

Dear Friend:

We're having growing pains; and we're glad — because growing pains should bring progress and of course progress brings change. So here is how the Governing Committee of the First Urantia Society of Los Angeles has deemed it best to meet the situation:

Our "Interested Readers Group" whom we have enjoyed adding to our mailing list has grown with such gratifying speed this year that we find ourselves unable to cope with the rising costs of typing, mimeographing, mailing, etc., under our volunteer program.

In the past, several kind non-member readers have thoughtfully made monetary contributions; and these, coupled with the voluntary time, effort and financial help so generously provided by our own Secretary, have made this service possible. However, the Secretary's new time-consuming job now prohibits this extra work.

Since the token cost of membership no longer adequately takes care of our needs, the time has come for us to establish a consistent organizational structure which will place us on a non-profit but solvent basis. Therefore, we have adopted the enclosed By-Laws which will enable anyone who wishes to share in our interests and studies.

In this way you may be a guest of the Society's Study Group for three months. (The Group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 317 N. Orange Drive, L.A., from 8 to 9:30 p.m. for study and from 9:30 to 10 for those wishing to remain for informal discussion). By this time the student will know whether he wishes to become a member of the Society with full voting privileges. If so, he may indicate his intention to our membership chairman at the end of this period. Upon being accepted, his obligations are to attend meetings as often as possible, pay monthly dues of one dollar in quarterly, semi-annually or yearly payments and abide by the Constitution of the First Urantia Society of Los Angeles. Those who wish to become "Associates", thus availing themselves of our mailing material and attendance at study groups whenever possible, may do so by advising the membership chairman and by paying the dues of \$5 per year. (Any payment made to the Urantia Society is tax deductible).

Those members in arrears of their dues may become members in good standing by mailing a check in full, covering the current year from January 1, 1962, to January 1, 1963, to the Treasurer, Winona Jewell, 8620½ Olin St., Los Angeles 34, by July 1, 1962, or, according to the By-Laws, they will automatically be removing themselves from our membership.

We are looking forward to having you with us during the coming year.

Sincerely,
Maria Culbertson
President
The First Urantia Society of Los Angeles

May 5, 1962
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NOTE: The General Annual Meeting of 1962 will be held Sunday, July 15 at 2 p.m. at Steens' home, 78 N. Grand Ave., Pasadena.

The Committee on By-Laws met at 78 N. Grand Ave., Pasadena, on October 7, 1961, and wrote the following By-Laws, which were placed before and approved by the Governing Committee and the General Assembly according to the Constitution of The First Urantia Society of Los Angeles, California.

By-Laws of the First Urantia Society of Los Angeles

Article I Membership

Section 1.

Active members of the Society are those who have been approved by the Governing Committee and who have pledged to support the Constitution, and who pay the dues of one dollar per month. They will receive all mailings and are eligible to attend all meetings, and to vote.

Article II

Section 1. Associates

Urantia Associates are those who pay five dollars per year for the mailing privileges and for attendance at study group meetings and all general invitational meetings.

Article III Standing Committees

Section 1.

The chairman of the standing committees of this society shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Assembly as provided for in the Constitution, with this difference only — a chairman of each committee shall be elected to hold office for one year.

Section 2.

Section 8 under Article VIII of the Constitution, viz, on the election and term of office of the standing committees shall be waived until such time as membership of this society becomes considerably larger.

Section 3.

A Program Committee shall be added to the list of committees as provided for in Article VIII, Section 7, of the Constitution of this Society.

Article IV

Section 1. Informal Meetings

Four informal meetings as described in Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution shall be held each year, including Jesus' Birthday Meeting, on August 21. These meetings, with the exception of the birthday meeting, are to be held on Sunday whenever possible with a special guest program for each.