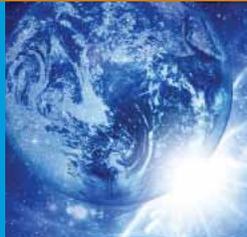




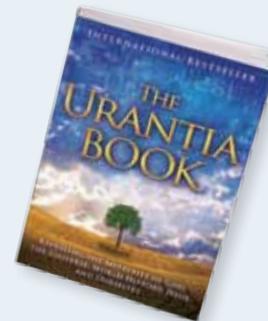
URANTIA ASSOCIATION
INTERNATIONAL



Urantia Association International
Annual Report 2014



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Record of six years of Annual Reports produced by Urantia Association International.

Who We Are

Urantia Association International (the Association) was established to foster the study of *The Urantia Book* and to disseminate its teachings.



The Association was inaugurated in 1993 by Urantia Foundation, the publisher of *The Urantia Book*, to work in a complementary capacity for the fulfillment of its mission to introduce the Urantia Revelation to the world. The Association became an independent, self-governing, not-for profit, membership service organization in 2005.

We are comprised of a community of individuals who study *The Urantia Book* and are inspired by its revelatory teachings. We encourage and foster cooperation with others in the work of the spiritual, social, and moral regeneration of this world.

Urantia Association International is a worldwide organization of National and Local Associations currently spanning 23 countries. The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the National Associations form the Representative Council (RC) which is the governing body of our organization. The International Service Board (ISB), consisting of members elected by the RC,

executes the projects approved by the RC.

The Association provides interactive learning environments in which students of *The Urantia Book* may deepen and broaden their knowledge of *The Urantia Book* and find ways of sharing the teachings with their fellow men and women in their everyday lives. This is achieved through activities such as the fostering of Urantia Book study groups, publications, social activities, and conferences. We also endeavor to develop teachers and leaders for the dissemination of the book's teachings.

Our Mission

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



Purpose and Goals

Our purpose is “...to disseminate the teachings of *The Urantia Book* in order to promote, improve, and expand comprehension and appreciation among the peoples of the world of cosmology, of the relationship of the planet on which we live to the universe, of the genesis and destiny of man and his relation to God, and of the true teachings of Jesus.” [Urantia Association International Charter Article 1.1]

Our goal is to offer support to Urantia Book students as they enhance their understanding of the teachings of *The Urantia Book* and encourage them to become actively engaged in the social and spiritual regeneration of this world. These goals are achieved by providing and fostering interactive learning environments in which participants deepen and broaden their knowledge of *The Urantia Book*, increase their teaching and leadership skills, and enjoy fellowship with other Urantia Book students around the world.

Fostering Study Groups

Individuals who seek a deeper understanding of the teachings of *The Urantia Book* often find it helpful to study with others. The Association provides assistance in forming study groups and considers them the primary social environment for learning about the teachings and educating others.

Study groups are completely autonomous; the Association exercises no authority over their activities. We support study groups by providing them with study aids, educational services, and assistance and advice in forming, hosting and maintaining them. We also maintain a database of readers and provide a reader referral service for those who wish to meet with others to study *The Urantia Book*.

Developing Teachers and Leaders

Spiritually inspired teachers and leaders have changed the course of human progress and civilization. The development of

leaders and teachers who are well versed in the teachings of *The Urantia Book* is a core focus of the Association.

Good leaders are essential to the formation of stable and dynamic study groups as well as the formation and governance of National and Local Associations.

Study groups have proven to be the best environment to develop teachers and leaders in a natural, evolutionary manner. The Association does not presume to designate who is a leader or teacher.

Conferences and Seminars

Conferences, seminars, symposiums and other educational meetings are organized by the Association. Such events provide opportunities for Urantia Book students to meet and interact with one another. By sponsoring gatherings, the Association promotes a deeper understanding of service, teamwork and personal commitment to the ideals of spiritual living.

In addition to meetings and conferences organized by Local and National Associations, every three years the Association sponsors an international conference. The venue for this event is alternated among countries that have a National Association so that members and Urantia Book students worldwide have an opportunity to attend and participate in the planning and hosting of an international gathering.

Communications and Publications

Newsletters, periodicals, and interactive internet services are important tools for communication among the worldwide membership of the Association. These assist in keeping our global community abreast of news and reader activities, as well as fostering educational and study purposes.

The *Journal* is a quarterly publication of informative essays written by students of *The Urantia Book*, provided in multiple languages. *Tidings* is a bi-monthly, multi-language newsletter designed to keep Urantia Book students and Association members informed of Urantia-related activities and events around the world.

The Association website <http://urantia-association.org/> offers a wide range of news and information. The entire text of *The Urantia Book*, with a powerful search engine, can be accessed from the website; a public discussion Forum is provided to discuss topics arising from their study of *The Urantia Book*.

Reader Services

The Association provides a reader referral service to answer reader inquiries, foster study group development and foster local contact among readers. We maintain a database of Urantia Book students who have asked to receive news and information regarding *The Urantia Book*, the Association and fellow Urantia Book students who desire to meet with others in their region.

Study Aids and Resources

Many students of *The Urantia Book* produce study aids, derivative works and creative tools that help others understand the complexity of *The Urantia Book*. Secondary works can be instrumental in assisting or inspiring others in their study and personal spiritual development; they are also useful as outreach tools for sharing the book's teachings with the wider community. The Association encourages and supports the development of Urantia-related study aids and offers assistance to fellow students of the Revelation in their production and distribution.

Global Book Seeding Program

The Association's Global Seeding Program assists National and Local Associations with the placement of *The Urantia Book* at relevant learning centers throughout the world which include: libraries, colleges, and universities; as well as schools of philosophy, religion, and science, and other centers of progressive thought.

The Urantia Book was published in 1955 and is now available in

sixteen languages, with the goal of making it accessible in all the major languages of the world.

Book Fairs & Expos

Book fairs and expos offer a proven and effective method for sharing *The Urantia Book* with the public. They are well attended globally and can be easily organized and managed by a small group of Urantia Book students. Book fairs offer unique opportunities for Local Association team-building while offering a means to share the teachings with the public.

While Urantia Foundation maintains a professional presence in the commercial book trade, the Association book fair presentations are typically geared for the consumer or librarians. In this way the general public can see and hear the name Urantia in a friendly and casual atmosphere, while discovering the book's teachings and meeting with people who have been inspired by them.

Prisoner Inquiry Response Team

The Prisoner Inquiry Response Team (PIRT) has been providing *The Urantia Book* to those who find themselves in the deepest, darkest of places, our nation's prisons. Since it was formed 10 years ago, over 3,000 letters from inmates have been processed and approximately 1600 Urantia Books have been sent to those requesting a book. Our hope is that these revelatory teachings will work to transform these individuals and reap untold benefits once they have served their terms and are returned to civil society.



Chris Wood, President

President's Report

“The progress angels...labor incessantly to make things what they ought to be.” [Paper 114:6.6, page 1255 § 5]

Dear Friends,

At times we become so enthralled in the projects we have before us that we can forget to look back and appreciate the progress we have made. If you are reviewing this Annual Report, then it's likely you are already invested in the teachings of *The Urantia Book* and the fine programs being led by Urantia Association International. To recount our projects and celebrate the progress made during the year would be akin to preaching to the choir, but sometimes I can't help myself and it is the choir who will listen!

In 2014 we saw:

- 23 countries with active Urantia Associations.
- 8 more countries with organized Urantia communities preparing to join our union.
- An International Study Group Symposium.
- 24 conferences across the globe.
- More than 1000 copies of *The Urantia Book* distributed with Urantia Foundation to 10 countries which lacked

standard routes to purchase the book.

- For the first time, copies of *The Urantia Book* were made available in commercial bookstores in Kiev, Ukraine, thanks to distribution agreements arranged by our National Association there.
- Election of new International Service Board members spanning 4 continents, 7 countries and 7 languages.
- The new Executive Administrator Margaret Slater Thompson, taking over from Rick Lyon. Margaret is settling in very nicely and will be a great asset to the administration team. Welcome Margaret.

My personal highlight from the year was the weekend spent in the Netherlands welcoming the new Dutch National Association into our ranks. As a community filled with veteran and new students, the Dutch Urantia Community has been active for decades and is now ready to help guide our Association in new and exciting directions.

There are at least three types of unity in our Urantia community:

- Spiritual unity, which we share not just with other students of this revelation but with every God seeking person in the world;
- Social unity, which we achieve by gathering at conferences and study groups, learning how we each understand and incorporate these teachings into our lives;
- Organizational unity, agreeing to unite our principles and our efforts toward achieving a common goal. As more and more Urantia groups join us in organizational unity, our reach and capabilities expand exponentially. Each year we achieve more and more!

Urantia Association International is only as strong as our volunteer leaders, so let's take a moment to remind ourselves that members of our association governing boards, the Representative Council, the International Service Board and Judicial Commission are all volunteers. In 2014 Arnie



Chris Wood and Gaetan Charland opening the the Study Group Symposium in Madison, Wisconsin, in June 2014.

Ondis of the United States stepped down as the leader of the Conference Committee and the International Representative Council elected Antonio Schefer of the Netherlands to take his place. Thank you to Arnie for your years of service and dedication to the Association and the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.

And welcome, Antonio.

Taking time to review our progress can be gratifying, but it is now time to get back to work. We have much work to do in India, the Philippines, and the Middle East, as well as planning for our tri-annual International Conference in Quebec in July 2015 and three continental

conferences for 2016. Please, join us in our work and help us carry this revelation forward.

In service

Chris Wood
President of Urantia Association
International



2014 Accomplishments

Ten men are of little more value than one in lifting a great load unless they lift together—all at the same moment. And such teamwork—social co-operation—is dependent on leadership.” [Paper 81:6.36, page 911 § 2]

2014 was a busy year for Urantia Association International. There are now 23 countries with active Associations and our new President, Chris Wood has taken the reins and proved to be a strong and capable leader. The Fundraising Committee, under the leadership of new CFO Bradly Tharp, guided the Association’s fundraising efforts which resulted in a very successful campaign, thanks to the generosity and support of our members.

- The 2014 Study Group Symposium hosted 77 participants from 8 countries. Through quality presentations and corresponding workshops, attendees shared many creative ideas to take back to their study groups.
- More than 1000 Urantia Books were sent to 10 countries where economic or distribution issues impeded access to the book.
- For the first time, copies of *The Urantia Book* were made available in commercial bookstores in Kiev, Ukraine thanks to distribution agreements arranged by our National Association there.
- The Association’s website was revised and simplified to provide easier access to information and study aids, as well as to assist students of *The Urantia Book* locate other readers and study groups. A team of volunteers has been trained to manage the site and upgrade content which has resulted in significant costs reductions.
- 24 study conferences were held by Associations across the globe.
- President Chris Wood met with Association leaders and members at conferences and regional gatherings in Brazil, Colombia, Germany and the Netherlands, as well in the United States in Texas, Wisconsin and Colorado.
- Readers from 8 countries have begun organizing their reader communities to join the Association.
- Elections were held for positions on the International Service Board which now has members spanning 4 continents, 7 countries and 7 languages with 4 of the 11 current members representing the 30-40 year old age group.
- The entire 2015 annual budget was fully funded by the end of 2014.
- Joint meetings of the Education Committees from Urantia Foundation, Urantia Association International and the Fellowship culminated in a joint workshop at the Fellowship’s 2014 International Conference.

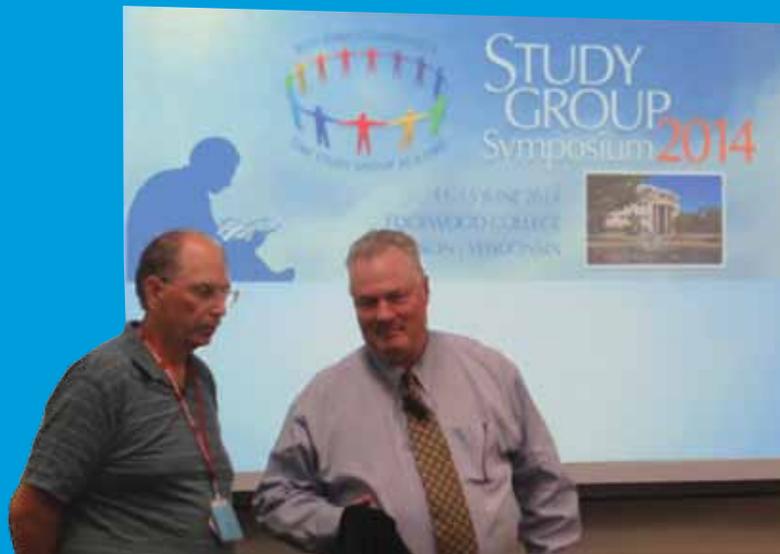
The Future

We live in a time of increasing global communication and education. *The Urantia Book* says:

“Each nation must know the feelings of all nations. Ignorance breeds suspicion, and suspicion is incompatible with the essential attitude of sympathy and love”

[Paper 52.6.4; page 5975]

We intend to bridge the gaps that separate students of *The Urantia Book* who are spread across the globe and divided by languages and oceans, but united in their search for truth. We intend to take full advantage of modern technology to keep building these bridges in an effort to spread the Urantia revelation to all corners of the Earth. Urantia Association International has come a long way since its inception and we still



Rick Lyon with Benet Rutenberg at the Study Group Symposium 2014 Madison, Wisconsin USA.

have a long way to go. Following are some of our immediate goals for next year and some long term goals over the next three to five years:

In 2015 we plan to:

- Start translating our website into Finnish, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian and Ukrainian. Translations into additional languages will follow as soon as volunteer translators can be found.
- Produce webinars (web-based seminars) in Spanish and English.
- Begin the creation of a series of short introductory videos aimed at reaching out to new readers and spiritual seekers.
- Increase our presence on social media to reach the broader community.
- Expand the reach of the Association with the proposed addition of new local associations, as well as converting the status of existing local associations in the Netherlands, Mexico, and Malawi to National Associations.
- Encourage further in-depth study and socialization of the teachings of *The Urantia Book* by continuing to increase the number of conferences at the local, regional, national, continental and international levels.
- Categorize and create a topical index for the hundreds of articles and study aids published in the *Journal and Tidings* newsletters over the past decades.
- Create a dedicated Reader Services team to provide improved and effective support mechanisms for answering reader inquiries and ensuring that an efficient reader referral network operates at all times.
- Increase the Association's donor base with the addition of a "Sustaining Donors" program for those who pledge a gift of \$30 or more per month.
- Encourage a worldwide focus on conference themes that assist in preparing students to talk about the teachings of *The Urantia Book* without mentioning the book itself.
- Develop Continental Communication volunteers to facilitate coordination between associations and to enhance cooperative projects, social interaction and cultural exchange.
- Attract new "Sustaining Members" and other donor support to provide ample funding for all of our programs.

Beyond 2015

- Establish an exchange program that will enhance the ability of students and Association leaders who do not have the means to travel internationally to meet

Representative Council

This legislative branch of Urantia Association International comprised of the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the national associations and the local associations where no national exists.

The Representative Council (RC) is Urantia Association’s deliberative assembly with the power to approve policies, budgets, and programs of the Association. Resolutions that are adopted by this Council are announced to the Association membership and are binding on the constituent National and Local Associations.

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

Following is a summary of the main items presented to the Representative Council in 2014.

Item No.	Description	Date presented / passed
	<i>ANNOUNCEMENT</i> of launch of the new revised website	July 2014
2014–171	<i>Privacy Policy Revision</i> : the wording of the Privacy Policy regarding sharing information with Urantia Foundation be revised for clarification was adopted.	August 2013
2014–180	<i>2018 International Conference</i> : Call for Proposals to Host.	September 2014
2014–181	<i>2015 ISB Elections</i> : Call for nominations.	October 2014
	<i>INVITATION</i> for RC members to join a Special Assembly of the RC at the 2015 International Conference on Thursday July 30, 2015 in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada.	November 2014
2014–82	<i>2015 Annual Fund Budget</i> : the Representative Council of Urantia Association International adopted the proposed 2015 Annual Fund Budget of \$105,545. <i>2015 ISB Elections</i> : Announcement of the new ISB members taking office on April 1, 2015: Vice President, Andres Ramirez (Columbia), Secretary, Susan Owen (USA) (re-elected), Membership Chair, Anton Miroschnichenko (Ukraine), Communications Chair, Kathleen Swadling (Australia), Study Group Chair, Gaetan Charland (Canada), Dissemination Chair, David Linthicum (USA), and Conference Chair, Libardo Antonio Schefer (Netherlands).	December 2014

Members of the Representative Council

Presidents and Vice-Presidents



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Australia/New Zealand
(ANZURA) President



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Vice-President



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Vice-President



Anton Miroshnichenko

Ukraine
President

International Service Board

The executive branch of Urantia Association International that conducts the daily business of the Association



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President



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United Kingdom
Membership Chair



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USA
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Merindi Belarski

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Vice President



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Secretary



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USA
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Bernie Belarski

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Dissemination Chair



Bradly Tharp

USA
Chief Financial Officer



Bill Beasley

USA
Study Group Chair



Rick Lyon

USA
Executive Administrator

Judicial Commission

The judicial branch of Urantia Association International

The Judicial Commission is comprised of three members who are elected by the Representative Council to serve a 6 year term with a lifetime maximum of 3 terms. It provides fair and just means for dispute resolution and assists members and constituent associations in interpreting the Association's governing documents. It also provides rules of procedure and assistance and training for the establishment of Conciliatory Commissions by the National and Local Associations.



Travis Binion

USA
Chief Judicial
Commissioner



Benet Rutenberg

USA
Judicial Commissioner



**Eija Seppänen-
Bolotinskij**

Finland
Judicial Commissioner



Bradly Tharp, CFO

Chief Financial Officer's Annual Report 2014

“The progress angels...labor incessantly to make things what they ought to be.” [Paper 114:6.6, page 1255 § 5]

Greetings to all members and friends of Urantia Association International with this, my first annual report. It is my pleasure to announce great progress in our financial standing and ability to meet mission goals and project needs and objectives. My primary duty during this time of initiation and orientation was to maintain the achievements of my predecessors in building the organizational infrastructure which delivers operational capacity for the International Association's dissemination mandate.

For the first time in its history, the Association entered the fiscal year (2014) with enough cash to meet the entire annual budget. Fundraising in 2014 maintained and increased this cash balance, so that 2015 began with a surplus in the bank.

The new website faced major start-up expenses for its revision and relaunch in July 2014 creating a deficit of nearly \$7,000.00 (USD). However, several major gifts were received specifically for these costs, which exceeded the actual expenses incurred. The successful redesign of the website has reduced operational expenses for 2015 by nearly half. The newly designed site is now fully operational, and volunteer committee members are working on new features and translating the content into multiple languages.

Another cost cutting initiative begun in 2014 was the adaptation of our new website capabilities and MailChimp email database to deliver online versions of future issues of the *Tidings* and *Journal* newsletters, the Annual Report as well as various miscellaneous announcements, saving over \$10,000.00 every year in paper, printing, and postage expenses.

The long running construction project for the central database also made great progress because of the resolutions and budgets passed in 2014. These provided for the purchase of software, a new computer, and dedicated staff-time to finalize this critical infrastructure need. Two new databases are being created: the Master Database contains detailed member and supporter records; the Communications Database holds only names, email addresses, preferred language, and Local/National Association affiliation for general email contact. Both databases are expected to hold over 5,000 records each by year end 2015.

The Finance Committee (members: Bart Gibbons, former Association CFO and a CPA; Joel Wood, Assistant to the CFO and bookkeeper; Margaret Slater-Thompson, Association Executive Administrator; and me, Chair) are reorganizing our accounting, reporting, and banking

systems to enhance transparency, accountability, and future planning needs. A brokerage account has been opened to hold restricted fund balances, surplus funds and to receive gifts in-kind from donors in the form of securities which can then be sold and converted to cash for budgeted needs.

For those unfamiliar with Board policy, I wish to make it clear that International Service Board, Representative Council, and our committee members are all volunteers who receive no salary or compensation of any form, and are required to pay all or most of their own expenses for their volunteer efforts. This includes (with very few exceptions) travel to and from annual Board meetings and conferences. The President's travel to Europe, South America and within the US was paid for by the generosity of individuals and did not come from Association budgets or fund raising. The Association has always been a diligent steward of all funds so generously donated to our service mission; it is a sacred obligation to those who support Urantia Association.

A new Volunteer Service Report form will be implemented in 2015 to measure the time and the out-of-pocket “value” received by the Association from our volunteers without whom the Association

would not be able to do its good work. These hours and dollars are critical “donations” which reduce and offset both salaries and expenses that would otherwise be required. I estimate the value will exceed \$50,000.00 annually if those volunteer hours are given a measured worth of \$15/hour. This amount will not be reported on annual financial statements as “income” but will provide important data regarding money “saved” due to the efforts of our many volunteers.

Annual budgets are funded strictly

from general account balances and donations to the General Fund.

The Association also has several restricted funds to allow donors to specify what service projects they want their personal donation to support. Monies received for any restricted fund are accounted for separately and used only for that mission or service project, and are not used if budgeted money is available. For more information, please visit the Association website at: <http://urantia-association.org/general-restricted-giving/>

The target ratio for well-run and financed nonprofits is 25% administrative/operational expense and 75% service project costs. The Association can meet this important target ratio within the next few years through good planning and with the help of our generous supporters.

Finally, I would advise members and donors that it is critical to the future of Urantia Association International and its mission that sufficient monies be budgeted

2014 Financial Report

Statement of Activities—Income and Expense For the Full Year 2014; January-December

Income (in United States dollars)	\$
Ordinary contributions	91,811
Earned income	592
Restricted funds contributions	11,084
Other income	45
Total Income	103,532
Expenses	\$
Program services	42,641
Administration services	28,608
General operations	19,340
Total Expenses	90,590
Change in Net Income	12,942
Less Study Group Symposium Net (Loss)	(3,206)
Adjusted Net Income	9,736

for adequate organizational and operational infrastructure to support growing dissemination efforts. While our current administration and operations budgets remain a significant percentage of the total budget, they are stabilizing and being reduced due to technology enhancements. The percentage of budget dedicated to and available for service projects is increasing significantly, as well as more volunteers pitching in to help.

Currently, the Association employs a half-time Executive Administrator, a 40-hours per month Database Manager contract position, and two contract support positions of 10–20 hours per month.

The Association is on solid financial ground at this time. But money remains crucial to our ability to continue to grow those seeds already planted and sprouting around the world today. This is an exciting time for all those who continue to work to disseminate

the Revelation. I look forward with optimism and hope that our noble intentions and sincere efforts will find good soil and bring forth much good fruit in the decades, even centuries, to come.

Any Association member and/or donor may request the latest or any historic Financial Statement by contacting me at: cfo@urantia-association.org Thank you.

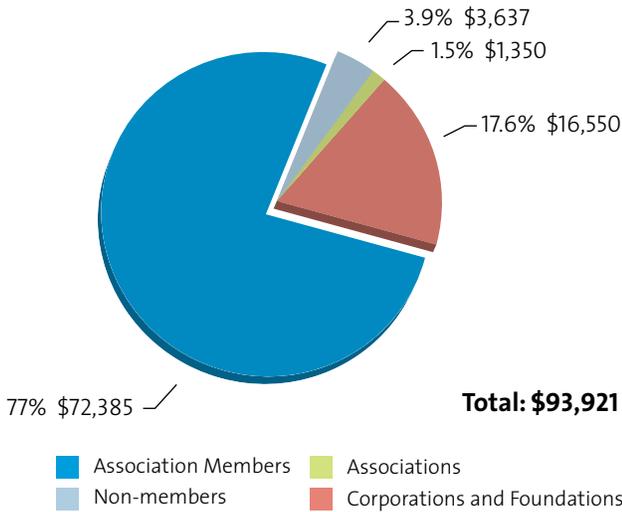
Bradly Tharp
Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2014 (The Balance Sheet)

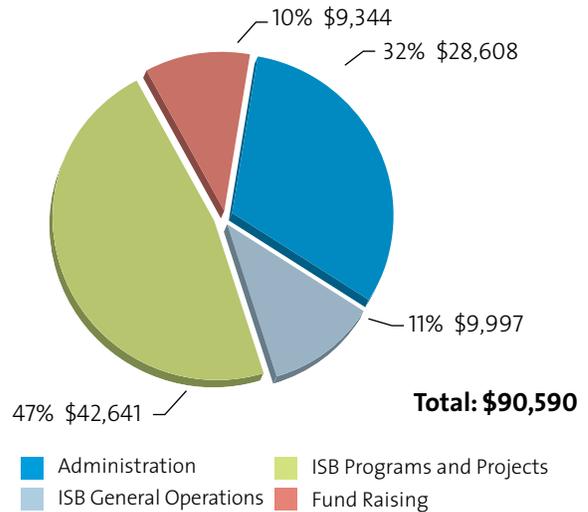
Assets	\$
Cash (in United States dollars)	127,904
Liabilities	none
Equity	\$
Year beginning Fund Balance	118,168
Net income (loss)	12,943
Net income (loss) 2014 Study Group Symposium	(3,206)
Total Equity (year end Fund Balance)	127,904
Comment	
Assets include the following restricted accounts:	\$
Conference Fund	10,012
Conference Financial Aid Fund	10,509
Global Seeding Fund	3,392
Website Fund	7,395
Prisoner Inquiry Response Team (PIRT)	1,312
Total Restricted Funds Balance	32,620

2014 Financial Report Graphs

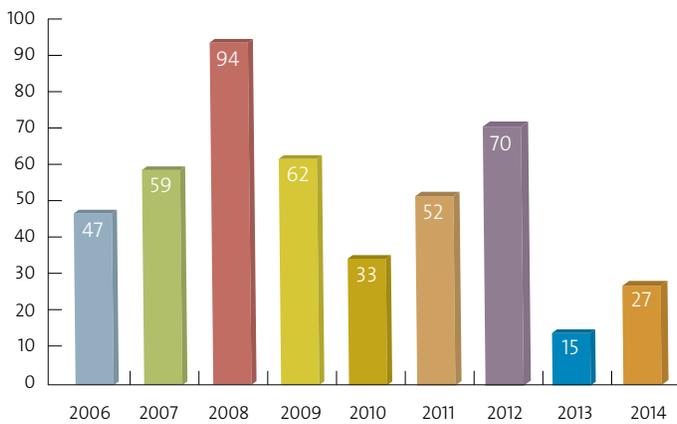
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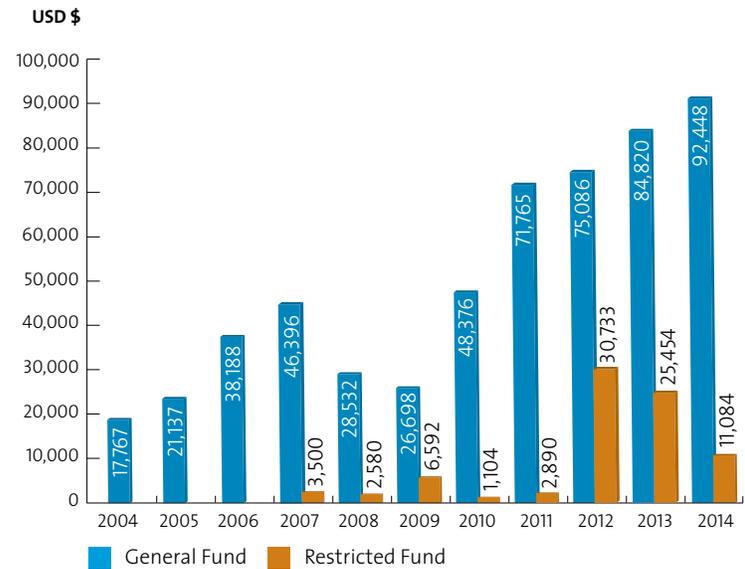
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Membership Applications

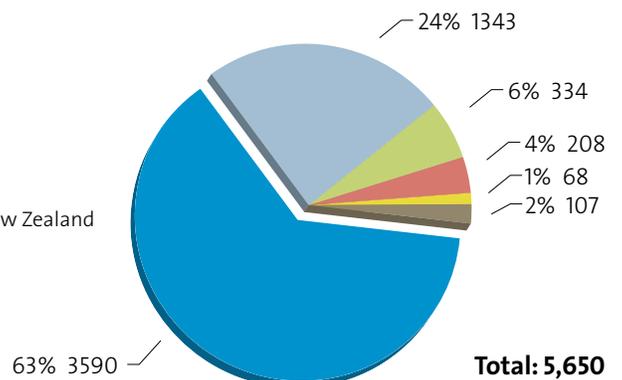


Contributions to Annual Fund



Members and Friends by Region

- North America
- South America
- Europe
- Africa
- Australia / New Zealand
- Asia



Donor Support Underpins our Mission

The gift of the Urantia revelation has been placed in our hands—in this day and age—for the future spiritual regeneration of this world. Urantia Association International has seized the opportunity to play a vital role in this global project and needs your assistance to continue our progress with current projects and to help with new ones. Will you to join us?

Multiple projects and programs have been developed to disseminate *The Urantia Book* and its teachings and to connect the growing worldwide readership:

Study Groups

- In 2014 a Study Group Symposium was hosted in the United States to help increase the number of study groups worldwide and connect study group hosts with one another.
- 24 conferences across the globe were held to study *The Urantia Book*.

Global Seeding—More than 1000 copies of *The Urantia Book* were placed in ten countries where economic or distribution issues had impeded access to the book. Our goal is to build a financial reserve to fund the distribution of books whenever and wherever they are needed.

Conferences

- Plans for the tri-annual international conference to be held in Quebec, Canada, in July of 2015 are well under way.
- In an effort to build an active global community, support is needed to assist in bringing leaders together to engage with one another to foster relationships via a series of global conferences over the next couple of years.

Website—The website has been revised and upgraded to provide more information and study aids to help students of *The Urantia Book* find study groups and build friendships across the globe. It is also being translated into multiple languages to service an ever-growing international constituency.

Education—The Education Committee is in the process of cataloguing its large collection of educational study aids and derivative works to be uploaded to the website so that the broader community of spiritual seekers and Urantia Book students may benefit from the wisdom of their fellows.

Reader Services—A new Reader Services team has been established to manage the increasing number

of reader inquiries that come to our central office from around the globe.

Prison Ministry—The Prisoner Inquiry Response Team (PIRT) quietly continues to go about its business of helping needy souls who are being transformed and rehabilitated as a result of discovering *The Urantia Book*.

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