



## Youth and Young Adult Committee Annual Report - 2012

2012 was the first full year that the Youth and Young Adult Committee was funded as a standing committee of The Urantia Book Fellowship. This is our purpose as defined in our constitution:

Section 11.18. The Youth and Young Adult Committee: The Youth and Young Adult Committee serves the Fellowship by recruiting and engaging youth and young adults to actively participate in the growth and health of our community. It is tasked with the development of programs that attract and encourage the involvement of youth and young adults within the Fellowship.

To this end, we feel the YaYA committee had a very successful year!

We began the year with a conference of younger readers in Boulder and ended the year with a conference in Santa Cruz. We enjoyed a summer conference in Chicago that included staying at the Urantia Foundation and socializing with the First Society. Many of these attendees then went on to participate in the Summer Study Session at Techny Towers, which added a noticeable increase of younger participants from previous years.



Boulder - January



Chicago - July

The Youth and Young Adult committee also helped out in its first international conference with our involvement at the Berlin Gathering of Urantia Book Readers. There's a growing population of younger readers wanting to be more active in the European community and the Fellowship was recognized and appreciated for our assistance.

Aside from our regional gatherings, we stayed connected with increased communications through our website - Urantia Now: <http://urantianow.com/>

More and more visitors are discovering this creative UB site that is designed for attracting the younger readers and engaging them with interactive formatting.

Our committee produced our first video. It's a five minute introduction to the Urantia Book. We feel this is an important medium to promote the Fellowship's name recognition and branding. Besides its availability on youtube and our website, we will be showing it at our campus outreach book booths. We made advances in our presence at different colleges this year and look to making more progress and inroads in 2013.

We continue to develop our Family Life adjunct committee. We had a panel presentation at SSS12 and we're currently gathering materials to be electronically formatted for posting on our website. Our goal is to communicate to the larger community that these valuable resources are available for families and that young parents will have access to on-line study, socialization, and a support network. This adjunct committee will be making significant contributions at IC14.

Two of our committee members, Teuvo Orjala and Angie Thurston, were elected to the General Council this summer and this immediately gives our organization a more youthful representation. Our committee is a training ground for future leaders of the Fellowship. We ask for a weekly commitment of time from our committee members to achieve our goals of spreading the Urantia Book and its teachings.

To end the year we created a YaYA Holiday Card that was sent out to our entire Fellowship email list. The theme was '*The Twelve Days of Christmas - Urantia Style*'. Each day of Christmas supplies a link to one of our committees accomplishments this year. I've added the Holiday Card below this report for those who wish to have more detailed information on our committee's activities. At the very bottom there's a link to our new video.

In closing, we feel blessed to have this opportunity to help advance this amazing revelation to an age group that is actively searching for truth and pursuing life's higher meanings. We thank the Fellowship for its generous support of our new committee and for working together as we strive to achieve our collective purpose.

The Youth and Young Adult Committee:

Anthony Finstad - chair

Mae Thompson

Teuvo Orjala

Angie Thurston

Geoff Theiss

Liz Craig

Adjunct members:

Mike Maclsaac - International

Ashlee Pierce - Truthseekers

Janet Graham - Family Life

Miranda Clendening - Family Life

# Happy Holidays

from **The Fellowship's Youth and Young Adult (YaYA) Committee!**

Even though Jesus was born in August, we thought we'd get into the Christmas spirit and honor him with a Urantia rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas!

Here are some of the gifts we were blessed to receive this year:

On the **first** day of Christmas in our community, [The Youth and Young Adult Committee!](#)

On the **second** day of Christmas in our community, [two new General Councilors](#) from The Youth and Young Adult Committee!

On the **third** day of Christmas in our community, [three times more visitors to UrantiaNow.com](#) and two new General Councilors from The Youth and Young Adult Committee!

On the **fourth** day of Christmas in our community, [four new college outreach sites](#), three times more visitors to [UrantiaNow.com](#) and two new General Councilors from The Youth and Young Adult Committee!

On the **fifth** day of Christmas in our community, [five days at the Foundation](#), four new college outreach sites, three times more visitors to [UrantiaNow.com](#) and two new General Councilors from The Youth and Young Adult Committee!

On the **sixth** day of Christmas in our community, [six regional youth conferences](#), five days at the Foundation, four new college outreach sites, three times more visitors to [UrantiaNow.com](#) and two new General Councilors from The Youth and Young Adult Committee!

On the **seventh** day of Christmas in our community, [seven days of Truthseekers](#), six regional youth conferences, five days at the Foundation, four new college outreach sites, three times more visitors to [UrantiaNow.com](#) and two new General Councilors from The Youth and Young Adult Committee!

On the **eighth** day of Christmas in our community, [eight months of UB Chat](#), seven days of Truthseekers, six regional youth conferences, five days at the Foundation, four new college outreach sites, three times more visitors to [UrantiaNow.com](#) and two new General Councilors from The Youth and Young Adult Committee!

On the **ninth** day of Christmas in our community, [nine new youth initiatives](#), eight months of UB Chat, seven days of Truthseekers, six regional youth conferences, five days at the Foundation, four new college outreach sites, three times more visitors to [UrantiaNow.com](#) and two new General Councilors from The Youth and Young Adult Committee!

On the **tenth** day of Christmas in our community, [ten new print designs](#), nine new youth initiatives, eight months of UB Chat, seven days of Truthseekers, six regional youth conferences, five days at the Foundation, four new college outreach sites, three times more visitors to [UrantiaNow.com](#) and two new General Councilors from The Youth and Young Adult Committee!

On the **eleventh** day of Christmas in our community, [eleven youth at the Summer Study Session](#), ten new print designs, nine new youth initiatives, eight months of UB Chat, seven days of Truthseekers, six regional youth conferences, five days at the Foundation, four new college outreach sites, three times more visitors to [UrantiaNow.com](#) and two new General Councilors from The Youth and Young Adult Committee!

On the **twelfth** day of Christmas in our community, [twelve months in the making: our brand new UB video intro!](#) eleven youth at the Summer Study Session, ten new print designs, nine new youth initiatives, eight months of UB Chat, seven days of Truthseekers, six

regional youth conferences, five days at the Foundation, four new college outreach sites, three times more visitors to [UrantiaNow.com](http://UrantiaNow.com) and two new General Councilors from [The Youth and Young Adult Committee!](#)

We were so blessed in our work this year, and we can't wait to see what the next year brings. We depend on The Fellowship to carry out these exciting projects and more, so we hope you'll [consider The Fellowship in your holiday giving](#). Support for The Fellowship is support for the youth!

May you and yours have a blessed holiday season.

Much love,

The YaYA Committee:

Liz Craig, Anthony Finstad, Teuvo Orjala,

Geoff Theiss, Mae Thompson, Angela Thurston

[Watch our new Urantia Book Introduction!](#)

