



Report to the UB Executive Committee Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 2014

Judicial has been asked to give opinion on a number of questions. Two of those inquiries concern motions previously passed.

The 1<sup>st</sup> The two IT motions the EC passed on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2011 (Salt Lake City)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> The two Strategic Visioning motions the GC passed on July 25-26 2010 (Chicago Techny).

Are these Motions still active? What are the responsibilities and obligations of the Officers and the EC in fulfilling active motions from previous Fellowship assemblies?

The Judicial Committee will review, make inquiries, deliberate, compose drafts, and vote, we will write a report rendering an opinion, and vote again, and then forward final documents to the EC for its review and use.

Regarding the EC minutes of this past Sept 11 '14:

The President "said Judicial Committee has no jurisdiction over labor issues; only EC does. She commented that" the Judicial chair sent the Judicial committee "some confidential EC matters. Confidentiality will be a future topic for EC discussion."

The Judicial chair asked the President to rescind these remarks so that this need not appear as a rebuke followed by a response in the EC written minutes. Since, that will not be the case, the Judicial Committee discussed and voted to concur with the Chair's response which follows:

Madam President,

Sept. 12 '14

During the EC Conference Call of Sept.11, you put on record some erroneous and highly provocative statements regarding Judicial.

From Section 11.9 of the UB Constitution;

***"The jurisdiction*** of the Judicial Committee shall extend **to all matters** pertaining to the affairs **of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP...**

and to all differences between Local Societies or between any Local Society and any member thereof or between any members or groups of members." [see \*1]

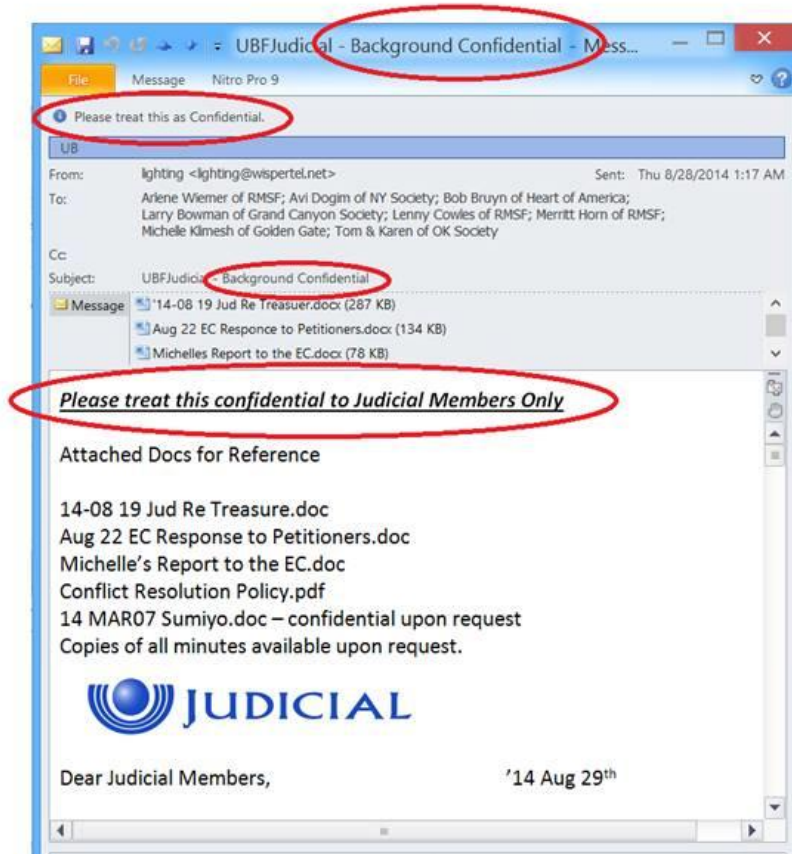
A Petition to the EC from: **8 General Councilors** (who have also served this Fellowship as both Officers & Committee Chairs, for both the Fellowship & for Fellowship Societies) plus 3 Society Members, and 2 Members At Large, regarding issues concerning the Treasurer's Office and a Special Fellowship Committee, requesting a hearing before the EC ... This clearly constitutes "matters pertaining to *the affairs of* THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP."

Madam president,

You then went on to further injure my personal integrity by suggestions of improprieties regarding confidentiality.

"The Judicial Committee shall, upon the request of ... any Councilor, or the Chair of any Departmental Committee, render opinions on any matters involving a construction of this Constitution, of the By-laws of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP, and of the Rules of the Executive Committee."

Such inquiries have been made regarding the UBF Constitution, the By-laws, the Rules of the Executive Committee, EC Motions & Special Committees. As part of my Judicial Obligations I have CONFIDENTIALLY posted to the Judicial Committee, information necessary for background, prior to going further. Please note the Email pictured below.



As you can clearly see  
(as displayed from my machine)  
this message is marked  
**Confidential** 4 times

There can be no question as to the integrity or the obligations of Judicial.  
The constitution says Judicial shall be,  
“the supreme arbitrating body of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP”

Madam President, rest assured I will be updating the Judicial committee.

In Mutual Service to The Fellowship,

Lenny Cowles



*Be of good cheer*

Please note:

There is an Alternative Opinion written by Committee Member Avi Dogim (see below).

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\*1 UBFCConstitution: Section 11.9. The Judicial Committee:

The Judicial Committee shall be the supreme arbitrating body of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP, but, except as otherwise provided, their determinations and decisions shall be subject to the veto of, or modification by, the Executive Committee within the time allowed by the By-laws of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP. The jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee shall extend to all matters pertaining to the affairs of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP and to all differences between Local Societies or between any Local Society and any member thereof or between any members or groups of members. The Judicial Committee shall, upon the request of any officer of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP, any Councilor, or the Chair of any Departmental Committee, render opinions on any matters involving a construction of this Constitution, of the By-laws of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP, and of the Rules of the Executive Committee. A permanent record of such opinions shall be preserved.

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**Alternate Opinion** written by Committee Member Avi Dogim

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### **Alternate view concerning report from Judicial Committee to EC 10/7/14**

Since I have expressed my views concerning the current business before the Judicial Committee to my fellow committee members, and since that view differs from the view of the majority on the committee, I've been invited by the Chair to submit an alternate opinion for your consideration.

As you have been informed, the Judicial Committee will be considering questions by two General Councilors. These questions are almost identical in nature in that they seek to determine whether the current GC and EC are bound by decisions that had been adopted by prior GCs and ECs. The answer to this question seems so obvious that it hardly merits deliberation. No organization can function properly and with any continuity if decisions made by its prior boards are ignored or reversed without due process. The question I have is why is this question, the answer to which is so obvious, is being raised at this time, notwithstanding that the Fellowship has acted in such sloppy fashion for many, many years.

The next item for your consideration is a two part complaint from the Judicial Chair against the President:

In the first part the Chair claims that the President made an "erroneous and highly provocative statement regarding Judicial" in the 9/11/2014 EC meeting. The Chair explains that he is referring to the President's statement during that meeting that the dispute between the Fellowship's employee/contractors and the EC is in the nature of a labor management dispute and, therefore, does not fall under the purview of the Judicial Committee. In my view, the fact that one can argue about that does not make it an "erroneous and highly provocative statement."

In the second part, the Chair claims that the President injured his "personal integrity" by suggesting that he shared confidential information about EC matters with the Judicial Committee. Having served on the EC in the past, I am certain that any aspect of a discussion concerning the type of petition before you now, would have been considered confidential. For the President to assert that any member of the EC who shares such information outside the group is in violation of the rules is entirely proper.

Lest any of you are tempted to assume that any of the above has anything to do with my being the President's husband, let me assure you that there is no shred of doubt in my own mind that I would have said the same as above if anyone else had been President.

I hope this is helpful.

Avi Dogim, member  
Judicial Committee