

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1984

BALANCE - 1/6/84		\$ 4,258.34
INCOME FROM CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 3,927.94	
SALE OF URANTIA BOOKS	1,422.00	
UNDERSHEPHERDS (GIFT BOOKS)	242.00	
INTEREST - ACTIVITY ACCOUNT	<u>231.37</u>	
	\$ 5,823.31	<u>5,823.31</u>
TOTAL INCOME + BALANCE		\$ 10,081.65

EXPENSES

CORPORATION REPORT TO STATE	10.00	
SALARY, M. J. SPRUNGER	1.00	
AUDIO-VISUAL SPECIALISTS (Multi-Media Equipment)	1,279.00	
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD CORP. - Books	1,647.22	
SUPPLIES	604.77	
POSTAGE	1,565.00	
PRINTING	964.52	
CPT - REPAIR ON PRINTER	85.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>27.52</u>	
	\$ 6,184.03	
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 1984		\$ <u>6,184.03</u>
BALANCE, JANUARY 8, 1985		\$ 3,897.62



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**THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
OF
STUDENTS OF THE URANTIA BOOK**

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The Christian Fellowship was organized on April 17, 1979 to serve as a means of evolving an interface between the Christian Church and the Urantia Movement. Each year we send a report to those who have either contributed to our work or who are actively engaged in some form of interface with the church. This is a very small group of people--around fifty.

After many years of preparation we have started this contact work on a systematic basis. During March of 1983 a co-ordination of happy circumstances enabled us to purchase a CPT word processor. Writing personal letters to clergymen and others on a large scale would be impossible without it.

On December 5, 1983 we sent 453 personal letters to United Church of Christ ministers. With the letter is a biographical data sheet (church leaders like to know the background of people recommending religious literature), a pamphlet ("The Urantia Book and Our Christian Heritage"), and a return card with envelope for the convenience of those wishing to have a loan book for three months.

Our primary purpose is to introduce clergy to The Urantia Book before they hear about it from fundamentalists or other extremists. We have hypothesized that around 1% would request loan books--Maslow's estimate of the growing edge of society. To date over 4.5% have asked for books. This, in my judgment, is a larger number than we can consistently expect to be interested in examining the book. The growth of religious institutions like the Christian Church is a slow evolutionary process. But we are confident these contacts will bear fruit in the decades ahead.

Occasionally one is inspired by a very positive response. One pastor writes, "Yesterday I received in the mail your invitation to borrow a copy of The Urantia Book, and I have returned the request card in this mail. Perhaps it is my intuition at work, but nothing has given me such a lift in a long time...I have a feeling that the mail yesterday was providentially directed, and I want to thank you for serving that larger purpose."

The Oklahoma Society has made an important contribution to this ministry by producing a multimedia, "Spiritual Perspectives for A New Age," which is designed to introduce The Urantia Book to the audience. This will be most helpful to use when we get requests from groups to give an introduction to the book.

We hope to send close to 5,000 personal letters throughout the year to United Church of Christ ministers. This will require a substantial loan library. We should like to thank you for your help and your personal involvement in this interface ministry.

Cordially,

Meredith J. Sprunger