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URANTIA BROTHERHOOD  
CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY

January 2, 1980, marked the 25th anniversary of the signing of the URANTIA Brotherhood Constitution and the formation of the organization concerned with the dissemination of the teachings of *The URANTIA Book* to the world. On this day in Chicago in 1955, 36 people composing the first General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood met and signed the constitutional document which had been drafted and prepared over a period of many years. The Constitution was brought into force immediately upon signing, and officers and committee members were selected that day in accordance with its provisions.

Many years of quiet waiting were over for the Forum, the membership group which under close supervision and control had studied and nurtured the URANTIA Papers for more than 20 years before publication. The teachings of *The URANTIA Book* could be made public. Now final preparations for the manufacture of *The URANTIA Book* could begin, although it was not until October 12, 1955 before the first printing was actually completed. Members of the Forum never previously had personal copies, but had to read from a typed manuscript checked out to them by Christy for reading, and then returned while still at 533 Diversey Parkway.

Copies of *The URANTIA Book* could now be made available, not only for Forum members but also for the general public. After many years of waiting, Forum members could now enjoy their own personal copies and also could now discuss the teachings with other non-Forum members, which they were previously forbidden to do as one of the prerequisites for membership in the Forum.

To honor our anniversary, this issue of *URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin* is devoted to a historical study, mainly through photographs, of the first 25 years of the public dissemination of the URANTIA teachings, and includes one page about the even earlier days of the Forum.

The development of URANTIA Brotherhood would seem in its general aspects to conform to the plans and expectations of the early leaders of the URANTIA movement. Growth has been unostentatious and undramatic, while at the same time being steady and vigorous. URANTIA Brotherhood is composed of 13 individual URANTIA societies; one of these, the Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver, has just been installed and will be reported on in the

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Preamble, first articles, and signature page of the Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood.



## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE URANTIA MOVEMENT

- 1920's-1956-Forum  
 1934-35-Parts III of *The URANTIA Book* indited  
 January 11, 1950-Formation of URANTIA Foundation—  
 signing of Declaration of Trust  
 October 25, 1950-First appeal for funds for printing *The URANTIA Book*  
 January 2, 1955-URANTIA Brotherhood formed—signing of  
 Constitution  
 February 11, 1955-Formal arrangements for manufacture of  
*The URANTIA Book* started by URANTIA  
 Foundation  
 July 5, 1955-First "Quarterly News Letter" issued (later  
 known as *URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin*)  
 October 12, 1955-*The URANTIA Book* is published (10,000  
 copies)  
 June 17, 1956-First URANTIA Society installed  
 September 19, 1956-URANTIA Brotherhood School opened  
 October 1, 1956-URANTIA Brotherhood Corporation  
 organized  
 May 24, 1957-URANTIA Society of Glenview installed  
 July 26, 1957-First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles  
 installed  
 November 23, 1957-First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma  
 installed  
 September 24, 1958-First commencement for graduating class  
 of URANTIA Brotherhood School  
 May 11, 1960-Second URANTIA Society of Chicago  
 installed  
 June 27, 1961-Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago  
 installed  
 1962-Publication of *La Cosmogonie D'URANTIA*  
 (French translation of *The URANTIA*  
*Book*—available until early 1970's when  
 URANTIA Foundation brought legal action  
 against translator-publisher for  
 enforcement of terms of contract. This  
 matter is presently pending.)  
 August 23-25, 1963-First Summer Study Session at 533  
 Diversey Parkway, Chicago  
 August 20-22, 1964-First Triennial Delegate Assembly  
 August 6-8, 1965-Second Summer Study Session  
 September 30, 1965-Second URANTIA Society of Chicago  
 dissolved  
 August 4-5, 1967-Second Triennial Delegate Assembly  
 March 1, 1968-Second printing of *The URANTIA Book*  
 (10,000 copies)  
 August 2-3, 1968-Third Summer Study Session  
 August 1-2, 1969-Fourth Summer Study Session  
 November 1, 1969-First URANTIA Society of Fort Wayne,  
 Indiana installed  
 June 7, 1970-First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee  
 installed  
 July 31-Aug. 1, 1970-Third Triennial Delegate Assembly  
 January 31, 1971-First URANTIA Society of Houston installed  
 March 1, 1971-Third printing of *The URANTIA Book*  
 (15,000 copies)  
 July 21-22, 1972-Sixth and last Summer Study Session at 533  
 June 29-July 1, 1973-First large society-hosted conference in Los  
 Angeles  
 August 4-5, 1973-Fourth Triennial Delegate Assembly  
 August, 1973-Fourth printing of *The URANTIA Book*  
 (25,000 copies)  
 July 26-27, 1974-Summer Study Session held at Kendall  
 College, Evanston, Illinois  
 November 9, 1974-First URANTIA Society of Western Springs  
 installed  
 August 1-2, 1975-First General Conference at Kendall  
 College, Evanston, Illinois  
 February 8, 1976-San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society  
 installed  
 March 18, 1976-*The URANTIAN Journal of URANTIA*  
*Brotherhood* inaugurated  
 April, 1976-Fifth printing of *The URANTIA Book*  
 (25,000 copies)  
 June 21-22, 1976-Fifth Triennial Delegate Assembly  
 June 25-27, 1976-Second large society-hosted conference in  
 Oklahoma  
 August 10, 1976-Volume 2 of *URANTIA Brotherhood*  
*Bulletin* begins  
 August 13-18, 1978-Second General Conference held at Lake  
 Geneva, Wisconsin  
 September, 1978-Sixth printing of *The URANTIA Book*  
 (25,000 copies)  
 May 12, 1979-URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut  
 installed  
 June 16, 1979-URANTIA Society of Dallas installed  
 August 17-18, 1979-Sixth Triennial Delegate Assembly  
 January, 1980-100,000th copy of *The URANTIA Book*  
 distributed  
 January 2, 1980-URANTIA Brotherhood is 25 years old

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

### Southeast Regional Conference

Palm Beach, Florida—May 9-11, 1980

Contact David Robertson, 312 Murray Road, West Palm  
 Beach, Florida 33405

Kansas City, Missouri—May 16-17, 1980

Contact Loren and Ila Hall, 8700 E. 110th St., Kansas City,  
 Missouri 64143  
 (816)763-2008

### Northeast Regional Conference

Cape Cod, Massachusetts (near North Harwich)—May 31-  
 June 1, 1980

Contact Ms. Sandra Rogers, 610 Depot St., North Harwich,  
 Massachusetts 02645

### 1980 Midwest Conference

Lake Forest, Illinois—June 6-8, 1980

Contact David and Marilyn Kuleke, 907 E. Central, Mount  
 Prospect, Illinois 60056  
 (312)870-7458

### Pacific Religious Conference

Kamuela, Hawaii—December 29-31, 1980

Contact: Box 67, Kamuela, Hawaii 96754 before  
 November 1st

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 Kendall. Also, some photos were used herein by courtesy of John Hales,  
 Paul and Mary Snider, David Kuleke, Lynne Kuleke, Geraldine Hahn, and  
 Russell Good.





Top, left to right: 533 Diversey Parkway today; Dr. Sadler greets visitor Vern Grimsley in 1964; First delivery of The URANTIA Book on October 12, 1955. Center, left to right: Leone Sadler, who handled book orders for 20 years, is shown in 1970; 533 Diversey Parkway in early days; Front door of 533; R. R. Donnelley's Crawfordsville, Indiana plant where The URANTIA Book is printed. Bottom, left to right: Marian Rowley working in Brotherhood office in 1967, Anne Rawson working on Index in 1964, a 1978 meeting of the Executive Committee.

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next issue. In addition there are approximately 200 study groups known to us in the world. (These various groups have regularly been a focus of previous issues of the Bulletin. We regret that space limits us from including them in this issue.) We are further aware that there are many study groups which have never become known to us at headquarters but which nevertheless contribute to the world growth of the URANTIA movement. Approximately 100,000 copies of *The URANTIA Book* are abroad in the world today. These figures may not be spectacular but they would be encouraging to many of the early leaders for whom even the printing of the first copy of *The URANTIA Book* was the culmination of many years of effort. For a long time, the members of the Forum read, studied, socialized the teachings within their closed group, and developed ideas regarding organizations to foster the advancement of the URANTIA teachings. In 1955, many of their efforts came to fruition with the formation of URANTIA Brotherhood and the publication of *The URANTIA Book*.

The first "Quarterly News Letter" from the Executive Committee, which would later become known as *URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin*, was issued on July 5, 1955, and con-

sisted of one page which reported on the founding of URANTIA Brotherhood.

Several paragraphs are worth presenting once again here:

"Our deliberations and legislative acts are no secret. Hence, periodically, we shall present this news letter giving you a brief account of our activities, committee functions, and a resume of our deliberations and decisions. Already numerous problems have presented themselves, from obtaining stationery and record books to the matter of granting charters to Urantia Societies, and though we are one in purpose and united in goal, our reasoning on many matters is greatly diversified. We are learning the inestimable value of group thinking.

"On January 2 in addition to the launching of the Brotherhood, the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation formally announced and signed their 'Declaration of Intention' to print the Urantia Book. Accordingly, on February 11, the necessary steps were taken to begin the actual publication of the book. Let us be thankful for this interval between the formal beginning of the Brotherhood and that fast approaching day when the Word will be made Book.

"We are in motion. We may make mistakes, but, . . . may they be new and original ones. We covet the Father's guidance, but it is difficult to steer or guide anything unless it is moving in some direction."

Twenty-five years later, we are still in motion, still coveting the Father's guidance as the Brotherhood ship steers out upon the high seas of evolutionary destiny.



## SERVICE RECORD OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council is the highest governing body of URANTIA Brotherhood. It is the original 36 members comprising the first General Council who brought the Brotherhood into existence. From this Council, officers and committee chairmen are selected, thus composing the Executive Committee which conducts the day-to-day business affairs of the Brotherhood. In the first 25 years, a total of 87 people either have served or now serve on the General Council. In honor of their service, this entire list of people is presented below. Names are in alphabetical order and those with asterisks have served continuously from the founding of URANTIA Brotherhood to the present day.

Cathryn D. Adler	Gene Joyce
David Adler	Anna B. Kellogg
Clyde Bedell	Wilfred C. Kellogg
Carl D. Berry	Carolyn Bowman Kendall
Floyd S. Borden	Thomas A. Kendall
Arthur C. Born	S. Knox Kreutzer
Clarence N. Bowman	Alvin L. Kulieke
W. Allen Brazell	Barbara Newsom Kulieke
Russell W. Bucklin	Edmond F. J. Kulieke
Arthur M. Burch	Lucile Kulieke
M. Inez Burch	Lynne B. Kulieke
Bernard Burton	Warren H. Kulieke
Charles R. Burton	Alfred Leverenz
Robert Burton	Wilma L. McManus
Ruth F. Burton	Harry McMullan III
Helen Butler	*James C. Mills
*Helen Thurman Carlson	Charlene Morrow
Ruth R. Carothers	Patricia Sadler Mundelius
Hoite C. Caston	Martin W. Myers
*Emma L. Christensen	Robert W. Myers
Lewis A. Clark	Walter H. Parkin
Eldred M. Cocking	Ernest C. Pritchard
*Edith E. Cook	*Anna Rawson
Philip A. Copenhaver, Jr.	Ruth R. Renn
Maria Culbertson	Harry E. Rowley
Stephen Dreier	*Marian T. Rowley
Olga R. DuVal	Leone M. Sadler
Albert H. Dyon	William S. Sadler
David N. Elders	William S. Sadler, Jr.
Berkeley Elliot	Herman Schell
Luther J. Evans	K. David Schlundt
Everett M. Farwell	John J. Seres
Duane L. Faw	Frank Sgaraglino
Julia Fenderson	Paul Snider
Scott Forsythe	Helena Sprague
Clyde C. Goodman	Meredith J. Sprunger
David R. Gray	Robert Steen
John W. Hales	Edgar T. Stephens
*Mary Lou Hales	Kenton E. Stephens
*William M. Hales	Sylvia B. Sunderland
William F. Harrah	Ruth Sweely
Katherine Jones Harries	Anna K. Whitchurch
James P. Jarnagin	Thomas E. Wideroe

## SPECIAL AWARDS

A handful of people have received special recognition for their steadfast service in the early years of URANTIA Brotherhood. The Van Award is the highest award which the Brotherhood can bestow and is given for very special and loyal service in the face of difficulty. Only two have been awarded. Dr. William S. Sadler received the Van Award in 1970, and it was for him that the award was first devised. Emma L. Christensen (Christy) received the Van Award in 1973 at the Fourth Triennial Delegate Assembly. At that same time, Citations were awarded to five other dedicated workers, Edith Cook, Anne Rawson, Marian Rowley, Leone Sadler, and posthumously to Alvin L. Kulieke. Citations were awarded to Julia Fenderson and Ruth Renn in July, 1976, at the Fifth Triennial Delegate Assembly.



Six people receive awards in 1973: Standing, left to right; Anne Rawson, Leone Sadler, Marian Rowley. Seated, left to right: Lucile Kulieke accepts posthumous award for Alvin Kulieke, E. L. Christensen (Christy) receives Van Award, Edith Cook.



Ruth Renn



Julia Fenderson

Dr. William S. Sadler

Dr. Sadler's Van Award





## PRESIDENTS

URANTIA Brotherhood has functioned under the leadership of eight presidents in its 25-year history. Their terms have been as follows:

William S. Sadler, Jr. ....	January 2, 1955 — January, 1958 (died 1963)
Warren H. Kulieke ....	January, 1958 — February, 1962 (died in office)
James C. Mills .....	February, 1962 — January, 1963
Emma L. Christensen ...	January, 1963 — August, 1967
Alvin L. Kulieke .....	August 1967 — January, 1973 (died in office)
Emma L. Christensen ...	January, 1973 — July, 1973
Paul Snider .....	August, 1973 — June 1976
Meredith J. Sprunger ...	June, 1976 — August, 1979
John W. Hales .....	August, 1979 — present

Almost all of these people served for some period of time on the Executive Committee before becoming president. Emma L. Christensen (Christy) has served continuously on the Executive Committee in various capacities from 1955 to the present. This page presents photographs of all eight Brotherhood presidents.



William S. Sadler, Jr.



Warren H. Kulieke



James C. Mills



Emma L. Christensen



Alvin L. Kulieke



Paul Snider



Meredith J. Sprunger



John W. Hales



## FORUM DAYS

Several hundred people were exposed to the teachings of the URANTIA Papers in the years before publication, although at any one time, the number of regular students of the Forum was substantially smaller — around 60–75. Forum members were, under close supervision, able to study the URANTIA Papers at 533 Diversey Parkway, now our headquarters building, in the years before publication. They were not allowed to take away notes with them, let alone any copy of the typewritten manuscript. The manuscript was carefully checked out to them for their individual study only while at 533 Diversey Parkway. Regular weekly meetings were held on Sunday afternoons and evening classes were also held at various times for more intensive study. The main times for socialization were the picnics which were held annually or sometimes twice in one summer. These gatherings are very fondly remembered and were noted as occasions of inspiration as well as socialization. They were attended by as many as 100 people and perhaps may be thought of as one of the early forerunners of our modern day conferences. They were occasions for the entire family, including children.

Nearly all available photographs of the period were taken at the picnics, hence this page focuses on these events.



Top right: Two places where picnics were regularly held; Dr. Sadler's summer home at Beverly Shores, Indiana, 1947, and the G. Willard Hales' home in Oak Park, Illinois, 1942. Second row, left to right: Forum picnic at Beverly Shores in 1955; Wilfred and Anna Kellogg at Forum picnic in 1942; Forumites at Hales' home in 1949; Entrance to Pine Lodge at Beverly Shores. Third row: William Sadler, Jr. and Clyde Bedell at 1952 picnic; Dr. Sadler with a favorite treat, 1951; Edith Cook, Elizabeth James, Leone Sadler, Helen Thurman, Eva Vincent at 1948 picnic; Jim Mills at 1954 picnic. Fourth row: Inside Pine Lodge at Beverly Shores; Warren Kuleke leads singing at Beverly Shores; Tom and Carolyn Kendall, and Clarence Bowman at 1952 picnic; On the beach at Beverly Shores.



## STUDY SESSIONS, CONFERENCES, AND TRIENNIALS

Many of the memorable occasions to be noted in the first 25 years of the URANTIA movement are the early study sessions, later the conferences, and, regularly every three years since 1964, the gatherings at Triennial Delegate Assemblies. The first Summer Study Session, lasting three days, was held in 1963. Six summer study sessions were held in the

*Dr. William S. Sadler,  
1963 Summer Study Session.*



span of a decade from 1963 to 1972. These sessions were held on the second floor of 533 Diversey and attended by approximately 90–120 people. Thereafter, the much more widely attended conferences took their place, and conference formats have undergone steady evolution since 1973. URANTIA Brotherhood held conferences at Kendall College in Evanston in 1974 and 1975 attended by 300–400 people. A general conference was held in Lake Geneva in 1978 attracting almost 600 students. Meanwhile regional conferences, many of them substantial in size, have proliferated in the last decade.

Triennial Delegate Assemblies, part of the regular constitutional process of URANTIA Brotherhood, began in 1964. The constitution specified that these assemblies would begin at that time, nine years after the inauguration of the Brotherhood. For the one and only time, delegates from the various URANTIA societies elected all 36 members to the General Council. They were elected in staggered terms so that all subsequent assemblies would elect one-third of this governing body. The sixth Triennial was just held last summer. In the early years, the Triennial gatherings brought together many of the same people who attended the summer study sessions. Both were regularly held at 533 Diversey and were occasions that left time for considerable socialization among the participants.



*Top, right, first two photos: First Summer Study Session in 1963. Bottom, right, two photos: General Conference at Lake Geneva. Bottom, left, two photos: 1974 Summer Study Session at Kendall College, Evanston, Illinois.*



## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

International spread of the URANTIA teachings started almost immediately after publication of *The URANTIA Book* with the donation in 1956 of 100 books to various libraries outside the United States by the International Fellowship Committee (then named Foreign Extension Committee). The recipients were five English-speaking countries of the world: Canada, Australia, Great Britain, South Africa, and New Zealand. Over the past 25 years, the international sale and distribution of *The URANTIA Book* has generally been heaviest among these countries. Many other donations of books, by URANTIA Brotherhood, URANTIA Foundation, as well as by individual readers, have over the years helped to place the book in more than 70 nations and territories of the world. More than 5000 copies of *The URANTIA Book* are in countries outside the United States.

The international placement of *The URANTIA Book* throughout the world is a high priority of the International Fellowship Committee. The next issue of the Bulletin will feature an article on the placement of URANTIA Books in libraries in many other countries.

Pockets of readers have arisen and study group activity has occurred in a number of non-English-speaking areas including Finland, France, Belgium, Quebec, Canada; the Netherlands, Italy, India, and Colombia. A URANTIA Book study group in Helsinki, Finland has been studying *The URANTIA Book* the past 15 years and the group's activity has included steady work on a Finnish translation of *The URANTIA Book* in cooperation with URANTIA Foundation. The study group in Colombia was the subject of an article in the Summer, 1979, issue of *URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin*.

A French translation of *The URANTIA Book* was published in 1962 under the aegis of URANTIA Foundation; however, due to a court action by URANTIA Foundation against the translator-publisher for enforcement of the terms of the contract with the translator-publisher, the work became unavailable in the early 1970's. URANTIA Foundation is now laying the groundwork to once again make a French version available. Despite this temporary unavailability of a suitable French translation, French-speaking students have continued to study and grow, form groups, and interest new people in the URANTIA teachings. There are several regular French-speaking study groups in France, Belgium, and Quebec, Canada.

While international growth in the first 25 years has been modest, the destiny of the URANTIA movement lies in the dissemination of the URANTIA teachings to all peoples and to all nations of our spiritually beleaguered planet.

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From top to bottom: Dick Prince and Lynne Kuleke visit with Pedro Baquero and Carlos Zapata in Colombia; Henry Begemann of the Netherlands, Giuseppe Zechinato of Italy, and Nigel Hornsby of France converse in Paris; A study group meeting in Paris, France; Study group in Auckland, New Zealand, left; Joel Rehnstrom of Helsinki, Finland visits 533, right; A composite picture of members of the study group in Helsinki, Finland.