity, along with all of the other persons of this area who continually make themselves available for these activities.

My decision is based entirely upon local circumstances. In regions where resources are not as extensive as they are here, a Field Representative can be of great help in fostering interest in The URANTIA Book. I would like to see more appointments to this position. The Field Representative function has been a very productive one and ought to be used more than it currently is.

Respectfully submitted,



REPORT FOR YEAR AUGUST 11, 1984 TO JUNE 29, 1985  
Field Representative

June 16-17, 1984 - Tom Allen, Fred Farha and I went to Springdale, Arkansas - to Barry and Barbara Hester's. We visited the cave and attended a get-together with approximately 30 URANTIA Book readers Saturday evening. There are many in this group that have a great grasp of the truths in the Book.

August 11-17, 1984 - Many from Oklahoma attended the General Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Our Society sponsored a program - as well as the Domestic Extension Committee and the International Fellowship Committee. It was a great Conference.

August 21, 1984 - Tom Choquette, from Anchorage, AK was our speaker for this important date and along with Tom was his wife Janna, Deborah Foster and Leanne Flickinger - all from Anchorage. One Hundred Thirty attended - several others from out of the City. We had good music and the attributes of Jesus that the Apostles liked best, personalized by 12 of our members. In addition, we took in 5 new members. Jesus' birthday is special!

September 28-30, 1984 - Tom Allen, Fred Farha, Harry McMullan and I drove to Gravois Mills, MO - The Lake of the Ozarks - to their first Conference. Harry and I gave talks and Tom helped with the music. It was all a result of the encouragement they needed - given by the Domestic Extension Committee - to start a weekly study group several months before, which had grown from 4 to 10 in attendance.

October 19-21, 1984 - was the date of our Regional Forum at the Center for Christian Renewal, on The Fruits of The Spirit. Eleven students personalized the Fruits of The Spirit then conducted work shops, with the help of local students. Gary Dangerfield did a summation and Paul Snider gave a talk on Unity. The music was extra good and it was a great Forum.

November 17, 1984 - Several from Oklahoma City and Tulsa attended the Mrs. Oklahoma contest in which one of our members - Janet Johnson - was a contestant. She won - in every department, as far as we were concerned - but the judges didn't quite agree with us. We all rode a bus from here, so it was a neat trip.

November 21-25, 1984 - Tom Allen and I flew to Asilomar - near Monterey, CA - to a big Conference, put on by the San Francisco Study Group, assisted by Santa Cruz, Peteluma, and other study groups. We went early and spent a couple of days with Lee and Mary Beth Rector. The setting was beautiful on the Pacific and we showed a couple of Multi-Medias - "Pebbles of Truth" and "Potential Enhancement for The World's Great Religions." We flew home Sunday. About 125 attended this Conference.

December 14-17, 1984 - Martin Peng flew in from Oak Ridge, TN to attend our Christmas party at the McMullan's. Jim and Linda McNelly drove down from Neodesha, Kansas and Lafollette and Christina Gray came from Westville, OK. Deborah Foster visited from December 2-7 - and went to school.

January 22, 1985 - Clyde Bedell died while having open-heart surgery. Clyde, as you know, is responsible for our Concordex. Larry Mullins and I flew out to his

Memorial Service at Boulder, CO January 26th. It was a celebration and very touching.

Charles Sadler, son of William S. Sadler, Jr. also died January 24th. He was Professor of History at a college in Macomb, IL.

February 3, 1985 - Wilma L. McManus, one of the Founders of our Society, died in a nursing home after falling and breaking her hip the last of last year. She also suffered several strokes. There was a beautiful service for her in the Westridge Hills Church of God - formerly the Universal Church - which she had originally helped to build for The First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma.

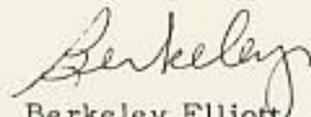
March 8-10, 1985 - Our spring regional Forum was held at Southgate Inn on The Inevitabilities. Nine students personalized these in speeches then led work shops, assisted by local members. Larry Mullins summed them all up in a great speech. The music was extra good and the skit done by Janet and David Johnson was much enjoyed. Sunday morning worship service handled by Barry Hester put the finishing touches to a great weekend. Harry McMullan - in addition to giving a good speech Friday evening, handled the entire program quite well. The weekend was special because so many special people gave so much!

Tom Allen and I attended the wedding of Karen Jackson and Matthew Reynolds (the daughter of Don & Dorothy Jackson). Don and Dorothy flew back from San Francisco (where they now live) for this very unusual and interesting wedding.

and I,  
April 12-14, 1985 - Fred Farha, Tom Allen, David & Janet Johnson drove to Springdale, AR and attended a get-together of the N. W. Arkansas Study Groups. Several readers came from the Parthenon area and many pitched tents Saturday evening and spent the night. We had a good meeting Saturday evening and a lot of music, then on Sunday morning cooked breakfast over a camp fire and had a Study Group meeting. Approximately 30-35 attended, plus many children. This is a growing group. There are about 4 Study Groups that meet weekly - and they made plans for all of the groups to get together at least monthly. Many of them live 3 to 4 hours apart. We love being with this group.

Certainly our Father gives us abundant opportunity to serve!

Sincerely,



Berkeley Elliott  
Field Representative

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE TRIENNIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD  
1984-1985

June 29, 1985

Field Representative

Julia K. Fenderson

Visitors and Calls: One of the important areas of service I am fortunate and delighted to do is responding to URANTIA Book readers from all over who either call or write or visit. Scarcely a day passes that I don't receive three or more calls, which concern everything from the renewal of warm acquaintances made during my travels to study groups and conferences around the country and around the world, to consulting on matters of Brotherhood and Foundation policy. I am humbled, and challenged, when I also get requests for help in solving personal problems or managing life crises. Together we search for answers to their questions and problems in The URANTIA Book and in the files I have collected for more than 30 years. The mail continues to bring a steady stream of requests for study aids, research materials, and the location of study groups. Visitors also continue to find their way to my doorstep for all of the above reasons.

Vern Grimsley and Family of God: In this year of 1984-85 the majority of questions and problems brought to me centered around the significant and complex circumstances at Clayton, California. The Foundation and Brotherhood policy letters of December 2, 1983, and December 15, 1983, respectively, proved of great value in referring others to the fact of non-endorsement by our URANTIA organizations.

There could be no accurate documentation of the confusion, sorrow, distress and economic losses caused by the Vern Grimsley messages. However, as many began to resign from FOG early last spring of 1984, this led the way for further examination and many more resigned later. As time goes on I can now see that the good will outweigh the harm. One evidence of this is that people are now carefully analyzing and checking every episode which might vary from the teachings of The URANTIA Book, and the policies of the Brotherhood and Foundation. In my 45 years of work with the URANTIA Movement I have noted that consistent effort has always been made by the leaders to avoid being connected in any way with occult or psychic phenomena or related cultic groups.

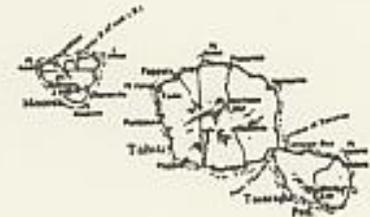
Conferences: I attended the conference at Monterrey, California, organized by CCCSUB, Central Coast Conference of Students of The URANTIA Book, on November 23-25, 1984. I gave the opening address on priorities for the URANTIA Movement as I see them. I am now helping the planning committee and furnishing some of the materials for the conference to be given here in Culver City, on "Preparation for Marriage and Parenthood", August 3-4, 1985.

Readers of the Southwest Pacific: French Polynesia (Tahiti and Moorea), New Zealand, Fiji Islands and Australia have been an area of continuing activity. Emmanuel Lou of Tahiti has been an indefatigable worker for The URANTIA Book activities, for both the French and English editions. He owns commercial plants in Tahiti and New Zealand and distributes his products widely in Australia and Fiji, so he travels there frequently. He speaks several languages, including French, English, Mandarin and several dialects of the Polynesian Islands. I strongly recommend that he be considered for the position of Field Representative for the Southwest Pacific, for five years. Even though he may be doing much of that work anyway, the title means much more in those areas than here and would give him more credibility for extended work there for the URANTIA Movement.

Neil Francey is another dedicated worker for the UB activities but he is confined more to the Melbourne area of Australia. In West Australia, Helen Condon is doing a tremendous service for UB Movement in placing books in libraries. Her reports go in regularly to John Hales' office. She lives and works in a suburb of Perth, Australia. I have continued contacts with the Balingup school and study groups which spawned there and since moved elsewhere.

Trevor Swadling and his wife continue to lead a modest study group in Sydney, on the eastern side of the Australian continent. Verner Verass has just written that he will soon return from Singapore with his wife and child to Sydney to rejoin Trevor's group.

That area of the Southwest Pacific where I have traveled and corresponded extensively, and from where many of my visitors have come, looms greater each year in its importance in the URANTIA Movement. Fred Robinson, a very early pioneer led the way.



SOUTHWEST PACIFIC



Respectfully submitted,

*Julia K. Fenderson*

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May 15, 1985

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Dear Friends:

My activities over the past 12 months can be divided into three categories- which 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 many books. I believe the domestic turmoil of the last year has made his work there more difficult. I saw the same phenomenon in Mexico after the devaluation of the peso. None of us has time for this sort of activity when all our energies are being expended on survival. Sikh unrest continues, and I really don't know what this will mean to Rajan and other dedicated readers there.

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. All the readers there are eagerly awaiting the spanish translation. I will be going to Bogota in July for a week with Cheryl, and hope to be able to work on translated material while there.

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.

I hope to see some of you this weekend when in Chicago at a meeting with Euramerica's representative. Douglas and I hope this will remove the final obstacles to signing a contract and permit work to begin soon. He and I hope to sponsor a Pan American conference shortly after the printing of the translation in spanish, which would likely be in southern Mexico. Amazing possibilities lie beyond the printing of our book in spanish.

My best to each of you

Sincerely,

*Dick*

Richard F. Prince

May 2, 1985

To: Executive Committee  
From: Helena Sprague  
Re.: Field Representative's Report

The potential for library placement was dramatically demonstrated recently by Vin Myers, (Worcester, MA), who travelled 14,000 miles in Canada and several of our northern border states placing 458 copies of The URANTIA Book. He has some techniques he'll gladly share!

The Urantia Society of Central Connecticut has welcomed visitors and several new members from distant towns; their willingness to travel so far is a statement in itself. Hopefully a fall conference at an unusually modest cost will bring many together.

The network of readers in New England is growing slowly. Many of them need each other and enjoy these contacts. Eagerness to share the book repeatedly points to the place for some aids and "in-service" learning, some geared particularly for newcomers, about ways to introduce the book, (and ways to avoid).

While we occasionally "discover" study groups which have been meeting for some time, it appears that the number of active groups remains about the same. Study groups emerge and dissolve for numerous reasons, some unavoidable. The book offers direct, specific and practical tools for one common threat to effectiveness and durability of groups, (ours or any others): people finding it hard to get along with each other. I've heard it asked: "Isn't this what the kingdom, the teachings, Jesus' life are all about?" One of our study groups sets the tone of each meeting with a brief reading, no comment or discussion, relating to one-to-one or one-to-group behavior. Some find that the book can be used as a manual for person-to-person relationships, group dynamics, the nature of leadership and followership.

JOINT CUSTODIANS' BOOK REPORT FOR 1984

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

1984 January 1			
Balance in inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway	891		
Received from R.R. Donnelley during 1984	<u>4,635</u>		5,526
Defective & damaged books received and returned to inventory	20		
Books returned for credit and/or refund and returned to inventory	146		
Books returned for credit - Library Placement Project	2		
Books returned for credit - Gift Book Fund	0		
Books recovered from Dead Mail Section	<u>4</u>		<u>172</u>
			5,698
Defective books returned to Donnelley for credit	5		
Lost and damaged books replaced	23		
Defective books replaced	1		
Lost books - not recovered	0		
To adjust inventory	<u>0</u>	<u>29</u>	
SALES for 1984 from 533 Diversey Parkway	4,304		
GIFTS (Form 10-149, IPC-4, LLP-129, DomEX-0, TC-19, ICOA-1, IFC-IND-4)	306		
Withdrawn by URANTIA Foundation	<u>5</u>	<u>4,615</u>	<u>4,644</u>
1984 December 31			
Balance in inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway			<u>1,054</u>
Books and gifts shipped from Chicago	4,596		
Books shipped from R.R. Donnelley	<u>2,650</u>		
TOTAL ENGLISH BOOKS SHIPPED DURING 1984			<u>7,246</u>

Le Livre d'URANTIA - French Edition

1984 January 1			
Balance in Inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway	183		
Received from R.R. Donnelley during 1984	<u>1,000</u>		1,183
Defective & damaged books received and returned to inventory	0		
Books returned for credit and/or refund and returned to inventory	0		
Books returned for credit - Library Placement Project	0		
Books returned for credit - Gift Book Fund	0		
Books recovered from Dead Mail Section	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
			1,183
Defective books returned to Donnelley for credit	0		
Lost and damaged books replaced	0		
Defective books replaced	0		
Lost books - not recovered	0		
To adjust inventory	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
SALES for 1984 from 533 Diversey Parkway	983		
GIFTS	15		
Withdrawn by URANTIA Foundation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>998</u>
1984 December 31			
Balance in inventory at 533 Diversey Parkway			<u>185</u>
Books and gifts shipped from Chicago	998		
Books shipped from R.R. Donnelley	<u>1,933</u>		
TOTAL FRENCH BOOKS SHIPPED DURING 1984			<u>2,931</u>

SUMMARY OF SALES AND GIFT BOOKS

<u>English Edition</u>		<u>French Edition</u>	
1955 through 1975	57,678	1982	3,154
1976	10,426	1983	2,091
1977	9,853	1984	<u>2,931</u>
1978	10,299		
1979	10,618		8,176
1980	6,385		
1981	6,935		
1982	7,095		
1983	8,496		
1984	<u>7,246</u>		
	135,031		

Helene Casiro

Marion Rowley

JOINT CUSTODIANS

Prepared by R. June Fain and Elizabeth Surface for the Joint Custodians, June 1985.

# **1985 PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD**

John Hales

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June 29, 1985

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of URANTIA Brotherhood. We are a young organization with a past history of service and a future of great potential. We are a group of individuals of great diversity, but we come together in unity of purpose -- through the dissemination of The URANTIA Book and its teachings we wish to help bring man closer to God and God closer to man.

Having been given the gift of the fifth epochal revelation we have the serious yet joyful responsibility to foster the new and expanded revelation of the true nature of our loving heavenly Father. To this end URANTIA Brotherhood was created as an organizational-tool to help mobilize the creative energies of increasing numbers of truth-seeking mortals who desire to know God, do his will in their lives, and increasingly live the spiritual truth they proclaim -- to bear spiritual fruit.

While The URANTIA Book itself is not an end, it is a most important means to an end. This is not to infer that we see ourselves as a chosen people, having special favor before God. Rather have we chosen to be of service to God. There are many organizations with a similar purpose. They, too, are made up of God-knowing individuals.

Considering the history of our planet, Urantia: there are probably now functioning many types of emergency groups of spirit-led men and women throughout the world, and among all nations, which are carrying on vital tasks. Among these groups none can have a more solemn obligation than our group. We have been called to the great work of taking the first steps in offering to mortal man a new light, a new revelation, of the love of God.

Lest we begin to think this is an easy task accomplished by an organization, we are reminded on page 1466, "Man must become hungry for truth as a result of the experiences of living, or he must desire to know God as the result of contact with the lives of those who are acquainted with the divine Father before another human being can act as the means of leading such a fellow mortal to the Father in heaven. If we know God, our real business on earth is so to live as to permit the Father to reveal himself in our lives, and thus will all God-seeking persons see the Father and ask for our help in finding out more about the God who in this manner finds expression in our lives."

At the organizational level, URANTIA Societies, through the recent meeting of the Triennial Delegate Assembly, have elected fourteen members to the General Council, nine of whom are new members. The

Council gives direction to Brotherhood activities. It goes without saying that each member of the Council approaches this task with sincerity of purpose and thoughtful enthusiasm.

All of you have copies of reports of officers, departmental chairmen, and field representatives. Having read them thoroughly you will have the chance to ask the questions you have following the completion of my report.

As your President I can say that it has been an eventful year. our work has moved forward in many areas. However, some events brought with them a measure of sadness and personal disappointment. What follows is a review.

An Ad Hoc Committee on developing a philosophy statement for URANTIA Brotherhood was established at the last Council meeting. Chairman Peter Laurence has worked with his Committee members over the past year by phone and mail and included a two-day meeting in Chicago in early June. He will be telling us some of the results of the Committee's efforts. . t

Office work at URANTIA Brotherhood headquarters has increased. It has become evident that there is need for an additional full-time worker with the increased workload. This was made clear when Marian Rowley was out of the office for two months due to a back sprain -- roughly November and December. On short vacations it is possible for the staff to cover for another worker. It became increasingly obvious that Marian was doing the work of at least two people. We do make use of volunteer staffing, but this is not an adequate permanent solution. We continue to plan and implement programs which automate office work with the use of our computer. The staff is increasing its knowledge and application of this useful tool.

I think we all can be well-pleased with the Spanish translation fundraising campaign. Financially the goal of \$350,000 has for all practical purposes been reached. A recent meeting in Chicago called by URANTIA Foundation brought together a representative of the translation company along with some of those who will be involved in the checking of the translation to discuss some of the details of how the work flow will progress once the translation effort is underway. We all should be aware that this is a strenuous undertaking and a commitment of not only resources but great amounts of personal time on the part of volunteers.

The eighth printing of approximately 25,000 copies of The URANTIA Book was completed in September. In February it was noted that an error had been made in the printing when two pages in the table of contents, xliii (43) and lxiii (63), had been transposed. The printer was notified immediately and the Foundation began negotiations to have the printing corrected at the printer's expense. Meanwhile, the Brotherhood stopped book shipments and notified its customers of the lack of books. The printer agreed to the Foundation's terms and by May 15 we had 5,000 corrected copies available for shipment. In two working days we shipped approximately 1,000 books to fill back orders. It should be noted that in response to our notification to customers only about five canceled their orders and several of these were reinstated. The remainder of the printing has now been hand-repaired and reboxed.

We continue to work at increasing the broader distribution of books. After great effort we were able to convince Ingram, this country's largest distributor, to stock The URANTIA Book. Sales to them began in February and they have been ordering at a steady rate. We continue to seek out additional wholesale outlets.

As you are aware, there were vacancies on the Foundation Board. It was gratifying to see the Foundation appoint two highly qualified individuals as Trustees -- Mrs. Gloriann Harris and Mrs. Helena Sprague. They will certainly contribute greatly to the work of our sister organization.

In January rumors began to circulate that "new" messages about war were being received in Clayton, California. This later was confirmed when Carolyn Kendall returned from a vacation in that area. The details of this episode were covered in a letter to all Society Presidents and Councilors April 23. At the April meeting of the Executive Committee, Carolyn resigned from the General Council and therefore as Vice-President of the Brotherhood. The Executive Committee accepted the resignation with the recognition that Carolyn has felt she has always acted in the best interest of the Brotherhood. While I am saddened by these events, I commend Carolyn for making a most difficult personal decision and the Committee for facing the issues involved.

I have received letters from two societies which requests that the Council consider further action which may be taken in response to events of the last eighteen months. I share these letters with you now.

On the international level some forward strides have been taken to build bridges of fellowship and understanding. Last fall at the invitation of Jacques Dupont, Berkeley Elliott, Chairman of the International Fellowship Committee, and I visited France. It was an opportunity for French readers to meet Berkeley and also to tell her of their activities in forming study groups and disseminating the URANTIA teachings. More recently, a tour group of URANTIA Book readers on their way to the Holy Land stopped in Paris to provide the opportunity to host our French friends for an evening together at a local Paris restaurant. I cannot emphasize enough how important these personal contacts are in bridging cultural differences.

I also wish to report having been in communication with the Foundation on: the Brotherhood's recommendation to reproduce textbooks; dust jacket revision; errata sheet to The URANTIA Book; machine readable form of The URANTIA Book.

This is a summary of the major activities of the past year. The Committee reports give greater detail. If the Council feels discussion is needed on anything in this report, time will be provided.

I wish to thank all of you who have assisted in the organizational details in my responsibility as President. My special thanks to Marian Rowley, to my fellow officers, and Executive Committee members. It has been a pleasure serving with you all and I look forward to our continued working together in whatever capacity that may be.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Hales President

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# 1985 Annual Report of the Domestic Extension Committee

Harry McMullan

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During the preceding year, the committee has worked in three areas:

- 1) The Library Gift Book Program. At the time of last year's report, 425 books had been distributed; the count is now 526 books. 142 volunteers are helping with this project. We have somewhat depleted our pool of willing volunteers, in that most of them have already placed books in the libraries near them and we have therefore purchased a mailing list of 3,000+ libraries and will be sending each of them an offer of the book. The letter is prepared and ready to go out as soon as 8th Printing books are available to enable us to respond to acceptances. I wish to particularly thank Tom Allen for his work as coordinator of this project.
- 2) The Study Group Fellowship. The First Edition of the Directory became available subsequent to last year's report and contains 237 groups and comprising 1,095 members. We intend to update the Directory before the end of the year. We have received considerable appreciative response on the Directory from members in the more isolated areas.
- 3) Name change. As previously reported, for years our committee has felt its name to be parochial, and specifically that the word "Domestic" incorrectly implies the Brotherhood to be a U.S. rather than an international organization. At its meeting last summer, the committee voted to change its name to the "Extension Committee" as an interim step prior to a needed realignment of function with International Fellowship, so that both committees would operate internationally - Extension in "extending" out to new readers and Fellowship in "fellow- shipping" existing readers. The Executive Committee is moving ahead on this matter and will doubtless report in due season.

As a thought for the future, I hope that our committee will be able to develop a study program for new study groups, to emphasize personal spiritual growth based on the insights of The Urantia Book, perhaps similar to Alcoholics Anonymous' "12 Steps." If well done, this could give beginning groups a place to start, and a feeling of direction in their study, to carry them through to the point at which they are able to chart their own course. Part of this should be a well-developed program of getting new readers through personally introducing others to the book. Any thoughts?

I wish to thank our members David Kulieke, CeCe Forrester, Mary Schlueter, Tom Allen and Waldine Stump for their work during the past year. We all appreciate the opportunity we have been given to help serve the Brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted, Harry McMullan, Chairman

# 1985 REPORT OF SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Marian Rowley

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Each year the work of this office increases a little, as we are growing slowly but surely. Most 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 Study Aids for Part IV and the Concorde, which we hope to be selling again in August. Some of the work, including the mailing list, is now being put on the computer, which takes it out of my hands.

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, thus putting readers in touch with each other. The second category of letters is how to get the book and other material about the book and the organizations.

No new societies have been chartered this year. The total now stands at 14. As of December 31, 1984, there were 741 society members and 213 members-at-large - a total of 954. Thirty-one of the members-at-large are international.

We have four paid employees (two full-time, one part-time, and one retired). They are John Hales, June Fain, 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 volunteers who help occasionally in getting out large mailings, such as the Bulletin and solicitation letters.

The mailing list increases steadily and now numbers about 4,025, up about 175 from last year. The subscription slip for the Journal which was enclosed with the Spring Bulletin brought in a large number of new subscriptions, but it also brought about 150 renewals from people who already had paid-up subscriptions. In those cases, we simply extended the subscriptions. Almost all were for 3 years so a lot of people are paid up to 1988, 1989, and one even goes to 1990. The figure now stands at about 700 subscriptions.

As- you know, a solicitation letter was sent out November 19, 1984, by the Finance Committee for operating expenses for 1985. A report was made and presented to the Executive Committee as of March 31 showing responses. Following is a brief summary of the results:

98 (13%) of society members pledged \$43,743 44 (21)) of members-at-large pledged 12,750 \$56,493  
Total members 367 (12%) of non-members pledged 39,873 Total pledged \$96,366

All figures were down from last year - both the number pledging and the amount pledged. The total was divided, giving 53% to the Brotherhood and 47% to the Foundation. Last year the two were exactly

even. The Brotherhood figure of \$50,973 amounts to only 32% of our 1985 budget, which was also less than last year. A follow-up letter was sent May 22, 1984, and returns are now coming in as a result of that.

This has been a stressful year for several reasons, but we have managed to survive, as always - and look forward to the future!

MTR 5/9/85

Marian Rowley, Secretary-General

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# **1985 REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD**

Berkeley Elliott

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The International Fellowship Committee participated in the General Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin for the week of August 11-17, 1984. We had two panels -one directed by Martin Peng who asked the participants' answers to the group of questions prepared by the Montreal, Canada group. The other panel was directed by Mary Snider. Geri Johnson from Saudi Arabia told of the people, their religion and customs. Ralph and Betty Zehr - who had lived in Africa for 3 years - shared some slides and told of their experiences in that Country. Avi and Lila Dogim -one born in Israel and the other in Russia, shared some of their knowledge and answered many questions. Deborah Foster ended the too-short meeting with a touching true story. We surely have lots to learn about the people of this planet! Andre des Bois-Francis was our International speaker at the Conference.

John Hales and I flew to Paris, France September 18-25, 1984 and stayed at the home of Jacques DuPont. We met with approximately 30 readers of The URANTIA Book and had some great discussions. We hope communications were improved and we feel confident loving fellowship was enjoyed. Bob and Adele Plamondon were visiting from Montreal and they were a great help with translating. Henry and Balk Beggemann came from the Netherlands; Fernand DeVinck from Belgium; Gene Royer from southern France, and Nigel Hornby, from Sweden, in addition to local people.

Final checking is now being done on the five brochures in French and Spanish. Three will be done in Mexico - in Spanish - and the French- will be done in Chicago. The two owned by the Foundation will be done in Chicago, in both Spanish and French. Hopefully these will be available sometime this year.

The "Selection Committee" - Douglas Fraser, Richard Prince and Martin Myers -selected the translating company to translate The URANTIA Book into Spanish and the Andite Corporation was formed as a subsidiary of URANTIA Foundation. The Finance Committee of the URANTIA Brotherhood has raised the funds necessary for the printing and final plans for the translation should be worked out in the near future.

The International Fellowship Committee met in Los Angeles February 15-18, 1985 at the Sheraton Plaza La Reina Hotel. Ronald Louie from Vancouver, B.C.; Martin Peng from Oak Ridge, TN; John Hales, President of URANTIA Brotherhood; John Hay, Carol Setters, Cheryl Prince, Paul Snider; Francyl Gawryn and Marian Rowley, as well as 5-members of our Committee (Richard Prince, Mary Snider, Julia Fenderson, Marvin Gawryn and I) were present. In less than a month after mailing 1400 letters to multi-lingual university libraries around the world, we had received 9 requests for URANTIA Books for their libraries. We have now received about 30 requests. We are very excited about this. We discussed

the possibilities of an "eastern" translation, possibly Chinese, and did some work on "guidelines" which we hope to complete and 'share with interested International groups in the future. The letter to libraries is now being translated into French so we might offer the French Translation to French-speaking Countries. After 2 days of meetings we were hosted to a dinner party at Dorothy Elder's home by the two URANTIA Societies in the Los Angeles area. It was great seeing and visiting with everyone.

May 11, 1985 - Twenty happy URANTIA Book readers will leave for Paris. We will meet with and have dinner with readers in that area, before leaving for Florence, Rome, Israel and Egypt. A girl from Finland will join us for three days in Israel, which will be exciting. Actually, we have friends joining us in Paris, in Rome, in Israel, and in Egypt.

I want to express deep appreciation to Martin Myers, former Chairman of this Committee; Marian Rowley and John Hales, from headquarters; my Committee members; and the entire Executive Committee for their willing and much needed assistance this past year.

Sincerely,

International Fellowship Committee

Berkeley Elliott, Chairman

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# **1985 REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD**

Dan Massey

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I would like to take this opportunity to recognize, on behalf of the entire Committee, the contributions of our previous Chairman, Dr. Meredith Sprunger, who resigned from the Chairmanship last Fall and retires from the Committee this Summer. This retirement concludes the process by which Meredith has gradually disassociated himself from formal organizational responsibilities within URANTIA Brotherhood, to be free to pursue his personal initiatives in dissemination of and ministry through The URANTLA Book,

Throughout his long and illustrious association with URANTIA Brotherhood, Meredith has been recognized for his frank and honest opinions on the changing issues of the day, for his unique and insightful commentary on the relation of the Book to contemporary "mainstream" Christianity, and for his excellent and timely theological commentary on matters Urantian. A dedicated supporter of group action beyond mere group debate, Meredith sensitized a generation of readers to the concept of "outreach" in its many forms and manifestations.

We have all been enriched by our friendship with this man and by his years of unselfish service to URANTIA Brotherhood.

Almost twenty-two years ago a debate began within the Fraternal Relations Committee. The opposing sides of this debate have polarized the thinking of the Committee and the Brotherhood to the present day. The essence of this debate is the manner in which the Brotherhood can best satisfy two apparently conflicting purposes.

One purpose derives from the Constitutional charge to the Fraternal Relations Committee. This purpose is to establish a relationship of good will between URANTIA Brotherhood and religious groups throughout the world. Many sincere readers of the Book have urged that this purpose be addressed by aggressive, direct, and even official contact between URANTIA Brotherhood and the leadership of such religious groups.

The other purpose derives from the realization of the limited degree of acceptance which The Urantia Book can receive at this time from most leaders of most organized religions, as buttressed by years of personal experience by many readers and by the traditional authority of the Contact Commission. This purpose is to protect the Book from extensive uninformed criticism, that it may be received by as many new readers as possible as a fresh experience, uncontaminated by the authoritarian pronouncements of unsympathetic commentators. Some sincere readers of the Book have urged that this purpose be

addressed by avoiding contact with existing religious groups.

For many years the Fraternal Relations Committee has sought a middle way in this debate, satisfying neither extreme, but accumulating experience which can now support the unification of these divergent purposes.

Under the Chairmanship of Jim Mills, the Committee first initiated the idea of helping URANTIA Societies to establish Speakers Bureaus, to provide local religious groups with access to informed and prepared discussants of the Book.

Under the Chairmanship of Carolyn Kendall, the Committee gradually evolved a program of presenting to the readership, at general and regional conferences and workshops, commentaries on the belief systems of world religions, on their relationship to the concepts of The URANTIA Book, and on the overall commonality of their concepts of final value.

Under the Chairmanship of Meredith Sprunger, the Committee began to serve readers as an interface between URANTIA Brotherhood and associations which they formed to engage in "outreach" activities, encompassing dissemination of the teachings of Jesus, as presented in the Book, and the teachings of the Book In general.

The common theme which unites all these activities is one of service to the readership by helping readers to bridge the gaps of understanding or authority which separate them from fellow religionists of differing beliefs and social customs. Over the past 18 months, as the Committee has sought to clarify its purpose and mission, the primacy and practicality of service to the readership has emerged as a key feature of our activities.

We now have before us the challenge of determining how best to serve.

In the final analysis, relationships of trust and good will between organizations are simply the sum and substance of the trust and good will which exists between the members of the organizations. Trust and good will between organizations is not created by joint executive fiat, but is earned as the individual members of the organizations learn to love and to trust one another.

The task of the Fraternal Relations Committee is to assist, in any way possible, in the formation of these relationships of trust and good will. By emphasizing this role for the Committee, we make it possible to begin active outreach at a level which is practical for the readership and which will not challenge the established religious authorities of our day.

The Fraternal Relations Committee will develop and sponsor activities designed to assist the readership in discovering and living the fraternal, ideal, to help the readership in extending bonds of fraternity to their fellow non-readers, and to unify the readership in purposeful, personal service to God and man.

The Committee is currently considering how best to develop an educational forum to support exploration of the fraternal ideal and its effective relationship to the overall purpose of URANTIA Brotherhood. Such a forum would reach as much as possible of the active readership, would involve these readers in creation and direction of activities of direct interest to themselves, and would enhance communications between the central organization in Chicago and the readership.

While this program could be conducted through the traditional mechanism provided by General Conferences and Intensive Study Sessions, it may be more appropriate and effective to work through regional conferences, local URANTIA Societies, and larger study groups. The principal advantages of a decentralized approach are the ability to involve a broader class of readers and to allow specialization to accommodate local themes, priorities, and attitudes.

The past year has been a time of searching reevaluation and reconsideration for the Fraternal Relations Committee. We now see emerging a coherent guiding purpose for our work. We pray for the wisdom and humility to receive and to accept those spiritual insights which can unify us for effective service to URANTIA Brotherhood and the worldwide readership of The URANTIA Book.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Massey Temporary Chairman

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