



URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

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URANTIA Brotherhood is a voluntary and fraternal association of believers in the teachings of The URANTIA Book, functioning in various URANTIA societies, each of which is made up of ten or more dedicated individuals.

The thirty-six founders constitute what we know as the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood, which directs the affairs of the Brotherhood through the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of the officers of the Brotherhood together with the chairmen of the nine functioning committees--a group of fourteen. The Executive Committee meets not less than quarterly (currently meeting bi-monthly). The original thirty-six founders of URANTIA Brotherhood (or their successors) directed the organization for the first nine years from the date of its organization on January 2, 1955. Thereafter, the Brotherhood was, and is now, governed by a new General Council selected by the action of a Triennial Delegate Assembly composed of delegates from the various URANTIA societies. The first Triennial Meeting was held in 1964.

Societies are chartered by URANTIA Brotherhood and are composed of ten or more interested, dedicated readers who meet regularly to study the book and who pledge themselves to disseminate its teachings. Usually, societies start as small reading groups, later growing in size to the point where they can be organized as official societies of the Brotherhood.

The aims of the Brotherhood are expressed in the excerpts from the Preamble and Purposes set forth in the constitution as follows:

Inasmuch as it is our solemn conviction that the comfort, happiness, and well-being of man will be enhanced by the creation of an organization of people working together for the 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.

The purposes of this organization will be 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, through the fostering of a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with man's intellectual and cultural development.

Since URANTIA Brotherhood is not a corporation--not a legal entity--the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood caused to be organized a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois by the name of URANTIA Brotherhood Corporation. This corporation is the fiscal agent of the Brotherhood and, in a general way, takes care of the various financial and legal interests of the Brotherhood.

Money donated to the Brotherhood is used for operating expenses such as rent, equipment, stationery, postage, telephone, and other office expenses. We welcome the financial assistance of all readers and students of The URANTIA Book. Indeed, our continued and necessary functions depend on your co-operation. All contributions are tax deductible.