



URANTIA FOUNDATION
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Dear Area Coordinator:

Greetings and warm wishes from URANTIA Foundation in your new endeavor to help fellow readers of The URANTIA Book in their efforts to learn, live, and share the teachings of the book.

The URANTIA Book was given to us as a unique means of helping mankind realize the truth and beauty of God's magnificent plan. The methods for utilizing this marvelous means have been entrusted to human care, under the watchful and loving guidance of our unseen friends.

URANTIA Foundation has always felt that a sound method of helping bring man to God through the teachings of The URANTIA Book is the slow, sure, personal reality of one-to-one sharing. By participating in the Area Coordinator program, you have committed to contribute in a continuing, steadfast fashion to the reality of progression achievable through the interpersonal experience of religionists.

We feel that the Area Coordinator program has strong potential for spreading the teachings of The URANTIA Book in a non-coercive, effective, interpersonal manner throughout the world.

It is our hope that you will be mindful of, and frequently refer to, the Instruction for Teachers and Believers which Jesus taught at Edrei in the challenges of the work you have assumed and in your attitude toward your fellow readers:

"Always respect the personality of man. Never should a righteous cause be promoted by force; spiritual victories can be won only by spiritual power. This injunction against the employment of material influences refers to psychic force as well as to physical force. Overpowering arguments and mental superiority are not to be employed to coerce men and women into the kingdom. Man's mind is not to be crushed by the mere weight of logic or overawed by shrewd eloquence. While emotion as a factor in human decisions cannot be wholly eliminated, it should not be directly appealed to in the teachings of those who would advance the cause of the kingdom. Make your appeals directly to the divine spirit that dwells within the minds of men. Do not appeal to fear, pity, or mere sentiment. In appealing to men, be fair; exercise self-control and exhibit due restraint; show proper respect for the personalities of your pupils." (Page 1765)

In your work, always remember that The URANTIA Book, the organizations we form and support, even the study groups for which you labor are only means to an end. God is the True End. The realization of the brotherhood of man will come about as each man and woman becomes transformed in the spirit.

With gratitude and sincere good wishes,

The Trustees of URANTIA Foundation