

Constitution  
First URANTIA Society of Colorado

April 26, 1979

### Preamble

We of the First URANTIA Society of Colorado, in order to form a more perfect unity in diversity with the hope of advancing human recognition of the existent spiritual brotherhood, do hereby inaugurate a formal organization to be called First URANTIA Society of Colorado, whose members shall live to inspire all men to express the spirit of divine love by awakening their thoughts to the value and meaning of the URANTIA Book.

ARTICLE ONE: NAME

The name of this organization shall be First URANTIA Society of Colorado.

ARTICLE TWO: PURPOSES

The purposes of the First URANTIA Society of Colorado shall be: to foster the formation and growth of URANTIA Book Study Groups; to help achieve the goals of URANTIA Brotherhood and to provide representation in URANTIA Brotherhood for the Society's members.

ARTICLE THREE: AFFILIATION

This URANTIA Society, while autonomous in the conduct of its local affairs, is subject to the Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood and, by virtue of its charter, its members are ipso facto members of URANTIA Brotherhood.

ARTICLE FOUR: MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Any person who has read the URANTIA Book in its entirety and has satisfied the Membership Committee as to his/her qualifications (4.2) and has met all other membership qualifications established by URANTIA Brotherhood Constitution shall be eligible for membership in the First URANTIA Society of Colorado.

4.2 Membership in this URANTIA Society is open to those who have:

- a) attained the age of eighteen years,
- b) affirmed their belief in the teachings of the URANTIA Book, and
- c) affirmed their support of this Constitution and the URANTIA Foundation in its mandate to maintain legal protection of the Concentric-Circles symbol, the word URANTIA as a trademark and service mark, and the copyright of the URANTIA Book.

In addition, in order that the Society may adjudge a candidate's eligibility for membership, the Membership Committee shall consider the following:

- a) the maturity of the candidate,
- b) participation of the candidate in group study of the URANTIA Book, as circumstances allow, for a period of not less than one (1) year,
- c) completion by the candidate of an orientation conducted by the Membership Committee,
- d) sponsorship of the candidate by two members of the URANTIA Society who have known the candidate for at least one (1) year.

4.3 Application for membership in this URANTIA Society shall be made in writing to the Membership Committee in the form determined by that Committee.

4.4 Transfer of membership will be governed by URANTIA Brotherhood Constitution.

4.5 No member shall be expelled from membership in this URANTIA Society unless, as adjudged by the Society, the attitude, conduct or influence of such member shall be prejudicial to the interests and work of this URANTIA Society. Upon the expulsion of a member, he or she shall cease to be a member of URANTIA Brotherhood, except as provided by appeal to URANTIA Brotherhood.

- 4.6 Expulsion from this Society shall follow the following procedure:
- a) A petition for expulsion must be filed by at least two members of the Society with the Executive Committee. A unanimous vote for expulsion by the Executive Committee will forward the petition to a special meeting of the Assembly.
  - b) If a quorum is present, the case for expulsion will be presented to the Assembly by a member of the Executive Committee. The defendant in question may be his own counsel or chose counsel from the membership.
  - c) After the facts have been presented a majority vote by secret ballot shall determine the outcome.
  - d) Expelled member shall be notified within thirty (30) days of the vote's outcome.
  - e) Appeal may be made as provided for in URANTIA Brotherhood Constitution.

#### ARTICLE FIVE: GOVERNMENT

The government of this URANTIA Society shall be of the congregational form known as the Assembly of the Society and fully autonomous in all matters, except as limited by the Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood. It shall have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Committee and such other committees as may be determined by the By-laws of this URANTIA Society.

#### ARTICLE SIX: MEETINGS

6.1 There will be a Biennial Election Meeting of the Assembly for the purpose of electing officers and the members of the Membership Committee who will serve for a period of two (2) years.

6.2 There will be a Triennial Meeting of the members of this URANTIA Society for the purpose of electing one delegate and one alternate delegate to the Triennial Delegate Assembly in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution regarding elections. The time of this election and the report of its results and certification of delegates shall be in accordance with the requirements of the By-laws of the Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood.

6.3 There will be at least one Special Meeting of this URANTIA Society every twelve months for the purpose of conducting the general business of this URANTIA Society. The time and location shall be announced by the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

6.4 A quorum of this URANTIA Society shall be at least 30 percent of the membership. For items listed on any agenda for any society meeting, a total of present members plus absentee ballots shall be considered toward meeting the 30 percent stipulation.

6.5 The Assembly of the Society shall have the power to govern and represent this URANTIA Society and to adopt or change the By-laws or amend this Constitution at any Society meeting upon a vote of two-thirds of the total membership of this URANTIA Society.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN: OFFICERS

7.1 The officers of this URANTIA Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall comprise the Executive Committee.

7.2 The officers will be elected at the biennial election meeting and will hold office for two (2) years. In the case of vacancy for any reason, the Executive Committee shall call a special meeting of the Assembly within thirty (30) days in order to fill the vacancy. This officer shall hold office until the next biennial election meeting. All nominations will be from the floor and voting will be by secret ballot.

7.3 Duties of Officers:

- a) The President shall be the principal executive officer and shall preside at all meetings of the Assembly of the Society and of the Executive Committee.
- b) In the event of the inability of the President to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. The Vice-President shall also serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee as a voting member of that committee with the authority to call a meeting of the Membership Committee.
- c) The Secretary shall record, keep copies of and transmit any information of value regarding the activities of this Society and perform any duties required by the Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood.
- d) The Treasurer shall be the principal financial officer and shall administer the monies and properties of this URANTIA Society as authorized by the Executive Committee (8.3).

ARTICLE EIGHT: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of this Society. The President and Secretary shall serve as chairman and secretary of the Executive Committee.

8.2 The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of any two of its members.

8.3 The Executive Committee has the power to call and set the agendas of meetings of the Assembly of the Society. The Executive Committee also shall authorize the disbursement of the funds of this URANTIA Society. The Executive Committee also has the power to establish such temporary committees as are needed.

ARTICLE NINE: STANDING COMMITTEES

9.1 The Membership Committee shall pass upon the qualifications of all candidates for membership in this URANTIA Society. The Membership Committee shall consist of four (4) members and the Vice-President of the Society elected at the Biennial Election Meeting, with the same election and vacancy provision of the officers.

9.2 A quorum for membership consideration shall consist of all five members (absentee ballot included) with a unanimous decision required for membership in this URANTIA Society. Any rejection can be appealed to the Executive Committee by the candidate's sponsors. A unanimous decision by the Executive Committee, with the Vice-President abstaining from the vote, shall override the decision of the Membership Committee.

ARTICLE TEN: SUCCESSION ON DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this URANTIA Society, all its assets shall be distributed to the successor organization of said Society, if any, if the same shall qualify for exemption from federal income tax. If there be no successor to this URANTIA Society, then all of its assets shall be distributed to URANTIA Brotherhood.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters not specified in this Constitution.