



## SOCIETY NEWS UPDATE

On May 14, 1983 URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut held its annual business meeting. Elections were held for officers of our Society. We would like to congratulate Alison Gardner—our new President, Avi Dogim—our new Vice-President, Lynn Sherman—our new Treasurer, Eileen Laurence—our new Secretary. We all wish them well. Our thanks to the outgoing officers who ably served us for the past two years—Peter Laurence ex-President, Alison Gardner ex-Vice-President, Helena Sprague ex-Treasurer, and Barbara Dreier ex-Secretary.

The highlight of the meeting was the induction of three new members: Richard Brinkman of Queens, NY and Marty & Gloria Greenhut of Hillsdale, NY. With the addition of these new members our ranks now swell to 30 active members.

A committee of 12 members of USCC has decided to offer its services as site selectors and coordinators of the 1987 International URANTIA Brotherhood Conference. The last one was held in 1981 at Snowmass, Colorado, the one next year 1984 will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Preliminary site selection for 1987 is now going on. The possibilities will be submitted to the URANTIA Brotherhood who ultimately will decide if we on the East Coast will be offered the service opportunity of hosting this conference.

John Murney, Chairman of USCC Resource Committee, has been forging ahead with his project of placing URANTIA Books in libraries. He needs your help! If you know of a library in your area which will accept the book please contact him at 55 Kent Drive E. Greenwich, RI 02818. USCC will be able to underwrite the cost of some of these books, so come on and help him with this most worthwhile project.

## EVALUATION OF REGIONAL MEETING

On April 23, ninety-three URANTIA Book readers attended the three regional conferences in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. The topic was, "Enhanced Understanding of the Kingdom of Heaven."

Sixty-two participants completed evaluations. About 90% gave the conference high marks; there were a few concerns about missing or unspecified leadership. Several expressed disappointment about the meal arrangements and more than a few about the children's program.

Twenty-nine people requested two conferences a year and thirteen requested three. Seven wanted only one; others ranged from four to six. Other replies included:

One large conference a year	Yes-44	No-7
One overnight, two day conference a year	Yes-44	No-7
One like April 23, in several locations	Yes-42	No-4
Small conferences, autonomous and arranged by local study groups	Yes-40	No-8

Enthusiasm for conferences is gratifying to those who have worked on them, some several times! U.S.C.C. encourages local study groups to organize conferences in their own areas. (Smile with us: Of those who requested six conferences, none offered to assist!)

A notebook containing records of past regionals—arrangements, program, cost, U.S.C.C. sponsorship—is available to any study group which wishes to borrow it. Also, let the Society hear from you if you have suggestions regarding sites, meals, programs or children's activities for meetings of the whole region.

Eleven participants at the April 23 meetings have offered to help with future conferences, for which we extend our thanks; some of them are already working on the fall meeting. The program and reservation form for the October regional are enclosed in this issue of the Finaliter.



## IN THE LIBRARY

The URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut's (USCC) Resource Committee has been compiling a list of libraries in the Northeast that have the URANTIA Book on their shelves. The results have been interesting.

Based on the URANTIA Foundation's 1980 list for New England and information from our own network of readers, the list includes the names of 92 libraries in the six New England states. The list also includes 20 libraries in the northern New Jersey and eastern New York areas.

A breakdown shows that Massachusetts has the greatest number of books with a total of 36. Connecticut follows with 23 books within the state's libraries. The other states have an even distribution with Maine having nine, and New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island showing eight each. Eastern New York lists 12 and northern New Jersey has eight.

It is almost certain that these numbers are incomplete, reflecting an incomplete view. There may be dozens more.

Of the 92 libraries on the list, 22 have received their books from our society; 14 in the past 15 months alone.

Northern New England has been the most active area for donations of late, with books accepted this Spring in Barre, Vermont and Hanover, New Hampshire. Response to a new donation by library goes in Great Barrington, Massachusetts was so great that our donor requested another book which was quickly placed. We have since received mail from folks who have discovered those books with their USCC stickers adjacent to the title page. We have even received a letter of thanks from a librarian in Petersham, Massachusetts for a book donated to his library.

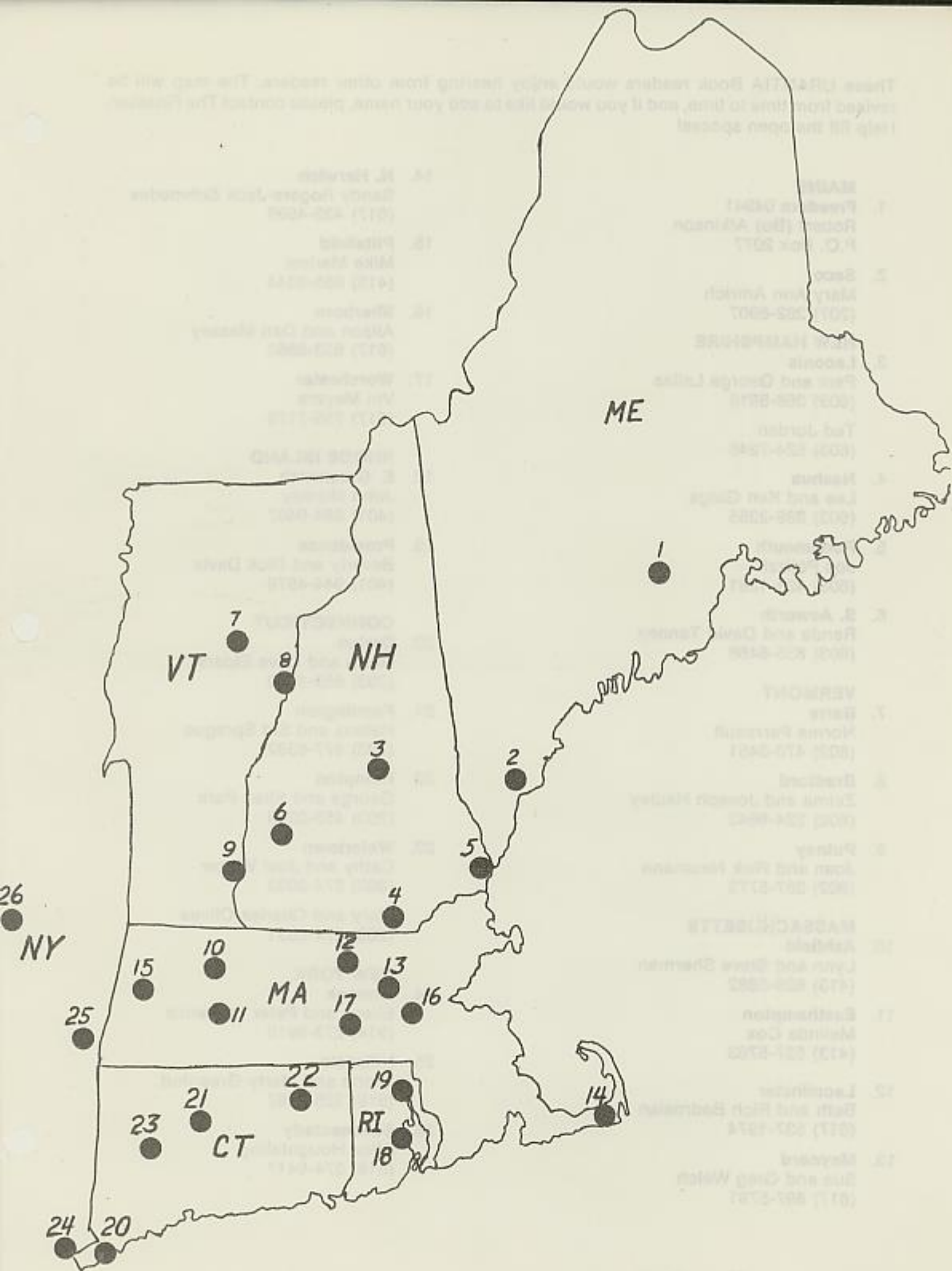
Most recent donations have been made to the Greenfield Public Library in Greenfield, Massachusetts and the Columbia Green Community College Library in Hudson, New York. The Cape Code study group has continued to be active in its area libraries with nine books placed to date.

The URANTIA Book Placement Program has been growing steadily over the past two years, however there is still much work ahead. If you would like to take part in placing books or perhaps know of libraries in your area having the URANTIA Book, please let us know. We'll be happy to hear from you.

## STUDY GROUPS

1. Darien, CT-Armonk, NY Monday evenings  
Marta/Dave Elders (203) 655-1059  
Eileen/Peter Laurence (914) 273-8918
2. Sherborn, MA-Maynard, MA Friday evenings  
Alison/Dan Massey (617) 653-8850  
Sue/Greg Welch (617) 897-5791
3. Sherborn, MA-N. Harwich, MA "Homework Group"—every six weeks  
Alison/Dan Massey (617) 653-8850  
Sandy Rogers/Jack Schmedes (617) 432-4999
4. Ashfield, MA Wednesday evenings  
Lynn/Steve Sherman (413) 628-3882
5. Bradford, VT dates open  
Zelma/Joseph Hadley (802) 222-9643
6. N. Harwich, MA Tuesday evenings  
Sandy Rogers/Jack Schmedes (617) 432-4999
7. Laconia, NH dates open  
Pam/George Lallas (603) 366-5916  
Tad Jordan (603) 524-7246
8. Portsmouth, NH dates open  
Joe Polizzi (603) 431-1281
9. Watertown, CT 2nd and 4th Friday evenings  
Cathy/Joe Winter (203) 274-0033
10. Schenectady, NY dates open  
Alice Houghtaling (518) 374-9417
11. Farmington, CT 1) 1st and 3rd Friday evenings  
Farmington, CT 2) Tuesday afternoons, flexible  
Helena/Sid Sprague (203) 677-8392
12. Brooklyn/Queens, NY Monday evenings  
Avi/Lila Dogim (212) 251-9483  
Dale/Mark Szejnberg (212) 849-1955
13. Queens, NY Wednesday evenings  
Richard Brinkman (212) 291-1122
14. Teaneck, NJ Thursday evenings  
Bobbie/Steve Dreier (201) 836-0084

*Are there study groups which are not listed here? Please let us know.*





These URANTIA Book readers would enjoy hearing from other readers. The map will be revised from time to time, and if you would like to add your name, please contact The Finaliter. Help fill the open spaces!

#### **MAINE**

1. **Freedom** 04941  
Robert (Bo) Atkinson  
P.O. Box 2077

2. **Saco**  
Mary Ann Amrich  
(207) 282-6907

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

3. **Laconia**  
Pam and George Lallas  
(603) 366-5916  
Tad Jordan  
(603) 524-7246

4. **Nashua**  
Lee and Ken Gidge  
(603) 888-2355

5. **Portsmouth**  
Joe Polizzi  
(603) 431-1281

6. **S. Acworth**  
Randa and David Tenney  
(603) 835-6466

#### **VERMONT**

7. **Barre**  
Norma Perreault  
(802) 476-3451
8. **Bradford**  
Zelma and Joseph Hadley  
(802) 224-9643
9. **Putney**  
Joan and Rick Neumann  
(802) 387-5773

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

10. **Ashfield**  
Lynn and Steve Sherman  
(413) 628-3882
11. **Easthampton**  
Melinda Cox  
(413) 527-5763
12. **Leominster**  
Beth and Rich Bedrosian  
(617) 537-1974
13. **Maynard**  
Sue and Greg Welch  
(617) 897-5791

14. **N. Harwich**  
Sandy Rogers-Jack Schmedes  
(617) 432-4999

15. **Pittsfield**  
Mike Marlow  
(413) 655-8344

16. **Sherborn**  
Alison and Dan Massey  
(617) 653-8850

17. **Worcester**  
Vin Meyers  
(617) 755-7179

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

18. **E. Greenwich**  
John Murney  
(401) 884-9407
19. **Providence**  
Beverly and Dick Davis  
(401) 944-4976

#### **CONNECTICUT**

20. **Darien**  
Marta and Dave Elders  
(203) 655-1059
21. **Farmington**  
Helena and Sid Sprague  
(203) 677-8392
22. **Hampton**  
George and Ellen Park  
(203) 455-0269
23. **Watertown**  
Cathy and Joel Winter  
(203) 274-0033  
Mary and Charles Olivea  
(203) 274-8531

#### **NEW YORK**

24. **Armonk**  
Eileen and Peter Laurence  
(914) 273-8918
25. **Hillsdale**  
Gloria and Marty Greenhut  
(518) 325-7197
26. **Schenectady**  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Help Wanted

#### HELLO TO THE YOUTH OF URANTIA

I need your help in establishing a service for youth. Let me know who you are and what you would like to do!

Please share your ideas and let's have some fun. Let's do it for a day or a weekend. Can be activities like bowling, picnic, amusement park, beach party or camping.

Please contact me at 10 Chestnut St., Springfield, Ma. 01103 or call me collect at 413-739-0017.

Think of God often. Love, Pat Moriarity, Youth Activity Chairman.

### Enhanced Study

A Northern New England Homework group meets every six weeks with the location alternating between N. Harwich and Sherborn, Ma. These meetings are open to all serious readers of the URANTIA Book. The meetings are held on Sundays from 11-5, beginning with a bagged lunch and shared snacks.

Schedule as follows:

Sept. 11 '83 "Angels" Sherborn

Oct. 16 '83 "Spiritual Growth" N. Harwich

Dec. 4 '83 "Fostering Study Groups" Sherborn

Jan. 15 '84 "Forming a URANTIA Society" N. Harwich

Future topics to be discussed will include "Holy Spirit", "Perfection", and "Energy, Mind & Matter".

For further information contact Dan Massey & Alison Gardner-Massey, Sherborn, Ma. at 617-653-8850 or Sandy Rogers & Jack Schmedes, N. Harwich, Ma. at 617-432-4999.

### Upcoming Events

The Fifth Central Atlantic Conference of URANTIA Book readers will take place September 16-18, 1983 at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland. The program will be dedicated to the themes of "Faith" and "What are we to do with the Revelation?" There will be special addresses by Larry Mullins, John Bullock and Vern Grimsley. If you have not yet received the conference material please contact Buddy Roogow, 4216 Pulitzer Circle, Ellicott City, Md. 21043 or call 301-461-9063.

On May 11-13, 1984 a Philadelphia "Outreach" conference will be held in Allenberry, Pa. The conference will be sponsored by the Philadelphia readers with support from USCC and Central Atlantic readers. Some of the scheduled speakers are Vern Grimsley, Meredith Sprunger, and Troy Bishop.

We urge everyone from Virginia to Maine to attend. Details to follow. For further information please contact John Van Orsdell, 303 Fairlamb Ave., Havertown, Pa. 19083 or call 215-446-0357.

### Some Numbers...

...in March we mailed 498 Finaliters

...there are approximately 120,000 URANTIA Books in circulation

...the books are selling at an average rate of 600 a month

...in August, 1985, over 1000 students of The URANTIA Book will attend the International Conference at Green Bay, WI. For information, contact Urantia Brotherhood, 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, IL. (312) 327-0424.



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at 1-800-451-1234 or call me collect at 413-451-1234.

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## USCC MEETING SCHEDULE

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| September 24 '83 | Chestnut Towers, Springfield, Ma.<br>Program: Contemporary marriage and divorce practices in the light of the URANTIA Book.<br>Childrens Program: Swimming activity (indoor pool). |
| November 19 '83  | Glen House, Farmington, Ct.  |
| January 14 '83   | Glen House, Farmington, Ct.  |
| March 17 '84     | Place to be announced  |
| May 12 '84       | Annual Business Meeting—Glen House, Farmington, Ct.  |

All meetings start promptly at 1 PM with the study portion of our programs beginning at 2 PM sharp.

The purpose of the URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut is the study and dissemination of the teachings of the URANTIA Book, and the realization, appreciation and application of the principles of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man in our daily lives and in the lives of others.

The meetings of our Society are open to all students of the URANTIA Book. Membership in the Society is open to all who have read the URANTIA Book in its entirety.

We invite all our friends to join us for study, discussion, and socializing.

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