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Subject: Some personal reflections on the long and short term purposes
of the Committee on Education of URANTIA Brotherhood

Initially the committee was involved with the Brotherhood evening school in the late 40's to its closing in the early 60's. In recent years -- as the fellowship of dedicated students of The URANTIA BOOK increased -- committee members and many others have been in the process of re-evaluating the committee's role in the educational activities surrounding the URANTIA teachings. On the practical level, I view our task as providing a co-ordinating service to any individual or group in their study of The URANTIA Book. This is the broadest framework in which the committee can plan its activities, I also see the committee as initiating projects in carrying out its constitutional responsibility of training teachers and leaders. As a short term project, with long term possibilities, we are planning a series of workshops for the 1978 General Conference of URANTIA Brotherhood.

Purposes:

1. To design workshops that allow the maximum participation of teachers and students.
2. Content which includes, on a broad basis, teaching techniques on many universe levels, and on the more finite level, the methods used by Jesus in his earth career.
3. An experience for participants to "learn by doing," to add greater tangible knowledge as to the "how" of teaching. Such experience will, hopefully, be utilized by all participants in their quest to share the URANTIA teachings with others in their home towns and cities, either directly with other students of The URANTIA Book or indirectly as a teacher/student in any number of differing social groups or individual situations.

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