



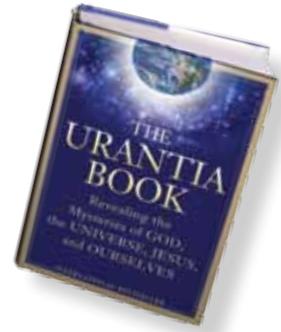
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Urantia Association International
Annual Report 2012



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The Urantia Book — its study and dissemination is central to UAI mission.

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Who We Are

Urantia Association International (UAI) is a membership organization that serves all readers of *The Urantia Book* around the world. Our mission is to foster in-depth study of the text of *The Urantia Book* and to disseminate its teachings to all mankind.



UAI is a not-for-profit corporation for religious and charitable purposes. Our mission is to:

1. Foster in-depth study of *The Urantia Book*.
2. Disseminate its teachings through reader study groups, publications, social activities, and conferences.
3. Develop teachers and leaders for the dissemination of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

UAI does not express opinions or take positions on political, social, or economic issues and does not identify itself with any nationality, race, or religion.

UAI is not a church or an organized religion. We do not compete with any faith or religion. UAI welcomes people of all faiths, races, and nationalities. We seek spiritual fellowship among all people of this world. True religion is the personal spiritual experience of each individual.

UAI is a group endeavour by religionists who study *The Urantia Book* and are inspired by its revelatory teachings; people who wish to cooperate with all other religionists to achieve the spiritual, social, and moral regeneration of this world. UAI members come from many different religions and cultures and have a personal relationship with God that is inspired by *The Urantia Book*. The teachings of *The Urantia Book* call upon all people to share spiritual unity, not uniformity, meaning that while our beliefs may differ, our faith is a personal response to the same inner urge and therefore we share a common destiny of brotherhood.

Our Mission

To foster study of *The Urantia Book* and to disseminate its teachings.



UAI's Purpose and Goals

UAI was inaugurated to work in a complementary capacity with Urantia Foundation, the publisher of *The Urantia Book*, for the purpose of fostering the in-depth study of *The Urantia Book* and the orderly dissemination of its teachings. It is a reader membership, task-oriented, social and service organization and, by focusing on its goals, is designed to assist Urantia Foundation in achieving its objectives as stated in its Declaration of Trust. Our mission is to provide interactive learning environments in which participants deepen and broaden their knowledge of *The Urantia Book*, increase their teaching and leadership skills, and enjoy fellowship while doing so.

Through UAI, readers of *The Urantia Book* may join in the collective duty of providing a service ministry and social interaction for readers and non-readers alike. It is hoped that the teachings of *The Urantia Book* will be spread unselfishly, without fanfare or personal recognition.

The UAI Today

Developing Teachers and Leaders

The fifth epochal revelation—as this body of work has come to be known—was given to the world well before its worldwide mission has been widely recognized. Members of UAI are challenged to develop new teachers and leaders for the spiritual renaissance of the world. By fostering the in-depth study of *The Urantia Book* and the orderly dissemination of its teachings, UAI develops men and women who become well versed in its overall philosophy and who are moved to impart, and to assist others to impart, those teachings to all of humanity.

UAI provides opportunities for many people to participate in meetings, seminars, and conferences in various capacities. Good leaders are essential to the formation of successful and dynamic study groups and associations. However, it is important that such leaders

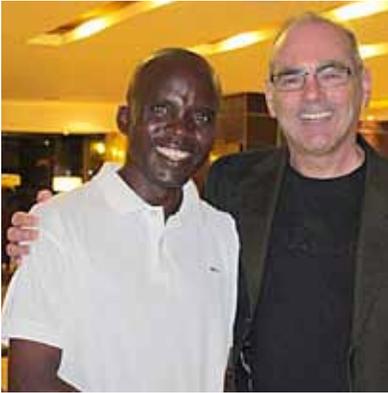
naturally emerge from among the readership. UAI does not presume to designate who is and who is not a leader. Associations and local study groups choose the people whom they view as well-informed, insightful, and successful communicators to teach, speak, and lead activities.

Study Groups

Often, when individuals seek to gain a deep appreciation and understanding of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*, they find it helpful to study the book with others. The local, informal study group is the place where teamwork is forged and spiritual growth is fostered; it is the most important social and educational arena for disseminating the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

Much is gained from sharing insights, interpretations, experiences, and understandings with others. Therefore the formation of study groups is a primary goal of UAI.

UAI seeks to foster the development of study groups



Grevet Moyo, Malawi, with Gaétan Charland at the UAI International Conference, Columbia.

by encouraging its members to attend a study group in their area or, if there are no other readers in the vicinity, to list themselves as being willing to become a study group host.

Study groups do not constitute any part of the formal UAI structure yet they are vital to its work. UAI supports those study groups which focus exclusively on the study and implementation of *The Urantia Book* teachings: **the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man**.

UAI works in liaison with the Urantia Foundation to foster regional contact among readers. The Foundation maintains a database of readers who have contacted them and expressed a desire to socialize with other readers in their area. These readers are referred to other readers in that location, as well as to a UAI officer if there is an association in that vicinity. The UAI member contacts the reader with a courtesy call and lets him or her know of any study groups, conferences, or local reader activities in the area.

Study aids, educational services, and assistance in forming and maintaining successful study groups are provided by UAI. Members are encouraged to develop and share secondary works that will assist readers in their comprehension of the complex concepts found in *The Urantia Book*.

Conferences and Seminars

Conferences, meetings, and seminars are organized by UAI to bring readers of *The Urantia Book* together. These kinds of meetings assist readers in their study as well as giving students an opportunity to meet and interact with fellow readers. Programs are developed that encourage the in-depth study of *The Urantia Book* and the development of the leaders and teachers needed to stimulate and facilitate the spread of the teachings.

The events, topics, teachers, venues, and time frames of meetings are planned well in advance. UAI members may volunteer or be asked to accept responsibility in any of these areas. By sponsoring gatherings from time to time, UAI hopes to stimulate deeper understanding of the teachings of the book, strengthen commitment to its teachings and their dissemination, and eventually stimulate creative activities in the greater arena of human society.

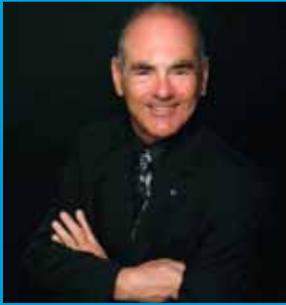
In addition to meetings and conferences sponsored by Local and National Associations, UAI organizes an international

conference every three years. So that all members worldwide have an opportunity to attend and to participate in these activities, the venue for this event alternates between those countries that have a National Association.

Publications

Publications and communication vehicles such as newsletters, periodicals, Web sites, and interactive Internet services are important tools for communication among the worldwide membership of UAI. These assist in keeping readers abreast of news and reader activities as well as serving as educational and study pieces. UAI produces a quarterly publication of informative articles *UAI Journal*, in multiple languages. *Tidings*, a bi-monthly newsletter debuted in June 2005. In addition, various Local and National Associations produce their own local newsletters.

The UAI Web site displays information, news, and, archives of its journals, with links to other Web sites such as Urantia Foundation's site as well as those created by Local and National Associations. A public Forum is in place for readers to discuss topics arising from their study of *The Urantia Book*. A UAI discussion email list is also provided for members to discuss organizational issues and to keep members in touch with one another.



*Gaétan G Charland,
President of UAI*

President's Report

“Our watchwords are teamwork and service. By living these ideals we ensure personal growth and a vibrant progressive organization.”

Dear Friends of UAI,

This is the last report I make and sign as president of UAI, my ten years term has come to an end and for the next four years; a new president will take the helm of UAI. The year 2012 has been mainly one of consolidation for UAI and great things have been done to secure the financial future of UAI. While we are still working to improve our revenues, we are also working diligently to make UAI more serviceable to its members and its mission. A greater focus is put on study groups for we believe that good teachers and leaders can emerge from those in-house classrooms. While we focus more and more in that area, our philosophy of service toward this part of our mission must adapt itself to higher organizational realities.

For the year 2012, UAI has set a new milestone in its history, it was the first time ever that a UAI international conference was held in South America. This historical event that took place in Medellin, Colombia, attracted many readers from twenty-two different countries from across the world, nearly every chartered association of UAI was represented

during those three days that this conference lasted. Three of the great challenges posed by such a conference, were the simultaneous translation of the many outstanding presentations in two different languages, the sponsorship of many readers hailing from South America, North America, Europe, Asia and many from as far as Africa and the financial challenges imposed by such an undertaking.

During the year, our CFO, Mark Kurtz has initiated an Endowment fund that should provide UAI with the means to provide donors the opportunity to give money to a perpetuity fund that will guarantee the financial stability and future of our organization. This fund was officially inaugurated on the 25th of October at the office of The Chicago Community Trust and a substantial gift was given to kick start this important initiative. I invite any willing and serious donors to give generously to this fund. Nowhere will your financial contribution to the mission of the Revelation bring such a lasting return far exceeding your human life.

Another great project took place in 2012, the communication committee Chair, Vern Verass has been actively involved with the help of the International Service Board and an outside contractor in the building of a new Website for UAI. This project has been long overdue and will provide our organization with an essential tool to promote its mission and attract new readers with its revolutionary community network. The Website will also offer a way to finance itself by way of paid subscriptions in order to gain entry to parts of its social network. The Website will also include an Intranet that was a much-needed tool to help the International Service Board and all the chartered associations in the management of their affairs. The launch is schedule for the beginning of the year 2013.

During its yearly face-to-face meeting in Chicago, the International Service Board has been actively reviewing the Charter and By-Laws in order to make more current our ruling documents. This tedious and important work of revision was accomplished with the help of



Gaétan speaking at the 2012 International Conference, Colombia.

former Chair of the Charter and By-Laws committee, Travis Binion who was instrumental in the original designing and writing of those documents. Some minor changes will be submitted to the Representative Council in 2013 for approval. Some of these modifications have to do with the membership in general, they will provide better ways to serve the member-at-large category. Other modifications are very minor and have to do with the wordings of some items to remove confusion and possible wrong interpretations.

Many other resolutions and motions were passed by the International Service Board and the Representative Council that reflect the constant need of adjustments to the challenges of growth and management. The year 2012 was no different than

the other years and many projects such as the upgrading of the UAI database are still pending for lack of funds. This past year has seen only the chartering of one local association in the US and no associations were chartered internationally. However, there are certain countries in Africa that show promising growth in readership and study groups. We expect new associations coming from those parts of Africa in the coming years.

As president I have traveled to many countries to help promote healthy organizations and support to study groups as part of our mission. One of those trips took me to Haiti where I meet many dedicated readers associated with good leaders. Again the lack of financial resources those readers are facing limit considerably their

dissemination activities. We hope in the near future to provide them with the necessary means to foster a larger community of study groups while increasing the number of readers by providing more books.

I pray that this report will give you a glimpse of what we have accomplished together to further our mission in the hope that you might become a second miler if you are not already one.

Enjoy this report, it highlights not only what we have accomplished but also where we are going.

In spirit of brotherhood

Gaétan G Charland
President of UAI 2003–2012



Merindi Belarski,
Vice-President of UAI

Vice-President’s Report

...in partneship with God, great things may and do, happen. [Paper 132:7.9, page 312 § 5]

The Representative Council is made up of all Presidents and Vice-Presidents of UAI National and Local (where no National exists) Associations. Full voting members are the National Association representatives; Local (where no National exists) Association members do not hold a vote on the council.

The International Representative Council (RC) had another busy year during 2012.

My report below includes a summary of all items presented to the RC. Please contact your National representative, or me directly belarski@bigpond.com, if you have any questions about any of these items.

In loving service | Merindi Belarski, RC Chair

Item No.	Description	Date presented / passed
2012–128	Joint calendar: RESOLVED that UAI take the lead in negotiating and establishing a joint calendar of events for Urantia Foundation, the Urantia Book Fellowship and UAI.	January 2012
2012–129	Study Group Chair: ANNOUNCEMENT that Study Group Chair, Ciao Gabriel, has resigned from this position.	February 2012
2012–131	ISB Conference Chair election: Arnie Ondis elected to the position of Conference Chair.	February 2012
2012–138	UAI Book Fair Policy: RESOLVED that the UAI Book Fair Policy be adopted.	March 2012
2012–139	UAI Guidelines for International Conferences: RESOLVED that the UAI Guidelines for International Conferences be adopted.	May 2012
2012–143	2015 IX UAI International Conference: call for proposals for the 2015 International conference.	August 2012
2012–144	ISB Study Group Chair election: Bill Beasley elected to the position of Study Group Chair.	August 2012
2012–146	UAI Website ad-hoc committee, recommendations: MOVED that the RC approve the recommendations put forward by the website ad-hoc committee.	November 2012
2012–147	2013 Annual Fund Budget: Resolved, the UAI adopt the proposed 2013 UAI Annual Fund Budget of \$45,576.	December 2012

International Representative Council

Comprised of the Presidents and Vice Presidents of all the national associations and acts as the legislative branch of UAI

The RC is our deliberative assembly with the power to approve policy, budgets, and programs of UAI. The sitting Presidents and Vice Presidents of the National Associations have one vote and all elections and resolutions are passed by a sixty-percent majority of the votes cast. Resolutions that pass are announced to the UAI membership and are binding on all constituent Local and National Associations.

All RC business is conducted via an ongoing electronic meeting, and all communication is translated into three languages—English, French and Spanish.

Outgoing Presidents and Vice-Presidents



Robert Coenraads ANZURA
Vice-President to Oct 2011



Nemias Mol Brazil President
to July 2012



Susana Hutner Brazil
Vice-President to July 2012



Pio Park UAUS Vice-
President to March 2012



Rene Roman Chile President
to August 2012



Luis Majuan Chile Vice-
President to August 2012



Tamila Ragimova Columbia
President to August 2012



Carolina Ninos Columbia
Vice-President to August 2012



Olga Lopez Molina Spain
President to May 2012



Eduardo Gonzalez Spain
Vice-President to May 2012



Dominique Ronfet France
President to May 2012



Kathleen Swadling
Australia/New Zealand
(ANZURA) President



Julian McGarry
Australia/New Zealand
Vice-President



Carlos Leite Da Silva
Brazil
President



Cesar Paulo Zapello
Brazil
Vice-President



Nathen Jansen
Canada
President



Line St. Pierre
Canada
Vice-President



Wilson Leon
Columbia
President



Carlos Zapata
Columbia
Vice-President



Tapio Talvitie
Finland
President



Seppo Niskanen
Finland
Vice-President



Carmelo Martinez
Spain
President



Jaime Garcia Marco
Spain
Vice-President



Moussa Ndiaye
Senegal
President



Mamadou Diagne
Senegal
Vice-President



Ivan Stol
France
President



Lucas Perier
France
Vice-President



Location of UAI Associations worldwide



David Linthicum
United States (UAUS)
President



Julio César de la Cruz
Dominican Republic
President



Alfredo Esquivel
Mexico
President



Chris Wood
United States (UAUS)
Vice-President



Jafet Diaz
Dominican Republic
Vice-President



Jesus Samplablo
Mexico
Vice-President



Beatriz Arispe
Andes (Peru)
President



Peep Sõber
Estonia
President



Michael Maclsaac
Sweden
President



Lila de Heins
Andes (Peru)
Vice-President



Karmo Kalda
Estonia
Vice-President



Jacob Dix
Sweden
Vice-President



Carlos Rubinsky
Argentina
President



Kim Jinwoog
Korea
President



Anton Miroshnichenko
Ukraine
President



Horacio Rico
Argentina
Vice-President



Park Gahyang
Korea
Vice-President



Gary Rawlings
United Kingdom
President



Jean Annet
Belgium
President



Park Pansoo
Korea
Vice-President



Costas Diamantopoulos
United Kingdom
Vice-President



Horacio Gamboa Verdugo
Chile
President



Grevet Moyo
Malawi
President



Joel Chongo Mvula
Zambia
President



Lissette Mancilla Asenjo
Chile
Vice-President



Brian Mtambo
Malawi
Vice-President



Evans Mwale
Zambia
Vice-President

International Service Board



Gaétan G.
Charland



Merindi Belarski



Susan Owen



Mark Kurtz



Gary Rawlings



Verner Verass

The International Service Board (ISB) functions as the executive branch and conducts the daily business of UAI. The ISB is comprised of a governing board and committees for Dissemination, Study Groups, Education, Communications, Translations, Membership, Conferences, and Charter and Bylaws. ISB members are elected by the membership and serve a maximum of two consecutive four-year terms

Gaétan G. Charland, Canada President

Gaétan executes for the UAI any contracts, deeds, mortgages, bonds, or other instruments that the ISB or the RC has authorized to be executed. Gaétan performs all duties of the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the ISB or the RC. Gaétan heads the Executive Committee.

Merindi Belarski, Australia Vice-President

Merindi assists the President in the discharge of his duties as the President may direct, and performs such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to her by the President, the ISB, or the RC.

Merindi is a member of the Executive Committee.

Susan Owen, USA Secretary

2012 was another busy year for the Secretary—a year which included providing the minutes from the ISB monthly meetings including the special meetings for the new UAI website; creating a survey and providing Day 1 presentations from the 2011 UAI Leadership Symposium to the attendees; collaborating with the Executive Administrator on research preliminary to the formation of a Governance Committee; and close involvement in design of the Intranet for the new UAI website.

The Secretary's regular duties include assisting the President, preparing and distributing ISB meeting agendas, providing the ISB meeting minutes to the ISB and the RC, providing meeting action points timely to ISB members, compiling the yearly RC meeting minutes, and conducting quarter roll calls for the online ISB and RC meetings. The Secretary also reports yearly to the Illinois Secretary of State, assists in maintaining all UAI records and documents, and is a member of the ISB Executive Committee.

Mark Kurtz, USA Chief Financial Officer

As CFO, Mark is responsible for the maintenance of adequate books of account for the UAI and for preparation of quarterly financial

reports to the ISB and the RC. He prepares and files the required reports related to UAI non-profit status, including State of Illinois incorporation matters and United States IRS. Mark solicits financial contributions and seeks to maintain communication and good relations with donors. Mark is a member of the Executive Committee.

Gary Rawlings, UK Membership Committee Chair

Gary Rawlings worked with other members of the ISB to make the international conference in Colombia a resounding success in July 2012. With the duties of ensuring that all air tickets that were funded by the UAI were booked and that all participants had their complete flight information details to travel to the venue and assisted with their travel until they arrived at their destination.

Gary is planning to charter a new local association in Nigeria and is preparing the ground work for this to happen now in 2013 and they will then join Senegal, Malawi, and Zambia in becoming a member of the UAI in Africa. In addition, there is a good possibility that a local association will be formed also this year.

The membership chair receives and distributes the applications that are submitted by readers through the



Sheila Keene-Lund



Travis Binion



Bill Beasley



Arnie Ondis



Christopher Moseley



Bernie Belarski



Rick Lyon

UAI website. These are forwarded to the appropriate associations to complete their membership application, working closely with the UAI Executive Administrator, Rick Lyon and Michael Berry, Membership Chair for the UAUS.

During the period of 2012, 60 Membership applications were received from a number of countries with the majority coming from the USA. Gary also worked with the Dissemination and Study Group Chairs of UAI and attended each monthly ISB conference call.

Gary was assisted by membership committee members Aida Diaz from the Dominican Republic for South America and the Caribbean. Anton Miroshnichenko from Ukraine for Eastern Europe and Moustapha Ddiaye for Africa who are also involved with Gary sending out the informative original *Thoughts to Ponder* that enables Urantia Book readers to be connected on a daily basis to *The Urantia Book* and UAI.

Verner Verass, Australia
Communications Committee Chair

Verner performs the duties of the Communications Committee which produces the *Tidings* and the *UAI Journal* newsletters and maintains the UAI website, www.urantia-uai.org, the UAI

Forum, and our Spanish website and discussion forum. He also produces graphic design work for our organization and our events and activities. Vern is a member of the Executive Committee.

Sheila Keene-Lund, USA
Education Committee Chair

Sheila performs the duties of the Education Committee, finding, creating, and distributing Urantia related educational materials to readers and study groups. Sheila is a member of the Executive Committee.

Travis Binion, USA
Charter & Bylaws Committee Chair

Travis reviews and, when appropriate, proposes amendment of UAI's Charter and Bylaws in order to ensure that governing documents are in place to serve the needs of the organization, and serves as an information resource for associations regarding their own governing documents.

Bill Beasley, USA
Study Groups Committee Chair

Bill as chair of the Study Group Committee, helps readers to contact other readers for the purpose of finding or forming study groups. The UAI Study Group Kit and Study Group Directory serve

to encourage cooperative efforts between UAI, Urantia Foundation, and the Fellowship.

Bill was elected Study Group Chair in August 2012.

Arnie Ondis, USA
Conference Committee Chair

Arnie as head of the Conference Committee, helps national and local associations with their events and with hosting the UAI International Conference.

Arnie was elected Conference Chair in February 2012.

Christopher Moseley, UK
Translations Committee Chair

Chris performs the duties of the Translation Committee. This includes co-ordinating the translation of the communications of the Representative Council and our newsletters as well as other forms of communication.

The past year has seen a good performance by the selfless team of translators who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide translations into French, Spanish and Portuguese of the many documents that need to be circulated not only among the International Service Board of the UAI itself, but also to the National Associations in countries that



Gaétan chairing an ISB meeting.

operate with those languages. They often have to work at short notice to get the job done. Chris' part in all this is to act as a conduit for all the messages, and check the translations as they pass back through him.

Not only that, but as mentioned, the translators do unremarked work in preparing documents that are needed by the Representative Council. In these cases Chris is not directly involved in production. His concern is with the everyday work of the Board.

Consideration has been given to expanding the range of languages into which these protocol documents are translated—Russian, Korean, and the other languages of the national associations that aren't already covered. So far, though, there has not been a call from those associations themselves for these translations to be provided. If a demand is felt at that national level, then moves should be made to recruit such translators. The job specification, though, calls for rare qualities: familiarity with the UAI mission, patience, accuracy, speed, and enough time available to put those qualities into action.

UAI is fortunate to have the

services of these translators. During the past year Chris lost the excellent services of Olga López for translation into Spanish, but she has been replaced by the very able Carmelo Martinez Zarate. It can't be assumed that Chris will have the services of his loyal French and Portuguese translators indefinitely either, and over the next year it will be his job to try and ensure a smooth future succession in these languages.

With UAI working on a new website, the activities of the translation team may start to branch out into new directions. Chris doubts that subtle skills of translators could ever be completely replaced by machine translation, no matter how sophisticated it has become recently, so even well into the age of the web-online community they will continue to provide a valuable service.

Chris provides a vital service to facilitate communication and understanding among all our international association members and friends.

Bernie Belarski, Australia **Dissemination Committee Chair**

Bernie performs the duties of the Dissemination Committee which

works to bring the book and the teachings to all areas of the world. We do this by working to collect funds to purchase and distribute books to areas where books are expensive or hard to find. Bernie processes the reader referrals that we receive from Urantia Foundation by contacting the readers who request contact with fellow readers.

Rick Lyon, USA **Executive Administrator**

Rick maintains the UAI Central Office. The Executive Administrator takes care of the day-to-day financial needs of UAI by collecting contributions and paying the bills. He maintains monthly records of our income and expenses while also responding to the many email and telephone requests for information and assistance to readers. The UAI office is often the first point of contact for new readers. Rick works closely with Urantia Foundation to provide assistance to the Foundation and service to all readers of *The Urantia Book*.



UAI Update

Activities for the year ended 31 December 2012
based upon the eight committees of the ISB

It's an ambitious service based program—to broaden the reception of the teachings of *The Urantia Book* worldwide—limited only by the time, energy, and funding supplied by our volunteers and contributors. Therefore, it is important for us to share with you the many opportunities and accomplishments of the previous year that resulted from your support and the opportunities of the coming year that rely on it. Perhaps the most important tool for leadership, for producing teachers and leaders of this revelation, and for fostering study groups and in-depth study of *The Urantia Book* is communication. During 2012 the focus of our communication continued to be leadership, building on the successful, inaugural UAI 2011 Leadership Symposium.

During 2012, our communication focus was teaching. We, as leaders, should frequently and regularly communicate with our members and those that our members serve—the readers of *The Urantia Book*. The more we communicate the more people will want to be part of what we are doing and then step forward to do something. When we don't communicate people think nothing is happening or that nobody expects anything to happen. By sharing what we do and what others are doing, we motivate people to action and leadership. The UAI 2012 world conference in Medellin, Colombia, focussed on the art of teaching. Let us share with you the results of your

participation and support for UAI during the previous year.

We are part of something very big and very important. The statement from the Publication Mandate says that:

“(You) who have dedicated (your) lives to the service of the Book and the Brotherhood can little realize the import of (your) doings. (You) will doubtless live and die without fully realizing that (you) are participating in the birth of a new age of religion on this world.

We continued the energy that the Leadership Symposium created and observed it in action with our association in Colombia as they hosted the 2012 UAI International conference. UAI Executive administrator, Rick Lyon shared his report on the event.

I think “spectacular” is a good word to describe the Colombia conference. I have asked several people what are the high points and they say “the people of Colombia.” At conferences it is the topic, presentations, and workshops that bring us together but it is the people we share the event with that we remember and miss when it is over.

Yesterday we wrapped things up and people are now heading home and to the airport. Any fears of visiting Colombia I assure you were not justified as we have been greeted by nothing but the warmest of welcomes by everyone from taxi drivers to hotel staff and people on the street and, of course, from all our Urantia family that came to this event. Beautiful country and beautiful people.

We visited a park where there was a small outdoor musical play. As those in the play interacted with us they heard about Urantia. Three of the actors approached us afterwards asking for information about the book. The knowledge and teachings of the book seem to be shared very openly in South America and there is a great interest and hunger for it.

I heard that 10 years ago there were 6 readers in Colombia. This week they hosted an event of 150 readers from 21 countries. We had several fine presentations about teaching and the workshops received high marks from those attending. The workshop I was in was one of the best that I have participated in so far and I have been privileged to be in some pretty good ones. We had fun and great and valuable social times together but we also conducted business that can only be facilitated by face-to-face meetings. Good work was accomplished. We talk about building the Urantia reader community and I have come to realize that these events are extremely important in that process. The teachers and leaders of this revelation, especially those from South America, have been re-energized and strengthened by their participation in this conference and have been encouraged and excited by the presence of UAI and Urantia Foundation leadership who love them enough to travel long distances to support them.

During the next few weeks you will see pictures posted to the websites, emails from attendees, and Journal and Tidings

One of the most important lessons to be learned during your mortal career is *teamwork*

[Paper 28:5, page 312 § 1]



articles about this wonderful event. Personally, I loved it! Well planned and well executed. The close out meeting where we reviewed what problems arose and what could have been done better was pretty short and we continue to learn from this process. Hopefully this experience will inspire the other associations of South America to host many local, regional, and national associations. Urantia Association of Argentina announced their first national conference is being planned and the date has been set. Watch for more information on that. The Urantia Association of the United Kingdom/Ireland is hosting a national event this coming August in Ireland. Who would not want to go to that?

I want to once again extend our thanks to the people of Colombia for their love and friendship during our stay here. We congratulate the Urantia Association of Colombia and the local associations in Barranquilla, Bogota, Medellin, and ele Cafetero for their planning and hosting of this event.

I know it takes time and money to attend these events but let me assure you that this is money and time well spent. Not only for what you get from the event but what you give to all those attending the event. Our next UAI international conference will be in 2015 (although there will be many local, regional, and national conferences before then) we encourage you to start today to begin setting aside the money to attend the UAI 2015 Urantia World

Event. Today you may regret not going to Colombia. Don't let that happen to you in 2015.

UAI President Gaétan Charland was in touch with the Urantia Associations of Chile, Haiti, Korea and has shared dissemination ideas with their respective presidents. He also has accompanied Urantia Foundation President Mo Siegel on trips to meet readers and promote study groups in the USA.

Vice President Merindi Belarski serves as the Chairperson of the Representative Council conducting the RC business and meetings. She maintains an interactive reporting form that has greatly facilitated the reporting of association status and activities to the ISB and RC.

Bart Gibbons as Assistant Chief Financial Officer to Mark Kurtz has become familiar with UAI accounts and is ready to assume the role of CFO when Mark's tenure is completed in early 2013. Bart is a CPA and is well qualified to serve in this capacity. Bart helped our CFO to revise our Chart of Accounts and our Financial Position and Income Statements. Mark Kurtz submitted the annual budget to the RC for approval. The budget is reflective of our expecting income from contributions rather than the desired expenditure for projects and association support. The RC passed this budget. Another CFO project is the development of an Endowment Fund to provide for the long term

growth and financing of UAI activities. An Endowment Fund provides for the preservation of financial resources for stability while providing income for operations. Such a fund also gives us the ability to accept funds, properties, or materials bequeathed to us by the estates of members and friends of UAI.

Bernie Belarski from Australia, Chairmanship of the UAI Dissemination Committee is continuing efforts to develop programs for the young readers in the Urantia community.

Bill Beasley joined the ISB board as Study Group Chair in August 2012 and brings a wealth of experience in the Urantia community with him. Previous Study Group Chair, James Woodward, provides valuable service as an advisor to the ISB and is currently serving as the Chairman of the administration team for the Study Group Directory.

Arnie Ondis as the UAI Conference Committee Chairman is busy with planning for the 2014 Study Group Symposium to be held in July at Techny Towers, Chicago. Arnie is also planning for and considering candidates to host the 2015 International Conference.

For the third year in a row, the ISB met with the General Council of the Fellowship in October at Urantia Foundation. Opportunities for cooperation were discussed as the mission of each organization is fostering growth of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.



Dissemination

- Received and forwarded reader referrals to our local associations for contact.
- Added four people to this committee to help with contacting At-Large reader referrals.
- Produced Book Fair Policy to guide us in our participation or support of such events.
- Procedures for Prison Inmate Response Team (PIRT) were modified to streamline the delivery of books to inmates.

Study groups

- The Study Group Directory now in place serving the entire worldwide Urantia study group community at urantiastudygroup.org
- An administrative team maintains the Directory and comprises three members of UAI, Urantia Foundation, and the Fellowship.
- Responses were made to several requests from individuals about finding study groups or reader contact.
- All readers encouraged to form or participate in study groups.

Membership

- Received several UAI membership online applications.
- More interactive online membership application was implemented.
- Aida Diaz and Anton Miroshnichenko continue to serve as members of this committee.
- Ongoing coordination of Dissemination, Study Groups, and Membership committees in the development of UAI associations.
- Encouraged all association to add a membership committee to their association leadership.

Conferences

- The 2012 UAI international conference hosted by the Urantia Association of Colombia in Medellin was a huge success.
- Conference Policy and Guide for UAI conferences and events was produced.
- Planning for The 2014 UAI Study Group Symposium commenced.

Education

- Istvan Hargitai continues to serve on the Education Committee
- Prepared and made available, educational materials for the Study Group Portal and UAI website.

Charter and Bylaws

- Investigated possibility of creating “Governance Committee” for ISB.
- The Chair position for this committee was not filled because this committee is deemed to have completed its purpose for UAI.
- Travis Binion, former chairman of this committee, remains as an advisor to the ISB and acts as a Parliamentarian for the board.

Communications:

- Work progressed on the much-needed upgrade to the UAI Website. The \$7,200 budgeted for this project was augmented with an additional \$5,000 to cover the Intranet which had to be quantified. Rene Ertzinger of Radianze, was contracted in January 2012 to build the website with its Social Network providing facebook-like interactivity extended in the form of an associated Global Network—a place for every county in the world to be represented.
- Team comprising Mike Bain, Scott Brooks, and Rick Lyon, worked on upgrading the UAI membership database.
- Meredith Van Woert’s team of UAI list and Forum moderators, Dan Foster, Nigel Nunn, Bill Martin, and Paul Tseker continue their valued service.
- Produced the *UAI 2011 Annual Report*
- Federico Folchi continues to serve Communications Committee as editor of *Tidings*. Carlos Rubinsky is the Assistant Editor.
- Suzanne Kelly continues to serve as editor of *UAI Journal* and Sherry Layton is Assistant Editor. Suzanne is working to contact former subscribers to the *Journal* to discuss renewal of their subscription.
- Nigel Nunn is the Moderator for the UAI English Forum. The Spanish Forum is led by Luis Herrera and Carlos Rubinsky. The French Forum is hosted by our association “French Association of Readers of *The Urantia Book*.”

- Scott Brooks, continues to serve as UAI Website Administrator, has implemented security measures to prevent problems with hacking.

Translations

- Ongoing translation of the Study Group Directory.
- Translated many messages for the RC, ISB, and the Central Office.
- Translators provided translation for *Tidings* and *Journal*.
- Translation team: **Finnish**—Seppo Kanerva; **French**—Jean Annet, Alain Cyr, Jean Royer, Line St-Pierre; **Portuguese**—Ricardo Machado; **Spanish**—Olga Lopez, Federico Folchi;

UAI office

- Worked with Urantia Association of Colombia to help produce the 2012 UAI international conference in Medellin, Colombia.
- Continued work to upgrade the UAI database. The virus attack of 2011 has damaged the database and some associations have begun to use their own database rather than this tool provided for them by UAI.
- Completed work on drafting a proposal to replace the former Charter & Bylaws committee with a governance committee.
- Investigated alternative methods of fund raising to support UAI activities.
- Considerable time was spent working with the Communications Committee and website developer on the new UAI website.
- Implemented a new method of processing reader referrals to significantly reduce our response time to reader requests for contact.
- Attended licensing ceremony for Urantia Association of Los Angeles
- Attended installation of new officers for Urantia Brotherhood of Arizona.
- Worked with CFO to set up UAI Endowment Fund
- Focused on communication with leaders, members, and readers.
- Produced and mailed annual fund raising letter. Investigated using free Business Reply Mail permit.
- Participated in review of UAI Charter and Bylaws.

2012 Financial Report

Statement of Activities-Income and Expense For the Full Year 2012; January-December

Income (in United States dollars)	\$
Ordinary contributions	104,846
Earned income	158
Dividends and interest	321
Other; collected cash fees for associations, forwarded	495
Total Income	105,820
Expenses	\$
Program services	59,640
Administration services	21,739
ISB general operations (includes funds transferred to permanent endowment)	35,728
Total Expenses	117,107
Change in Net Assets	-11,287

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2012 (The Balance Sheet)

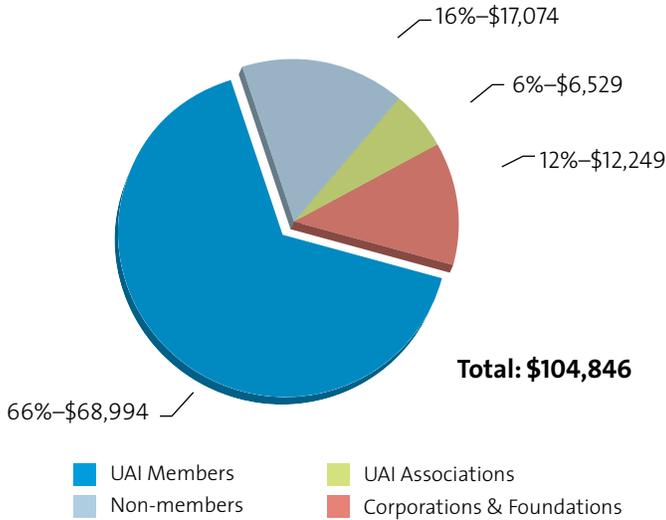
Assets	\$
Cash (in United States dollars)	63,268
Liabilities	none
Equity	\$
Year beginning Fund Balance	74,555
Net income (loss)	-11,287
Total Equity (yearend Fund Balance)	<u>63,268</u>

Comment

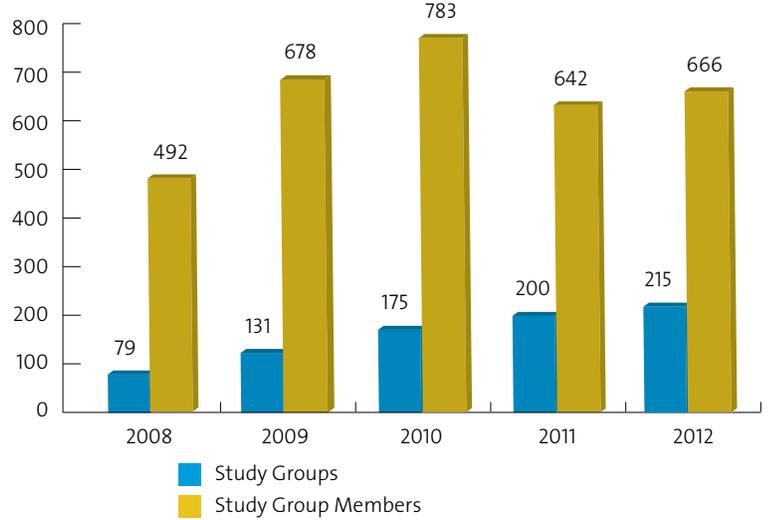
UAI assets include the following restricted accounts:	\$
Conference Fund	20,005
Conference Sponsorship Fund	4,545
Global Seeding Fund	3,428
Total Restricted Funds Balance	<u>27,978</u>

2012 Financial Report Graphs

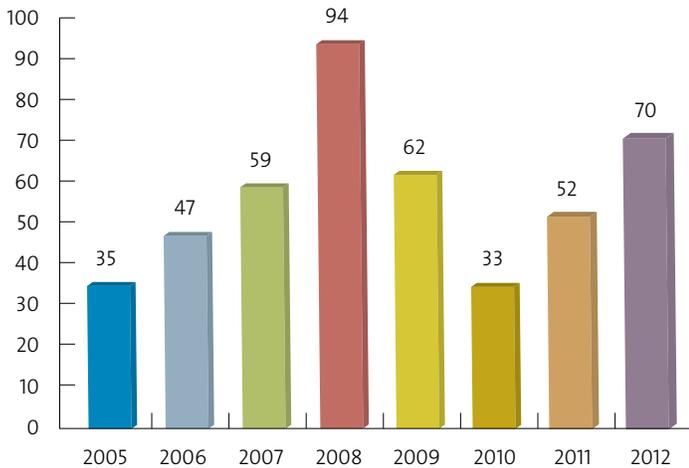
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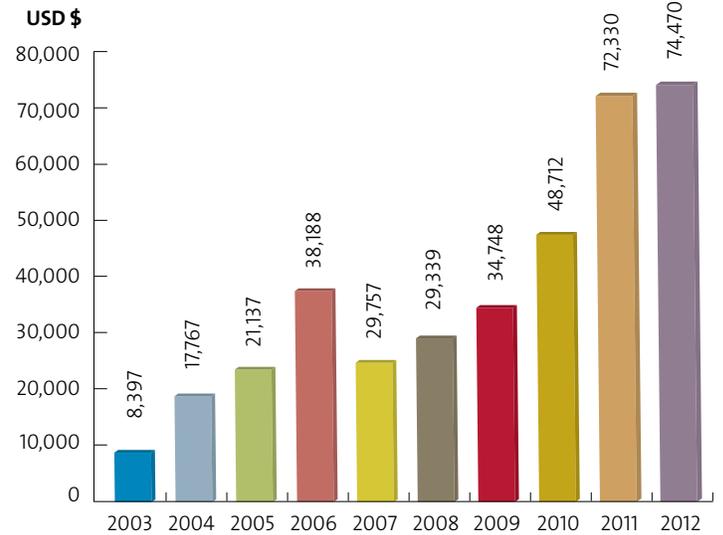
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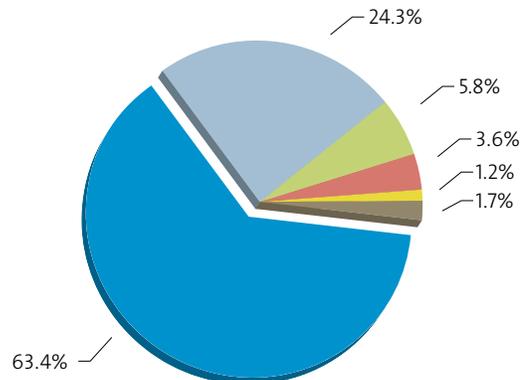
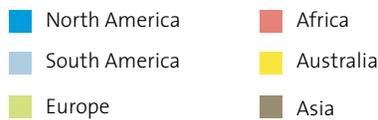
Membership Applications



Contributions to Annual Fund



Members and Friends by Region



UAI Publications

Keeping members informed with articles and news of activities from countries around the world.



Journal



Tidings



UAI produces *Tidings* and *Journal*, two excellent publications to communicate to a growing international readership and to help keep us connected.

The *UAI Journal* provides in-depth and thought provoking articles on topics found in *The Urantia Book*. It is a great resource for all who wish to gain a greater understanding of the concepts presented.

Tidings features good news about UAI activities—experiences shared between the members of the various associations worldwide.

Together they are an important barometer on the current growth of the Urantia teachings.

Donor Support Underpins our Mission

Dear Reader Friend,

Urantia has been given a wonderful revelatory upgrade for humanity—*The Urantia Book* contains guidance and instruction to increase potential for each benefiting reader to recognize the Father. UAI is poised to help fellow Urantians find new truth from this book through activities and projects. We could always use your volunteer time and financial support to put power into program and mission effort.

UAI intends to serve all Urantians on all continents through leadership development and outreach. The Leadership 2011 symposium was a major event in the overall Urantian effort to empower mankind's response to Revelator instruction and gifting of this book we readers cherish. A unique and friendly experience as people who came to Chicago attested. Clarification of the past and a vision for the future underpinned its success. People made new friends and discovered new talents through study and shared techniques, equipping them to follow through on their inspiration to "go into all the world," as the Master instructed before his ascension.

Power for success must come from spiritual resources within self and from material resources. Funds are needed to finance the leadership program now that the value of the symposium is established. To aid those persons of lesser resources to attend, share,

and be inspired to serve as leaders in their respective associations. Contributions go towards venue rental, transportation, supplies, fees, plus aid for those who need funds to travel.

The Annual Fund is always a good support concept as it funds the normal operations for UAI Central Office and other normal monthly expenses. Increased funding allows increased capability. The office is a central focal point for UAI contact and communication for all national and local associations as we attempt to stay in contact and in coordination for operations.

I would be pleased on behalf of the ISB and all associations if individuals, corporations, foundations and associations, would increase financial commitment and aid. Many persons listed in this report have been faithful with regular monthly contributions by credit card and PayPal. We would like in 2013–14 to triple the number of monthly contributors so that ongoing support is affirmed in increasing UAI empowerment in mission.

Please consider regular donations or a sustaining substantial gift. Use the form below for convenience.

In the spirit of brotherhood,
Gaétan Charland
President UAI

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Thank you!

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