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## General Council Meets In Chicago

On Saturday, June 25, 1977, the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood met at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

Attending were: Art Born, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; Allen Brazell, Houston, Texas; Art Burch, Western Springs, Illinois; Inez Burch, Western Springs, Illinois; Barney Burton, Wauconda, Illinois; Helen Butler, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Helen Carlson, Chicago, Illinois; Holte Castan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; E.L. Christensen, Chicago, Illinois; Lew Clark, Wenatchee, Washington; Edith Cook, Chicago, Illinois.

Berkeley Elliott, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Julia Fenderson, Culver City, California; Scott Forsythe, Los Angeles, California; Clyde Goodman, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; David Gray, Berkeley, California; John Hales, Kenilworth, Illinois; Mary Lou Hales, Winnetka, Illinois; Katharine Harries, Northfield, Illinois; Carolyn Kendall, Wheeling, Illinois; Tom Kendall, Wheeling, Illinois; Lynne Kulieke, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Jim Mills, Pensacola, Florida; Martin Myers, Chicago, Illinois; Bob Myers, Newton, Kansas; Barbara Newsom, Evanston, Illinois; Harry Rowley, Minoqua, Wisconsin; Marian Rowley, Chicago, Illinois; Frank Sgaraglino, Highland Park, Illinois; Paul Snider, Wilmette, Illinois; Meredith Sprunger, Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Kenton Stephens, Annandale, Virginia. Unable to attend were: Bill Hales, Winnetka, Illinois; Anna Rawson, Edina, Minnesota; Herman Schell, Glendale, Arizona; and David Schlundt, Urbana, Indiana.

A data sheet showing the composition of the 1976-1979 General Council is enclosed. Councilors serve nine year terms; 12 Councilors are elected every three years by the Triennial Delegate Assembly of URANTIA society delegates. Also on the data sheet are the departmental committees and officers of URANTIA Brotherhood.

The June 25 meeting was the second annual business meeting of the 1976-1979 General Council. Detailed reporting of the meeting is included on pages 2-4.

## Domestic Extension Seeks Aid for Library Project

Every year the Domestic Extension Committee gives copies of The URANTIA Book to libraries.

To help the committee with its work, write to Tom Kendall, Chairman, Domestic Extension Committee, URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614, and send the committee the name and address of each library to which you would like a gift copy sent.

Individuals or groups may also make contributions marked for this purpose so that the committee can give more books each year.

URANTIA Brotherhood keeps a state-by-state and country-by-country file of all libraries which have a copy of The URANTIA Book. When you give books to libraries on your own initiative, as many do, please send the name and address of each library to John Hales, Resident Director, URANTIA Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614.

This file, now over 750, is often used in referring persons without their own books to libraries in their areas.

Since 1955, URANTIA Brotherhood and URANTIA Foundation have given over 500 books to libraries.



## 1977 General Council Meeting

*Discussion Digest*

As the highest governing body of URANTIA Brotherhood, the General Council meets to consider and act upon matters of concern to the Brotherhood as a whole, to hear reports of activities, and to elect officers, committee members, and committee chairmen.

The June 25, 1977, meeting combined these purposes, as shown in the meeting agenda on page 4. Here, on page 2, we briefly report discussion which took place.

Two major items of discussion were listed under old business. The first, discussion of URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood relationships, was addressed by Meredith Sprunger, President, in his annual report.

Meredith pointed out that each organization has different responsibilities and images and that we need to keep these different responsibilities and images separate in our minds. Meredith emphasized that their proper relationship is that of cooperation with mutual assistance and unity of purpose.

There was a brief discussion later by Councilors in which Carolyn Kendall commended Meredith for his expression of unity in his annual report and Kenton Stephens pointed out that the Foundation was created to be independent and maintain the integrity of The URANTIA Book while the Brotherhood was designed to disseminate the teachings of the book.

The second major item of discussion under old business was the Confirmatory Agreement. This was also addressed by Meredith in his annual report. He expressed appreciation for the actions and patience of all concerned and stated that he felt this extended dialogue is an essentially

healthy and maturing experience for both the Foundation and the Brotherhood, and that the end result will be helpful to the URANTIA movement.

Later discussion by Councilors was somewhat more lengthy. Clyde Goodman reviewed the history of First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma concerning the Confirmatory Agreement, and Frank Sgaraglino pointed out that Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago had questions which had not been answered. Tom Kendall and Martin Myers stated the position of URANTIA Foundation and reported that lawyers are working on a revised agreement which would be known as a Licensing Agreement.

In formal session toward the end of the Council meeting, Kenton Stephens proposed a motion, as follows, which was seconded and carried: "It is the sense of the General Council that URANTIA Foundation be encouraged to develop the revised Licensing Agreement between the Foundation and the Brotherhood societies as quickly as possible for submission to the societies, and the Council expresses appreciation for the cooperation of everyone in URANTIA Brotherhood and URANTIA Foundation in resolving this problem."

During the morning session the topic of copyright was mentioned briefly. Tom Kendall reported that the lawsuit against Urantian Research, et al., of California regarding copyright, trademark, and service mark infringement was ruled on in favor of URANTIA Foundation. Allen Brazell distributed copies of Public Law 94-553--General Revision of Copyright Laws, which goes into effect January 1, 1978.

During the afternoon session, Paul Snider complimented Meredith on the outstanding job he had done during the past year and expressed his optimistic hope for the future of the Brotherhood. Allen Brazell presented two items of new business: a motion to petition URANTIA Foundation to give discounts on the price of The URANTIA Book to societies, study groups, and individuals, and a motion to form a special nominating committee for Brotherhood officers. Both motions were defeated in formal session.

Meredith emphasized that we should involve societies in making nominations for officers, that more time for discussion in Council meetings was a good idea, and reminded the Council that organizational and legal work--as important as they may be--are only means and not ends. Our primary responsibility is the spiritual ministry to mankind.

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## A Brief History of the Licensing Agreement

The Licensing Agreement, previously known as the Confirmatory Agreement, is a legal document which, once signed, would license the use of URANTIA Foundation's registered marks, URANTIA and the Concentric-Circles Symbol, to URANTIA Brotherhood and its chartered societies. We have prepared the following information which we thought might be useful to our readers.

URANTIA Foundation has reported that some years ago, its trademark attorneys advised the Foundation that verbal licensing agreements with the Brotherhood and its societies were insufficient to provide adequate safeguards to the registered marks over the long term. They advised that written confirmatory agreements should be prepared for URANTIA Brotherhood and each URANTIA society to sign, and proceeded to draw up the agreements.

On September 3, 1974, the President of URANTIA Brotherhood signed a confirmatory licensing agreement on behalf of the Brotherhood. On November 1, 1974, the President notified all eight URANTIA societies that an agreement would soon be submitted to each of them. The agreements were to be identical for all societies. They were subsequently mailed out by URANTIA Foundation on November 15, 1974.

Three societies signed and returned the agreements in a very short period of time. Three other societies raised questions about the agreement and sought clarification from URANTIA Foundation. At approximately the same time, the Foundation attorneys discovered that minor revision of the agreements would be necessary. The Foundation decided to wait until all matters were clarified before sending revised agreements to the societies.

On January 11, 1975, the Presidents of URANTIA Foundation and URANTIA Brotherhood met with the First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma to discuss the society's questions concerning the agreement. It was determined that not all questions could be answered during the meeting, but that the Foundation would have to consult further with its attorneys.

On March 25, 1975, the President of URANTIA Foundation informed all societies of the developments to date and further reported that the Foundation was working to revise the Confirmatory Agreements.

Over the following months, many exchanges occurred among the societies and with the officers of URANTIA Brotherhood and the Trustees of URANTIA Foundation concerning the nature of the Confirmatory Agreement. In September, 1976, URANTIA Brotherhood voted to suspend the chartering of new societies until the issues concerning the agreements were resolved.

In December, 1976, URANTIA Foundation sent a lengthy letter to the First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma answering the questions that the society had previously raised. The society responded with a lengthy letter to the President of URANTIA Brotherhood on February 18, 1977, specifying its objections to the agreement.

URANTIA Foundation feels that all of the problems which the First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma has cited with the agreement can be overcome with a revised agreement which would still meet the needs of both the societies and the Foundation. This revision is currently in progress with URANTIA Foundation and the Foundation's legal counsel.

## Action on 1976 Resolutions

The 1976 Triennial Delegate Assembly passed three resolutions which were given to the General Council on June 23, 1976. The action which has been taken on these resolutions was reported at the June 25, 1977, meeting of the General Council.

The first resolution concerned the possibility of providing for representation of members-at-large at the Triennial Delegate Assembly. The Executive Committee referred this to the Judicial Committee which rendered an opinion that to do so would be a duplication of functions of the constitution which stipulates that societies comprise the constituency of the Brotherhood.

The second resolution asked that information on the Triennial Delegate Assembly be reported to societies and members-at-large. The information was summarized and reported in the August 1976 issue of URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin.

The third resolution recommended the formation of a committee to review member-at-large applications. The five officers of the Brotherhood are reviewing applications before they go to the Executive Committee.



## General Council Meeting Agenda

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order  
 Reading of minutes of June 23, 1976  
 Census report of members  
 Annual reports by committee chairmen  
 & joint custodians of The URANTIA Book  
 Annual reports by officers  
 Old business
- 1:10 p.m. Lunch
- 2:10 p.m. Reports of field representatives  
 Election of committee members & chairmen  
 New business
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

## Steady Growth Reported

At the June 25, 1977, General Council meeting, URANTIA Brotherhood officers, committee chairmen, custodians of The URANTIA Book, and field representatives reported growth in a number of areas.

Book sales and gift books for 1976 totaled 10,426. In 1975, 9,924 books were sold and given. Sales and gift books from 1955-1975 totaled 57,678, so that a grand total of 68,104 copies of The URANTIA Book had been given or sold as of December 31, 1976.

John Hales, Resident Director and Secretary-General of URANTIA Brotherhood, reported figures from June 1976 to June 1977. The number of URANTIA societies, 10, had remained the same. There was a 6% increase in Brotherhood membership overall, from 588 in June 1976 to 625 in June 1977. Society membership increased from 462 to 470 (2%) and members-at-large increased from 126 to 155 (23%). There were 608 American members and 17 international members as of June 1977.

The approximate number of study groups was 150 in June 1976 and was 250 in June 1977. The number of bookstores to which headquarters ships The URANTIA Book increased from 1,200 to 2,300. Personal communications with headquarters grew in letters received from 1,200 to 1,400, and in letters sent out from 1,300 to 1,500.

Reports were heard from all nine committee chairmen. Most reported some growth in activity. There are new projects and there is increased activity in on-going projects. Many expressed appreciation for the work of their committee members and commented on the joy and privilege of serving.

Reports were heard from eight of the 10 field representatives. Field representatives reported new study groups, attendance at local and regional conferences, and other personal travel. Also reported were new approaches and programs in study and training, new contact with individuals from a variety of backgrounds, and contact with individuals who have been referred to field representatives by URANTIA Brotherhood headquarters. Field representatives' reports reflected the joy and enthusiasm students of The URANTIA Book have in disseminating the marvelous teachings of the fifth epochal revelation.

## November Conferences

For those who may be traveling in the areas where conferences are being held, we provide the following information.

On November 5 there will be a regional conference in Clinton, Connecticut, for study groups in the East. For information, contact Nick Scalzo, 51 Ironworks Road, Clinton, Connecticut 06413.

On November 12-13 there will be a local conference near Cincinnati, Ohio, for study groups in the Ohio Valley. For information, contact Ted Blaney, 7230 Jerry Drive, West Chester, Ohio 45069.

"...if man is your brother, he is even more than your neighbor, whom the Father requires you to love as yourself. Your brother, being of your own family, you will not only love with a family affection, but you will also serve as you would serve yourself. And you will thus love and serve your brother because you, being my brethren, have been thus loved and served by me. Go, then, into all the world telling this good news to all creatures of every race, tribe, and nation. My spirit shall go before you, and I will be with you always." (pp. 2053-54)\*

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June 25, 1977

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