

## 80 Membership Invitation 👁

THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP is the original social fraternal organization of believers in THE URANTIA BOOK. Since our inception we have dedicated our efforts to serving the revelation and all who serve it. Our primary focus has been the dissemination of THE URANTIA BOOK and its teachings worldwide with the cultivation of a diverse and spiritually fragrant community of believers. For over 55 years we have consistently created opportunities for reader/believers to connect around service, study and socialization. We foster the scholarly study of the book as well as encourage the artistic expression of its sublime inspiration. By bringing readers together we supply the social fulcrum of our faith movement, leveraging the talents and resources of many scattered reader/believers around the world.

## **Our Accomplishments Include:**

𝖘 We published the first URANTIA BOOK that includes;

- $\checkmark$  a comprehensive indexed listing of names and topics,
- ✓ a two-column print styling for easier reading,
- ✓ a universally accepted referencing system of: paper, section and paragraph numbers,
- $\checkmark$  an Appendix listing the accepted word and punctuation modifications from the initial 1955 edition.
- So Through our new exclusive publishing service, "UVERSA PRESS", we also offer study aids such as THE PARAMONY and THE WRIGHTWOOD SERIES.
- So Continuing in our 55 year tradition, we freely provide the Urantia community with outstanding printed publications such as The Mighty Messenger and The Herald, which showcase the best thoughts and insights of individuals who have experienced a revelation that is epochally significant.
- Beginning in 1967, THE FELLOWSHIP has been host to a Triennial International Conference for readers of THE URANTIA BOOK. These conferences have been a huge success, with folks from all over the world participating. When a need is recognized, local and international scholarships for conference attendance are generously granted to Urantians who have demonstrated leadership and/or scholarly abilities.
- See Fellowship Members, through a variety of sources provide thousands of dollars annually at home and abroad for grassroots outreach and dissemination projects that have been initiated by inspired and dedicated Urantians.
- THE FELLOWSHIP INTERFAITH PROGRAM has committed readers that have presented the book to countless ministers, placed it in hundreds of religious libraries worldwide and most notably presented it at each of the last three Parliaments of the World's Religions: 1993 in Chicago, Illinois; 1999 in Cape Town, South Africa; 2004 in Barcelona, Spain; and 2009 in Melbourne, Australia.
- See THE FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH PROGRAM has placed thousands of books domestically, enthusiastically presented numerous public lectures and participated in hundreds of public expositions in the last decade alone.
- So THE FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM nurtures and sponsors emerging Urantia students and communities around the world by connecting readers with leaders, fostering study and socialization by donating desperately needed books.
- So Our website, www.Urantiabook.org, is a virtual resource library inspired by THE URANTIA BOOK. This powerful cyber tool has quickly become an excellent source for outreach ministry, further in-depth study and movement history by URANTIA BOOK Scholars of the last 55 years.

THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP cultivates a global culture that is inclusive of all readers and believers; a culture that values group wisdom and is willing to self-evaluate and evolve; a Fellowship of Believers dedicated to cultivating the spirit of religion through dissemination of THE URANTIA BOOK.

Now any student of The Urantia Book who supports the purposes of The Fellowship is eligible to become a member. There are two easy ways for an individual to join – become a member of one of 19 active Fellowship Societies or become a Member-At-Large.

Your first question might be, "Since The Fellowship's services are freely available to any group or person, why become a member?" The Urantia Book gives an answer: "A social group of human beings in coordinated working harmony stands for a force far greater than the simple sum of its parts." (133:5.6, p.1477:1) We associate with each other in order to share a common purpose; the worldwide dissemination of The Urantia Book and its teachings. With each new member we reach a new level of unity of purpose in the midst of diversity of thought and service. Members are also eligible to serve as members of Fellowship committees. There is much to do.

There are no restrictions, geographical or otherwise, as to which Society you may join. However, joining a group of nearby readers may make the most sense for you. Contact The Fellowship toll free at 877.288.3772 for referral to a specific Society or to request an application to become a Member-At-Large. This information as well as membership and service applications are all available on The Fellowship web site by directing your browser to:

## http://urantiabook.org/index\_fef.htm

For additional consideration, there are also two ways for groups of readers to associate with The Fellowship – forming a Society or becoming an Affiliate Group. Societies are the building blocks of The Fellowship – they are The Fellowship in reader communities and they elect The Fellowship's governing board, the General Council. A Society can be chartered when 10 or more individuals, who have read The Urantia Book, adopt an organizational constitution with elected officers and provide for reader services.

Alternatively, a group of five or more readers can become a Fellowship Affiliate when; they share a purpose common to The Fellowship, but do not wish to have a constitution nor wish to participate in The Fellowship political process (as do Societies). Affiliate status allows for a more informal kind of organizational relationship. Of course, such a group could decide to apply for Society status in the future.

Well, that's our proverbial stump speech. For more information, please contact The Fellowship office at: 877.288.3772 or at: <u>fellowship@urantiabook.org</u> or email me personally at: <u>membership@urantiabook.org</u>

As chairman of the Fellowship's Membership Committee, I would like to Thank You for considering the possibilities of joining us in service with, the Fifth Epochal Revelation of God to Man, The Urantia Book. If there is anyway we maybe of help, now or in the future, please don't hesitate to call.

Do Good Work and Be of Good Cheer!

Sincerely,

Lara Amyx Membership Chair





The Membership Committee