

## RESOLUTION FOR A VALUE-ADDED FELLOWSHIP

WHEREAS, both The Fellowship and The Urantia Foundation share in common the following:

1. A purpose: "...fostering a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with Man's intellectual and cultural development"
2. Printing and distributing The Urantia Book
3. Creating translations of The Urantia Book
4. Membership organizations for their respective supporters
5. Traditional sympathy for the trademarks on the names "Urantia", "Urantian" and the three concentric circles
6. Traditional resistance to "churchification"

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that The Fellowship define itself to prospective new reader/members in value-added ways that distinguish it from The Urantia Foundation, by doing the following things:

1. The Fellowship will allow and encourage its members to develop a distinct revelatory religious identity for themselves, apart from Fellowship membership. ("Just as certainly as men share their religious beliefs, they create a religious group of some sort which eventually creates common goals."; and "Religion has little chance to function until the religious group becomes separated from all other groups--the social association of the spiritual membership of the kingdom of heaven." 99:5:7,4)
2. The Fellowship will recognize that the words "Urantia", "Urantian", and the concentric circles have an important significance in establishing a revelatory Urantian religious identity; and be willing to litigate for their religious use among its members.
3. The Fellowship will support the emergence of such a Urantian religious identity considering its potential appeal to young people and future generations of Urantia Book readers. By participating in this socio-cultural-religious environment, the Fellowship's readership services can provide support within a larger context that includes the basic human need for religious belonging.

## RESOLUTION FOR A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THE DIRECT REPRESENTATION ISSUE

WHEREAS; petition was made to the General Council for direct society representation by a vote of the delegates to the 1991 Triennial Delegate Assembly;

WHEREAS; that resolution was not acted upon in a conclusive manner within the three year period immediately following that Assembly;

WHEREAS; a subcommittee of the Judicial Committee was charged with formulating a response to that resolution, in conjunction with concerns raised by the Executive Committee regarding possible constitutional issues;

WHEREAS; the General Council had approved the recommendations of the aforementioned subcommittee "in spirit" by a 3/4 majority vote in 1993, at the General Council meeting held in Boulder, CO;

WHEREAS; there is no record of what action the Executive Committee then took on this issue;

WHEREAS; a greatly modified "mystery" proposal, embodying neither the substance of the original 1991 Resolution, nor the subsequent Judicial Subcommittee recommendations; a proposal that called for increasing the General Council to approximately 54 members, was instead submitted for vote and defeated at the 1996 Flagstaff General Council meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that, pursuant to Section 6.5, a full accounting of General Council/Executive Committee actions on this matter be provided to the TDA and the Societies so as to preserve the spirit and intent of the TDA resolution process, and to provide a basis of understanding for future action on this issue.