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CONSTITUTION OF THE URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

Inasmuch as it is our most solemn conviction that the comfort, happiness, and well-being of Man will be enhanced by the creation of an organization devoted to the purposes hereinafter expressed, and inasmuch as it is our considered judgment that the purposes hereinafter expressed may best be accomplished through the mutual assistance and association of a body of people working together for a common cause, we do hereby unite together as a voluntary association and fellowship under the name of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, and we do hereby adopt and establish this CONSTITUTION OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name of this Fellowship shall be URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

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

## ARTICLE III

### COMPOSITION

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall be composed of members associated together for the purposes expressed in this Constitution into local societies to be known as "URANTIA Societies," autonomous in conduct of their local affairs, but subservient to this Constitution, chartered by, and inseparably associated with, the integrant organization in this Constitution created and defined, and divided into such geographical groups and correlated by such integrated intermediary organizations as shall be provided to best serve an orderly organization.

## ARTICLE IV

### MEMBERSHIP

Section 4.1. Qualification: Any person who shall, as adjudged by a URANTIA Society, evidence a desire and a willingness to learn and understand the teachings of *The URANTIA Book*, and who shall declare his willingness to accept this Constitution of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, shall be eligible for membership in such URANTIA Society. Membership in any church, religious organization, or fraternal society shall not disqualify a candidate for membership in a URANTIA Society. Any person, upon becoming a member of a URANTIA Society, shall ipso facto become a member of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.



Section 4.2. Transfer of Membership: A member shall have the right to transfer his membership from any URANTIA Society to another URANTIA Society upon obtaining the consent of the latter and upon complying with the requirements of the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Section 4.3. Expulsion: No member shall be expelled from membership in a URANTIA Society unless, as adjudged by such URANTIA Society, the attitude, conduct, or influence of such member shall be prejudicial to the interests and work of such URANTIA Society. Upon the expulsion of a member, he shall cease to be a member of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and shall be disqualified for membership in any other URANTIA Society except as hereinafter provided.

Section 4.4. Appeal from Expulsion: Whenever a member shall have been expelled from a URANTIA Society, he shall have the right to appeal to the Judicial Committee; and from a decision of the Judicial Committee confirming his expulsion, such expelled member may apply to the Executive Committee for a review of the decision of the Judicial Committee, and the Executive Committee may accept or reject such application. Appeals to the Judicial Committee and applications for review of decisions of the Judicial Committee shall be made in the manner prescribed by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. The Judicial Committee, upon appeal, and the Executive Committee, upon acceptance of the application to review the decision of the Judicial Committee, shall have the power respectively to confirm the expulsion or to determine that such expulsion was without prejudice. In the event of the determination by either the Judicial Committee or the Executive Committee that the expulsion was without prejudice, the disqualification for membership in any other URANTIA Society of the person so expelled shall be rescinded thereby.

Section 4.5. Members-at-large: In exceptional cases, the Executive Committee shall have authority to accept individuals who are so situated that they cannot conveniently become members of an organized URANTIA Society. Such persons hold their membership at the option of the Executive Committee, and such membership may be at any time terminated by the Executive Committee for reasons of its own determination, or because such an individual has become a regular member of some duly chartered URANTIA Society.

Section 4.6. Record of Membership: A permanent record of each member shall be made, kept, and preserved in the manner prescribed in the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

## ARTICLE V

### URANTIA SOCIETIES

Section 5.1. Organization: Whenever ten (10) or more persons shall have associated themselves together to establish a society for the accomplishment of the purposes expressed in this Constitution, and shall make application to the Charter Committee, in the form prescribed by the Charter Committee, to be chartered as a URANTIA Society of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, and shall have paid to the Charter Committee the application fee required by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, the Charter Committee,



when it is satisfied that the applicants comply with the Standards of Admission of URANTIA Societies, shall recommend to the Executive Committee that a charter be issued to such applicants; and upon the ratification and approval of the Charter Committee's recommendation by the Executive Committee, a charter shall be granted and issued by the Charter Committee and signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Charter Committee and by the President and Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, and URANTIA BROTHERHOOD Seal affixed thereto.

Section 5.2. Installation: When a charter shall have been granted and issued, the Charter Committee shall cause the persons applying therefor to be installed as a URANTIA Society pursuant to such formalities as may from time to time be established by the Charter Committee. Upon the installation of a URANTIA Society the persons comprising such URANTIA Society shall become and be members of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Section 5.3. Name of Local Society: The words "URANTIA Society" shall form a part of the name of all URANTIA Societies, but the name may also include such other words as may be approved by the Charter Committee.

Section 5.4. Local Government: Each URANTIA Society shall have a congregational form of organization and government; its officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be desired; and these officers shall be elected for a term of one (1), two (2), or three (3) years in accordance with procedures established by each URANTIA Society.\* The Secretary-General of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall be notified by the Secretary of each URANTIA Society of the names of the officers of such URANTIA Society within thirty (30) days subsequent to their election. Each URANTIA Society shall have a Membership Committee and such other committees as may from time to time be established by the By-laws of such URANTIA Society. Each URANTIA Society shall be autonomous in all matters of its government and activities, including the determination of its membership, except as limited by this Constitution or delegated to the General Council, the Executive Committee, or one or more of the Departmental Committees.

Section 5.5. Tithes: Each URANTIA Society shall remit to the Treasurer of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD a tithe (ten (10) percent) of its gross receipts, and the tithe shall become a part of the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. Such tithes shall be remitted to the Treasurer of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD at such time and with such reports as may from time to time be required by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Section 5.6. Revocation of Charter: Whenever the conduct of a URANTIA Society shall contravene the spirit and purpose of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, the charter of such URANTIA Society may be revoked. The charter of any URANTIA Society shall not be revoked except upon (a) the filing by the Charter Committee of a petition with the Judicial Committee for the revocation of the charter of such a URANTIA Society, (b) the summoning of the

\* First sentence as amended August 8, 1965.



officers of such URANTIA Society by the Judicial Committee to show cause why its charter should not be revoked, (c) an adjudication by the Judicial Committee, after a hearing on such petition to show cause, that the charter of such URANTIA Society should be revoked, and (d) the affirmation by the Executive Committee of such adjudication. Such URANTIA Society shall be notified of the revocation of the charter by letter transmitted by United States Registered Mail from the Chairman of the Judicial Committee attested by the Secretary-General. From an adjudication by the Judicial Committee, affirmed by the Executive Committee, revoking the charter of a URANTIA Society, an appeal may be taken, in the manner prescribed in the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, to the General Council. Such appeal shall be taken at the next meeting of the General Council if such meeting shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the affirmation by the Executive Committee of the adjudication of the Judicial Committee, and if said next meeting of the General Council shall be less than thirty (30) days from the date of such affirmation, then at the next succeeding meeting of the General Council. The Executive Committee may suspend action on an adjudication of the Judicial Committee for a probationary period, but the failure of the Executive Committee to take any action within sixty (60) days after such an adjudication by the Judicial Committee shall constitute a disaffirmance. A disaffirmance by the Executive Committee shall constitute a final determination dismissing the petition to show cause. Any URANTIA Society against which a petition for the revocation of its charter shall have been filed by the Charter Committee shall be entitled to representation by counsel in all proceedings relevant thereto. Upon the revocation of the charter of any URANTIA Society, the persons comprising such URANTIA Society shall automatically cease to be members of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, and such persons shall be disqualified for membership in any other URANTIA Society except as hereinafter and hereinbefore provided.

Section 5.7. Special Dispensation to Members: Whenever the charter of any URANTIA Society shall have been revoked, any member of such society may petition the Judicial Committee for special dispensation; and if the Judicial Committee shall determine that the loss of such person's membership in URANTIA BROTHERHOOD should be without prejudice, and such determination of the Judicial Committee shall have been ratified by the Executive Committee, the disqualification of such person for membership in any other URANTIA Society shall be rescinded thereby.

## ARTICLE VI

### TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Section 6.1. Call: The first Triennial Delegate Assembly shall convene not less than six (6) months nor more than one (1) year after the expiration of nine (9) years from the date of the adoption of this Constitution and, thereafter, once every three (3) years, upon call by the Executive Committee. Notice of the call of the Triennial Delegate Assembly shall be given to each URANTIA Society not less than six (6) months before the date of convention designated by the Executive Committee in the call of the Triennial Delegate Assembly, and such notice shall contain the names of the Program Committee, which shall be appointed by the President at the time of the call.



Section 6.2. Delegates: Triennial Delegates to the Triennial Delegate Assembly shall be elected in the manner provided by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. Equal representation shall be accorded to each URANTIA Society at the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

\* Section 6.3. Proceedings: The President and Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall preside at the Triennial Delegate Assembly. Subject only to the provisions of this Constitution, each Triennial Delegate Assembly shall determine its own membership. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of the Chairman of the Judicial, Charter, and Fraternal Relations Committees of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. This Committee shall meet at a time specified by the Executive Committee before the opening of the Triennial Delegate Assembly to receive, examine, and recommend to the President the approval or-disapproval of the credentials of each of the delegates and alternates. Immediately following the seating of the delegates the President shall appoint from the floor a Committee on Nominations and a Committee on Resolutions. The Triennial Delegate Assembly shall be conducted pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order except in respect to the order of procedure, which shall be as follows:

- (a) Assembly called to order and address of welcome.
- (b) Report of Credentials Committee and seating of delegates.
- (c) Appointment by the President from the floor of a Committee on Nominations and a Committee on Resolutions.
- (d) Reports of outgoing officers and chairmen of Departmental Committees.
- (e) Report of Nominations Committee and election of members of General Council.
- (f) Report of Resolutions Committee.
- (g) Consideration of old business.
- (h) Consideration of new business.
- (i) Reading and approval of minutes unless Assembly votes to waive such reading or designates some other manner of approving minutes.
- (j) Adjournment.

Section 6.4. Quorum: A quorum of any meeting of a Triennial Delegate Assembly shall consist of a majority of the accredited delegates who shall have been seated by the Assembly after the report by the Credentials Committee, but a lesser number may meet and adjourn. Any question

\* Entire Section 6.3. as amended on August 7, 1966.



presented to the Triennial Delegate Assembly may be decided by a majority of the Triennial Delegates present at any duly constituted meeting at which a quorum is present except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.

Section 6.5. Ratification of Resolutions: All resolutions adopted by the Triennial Delegate Assembly, except resolutions pertaining to the organization and rules of procedure of such assembly and to the election of Councilors, shall be referred to the General Council, which may either ratify and confirm such resolutions, refer the same to the Departmental Committees for further study or elaboration, or take such other action as the General Council shall deem necessary, appropriate, or proper: provided, however, that wherever a resolution adopted by the Triennial Delegate Assembly is not ratified and confirmed by the General Council, a full report of the action of the General Council with respect thereto shall be made at the next Triennial Delegate Assembly upon the request of any accredited delegate thereto.

Section 6.6. Expenses of Triennial Delegate Assembly: All expenses of the Triennial Delegate Assembly, except the expenses of the individual delegates, shall be paid by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

## ARTICLE VII

### INTEGRATION OF URANTIA SOCIETIES

As URANTIA Societies shall increase in number so that it shall be beneficial to the orderly administration of the organization of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, the General Council shall first group the URANTIA Societies into state or district groups, or a combination thereof, and then, such state or district groups, into regional or national groups or a combination thereof, with such organizations as shall be prescribed by the By-laws. The expenses of the intermediary organizations established by the General Council shall be paid out of the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and shall be such portion of the tithes as shall be determined from time to time by the General Council. In the establishment of such intermediary organizations, the General Council shall provide for the holding of appropriate group assemblies and the election of delegates thereto and for the election of Triennial Delegates by the assemblies of the largest representative groups so established. The creation and establishment of such groups and their organization shall be by the affirmative vote in favor of thereof at any regular meeting of three-fourths (3/4th) of all duly elected and qualified Councilors.

## ARTICLE VIII

### THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Section 8.1. Organization: There shall be a General Council of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD composed of thirty-six (36) Councilors.

Section 8.2. Election and Terms of Councilors: The members of the General Council shall be elected by the Triennial Delegate Assembly for terms as follows: At the first Triennial Delegate Assembly, twelve (12)



Councilors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, twelve (12) Councilors for a term of six (6) years, and twelve (12) Councilors for a term of nine (9) years; at each succeeding Triennial Delegate Assembly, twelve (12) Councilors shall be elected for a term of nine (9) years to fill the offices of the Councilors then expiring. Councilors shall be elected by secret ballot from nominations presented to the Triennial Delegate Assembly by the Nominations Committee and from the floor of the assembly with the prior consent of the individuals nominated, and a candidate receiving a majority of the ballots cast shall be declared elected.\* Each Triennial Delegate, in person and not by proxy, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each Councilor to be elected but without right to accumulate any such votes for one (1) or more Councilors.

\*\* Section 8.3. Qualification of Councilors: Any member of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD in good standing shall be eligible to hold the office of Councilor, but only while such person remains a member in good standing. Loss of membership in URANTIA BROTHERHOOD for any reason shall ipso facto terminate such person's tenure and status as a Councilor. Should a Councilor's membership in URANTIA BROTHERHOOD be terminated by adverse judicial or administrative action, during the period between such action and the time such action becomes final, such person may not sit, speak, or vote as a member of the General Council.

Section 8.4. Removal of Councilors: A Councilor may be removed from office (a) for permanent incapacitation rendering him physically or mentally disable for fulfilling his duties as a Councilor or (b) for conduct rendering the continuation of his membership on the General Council prejudicial to the best interests of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD: providing (1) a resolution shall be adopted by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4ths) of the members of the Executive Committee recommending the removal of such Councilor from office and stating the reasons therefor; (2) a copy of such resolution, certified by the Secretary, shall be delivered to him in person or transmitted by United States Registered Mail addressed to him at his last known address at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the General Council at which said resolution of the Executive Committee shall be presented; and (3) on a secret ballot of the General Council, an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4ths) of the duly elected and qualified Councilors shall be cast in favor of such removal, the Councilor whose removal is being voted upon being disqualified to vote. On the casting of such vote, the office of such Councilor shall become vacant.

Section 8.5. Filling Vacancies: Whenever a vacancy shall exist in the office of Councilor by reason of death, resignation, or removal, the General Council shall elect a temporary successor from among the members of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD in good standing to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term thereof or until the next Triennial Delegate Assembly if the term of such vacant office shall not expire until thereafter, in which latter event the Triennial Delegate Assembly shall then elect a successor to fill such vacancy and to hold office for the remainder of such term.

Section 8.6. Quorum: A quorum at any meeting of the General Council shall consist of a majority of the Councilors, but a lesser number

\* The third sentence of Section 8.2. as amended on August 8, 1965.

\*\* Entire section amended on August 9, 1980.



may meet and adjourn. The presiding officer at any meeting thereof may vote only in case of a tied vote. Any question presented at any meeting of the General Council at which a quorum is present shall be decided by a majority vote except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.

Section 8.7. Meetings:

\*\* (a) Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the General Council shall be held once each calendar year in which there is no Triennial Meeting of the General Council. Regular meetings shall be held at the headquarters of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD or at the place designated by the Executive Committee. The date and time of regular meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Written notices shall be given to each Councilor at least fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting, stating therein the time and place of such meeting. Such notices may be delivered personally or may be sent by telegraph or by United States Mail addressed to the Councilor at his last known address.

(b) Special Meetings: Special meetings of the General Council may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or upon the written request of twelve (12) Councilors. Notice thereof shall be given as required in the case of regular meetings, but such notice shall also state the purpose or purposes for which such special meeting is called.

\* (c) Triennial Meetings: Immediately following the Triennial Delegate Assembly a meeting of the General Council, to be known as the Triennial Meeting, shall be held for the election of the officers of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and the members of the Departmental Committees. The President and Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall preside at the Triennial Meeting, whether or not either of them is then a member of the General Council, until their successors have been elected and installed at such meeting. No notice of such meeting shall be required except that the twelve (12) newly elected Councilors shall be notified by telephone or telegraph.

(d) Waiver of Notice: Notice of any regular or special meeting of the General Council may be waived by waiver in writing of all the Councilors.

Section 8.8. Powers: The General Council shall have the following powers:

(a) All powers which are not specifically conferred upon the officers, the Departmental Committees, and the URANTIA Societies, and which are not prohibited to the General Council by this Constitution, or any amendment thereof may be exercised by the General Council.

(b) The General Council shall have the power to and shall adopt By-laws which shall be known as the "By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD," to make effective the terms and provisions of this Constitution and the powers herein conferred upon the General Council and to regulate the conduct of the affairs of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

(c) The General Council shall have the power by By-law to delegate its authority and powers, or part thereof, to the Executive Committee and to revoke such delegation at any time.

\* The entire sub-section (c) as amended on August 7, 1966.

\*\* As amended on August 9, 1980.



(d) The General Council shall not enact any By-law limiting or restricting the autonomy of the URANTIA Societies over the conduct of their local affairs.

(e) The General Council shall not enact any By-laws discriminating against any URANTIA Society or group of URANTIA Societies.

\* Section 8.9. Proxies: At any meeting of the General Council, a Councilor may vote by proxy executed in writing by the Councilor on a form of proxy provided by the Executive Committee. Such proxy must be filed with the Secretary at or before the time the meeting is called to order.

## ARTICLE IX

### OFFICERS

Section 9.1. Officers: The officers of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Secretary-General, and such other officers as may from time to time be established by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Section 9.2. Election: The officers shall be elected by the General Council from its membership at the Triennial Meeting of the General Council following the Triennial Delegate Assembly and shall hold office for a term of three (3) years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The election of officers shall be by secret ballot from candidates nominated for each office by the Executive Committee and from the floor with the prior consent of the individuals nominated, and a candidate receiving a majority of the ballots cast shall be declared elected.\*\* Whenever it shall be necessary to cast more than one (1) ballot, the candidates for office shall be restricted in each succeeding ballot to the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the preceding ballot, or, in case of a tie by three (3) or more candidates, then to the candidates so tied.

Section 9.3. President: The President shall be the principal executive officer; he shall preside at all meetings of the General Council, the Executive Committee, and the Triennial Delegate Assembly, until his successor has been elected and installed at the Triennial Meeting of the General Council;\*\*\* he shall make periodic reports to the General Council and URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and a final report to the Triennial Delegate Assembly on the status of the affairs and activities of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and such other reports as shall from time to time be required of him by the General Council or the Executive Committee; he shall have power to carry into effect all By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and all resolutions of the General Council and all rules and resolutions of the Executive Committee; and he shall have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be conferred or imposed upon him by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD or by the General Council or by the Executive Committee.

\* Section 8.9. added by amendment on August 7, 1966.

\*\* Second sentence as amended on August 8, 1965.

\*\*\* Second clause as amended on August 7, 1966.



Section 9.4. Vice-President: In the event of the inability of the President to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President in his place and stead; and he shall perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as may from time to time be imposed upon him by the General Council, the Executive Committee, and the President.

Section 9.5. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep and preserve the records of the meetings and proceedings of the General Council and of the Triennial Delegate Assembly;\* he shall be custodian of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD SEAL; he shall issue all notices required by the Constitution and By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD; he shall keep and preserve the official record of the members of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, to be known as the Official Membership Census; he shall have power to certify to the correctness of any copies of records in his custody and possession; and he shall perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as may from time to time be imposed upon him by the By-laws. In the event of the inability of both the President and Vice-President to act, he shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the President.

Section 9.6. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be the principal financial officer and shall have general supervision and control over the moneys and properties of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD; he shall collect and receive all moneys and property due URANTIA BROTHERHOOD; he shall render reports to the President and Executive Committee at such times as either shall require; he shall have the custody and control of, and shall preserve, financial and property records of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD; and he shall render a full and complete final report on the financial affairs of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and the conduct of his office to the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

Section 9.7. Secretary-General: The Secretary-General shall be the principal clerical officer and the liaison officer between the General Council and each of the Departmental Committees; he shall be ex-officio a member of all such committees but without power to vote thereon; he shall assist in the correlation of the work of the Departmental Committees; he shall keep and preserve the records of the meetings and proceedings and copies of all official reports, records, and documents of such Committees; and he shall keep and preserve all records of the officers of local URANTIA Societies, and shall keep and preserve such other records of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD as he shall be directed by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. In the event of the inability of the Secretary or Treasurer, or both, to act, he shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of Secretary or Treasurer, or both. In the event of the temporary inability of the Secretary-General to act, the President, by and with the consent of a majority of the Executive Committee, shall have power to appoint an Acting Secretary-General, who shall succeed to the powers and duties of the Secretary-General during the period of such temporary inability to act.

Section 9.8. Bonds: The officers shall give bond in such sums and with such sureties as may from time to time be required by the By-laws. All such bonds shall be payable to the Executive Committee of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

\* First clause as amended August 7, 1966.



Section 9.9. Vacancies: Whenever any vacancy shall occur in any of the foregoing offices, such vacancies may be filled at any regular or special meeting of the General Council, which may elect a successor or successors to such office or offices, to serve during the unexpired term thereof, from nominees submitted by the Executive Committee.

Section 9.10. Limitations of Officers: Except as in this Article provided, no person shall hold more than one office, nor shall any officer serve as an officer of any Departmental Committee.

## ARTICLE X

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 10.1. Organization: There shall be an Executive Committee of the General Council, to be known as the "Executive Committee," which shall be comprised of the officers of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and the Chairmen of each of the Departmental Committees.

Section 10.2. Officers of the Executive Committee: The President shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall preside at all meetings thereof. The Secretary-General shall be the Secretary of the Executive Committee and shall make and preserve all records of the meetings, proceedings, and actions of the Executive Committee.

Section 10.3. Powers and Duties: The Executive Committee shall be vested with the power to actively manage all the affairs of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD in accordance with this Constitution and pursuant to the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. It shall have power to veto or modify any act of any officer of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD or of any Departmental Committee; it shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by this Constitution; and it shall exercise such other powers and perform such functions as may be conferred upon, or delegated to, it by the General Council. The Executive Committee shall have absolute control over all property of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, and complete legal title to all property of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall be vested in the Executive Committee unless the Executive Committee shall direct that the legal title to any or all such property shall vest in one or more persons, corporations, or groups of persons as fiscal agents of the Executive Committee. The acts of the Executive Committee with respect to any property or property rights of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall in all ways be final and conclusive and binding upon URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, but the Executive Committee from time to time may delegate such powers or a part or portion thereof, or upon conditions and limitations, to one (1) or more persons, corporations, or committees.

Section 10.4. Members-at-Large: The Executive Committee shall be empowered to accept isolated individuals as members-at-large of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote. The qualifications for the establishment and continuance of such membership shall rest in the sole judgment of the Executive Committee which shall, therefore, be empowered to terminate such membership at any time, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote, for any reason it deems sufficient for such action.



\* Section 10.5. Meetings: The Executive Committee shall meet regularly at least once each calendar quarter at a date and hour designated by the Executive Committee, at the headquarters of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, or at such other place as shall be designated by the President and Secretary-General. Special or adjourned meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at any place or time upon the call thereof by the President and Secretary-General. A special meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President and Secretary-General within thirty (30) days of receipt of written request for such meeting signed by three (3) or more members of the Executive Committee. Notice of special meetings, and of regular meetings where the place of such meeting shall be otherwise than the headquarters of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, shall be given not less than ten (10) days prior to such meeting, which notice shall contain the time and place of such meeting, and the purpose of any special meeting. Notice of any meeting may be waived by waiver in writing of all the members of the Executive Committee.

Section 10.6. Quorum: A quorum at any meeting of the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of the members of such committee, but a lesser number may meet and adjourn. No notice of an adjourned meeting shall be required. All questions presented to the Executive Committee may be decided by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee present at any duly constituted meeting. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall vote only in the event of a tied vote.

Section 10.7. Rules of the Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall from time to time adopt rules for the conduct of the affairs of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, supplementing and interpreting the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, which said rules shall be known as "Rules of the Executive Committee." The Executive Committee shall also adopt rules to govern the acts and procedure of the Executive Committee, which shall be known as the "Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee."

Section 10.8. Compensation: Members of the Executive Committee shall serve without compensation, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prohibit the payment of just compensation for services otherwise rendered by any member. The Executive Committee shall have power to employ such persons as shall be necessary for the conduct of the affairs and the business of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and to cause just compensation for services rendered to be paid to them out of the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

## ARTICLE XI

### DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

Section 11.1. Names of Committees: There shall be the following Departmental Committees:

- (a) The Judicial Committee.
- (b) The Charter Committee.
- (c) The Fraternal Relations Committee.

\* Entire section amended on August 9, 1980.



- (d) The Domestic Extension Committee.
- \* (e) The International Fellowship Committee.
- \*\*\*\* (f) The Education Committee.
- (g) The Publications Committee.
- (h) The Finance Committee.
- \* (i) The Special Projects Committee.

\*\* Section 11.2. Election and Term of Office: Each of the Departmental Committees shall be comprised of six (6) members who shall be elected by the General Council. At each regular and Triennial Meeting the General Council shall elect one (1) member of each Departmental Committee to fill the vacancies of the members whose terms have expired, such members to hold office for a term of six (6) years. The election of members of the Departmental Committees shall be by secret ballot from candidates nominated for each office by the Executive Committee and from the floor with the prior consent of the individuals nominated, and a candidate receiving a majority of the ballots cast shall be declared elected. One (1) member of each Departmental Committee shall at all times be a Councilor; the remaining members of each Departmental Committee shall be selected from members of the Brotherhood in good standing.

\*\*\* Section 11.3. Committee Officers: There shall be a Chairman and Secretary of each Departmental Committee. The Chairman of each committee shall be a Councilor elected to the committee and designated as Chairman by the General Council. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Chairman at the first meeting of each committee immediately following the annual meeting of the General Council. Vacancies in the office of Chairman shall be filled by action of the General Council while vacancies in the office of Secretary may be filled by action of the Chairman at any regular or special meeting of said committee.

Section 11.4. Vacancies in Committees: Whenever a vacancy shall exist in the membership of any Departmental Committee, the General Council, at its next regular meeting, shall elect a successor to fill such vacancy, who shall hold office for the unexpired term thereof.

\*\*\*\* Section 11.5. Quorum: A quorum at any meeting of any Departmental Committee shall consist of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of such committee. All questions presented to any Departmental Committee shall be decided by a majority of the members of such committee participating in any meeting thereof at which a quorum is participating, or by the unanimous written concurrence of all members of such committee without the necessity for a meeting. The Executive Committee shall define a "meeting" of any Departmental Committee in the Rules of the Executive Committee.

Section 11.6. Chairman: The Chairman of each Departmental Committee shall preside at all meetings of the committee and shall be ex-officio a member of the Executive Committee. Whenever required by any officer of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, by the Executive Committee, by the General Council, or by the Triennial Delegate Assembly, the Chairman of each committee shall give a full and complete report of the activities of his Departmental Committee.

\* As amended on August 3, 1975.

\*\* Entire section amended on August 8, 1965.

\*\*\* Entire section amended on August 8, 1965.

\*\*\*\* As amended on August 19, 1979.

\*\*\*\*\* Entire section amended on August 9, 1980.



Section 11.7. Secretary: The Secretary of each Departmental Committee shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings and activities of his Departmental Committee and shall deliver certified copies thereof to the President at his request. In the absence of the Chairman, the Secretary will preside.

Section 11.8. Committee Rules: Subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Executive Committee and to the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, each Departmental Committee shall adopt such rules of procedure for the conduct of the affairs of such committee as shall be necessary, which said rules shall not be inconsistent with, or in derogation of, the Rules of the Executive Committee or the By-laws and the Constitution of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Section 11.9. The Judicial Committee: The Judicial Committee shall be the supreme arbitrating body of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, but, except as otherwise provided, their determinations and decisions shall be subject to the veto of, or modification by, the Executive Committee within the time allowed by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. The jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee shall extend to all matters pertaining to the affairs of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and to all differences between URANTIA Societies or between any URANTIA Society and any member thereof or between any members or groups of members. The Judicial Committee shall, upon the request of any officer of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, any Councilor, or the Chairman of any Departmental Committee, render opinions on any matters involving a construction of this Constitution, of the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, and of the Rules of the Executive Committee. A permanent record of such opinions shall be preserved.

Section 11.10. The Charter Committee: The Charter Committee shall have direct supervision over all matters pertaining to the application for charters as URANTIA Societies and the installation of URANTIA Societies. By and with the consent and approval of the Executive Committee, the Charter Committee shall make and establish and alter and amend: (1) Standards of Admission of URANTIA Societies for the qualification of individuals making application to be chartered as a URANTIA Society; (2) Standards of Admission of Members for the qualification of persons making application for membership in URANTIA Societies; (3) the form of charter for URANTIA Societies; and (4) a ritual for the installation of URANTIA Societies and for the initiation of individual members into URANTIA Societies. The Charter Committee shall also perform all other duties directly or indirectly imposed upon it by this Constitution and by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Section 11.11. The Fraternal Relations Committee: The Fraternal Relations Committee shall foster and develop fraternal relations and good will with the churches of various denominations and with the religions of the world, to the end that the purposes of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD may be advanced.

Section 11.12. The Domestic Extension Committee: The Domestic Extension Committee shall promote knowledge of *The URANTIA Book* and its teachings among the inhabitants of the United States; it shall encourage the



dissemination of *The URANTIA Book*, promote the organization of URANTIA Societies throughout the United States; it shall assist interested persons in forming such societies; and it shall assist and co-operate with any URANTIA Society in furthering the purposes of such society and the purposes of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

\* Section 11.13. The International Fellowship Committee: The International Fellowship Committee shall promote knowledge of *The URANTIA Book* and its teachings among the inhabitants of countries other than the United States of America; it shall encourage and assist suitable persons to interest themselves in securing funds for the translation of the English text into the various other languages; it shall encourage and assist in the dissemination of *The URANTIA Book* among the inhabitants of countries other than the United States of America; it shall assist and foster the organization of URANTIA Societies in all such countries; and it shall assist and co-operate with such URANTIA Societies in furthering the purposes of such societies and the purposes of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

\*\* Section 11.14. The Education Committee: The Education Committee shall find, prepare, and qualify teachers of *The URANTIA Book*, who shall be persons of high moral character, devoted to the teachings and principles of *The URANTIA Book*; it shall seek to interest such suitable persons in preparing themselves to teach the truths of *The URANTIA Book* and to prepare and qualify such persons to teach *The URANTIA Book*.\*\*\*By and with the approval and consent of the Executive Committee, it shall establish and implement standards of character, conduct, and education for such teachers. Any title or certificate conferred by the Education Committee may be revoked by the Executive Committee for conduct unworthy of the office upon request of the Education Committee and recommendation of the Judicial Committee after a hearing upon notice to show cause.

Section 11.15. The Publications Committee: The Publications Committee shall have general supervision of the editing, printing, publication, and circulation of such publications as the Executive Committee shall authorize. By and with the consent and approval of the Executive Committee, it may employ editors, writers, translators, and other technical men and women, all of whom shall be employees of the Executive Committee, and the salaries of whom shall be paid out of the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Section 11.16. The Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall devise and sponsor ways and means of raising and procuring funds for use by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD in the carrying out of its activities; it shall supervise and assist in the raising and procurement of such funds; it shall prepare the annual budget in co-operation with other Departmental Committees and submit the same to the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the December meeting of the Executive Committee; it shall recommend appropriations to the Executive Committee; it shall advise and inform the

\* As amended on August 3, 1975.

\*\* As amended on August 19, 1979.

\*\*\* As amended on June 27, 1982.



Executive Committee and the fiscal agents of the Executive Committee in matters pertaining to the investment of surplus funds; and it shall arrange for an annual audit of the books of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall ex-officio be a member of the Finance Committee but without power to vote thereon.

\* Section 11.17. The Special Projects Committee: The Special Projects Committee shall assist and advise in all matters and things pertaining to the affairs of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD which do not fall within the scope of the powers and duties of the other Departmental Committees, and which shall be referred to it by the Executive Committee.

Section 11.18. Additional Departmental Committees: The General Council may create other and additional Departmental Committees from time to time by By-laws adopted by a vote of three-fourths (3/4ths) of all Councilors voting in favor thereof.

## ARTICLE XII

### FINANCES

Section 12.1. Treasury: All funds, including money and other property, received by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall, upon the receipt thereof, become part of the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and shall be classed as (a) Income, (b) Capital Funds, and (c) Trusteed Funds, which shall be comprised as follows:

Income: Income shall include all money received from URANTIA Societies as tithes and all earnings received from Capital Funds.

Capital Funds: Capital Funds shall include all other money and property received by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, except money and property received and accepted by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.2.

Trusteed Funds: Trusteed Funds shall include all money and property received and accepted by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD for limited or restricted use pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.3.

Section 12.2. Gifts to URANTIA BROTHERHOOD: A gift, devise, or bequest to URANTIA BROTHERHOOD without specific limitation or restriction shall be a gift, devise, or bequest for the purposes for which URANTIA BROTHERHOOD was created and established, and shall become part of the general funds of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and may be allocated in whole or in part to Income or to Capital Funds, or both, as from time to time determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 12.3. Restricted or Limited Gifts to URANTIA BROTHERHOOD: A gift, devise, or bequest to URANTIA BROTHERHOOD upon the condition or with the restriction or limitation that the property or earnings therefrom be used

\* As amended on August 3, 1975.



or devoted to a specific purpose may be received and administered by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD only upon the acceptance thereof by the Executive Committee. A gift, devise, or bequest which by the terms of the instrument by which such gift, devise, or bequest is made limits or restricts the use of the property, or the earnings therefrom, so that the same may not be used, either perpetually or for a limited period of time, in any manner and for any purposes consistent with the objects of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD as from time to time determined by the Executive Committee shall constitute a restricted or limited gift, devise, or bequest subject to the provisions of this Section. A gift, devise, or bequest so conditioned, restricted, or limited may be accepted by the Executive Committee only if the purpose for which such gift, devise, or bequest is so conditioned, restricted, or limited is consistent with the purposes as generally defined in Article II. The money or property received by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD upon the acceptance of such a restricted or limited gift shall be segregated from the other funds and property of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and shall be held in the treasury as "Trusteed Funds" so long as such restrictions or limitations shall apply. In the event that any such restrictions or limitations by the terms of the instrument by which such gift, devise, or bequest was made shall expire or cease to be applicable at a date subsequent to the date on which such gift, devise, or bequest was made, the funds or property then remaining shall become part of the general funds of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and may be allocated in whole or in part to Income or to Capital Funds, or to both, as shall be determined by the Executive Committee. To such extent that the instrument by which a gift, devise, or bequest is made does not specifically otherwise provide, the money and property from time to time comprising such Trusteed Funds shall be administered, invested, and accounted for as provided in this Constitution.

Section 12.4. Determination of Income: The Executive Committee shall have the power to determine from time to time what constitutes Income and what constitutes Capital Funds and shall also have the power to determine what constitutes earnings from Capital Funds and from Trusteed Funds, and their determination shall in all respects be final.

Section 12.5. Disbursement of Funds: All moneys in the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall be deposited in such banks or other institutions as the Executive Committee shall from time to time designate. No moneys shall be paid out of the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD unless and until the same have been appropriated by the Executive Committee, and all disbursements from the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall be by check or other written order. Any funds in the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, when deposited in any bank or other institution, shall be so deposited that such funds may be withdrawn at any time by check or other written order signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President; provided, however, that the Executive Committee may from time to time authorize the withdrawal of moneys in the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD by check or other written order signed and countersigned by such other persons as the Executive Committee shall designate and appoint.



Section 12.6. Budget and Appropriations: At its last meeting \*in each year the Executive Committee shall adopt a budget for URANTIA BROTHERHOOD for the next succeeding calendar year and on the basis of such budget shall make appropriations for the expenditures to be made by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD during the ensuing calendar year, which said budget and appropriations shall be made and adopted in the manner provided in the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. Appropriations for specific purposes, the expenditure of which shall extend over one (1) year, may be made in the manner provided in the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. The total appropriations for disbursements to be made out of annual income shall in no event exceed ninety (90) per cent of the annual income, and the total of all appropriations for disbursements to be made out of Capital Funds shall in no event exceed ninety (90) per cent of the Capital Funds.

Section 12.7. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall be the calendar year.

Section 12.8. Investment of Funds: The Executive Committee, by and with the consultation and advice of the Finance Committee, shall have the power to invest and re-invest the funds and property of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD as follows:

(a) To invest and re-invest such funds and property in bonds, notes, debentures, and certificates of the United States of America or of any subdivision thereof, and/or in bonds of any state or possession of the United States of America or any county or municipality thereof or any subdivision or authority of any such state, county, or municipality, and/or in bonds, notes, or debentures of any foreign government or any subdivision thereof, and/or in listed or unlisted stocks, preferred or common, bonds, or debentures of any firm or corporation, and/or shares in any investment trust, and/or real estate, improved or unimproved, and/or first mortgages on real estate improved or unimproved, provided such mortgage constitutes the entire first mortgage on any such parcel of real estate and not an interest therein or portion thereof.

(b) To retain as a part of the Capital Funds or Trusteed Funds, as long as the Executive Committee in their discretion shall deem it advisable, and notwithstanding any statutes or trust laws regarding the investment of trust funds or regarding the diversification of investments by trustees, all or any part of the property originally sold, assigned, transferred and set over unto the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD or which may thereafter from time to time be sold, assigned, transferred and set over unto the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

(c) To sell, transfer, convey or assign any and all property from time to time owned or held by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD whenever the Executive Committee shall deem it advisable; and such sale or sales may be made at public or private sale and for cash or on such terms as the Executive Committee may deem advisable.

\* As amended on August 9, 1980.



(d) To exercise in such manner as the Executive Committee may deem advisable, any or all rights, including voting rights, of, attaching to or accruing by reason of the ownership of any or all shares of stock, shares of beneficial interest or other securities or investments at any time owned by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD; and to take such other or further action or to give or execute any proxy, voting trust agreement, plan of reorganization or consent which an owner of such shares, securities or investments could take, give or execute, with the same force and effect as though the Executive Committee were at the time the absolute owners of such shares, securities or investments; and to enter into any plan or scheme or organization or reorganization of any company, corporation, association or trust, the stock, securities or investments of which may be held by URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

(e) To buy or to join with any person or persons in buying any property which may be sold under the provisions of any mortgage, pledge or other security in which property or any part thereof the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall have an interest.

(f) To acquire industrial or commercial real estate and to construct improvements thereon for the exclusive use or benefit of a lessee in connection with the conduct of lessee's business and to invest the funds of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, or any portion thereof, in improved commercial or industrial real estate subject to a lease pursuant to which said improvements were constructed, and to purchase real estate and to construct improvements thereon to be leased to any firm or corporation, upon such terms and conditions as the Executive Committee shall deem proper.

(g) To lease any real estate at any time owned by the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD for any period of time not exceeding one hundred and ninety-eight (198) years; to use and apply any of the Capital Funds or Trusteed Funds of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD for the purpose of paying or discharging any liens or encumbrances on such real estate or any part thereof or for acquiring any property which the Executive Committee may deem necessary or advisable for the protection of any of such real estate; to keep the buildings and improvements upon such real estate or any part thereof insured and in good repair; to alter or reconstruct any improvements on such real estate or to construct new improvements thereon in such manner and to such extent as the Executive Committee may deem advisable; to mortgage all or any of such real estate for the purpose of paying or renewing any encumbrance or other lien on the real estate or for the purpose of improving any property of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD; to grant easements or charges of any kind upon or against such real estate; to make contracts or agreements for party walls or in relation thereto or otherwise, and to release, convey or assign any right, title or interest in or to such real estate, or any part thereof.

(h) To borrow money if and when the Executive Committee shall deem it proper for the purposes, or any of them, of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and to fix the terms of any such loans and to mortgage, pledge or hypothecate the property of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, or any part thereof,



as security for all or any of such loans. All loans procured by the Executive Committee shall be used and applied by them solely for the purpose of executing any of the powers herein given to the Executive Committee or for the purpose of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Section 12.9. Delegation of Investment Powers: The Executive Committee may delegate the investment of the funds of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, or any part or portion thereof, to one or more persons or corporations, with such limitations and restrictions as it shall desire or deem appropriate and proper.

\* Section 12.10. Distribution of Assets upon Dissolution: In the event of the dissolution of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, all its assets shall be distributed to the successor organization to the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, if any, if the same shall qualify for exemption from federal income tax, and if there be no such successor to the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, then all its assets shall be distributed to the URANTIA FOUNDATION, a Trust created and established by Declaration of Trust dated January 11, 1950, entered into by William M. Hales, William S. Sadler, Jr., Wilfred C. Kellogg, Emma L. Christensen, and Edith E. Cook.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 13.1. Insignia and Seal: The insignia of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall consist of three (3) azure blue concentric circles on a white background, between the outer two (2) of which concentric circles shall be inscribed the words "URANTIA BROTHERHOOD." URANTIA BROTHERHOOD seal shall be a metal seal in circular form making an impression of three (3) concentric circles, between the outer two (2) of which shall be the words "URANTIA BROTHERHOOD SEAL."

Section 13.2. Execution of Official Documents: Any document which shall be signed by the President and URANTIA BROTHERHOOD seal affixed thereto and attested by the Secretary pursuant to the authority of the Executive Committee, either in the name of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD or in the name of the Executive Committee of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, shall be the official act and deed of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD for all purposes. The General Council may, by By-law, from time to time authorize the execution of documents also by other officers and persons; and when executed pursuant to such By-law and pursuant to the authority of the Executive Committee, such documents shall be the official act and deed of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Section 13.3. Recognition of Distinguished Service: If, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, any member of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall perform or render some unusual, extraordinary, or distinguished service, the Executive Committee shall present to the General Council the name of such member with the recommendation that a suitable award or

\* Entire Section 12.10. as amended on October 26, 1958.



citation in recognition thereof be given. Upon the presentation of such recommendation, the General Council, by unanimous vote of all Councilors present at any duly constituted meeting, may give or confer on such member such award or citation in recognition of the unusual, extraordinary, or distinguished service of such member as the General Council may deem fitting and appropriate. The presentation of such award or citation shall be made at the next succeeding Triennial Delegate Assembly.

Section 13.4. Corporate Fiscal Agent: The General Council may, by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, authorize and empower the Executive Committee to form and organize, under the laws of any state of the United States, corporations or associations which shall become the fiscal agents of the Executive Committee and of the Treasurer, to hold and administer a part or all the funds and properties of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and to have custody of the funds and property in its treasury. The members or stockholders of such corporations or associations shall be limited to the members of the Executive Committee. Said corporations or associations shall have such form and organization and such powers as the By-laws shall provide.

Section 13.5. Miscellaneous Corporations: The General Council may, by the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, authorize and empower the Executive Committee to form and organize, or cause to be formed and organized, under the laws of any state or states of the United States or under the laws of any other country, other corporations or associations, for profit or not for profit, which shall be appropriate, expedient, or useful in carrying out or in assisting to carry out the purposes, functions, and affairs of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, and for holding, managing, operating, using, or placing to profit any part or portion of the properties of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, such corporations or associations to have such powers, names, and organizations as the By-laws shall provide.

#### ARTICLE XIV

##### AMENDMENTS

Section 14.1. Procedure for Amendment: Amendments to this Constitution may be made in the manner following: the Executive Committee shall adopt a resolution, by the affirmative vote in favor thereof of three-fourths (3/4ths) of the entire membership of the Executive Committee, setting forth the amendment proposed, declaring its advisability, recommending its adoption by the General Council, and instructing the Secretary-General to forward copies of said resolution to each of the members of the General Council. At the next annual meeting of the General Council, if the same shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of such resolution, and if so, then at the next succeeding annual meeting of the General Council, the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee setting forth the amendment proposed, declaring its advisability, and recommending its adoption, shall be presented to the General Council. Upon the presentation thereof, the General Council shall vote thereon by secret ballot for or against the adoption of the amendment proposed, and in the event that three-fourths (3/4ths) of the votes of the entire membership of the General Council are cast in favor thereof, the amendment shall then become effective and a part of this Constitution.



Each amendment to the Constitution shall be proposed, declared advisable, and its adoption recommended by separate resolution, and each proposed amendment shall be submitted separately to the vote of the General Council.

Section 14.2. Amendments Affecting Local Autonomy: Whenever it is proposed to adopt an amendment to this Constitution limiting in any way the local autonomy of the URANTIA Societies, such amendment shall not become effective until it shall have been ratified by the affirmative vote in favor thereof, by a secret ballot, of at least three-fourths (3/4ths) of the members of the Triennial Delegate Assembly: Provided, however, that not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years shall elapse between the adoption of such amendment and the submission thereof to the Triennial Delegate Assembly for ratification; and provided further that a copy of such amendment as adopted by the General Council shall be sent to all URANTIA Societies within six (6) months after the date of the adoption by the General Council and shall be set out in full in the notice of the call of the Triennial Delegate Assembly at which said ratification of the amendment is to be voted upon.

## ARTICLE XV

### TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

Section 15.1. For the first nine (9) years immediately following the adoption of this Constitution and until the first Triennial Delegate Assembly, the foregoing provisions notwithstanding, the General Council shall be comprised of the thirty-six (36) founders, the number of the members of each Departmental Committee shall be such as may from time to time be determined by such General Council, and membership in a URANTIA Society shall not be a requisite to the holding of any office, membership on any committee, or membership in URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. In all other respects, for said nine (9) year period, the General Council, the officers, and the committees shall be elected, shall have the powers, and shall perform the duties as in this Constitution made and provided; but the term of office of all Councilors, officers, and committeemen shall expire upon the election of their successors by the first Triennial Delegate Assembly. No amendment shall be made to this Constitution, and no By-law of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD adopted by the General Council shall be abrogated, limited, or repealed by the General Council until after the first Triennial Delegate Assembly.

Section 15.2. At any time prior to the expiration of the first nine years (9) referred to in Section 15.1. above, the General Council, by a three-fourths (3/4ths) vote, may call the first Triennial Delegate Assembly.

Section 15.3. During this initial nine (9) year period, vacancies occurring on the General Council, from whatever cause, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Councilors.



Section 15.4. This Article shall automatically cease to be a part of this Constitution upon the election of a General Council as herein provided by the first Triennial Delegate Assembly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands this 2nd day of January, 1955.



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### CHAPTER I

#### RECORDS OF MEMBERSHIP

Paragraph 1.1. Record of Membership in URANTIA Societies: A permanent record of each member in each URANTIA Society shall be kept by its Secretary, which record shall contain the member's name and address and such other information as may be required by the Executive Committee. Upon the written request of the Secretary of any other URANTIA Society or of any officer of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, the Secretary of a URANTIA Society shall certify to the membership of any member of such society; and upon the request of the President of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, the Secretary of a URANTIA Society shall furnish to the President, or to such person as the President may direct, a certified list of all members of such society on the date designated by the President.

Paragraph 1.2. Official Membership Census: Not later than the tenth (10th) day of January of each year, the Secretary of each URANTIA Society shall report to the Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD the number of members in that society on the last day of the preceding calendar year and such other information as the Executive Committee shall from time to time require. From such reports the Secretary shall compile the Official Membership Census.

Paragraph 1.3. Record of Members-at-Large: The Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall keep and maintain a record of each member-at-large of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, which record shall contain the member's name and address and such other information as may be required by the Executive Committee.

Paragraph 1.4. Record of Transfer of Membership: When a member of a URANTIA Society is accepted for membership by another URANTIA Society, the Secretary of the URANTIA Society receiving such member shall notify the Secretary of the URANTIA Society of former membership, advising of the transfer of membership.

Paragraph 1.5. Record of Officers of URANTIA Societies: When a URANTIA Society has been issued a charter, the names of the Founders shall be reported to the Secretary-General by the Chairman of the Charter Committee. The Secretary of each URANTIA Society shall file with the Secretary-General a certified list of the names of the officers of such URANTIA Society within thirty (30) days after the election thereof, and the Secretary-General shall keep and maintain a current record of the officers of each URANTIA Society. The list of the officers first elected by a new URANTIA Society shall also be certified to by not less than three (3) of the Founders of each URANTIA Society.

Paragraph 1.6. Record of Expulsion from a URANTIA Society: The expulsion of a member from a URANTIA Society shall be reported to both the Secretary-General and the Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD by the Secretary of the expelling URANTIA Society.



## CHAPTER II

### PROCEDURE ON APPEALS

Paragraph 2.1. Appeal to the General Council from Revocation of Charter: A URANTIA Society may appeal to the General Council from an adjudication by the Judicial Committee and affirmed by the Executive Committee by filing a notice of appeal from such adjudication and affirmation with the Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD within ninety (90) days after the date of the letter transmitted by United States Registered Mail from the Chairman of the Judicial Committee attested by the Secretary-General notifying such URANTIA Society of the revocation of its charter, but not less than ten (10) days before the meeting of the General Council at which such appeal may be heard by the General Council under the provisions of Section 5.6. of the Constitution. Such notice of appeal shall set forth the adjudication of the Judicial Committee and the reasons why such adjudication should be reversed. Upon the filing of the notice of appeal within the time prescribed, the Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall place such appeal on the agenda of the next meeting of the General Council before which such appeal may be heard under the provisions of Section 5.6. of the Constitution, and shall compile a record which shall comprise the following:

- (a) A copy of the petition filed by the Charter Committee with the Judicial Committee,
- (b) A copy of the summons to the officers of the URANTIA Society whose charter is involved,
- (c) A copy of the adjudication of the Judicial Committee and any findings, reports of testimony and other evidentiary material comprising a part thereof, and
- (d) A copy of the affirmation of the Executive Committee.

At such meeting of the General Council, the case for the revocation of charter shall be presented by a member of the Judicial Committee and the appealing URANTIA Society may be represented by one or more of its officers and either with or by legal counsel. After all the evidence has been presented and all arguments have been heard, the meeting shall be adjourned until a time certain on the following day, if not a holiday, and if so, on the next succeeding business day. The adjourned meeting shall be a closed meeting and the representatives of the appealing URANTIA Society shall be excluded therefrom. At such meeting, the General Council by secret ballot may affirm or reverse the adjudication of the Judicial Committee. The decision of a majority of a quorum of the General Council shall be final, and such decision shall be communicated within thirty (30) days thereafter in writing by United States Registered Mail to the appealing society by the President and Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Paragraph 2.2. A Member's Appeal from Expulsion from a URANTIA Society: Upon expulsion from a URANTIA Society, the person so expelled may, within six (6) months after his expulsion, file in duplicate with the



Secretary-General a notice of appeal from expulsion, addressed to the Judicial Committee setting forth to the best of his knowledge the grounds for which he was expelled and the reasons why such person considers such expulsion prejudicial to him. Upon the receiving of such petition the Secretary-General shall refer the petition to the Chairman of the Judicial Committee who shall set the petition for hearing and shall notify the petitioning party of the time and place thereof and shall send a copy of the petition to the Secretary of the expelling URANTIA Society together with a notice of the time and place of such hearing. The petitioner may present his evidence at such hearing in person or in writing. The expelling URANTIA Society may send a representative to such hearing or may present its evidence in writing. The Judicial Committee shall consider the evidence presented by the petitioner and by the expelling URANTIA Society, shall make a record of the evidence and of its findings from the evidence, deny or grant the petition, and return the file to the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General shall notify the petitioner and the Secretary of the expelling URANTIA Society of the decision of the Judicial Committee within thirty (30) days after receipt of such decision.

Paragraph 2.3. A Member's Appeal from the Judicial Committee: In the event that a member's expulsion is affirmed on appeal to the Judicial Committee, the expelled member may, within sixty (60) days thereafter, file with the Secretary-General a petition for review of the decision of the Judicial Committee, setting forth the reason why the decision of the Judicial Committee should be reversed. Upon receiving such petition for review, the Secretary-General shall place it on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, at its next regular meeting, shall take such action as it deems best: It may decline to review the decision of the Judicial Committee; it may affirm the decision of the Judicial Committee; or it may reverse the decision of the Judicial Committee. The action of the Executive Committee shall be final and shall be communicated in writing by the Secretary-General to the petitioner and to the Secretary of the expelling URANTIA Society.

### CHAPTER III

#### FINANCES

Paragraph 3.1. Charter Fees: There shall be paid to the Charter Committee concurrently with the filing of an application to establish a URANTIA Society an application fee in an amount to be determined by the \*Charter Committee with the approval and consent of the Executive Committee. If a charter is not issued to the applicants, the application fee shall be refunded. Otherwise such fee shall be paid into the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Paragraph 3.2. Remittance of Tithes: On or before the fifteenth days of April, July, October, and January, the Treasurer of each URANTIA Society shall remit to the Treasurer of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD ten per cent (10%) of the gross receipts of his URANTIA Society as hereinafter defined in Paragraph 3.3. received by such URANTIA Society during the three (3) calendar months ending with the last day of the calendar month next preceding said dates and shall accompany such remittance with a financial report.

\* Entire section amended on August 9, 1980.



Paragraph 3.3. Gross Receipts: Gross receipts of a URANTIA Society shall mean and include the following:

- (a) Money, stocks, bonds, notes and other securities, tangible personal property of all kinds and descriptions, and real property and interests therein which shall be given or contributed to such URANTIA Society, unless such gifts or contributions are exempt under the provisions of Paragraph 3.4.;
- (b) Moneys or property received from any trust;
- (c) Net profit or income from any property operated by the URANTIA Society, or from any enterprise or business operated for or by a URANTIA Society or from any function, activity, or scheme for the making of money for the benefit of a URANTIA Society, unless exempt under the provisions of Paragraph 3.4.;
- (d) Dues, assessments, and other charges levied or assessed against members of a URANTIA Society, except charges for services rendered, for food or lodging furnished, or for property sold.

If any property described in subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph is not divisible so that one-tenth (1/10) thereof may be transferred to URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, the URANTIA Society shall report receipt of the same to the Treasurer of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and shall account for the income or profits therefrom and the proceeds from the sale or other disposition thereof and pay the tithes on such income or profits therefrom and from the proceeds from the sale or other disposition thereof when received. Money and other property shall be deemed to have been given or contributed to a URANTIA Society if received by such URANTIA Society from voluntary gifts or from solicitations or by virtue of the terms and provisions of a trust agreement, of the Last Will and Testament of any individual, or of any other contract or instrument.

Paragraph 3.4. Exemption from Tithes: The following gifts and contributions to a URANTIA Society shall be exempt from tithes:

- (a) Gifts and contributions of real estate and tangible personal property for the exclusive use of a URANTIA Society for the purposes for which such society was chartered and of moneys and other property for the acquisition of such property or for the construction of improvements thereon.
- (b) Gifts and contributions for funds for special purposes which shall be specifically exempted from tithes by resolution of the Executive Committee. URANTIA Societies desiring to obtain exemption for a special fund shall make application to the Executive Committee for such exemption.



Paragraph 3.5. Reserve for Triennial Delegate Assembly: The Executive Committee shall cause to be set aside each year a sum of money, in amount to be determined by it, as a reserve to discharge the expenses of the Triennial Delegate Assembly. Any such funds that are unexpended after a meeting of the Triennial Delegate Assembly shall revert to the treasury of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Paragraph 3.6. Budget: The Finance Committee shall prepare \*a budget for each calendar year and submit the same to the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the last meeting of the Executive Committee in the prior year. At the last meeting of the Executive Committee in each year, an annual budget shall be adopted for the ensuing calendar year. The budget shall be in such form as shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Paragraph 3.7. Appropriations: The amount specified in the annual budget for each operating expense and for other specified purposes shall constitute an appropriation of such amount to such purposes.

\*\* Paragraph 3.8. Books of Account: The Treasurer shall keep a detailed record of all expenditures and shall charge all expenditures to the accounts for which they were appropriated. The Treasurer shall keep a detailed record of all receipts and sources thereof. At all meetings of the Executive Committee the Treasurer shall submit a financial report in such form as shall be required by the Executive Committee.

#### CHAPTER IV

##### PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL OF GENERAL COUNCILORS

Paragraph 4.1. Purpose: The purpose of this Chapter of the By-laws is to provide a definite and detailed procedure to be followed pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8.4., of the Constitution of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Paragraph 4.2. Action of the Executive Committee: When a resolution shall be adopted by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4ths) of the members of the Executive Committee recommending the removal of a General Councilor from office and stating the reasons therefor, such resolution shall state the name of the Councilor and shall call a special meeting of the General Council for the purpose of voting for or against his removal from office not less than forty-five (45) nor more than ninety (90) days from the date of the adoption of such resolution.

Paragraph 4.3. Notification: A copy of the resolution adopted pursuant to Paragraph 4.2., certified by the Secretary, shall be delivered to the Councilor named therein in person or transmitted by United States Registered Mail to him at his last known address at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the General Council at which said resolution of the Executive Committee is to be presented.

\* Entire section amended on August 9, 1980.

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Paragraph 4.4. Action of General Council: At the said special meeting of the General Council called for such purpose as provided in Paragraph 4.2., the case for the Executive Committee shall be presented by one or more of its members and the Councilor on trial may present his defense either in person or with or by counsel. After all evidence has been presented and the arguments of the Executive Committee and the Councilor on trial have been made, the meeting shall be adjourned until a time certain on the following day, if not a holiday, and if so, on the next succeeding business day. The adjourned meeting shall be a closed meeting and the Councilor on trial shall be excluded therefrom. At such adjourned meeting the General Council shall vote for or against the removal from office of the Councilor on trial. A Councilor may be removed from office on a secret ballot of the General Council by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4ths) of the duly elected and qualified Councilors, the Councilor whose removal is being voted upon being disqualified to vote, and on the casting of such vote, the office of such Councilor shall become vacant.

Paragraph 4.5. Notification of Removal of Councilors: In the event of the removal of a General Councilor, the Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall give the former Councilor written notice of such removal by United States Registered Mail within thirty (30) days of such removal.

## CHAPTER V

### URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION

Paragraph 5.1. Formation of URANTIA Brotherhood Corporation: The Executive Committee shall cause to be organized a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois or some other state in the name of "URANTIA BROTHERHOOD" or "URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION."

Paragraph 5.2. Membership: Memberships in the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION shall be limited to members of the Executive Committee.

Paragraph 5.3. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee.

Paragraph 5.4. Executive Committee of the Board of Directors: \*The By-laws of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION may provide for an Executive Committee of the Board of Directors to be comprised of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Assistant Secretary-Assistant Treasurer of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION. The Executive Committee shall have such powers and such duties as from time to time shall be provided in the By-laws of the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION, and as shall be specifically imposed or granted by the Board of Directors of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION.

\* First sentence as amended on August 7, 1966.



Paragraph 5.5. Officers: The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be the same as the officers of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. The Secretary-General shall serve as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the Corporation. Additional officers may be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION.

Paragraph 5.6. Fiscal Agents: URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION shall be the fiscal agent for URANTIA BROTHERHOOD and it may hold property and money of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD as requested and required by the Executive Committee. In the conduct of the affairs of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORPORATION the members, directors, and officers thereof shall observe and comply with the Constitution and By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD.

Paragraph 5.7. Other Corporations: The Executive Committee may from time to time organize or cause to be organized such other and additional corporations, for profit or not for profit, as in the discretion of the Executive Committee shall be considered necessary, appropriate, or proper, and may determine the form and organization of such corporation, the membership or capitalization thereof, and the number of officers and directors and methods for the election and qualification thereof.

## CHAPTER VI

### ELECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF TRIENNIAL DELEGATES

Paragraph 6.1. Notification of Call to URANTIA Societies: Within thirty (30) days of the setting of the date of a meeting of the Triennial Delegate Assembly, the Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD shall give notice of the call and the date of such meeting to the Secretary of each URANTIA Society.

Paragraph 6.2. Election of Delegates and Alternates: At any time after the receipt of such notice, but not later than sixty (60) days before the date of the called meeting of the Triennial Delegate Assembly, each URANTIA Society shall elect one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate Delegate to such Assembly.

Paragraph 6.3. Notification and Certification of Election: Within fifteen (15) days of the election of such Delegate and Alternate Delegate, the Secretary of each URANTIA Society shall notify the Secretary of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD of the name of the Delegate and the name of the Alternate Delegate, and such notification shall be certified by the President of such URANTIA Society.

## CHAPTER VII

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### TEMPORARY VACANCIES

Paragraph 7.1. Purpose: The purpose of this Chapter of the By-laws is to supplement ARTICLE IX, Section 9.9. and ARTICLE XI, Section 11.3.

\* Entire Chapter VII as amended on August 8, 1965.



and Section 11.4. of the Constitution of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD by providing for the interim appointment of officers and chairmen and members of Departmental Committees to fill vacancies which may occur between regularly scheduled meetings of the General Council.

Paragraph 7.2. Vacancies in Offices: Whenever any vacancy shall occur in the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Secretary-General, the Executive Committee shall by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote appoint a General Councilor to fill any such vacancy and he shall hold office until the next proper meeting of the General Council when his successor shall be elected. During his term of office such officer shall have all the authority and rights of a regularly elected officer.

Paragraph 7.3. Chairmanship Vacancies in Departmental Committees: If a chairmanship of a Departmental Committee becomes vacant more than thirty (30) days prior to the next proper meeting of the General Council, the President may, with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Executive Committee, appoint an Acting Chairman of that Departmental Committee. Such an Acting Chairman must be a member of the General Council and he shall hold office as Acting Chairman until the next proper meeting of the General Council when his successor shall be elected. During his term of office such Acting Chairman shall have all the authority and rights of a regularly elected Departmental Chairman.

Paragraph 7.4. Membership Vacancies in Departmental Committees: If, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, a membership vacancy in a Departmental Committee should be filled prior to the next proper meeting of the General Council, the President may, with the consent of a majority of the Executive Committee, appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next proper meeting of the General Council.

## CHAPTER VIII

### MISCELLANEOUS

Paragraph 8.1. Certifications and Forms: The Executive Committee of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD may from time to time prescribe the form in which records, reports, and certifications are to be made as required by the Constitution of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD or by these By-laws, and when forms shall have been prescribed by the Executive Committee of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, such form shall thereafter be used for the purposes prescribed until otherwise directed by the Executive Committee of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD. When no form for a record, report, or certification has been prescribed by the Executive Committee, such record, report, or certification shall be in such form as the person making the same shall determine adequate.

Paragraph 8.2. Amendment of By-laws: Subject to the provisions of Section 15.1. of ARTICLE XV and Section 8.8. of ARTICLE VIII of the Constitution of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD, the By-laws of URANTIA BROTHERHOOD



may be amended at any time by a majority of the Councilors present at any general or special meeting of the General Council at which not less than a majority of the Councilors are present, provided, however, that notice of any proposed amendment to be considered at such meeting shall have been given to all Councilors not less than fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting.

(The Constitution and By-laws have been corrected to incorporate all amendments approved by the General Council through June 27, 1982.)



Explanatory Data  
To Be Used In Conjunction With The  
Organization Chart  
Of  
URANTIA Brotherhood

Delegates: One delegate and one alternate are elected by each URANTIA Society.

The Triennial Delegate Assembly: Meets every three years on the call of the Executive Committee; nominates and elects the General Council; ratifies constitutional amendments affecting autonomy of URANTIA Societies.

The General Council: Twelve General Councilors are elected every three years for a term of nine years; meetings are annual though special meetings may be called; the Council can amend the constitution by a three-fourths vote; it may adopt By-laws; it elects officers and departmental committees and committee chairmen.

The Executive Committee: All the members of the Executive Committee are General Councilors; the committee meets at least once quarterly; the President of URANTIA Brotherhood serves as Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Secretary-General serves as secretary. They may establish rules of the Executive Committee, and they may supplement and interpret the By-laws.

Officers: Officers are nominated by the Executive Committee and are elected by the General Council for a term of three years.

Departmental Committee Chairmen: They all are Councilors and are members of the Executive Committee.

Departmental Committees: One member must be a General Councilor; one member is elected each year by the General Council for a term of six years; the Secretary-General is ex-officio a member of each committee and acts as liaison officer between the committees and the General Council.

Any Local URANTIA Society: Each society is self-governing and autonomous with a minimum of ten members. Society officers are elected in a manner determined by the society's constitution. Each society pays one-tenth of its revenues to the treasurer of URANTIA Brotherhood.

Members-at-large: They are admitted by, and hold their membership at the discretion of, the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood.



