# **BECOMING A MEMBER**



#### *~* **DESCRIPTION** *∽*

A Member-At-Large of The Urantia Book Fellowship is an individual whose purpose parallels that of The Fellowship itself: the worldwide dissemination of The Urantia Book and its teachings and who is not a member of a chartered Society. While individual membership is welcome, we believe that there is great benefit to being part of a group. "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 urge you to apply for membership in one of The Fellowship's chartered Societies. Where you reside does not prohibit your becoming a member of an existing Society. A Member-At-Large of The Fellowship is eligible to serve as a member of any Fellowship committee. To serve as a member of the General Council requires that the member also has read The Urantia Book in its entirety.

#### **≪ Membership** ≪

- ➤ A Member-At-Large of The Urantia Book Fellowship must be at least 21 years of age.
- ➤ The applicant is expected to affirm her or his belief in the teachings of The Urantia Book.
- > The applicant is expected to abide by The Fellowship Constitution and by-laws (available online at http://www.urantiabook.org/admin/charter\_fellowship\_constitution.htm ) and to support the purposes of The Fellowship (reproduced on the Individual Application for Membership form).
- > The applicant is expected to be willing to continue to study The Urantia Book and attempt to live a life and foster spiritual growth according to his or her highest comprehension of its teachings.
- > The applicant is expected to strive within the limits of his or her ability and wisdom to start or encourage the organization of a group to study The Urantia Book.
- > Membership in any religious organization or fraternal society shall not disqualify anyone from becoming a Member-At-Large.

## **«** APPLICATION **∞**

- The applicant completes an Individual Application for Membership form.
- > The applicant lists at least one current member of The Fellowship who recommends him or her by letter or email. (If you are not currently in contact with any members of The Fellowship, please let us know so that we can help you make such contact and act on your application.)
- > Application materials are sent to The Fellowship's Membership Committee for review.

### **≪ A**PPROVAL **≫**

Upon approval by the Membership Committee, recommendation is made to the Executive Committee, and then upon the Executive Committee's approval, the new Member-At-Large is notified in writing.

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