



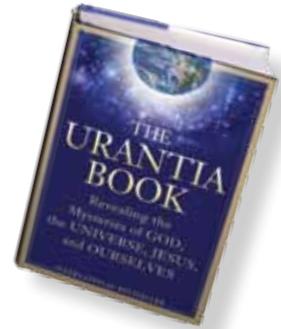
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Urantia Association International
Annual Report 2011



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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



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.

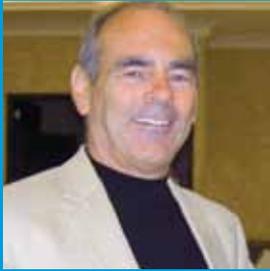
In addition to meetings and conferences sponsored by Local and National Associations, UAI organizes an international conference every three years.

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,

As you will see by reading this report, many good things are happening throughout UAI to promote the mission of *The Urantia Book*. Much effort has also been initiated to promote cooperation with our sister organization, with the spirit of creating unity of purpose in the work of promoting *The Urantia Book* and its teachings.

The year that just went by is a milestone for UAI, for we have never in our history done so much to promote and foster leadership. The **UAI Leadership Symposium** that took place in July 2011 was, by comparison to all other conferences, an historical event. The fruits of more than two years of planning were manifested and witnessed by readers hailing from more than 24 countries from around the world. We can say that the place advertised *full house*.

The generosity of our donors made possible the presence of many readers who would have otherwise been unable to participate in this memorable event. From the efforts of a dedicated team of servants, we were able to address the main components making our mission something more than a vision. The origin, history and destiny of our movement were explored in such a way as to give a sense of belonging and direction to all present, while

uniting us for the same purpose of disseminating the teachings of *The Urantia Book* in an orderly manner with a focus on study groups.

While the symposium was the highlight of the year, another fantastic initiative that has required the cooperation of the three major organizations, is the **Study Group Portal**. The portal was an idea that germinated in Chicago many years ago during a meeting, and has found its full expression in this virtual place where readers from anywhere in the world can register their study group or search for one close to home. So far nearly two hundred groups have been registered. Our goal is to hit the one thousand mark in five to ten years.

This first step in cooperation in tangible form has spurred new ideas and areas of interest for further cooperation. During our second meeting with board members of our sister organization, the **Urantia Book Fellowship**, in Chicago last October, two other projects that will involve the participation of the three main organizations were discussed and proposed. One of them is a joint calendar of events—a dedicated website where all three organizations will post their activities such as conferences for the coming years. The second

proposed project is to create a standard and logical directory of domain names that each organization could use to promote its own organization or activities worldwide.

As much as I would like to share my joy with you about everything that was accomplished in 2011, I am sobered by the realization that we are still far behind in our task to make UAI more serviceable to our members worldwide. In fact, many projects are waiting for funds in order to be realized, and the exercise to build a realistic budget is almost an impossible task in light of everything that needs to be done and the resources made available to do them.

So 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.

Gaétan G Charland
President of UAI



Merindi Belarski,
Vice-President of UAI

Vice-President's Report

Activities involving 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 2011. Below is a summary of all items presented to the RC. Please contact your National representative, or me directly uaivicepresident@gmail.com, if you have any questions about any of these items. | *In loving service* Merindi Belarski, RC Chair

Item No.	Description	Date presented / passed	Item No.	Description	Date presented / passed
2011-103	Use of 'Design Direction' for UAI IT Projects: RESOLVED that when projects and costs are approved by the ISB and RC, 'Design Direction' can be utilized to execute these projects. [Resolution necessary due to 'conflict of interest' bylaw 6.1.4. Design Direction is a small business owned by ISB Communications Chair, Verner Verass]	January 2011	2011-118	Adoption of UAI Annual Fund Budget 2012: RESOLVED that the proposed 2012 UAI Annual Fund Budget of \$62,558 be adopted.	October 2011
2011-104	Study Group Portal: RESOLVED the UAI approves and supports sponsorship, along with Urantia Foundation and The Urantia Book Fellowship, of a Study Group Portal, a web-based resource where study group hosts can list their study group contact information and students can locate study groups worldwide.	March 2011	2011-118	Resignation of ISB Conference Chair: announcement only	November 2011
2011-106	UAI Policy Statement concerning Channelling Phenomenon: RESOLVED that the UAI adopt the following Policy Statement regarding channelling phenomenon: Within certain groups of people reading <i>The Urantia Book</i> , there has developed a phenomenon labeled "channelling" or the "Teaching Mission." Advocates of this phenomenon claim to be in touch with superhuman personalities, who sometimes have names taken from <i>The Urantia Book</i> . While UAI neither endorses, promotes, nor denies any individual's personal experiences, we must assure readers that neither UAI nor <i>The Urantia Book</i> has any connection with this phenomenon. UAI has taken great care over the years to ensure that <i>The Urantia Book</i> is not publicly identified with cultic, psychic, or occult groups and phenomena. The UAI, as an organization, does not sanction channelling activities at UAI sponsored functions, seminars, conferences or internet discussion groups. We believe that <i>The Urantia Book's</i> teachings should be unencumbered by public alliance with either New Age beliefs or traditional religions.	March 2011	2011-126	Establish UAI Endowment: RESOLVED that RC approves establishing endowment for permanent funding, and authorizes the ISB to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">establish account records for endowment;accept gifts and bequests designated for endowment with the general understanding endowment gift principal is to be permanently maintained;use only a percentage of the investment yield so as to preserve the endowment principle against inflation;manage endowment gifts either directly or through professional services;name individual funds under endowment, andallow for accompanying donor restriction(s). Be it further resolved UAI may accept endowment designated gifts so long as donors' intentions are in harmony with UAI's mission, its Charter and Bylaws, each gift is recorded in financial records, and provision exists for regular financial reporting in accordance with current account standards. Further, as a part of this resolution, UAI through officers, employees, contractors or ISB members are prohibited from offering any return favors or benefits as inducement for endowment gifts. UAI representatives shall inform donors that no quid-pro-quo benefits exist for endowment or any other UAI funding appeal or operations and further, no representative may accept any conditions or gifts in which returned favors are requested.	November 2011
2011-109	Urantia Book Study Group Development Project: RESOLVED that the UAI supports the Charter of the Study Group Development Project and will participate as an equal partner with both the Urantia Foundation and The Urantia Book Fellowship.	April 2011	2011-127	Study Group Portal support team: RESOLVED the UAI International Service Board is given the authority to appoint and replace UAI's Study Group Portal Support Team members, the UAI President is given authority to act on behalf of UAI with ISB approval in regards to any and all business pertaining to the Study Group Portal, and to require the UAI Study Group Portal Support Team to make a quarterly report to the ISB.	December 2011
2011-111	ISB elections 2011: four ISB positions (Vice President, Communications, Dissemination and Secretary) and one Judicial Commission position were voted in.	May 2011			

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



William Wentworth
ANZURA President to October 2010



Raimo Ala-HynnTimer
Finland President to June 2010



Marian Hughes UAUS
Vice-President to April 2010



Alfonso Luque Andes
Peru President to July 2010



Kathleen Swadling
Australia/New Zealand
(ANZURA) President



Robert Coenraads
Australia/New Zealand
Vice-President



Nemias Mol
Brazil
President



Susana Hutner
Brazil
Vice-President



Nathen Jansen
Canada
President



Line St. Pierre
Canada
Vice-President



Tamila Ragimova
Columbia
President



Carolina Ninos
Columbia
Vice-President



Tapio Talvitie
Finland
President



Seppo Niskanen
Finland
Vice-President



Olga Lopez Molina
Spain
President



Eduardo Altuzarra Gonzalez
Spain
Vice-President



Moussa Ndiaye
Senegal
President



Mamadou Diagne
Senegal
Vice-President



Dominique Ronfet
France
President



Ivan Stol
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



Pio Park
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



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Korea
Vice-President



Gary Rawlings
United Kingdom
President



Jean Annet
Belgium
President



Park Pansoo
Korea
Vice-President



Costas Diamantopoulos
United Kingdom
Vice-President



Rene Roman
Chile
President



Grevet Moyo
Malawi
President



Joel Chongo Mvula
Zambia
President



Luis Bosco Majuan
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

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

2011 was a busy year as the ISB Secretary also served as Co-Chair for

the UAI 2011 Leadership Symposium. New skills were acquired and many lessons were learned from this experience.

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

Symposium in Chicago to become a resounding success in July 2011. 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.

He is planning to charter a new local association in Nigeria and is preparing the ground work for this to happen in 2012 and they will then join Senegal, Malawi, and Zambia in becoming a member of the UAI in Africa.

The membership committee receives and distributes the membership applications that are submitted by readers through our UAI web site. These are forwarded to the appropriate association or, for at-large members, contacted directly by Gary in order to complete their membership application.

He works closely with the UAI Executive Administrator, Rick Lyon and Michael Berry Membership Chair for the UAUS. During 2011 we received 90 Membership applications from a number of countries with the majority coming from the USA. Gary also worked with the Dissemination and Study Group Chairs of the UAI and attended each monthly conference call.

Gary was also assisted by membership committee members Aida Diaz from the Dominican Republic and Anton Miroshnichenko from Ukraine.



Verner Verass



Sheila Keene-Lund



Travis Binion



Caio Gabriel



Christopher Moseley



Bernie Belarski



Rick Lyon

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 our 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.

Caio Gabriel, Brazil **Study Groups Committee Chair**

Caio Gabriel performs the duties of

the UAI Study Group Committee. This involves helping readers to contact other readers for the purpose of finding or forming study groups. Caio is from Brazil and was elected to this position in the spring of 2011. He worked closely with former committee chairman James Woodward on revision of the UAI Study Group Kit and Study Group Portal which are cooperative efforts between UAI, Urantia Foundation, and the Fellowship.

Conference Committee Chair **(vacant during reporting period)**

Duties of the Conference Committee include helping national and local associations with their events and with hosting the UAI International Conference. When this position is vacant, the duties of Conference Chair are taken up by the Executive Administrator and other serving members of the ISB. Currently a Nominee is awaiting RC approval.

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. 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 2011 based upon the eight committees of the ISB



UAI is 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 2011 the focus of our communication was on leadership. This culminated in the hugely successful and perhaps historic UAI 2011 Leadership Symposium.

During 2012, our communication focus will be on 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 2011 world conference in Medellin, Colombia, will focus on the art of teaching. Let

us share with you the results of your participation and support for UAI during the previous year.

In 2011, our biggest accomplishment was the UAI Leadership Symposium in Chicago. It probably is not wrong to use the word “historic” to describe this event. Historic in that it brought 160 leaders of this revelation together for the first time from 24 countries from six continents of Urantia. They gathered for leadership training in a format that was totally new for a Urantia community event. The generosity of contributors to our sponsorship fund surpassed all expectations. Nearly \$60,000 in contributions allowed us to sponsor 32 people from South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, and North America to attend this event. This was not a social conference but rather a leaders training event.

It seemed that for the first time many people really understood that what we are doing is an opportunity to do great things; they realized that all of us from these 24 countries are part of something very big and very important. The statement from the Publication Mandate that says:

“(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.

The relationships formed during this event between people from distant countries, between UAI, Urantia Foundation, and Fellowship members, between young and old readers, have planted seeds that changed the world forever. Yes, there is a lot of bad going on in the world today but the Urantia community took one giant leap for mankind in 2012. We encourage all national and local associations to follow up on this leadership symposium by planning and hosting a leadership training event of your own in your area this year. We encourage all those who attended to return home as ambassadors of this revelation and put what you learned into action.

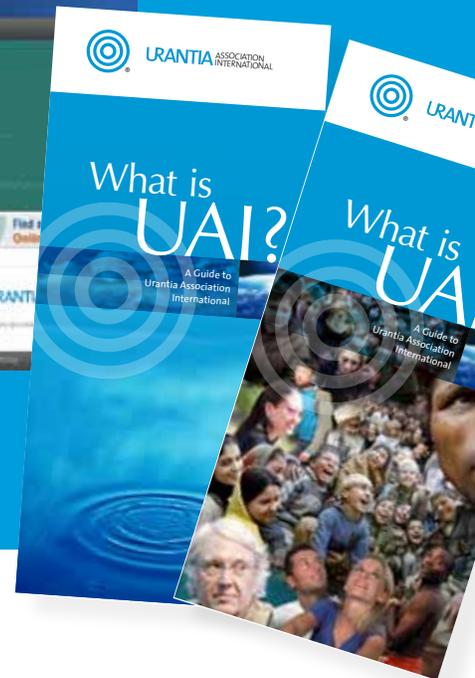
Here are some of the comments we received from those who attended:

I am amazed at the level of energy that still remains even after this event has concluded; I've never experienced anything like this in all my years of involvement in the Urantia movement!

I think that our gathering was the best I have ever been to and my congrats to all of you who worked so hard and lovingly for all of us!

It was my greatest experience of joy, peace and togetherness on the planet Urantia for such a period of time. I was at home with bros and sis from S. and N. America, Australia, Europe, Asia and Africa. Indeed we experienced a fraction of paradise peace.

One of the most important lessons to be learned during your mortal career is *teamwork* [Paper 28:5, page 312 § 1]



From Techny Towers: *“Boy...have I told you before how much we all enjoyed working with you and how easy you’ve been to have worked with?? I wish EVERY GROUP was as efficient as you! Thank you a thousand times over for being so pleasant to have here. We look forward to the next conference. I’m going through UAI withdrawals!*

The purpose, the effort and loving work of the organizers, the warmth and disposition of the attendees, the program and the way everything flowed was truly great! And to complete the experience, we had art on Saturday evening, and worship on Sunday morning...Allowing the Adjutant Mind Spirits of Wisdom and Worship to inspire and connect us, as one family.

On Wednesday, before the program started, readers from Latin America spontaneously gathered to share experiences and more. It was extremely inspiring to listen to our very active siblings from Brazil and Colombia, who enriched us all with their perspectives, tools, and many activities.

This experience was magnificent, splendid and beautiful, no words to describe such beauty, because we and they (our spiritual leaders) enjoyed this encounter of races, languages, cultures, religions, philosophies and thoughts...

It was a fantastic event! It has definitely set an important precedent, in many regards. Most of us are not the same as when we arrived to Techny..

I realized how important it is that

readers from all over the world meet at international conferences. It is central to the experience of brotherhood to meet in person, to exchange, to establish cooperation, to rejoice, to learn and to worship together.

What a fabulous and uplifting Leadership Symposium that was! It was most excellent to mingle with the global representation of leadership within the Urantia movement, to see old friends and to make new and everlasting friendships around the world.

This symposium was amazing and the break-out groups were incredible. This innovative way of working together and learning is the best I’ve encountered and I want to thank the leadership for it. We learned “things” but by working together we also learned about one another. I look at our group picture, hear your individual voices, and carry you in my heart forever.

I was totally blown away by the experience in Chicago and finally got a clear answer to a question I had since I have been reading the book which is a long 32 years. That is: Why did The Urantia Book find me? Now, this symposium really brought home why we were all led to the book and what commitments lie ahead.

I feel this symposium was a major event of significant proportions in the Urantia Movement. I also believe that we are more prepared now than ever before to do our part as ambassadors

of the family of God in the far flung universe. Thank you for the leadership you have shown.

I was touched and moved by the overall feeling of Spirit and genuine good will moving through the days and events. The team idea was brilliant, and was such a lovely opportunity to connect with these souls on a deeper level than would have been possible otherwise. I love each one of them. It was easy to love so many of the attendees...and a lot of it was that “new and startling” kind of love that Jesus tells us about.

As a result of the symposium, women from Canada, South America and the Dominican Republic are joining together to discuss how women can be more active in the Urantia movement. The tours of Urantia Foundation allowed many people to visit 533 for the first, and perhaps only, time in their life. They met and talked with the Trustees and the mission and message of Urantia Foundation was clearly communicated to those who now have seen first hand the heart and soul of our partner organization and the leadership of this revelation. We extend our appreciation to the Urantia Foundation for allowing us to conduct the tours and for hosting our guests at the headquarters building.

We are now working to continue the energy that the symposium created and spread it to our association in Colombia as they host our 2012 UAI International conference. Many good things came from this symposium and



The quality of the speeches was so high, and of inspiration to all of us to become servers in the expansion of the teachings.

What a loving and helpful leadership symposium this has been. It was all that was expected and more!

We had a glimpse of what will be the coexistence in the Era of Light and Life where peace and goodwill reign.

much more will result from it. Susan Owen has taken the lead on following up on the symposium and maintaining communication and interaction with the participants.

In March of 2011, UAI President Gaetan Charland visited readers in the Dominican Republic. He made presentations on study groups and the UAI Leadership 2011 symposium.

UAI President Gaétan Charland has shared a link <http://www.flickr.com/x/t/0094009/gp/uai-president/85rWA4> with photos of his December 2010 trip to Europe. During this trip Gaétan was able to make presentations on UAI Leadership 2011 which generated interest from readers who attended. Gaétan continues to stay in touch with the Urantia Association of Korea and has shared dissemination ideas with their president. The Urantia Foundation trustees will be meeting the second week of January in Dallas, Texas and will be addressing the Study Group Directory. Gaétan is planning a trip to the Dominican Republic for the end of February 2011 and may also visit readers in Haiti. He also may accompany Urantia Foundation President Mo Siegel for a trip to meet readers and promote study groups in the USA.

Vice President Merindi Belarski led the sponsorship team for the symposium. Merindi serves as the Chairperson of the Representative Council conducting

the RC business and meetings. She developed an interactive reporting form that has greatly facilitated the reporting of association status and activities to the ISB and RC.

The ISB appointed Bart Gibbons as Assistant Chief Financial Officer to Mark Kurtz. 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. After some discussion it was decided that the budget should be more reflective of our expecting income from contributions rather than the desired expenditure for projects and association support. The RC passed this budget. Another project by the CFO 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 was elected to the Chairmanship of the UAI Dissemination Committee replacing outgoing chairman Mike Maclsaac. We thank Mike for his service to UAI and wish him well in his continuing efforts for the young readers in the Urantia community. Caio Gabriel of

Brazil was elected as UAI Study Group Chairman replacing outgoing James Woodward. As a demonstration of our appreciation for the experience and wisdom that James brings to UAI, the ISB appointed James as an advisor to the ISB so we can retain his services to the board. James is currently serving as the Chairman of the administration team for the Study Group Directory. James led the project to revise the UAI Study Group Starter kit into the new and much improved UAI Study Group Guide. Phil Taylor resigned as the UAI Conference Committee Chairman. No doubt Phil will remain very active in many areas of the Urantia community. Caio Gabriel resigned after serving as UAI Study Group Chair. We wish Caio well in the new opportunities that came his way. These positions will need to be filled in 2012.

For the second year in a row, the ISB met with the General Council of the Fellowship in October at Urantia Foundation. Plans for a Urantia Community Calendar were proposed. Because UAI created the joint Study Group Directory, the Fellowship volunteered to assume the lead role for creating this online calendar. We also discussed coordination of domain name registration.

Dissemination

- Received and forwarded lists reader referrals to our local associations for contact.
- Added four people to this committee

to help with contacting At-Large reader referrals.

- Developed a proposed Book Fair Policy to guide us in our participation or support of such events.
- The procedures for PIRT (Prison Inmate Response Team) were modified to streamline the delivery of books to inmates.

Study groups

- The Study Group Directory is now successfully serving the entire worldwide Urantia study group community at urantiastudygroup.org
- An administrative team to maintain the Directory was created with three members of UAI, Urantia Foundation, and the Fellowship.
- James Woodward led the revision of the Study Group Kit changing it to a professionally formatted and streamlined guidebook that was renamed the *UAI Study Group Guide*. Over 200 of these have been distributed so far. It is available in English, French, and Spanish.
- Responded to several requests from individuals about finding study groups or reader contact.
- Encouraged all readers to form or participate in study groups.

Membership

- Received several UAI membership online applications.
- Completed establishment of our new association in the Ukraine. Anton and Katerina Miroshnichenko, leaders of that association attended the leadership symposium.
- A new more interactive online membership application was created.
- Aida Diaz and Anton Miroshnichenko were added as members of this committee.
- Continued 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

- 2011 leadership event was a huge success.
- Awarded the 2012 UAI international conference to the Urantia Association of Colombia

- Planned the 2012 UAI International Conference
- Work began on a Conference Policy and Guide for UAI conferences and events.

Education

- Istvan Hargitai joined the Education Committee
- Developed materials for the Leadership Symposium
- Working to consolidate 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 seems to have completed its purpose for UAI.
- Travis Binion, former chairman of this committee, will remain as an advisor to the ISB and act as a Parliamentarian for the board.

Communications:

- Produced materials for the UAI Leadership Symposium
- Team comprising Mike Bain, Scott Brooks, and Rick Lyon, worked on upgrading the UAI membership database.
- Meredith Van Woert's team UAI list moderators, Dan Foster, Nigel Nunn, Bill Martin, and Paul Tseker revised the UAI list guidelines.
- Produced the *UAI 2010 Annual Report*
- Federico Folchi joined the 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, UAI Website Administrator, recovered our website and database after a virus attack took the system down. These have

been transferred to a new server as a security measure.

- Work began on a much-needed upgrade to the UAI Website. Flow charting was completed, \$7,200 was budgeted for this project, and a website developer was hired for this project.

Translations

- Worked on translating the *UAI Study Group Guide* and 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

- Maintained frequent contact with Urantia Foundation.
- Frequent correspondence and relationship building with financial contributors.
- Significantly increased financial contributions over 2010. The number of regular monthly contributors were almost doubled from 2010.
- Over \$60,000 in contribution for the sponsorship fund for the symposium were collected.
- Handled the daily postal mail, email, telephone calls, and mailings of UAI.
- Set up Google group for all ISB members and committees to facilitate communication with associations.
- Updated the access of association governing board members to the UAI membership database.
- Removed many old postal mailing addresses from the database that were wasting money due to returned mail.
- Assisted ISB leadership and committees in many activities and services to the readership and our associations.
- Worked on mining old names and addresses from IUA records is nearly complete.
- Improved our method of collecting monthly contributions to UAI.

2011 Financial Report

Statement of Financial Income and Expense For the Full Year 2011; January-December

Income (in United States dollars)	\$
Contributor support	95,732
Journal subscriptions	324
Study Group Guide donations	130
Dividends and interest	368
Endowment	24,687
Petty cash adjustment	83
Total Income	121,324
Expenses	\$
Administration office	19,385
ISB travel for meetings	3,381
ISB general operations	8,519
ISB programs travel	1,193
ISB program (includes symposium)	71,025
ISB; forwarded donations for PIRT	1,430
Total Expenses	104,933
Net Income	16,391

Comments

PIRT (Prisoner Inquiry Support Team) was originally formed by Urantia Foundation who sought volunteers to assist their staff for responding to prisoners requesting books or information. The program grew and Urantia Foundation released the program to UAI, which manages under the ISB Dissemination Committee. For a while funds donated through UAI were forwarded to Urantia Foundation. Under a confirmed agreement, UAI will now retain donated funds and Urantia Foundation will invoice UAI for all costs for books and shipping. All remaining forwarded and unused funds will be returned to UAI for all PIRT activities. (PIRT income is included in contributor support).

This was an exceptional year because of UAI 2011 Leadership Symposium. Members and friends supported the symposium very well.

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2011 (The Balance Sheet)

Cash (in United States dollars)

\$

Unrestricted Annual Fund general operations	22,015
Restricted	27,853
Endowment, in house	24,687
Total Cash	74,555

Equity

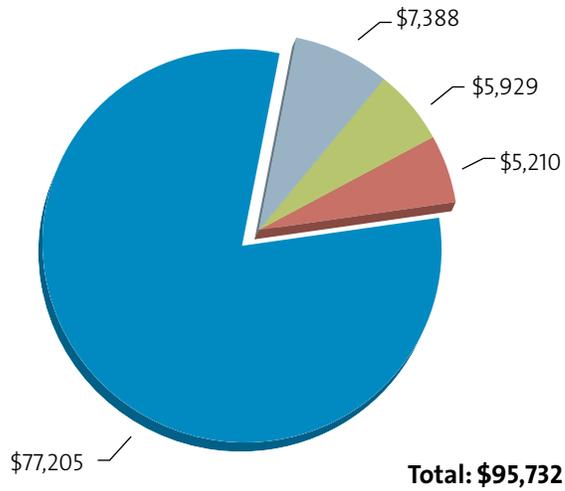
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Fund Balance (accumulated prior years)	58,164
Net Income 2011	16,391
Total Equity	74,555

Comment

Restricted Funds are for specified uses for conference planning, sponsorship aid to attend conferences, seeding books in regions under readership development and for prisoners who request, but do not have funds for books.

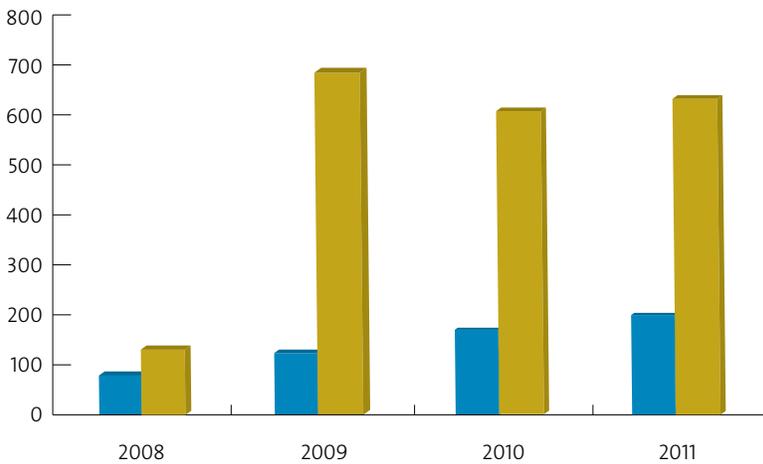
2011 Financial Report Graphs



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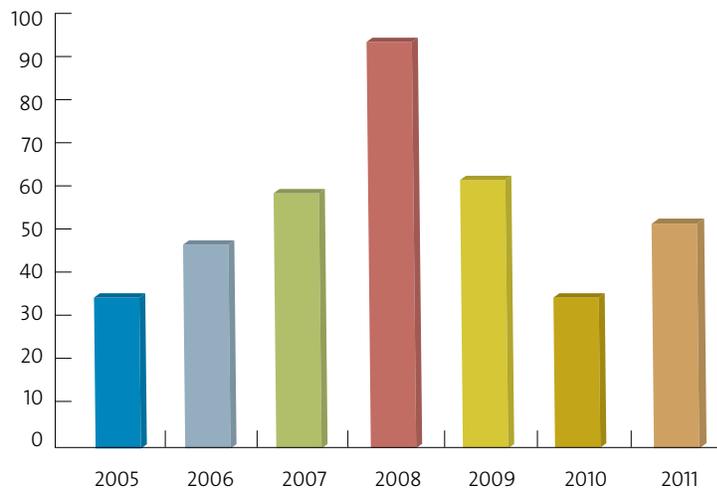
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- Corporations

All amounts in U.S. dollars



Study Groups and Membership

- Study Groups
- Study Group Members

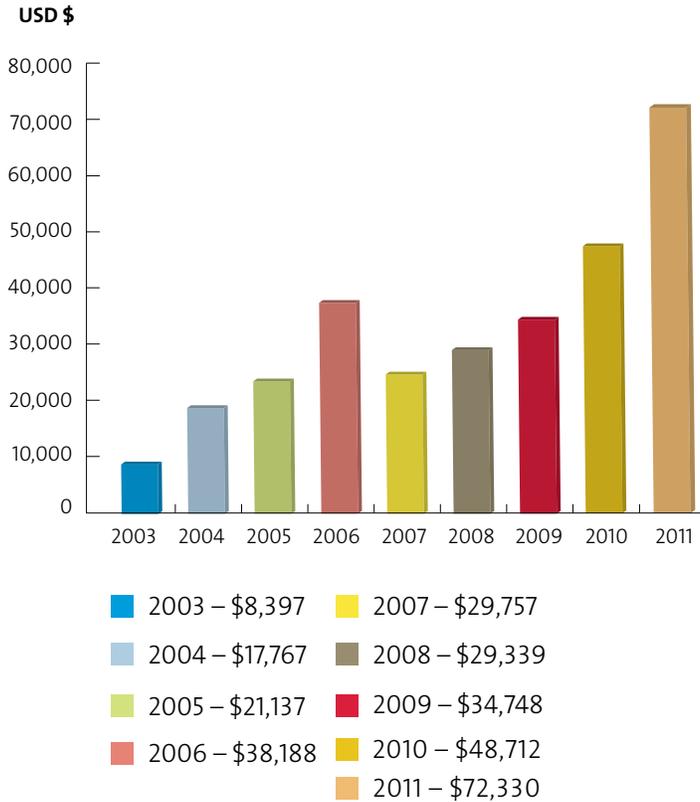


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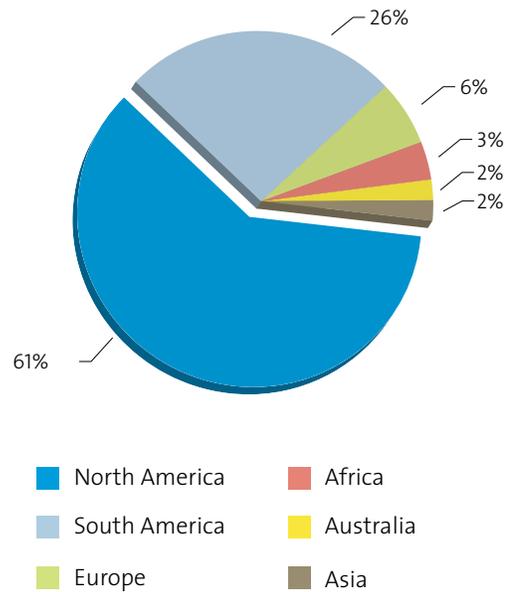
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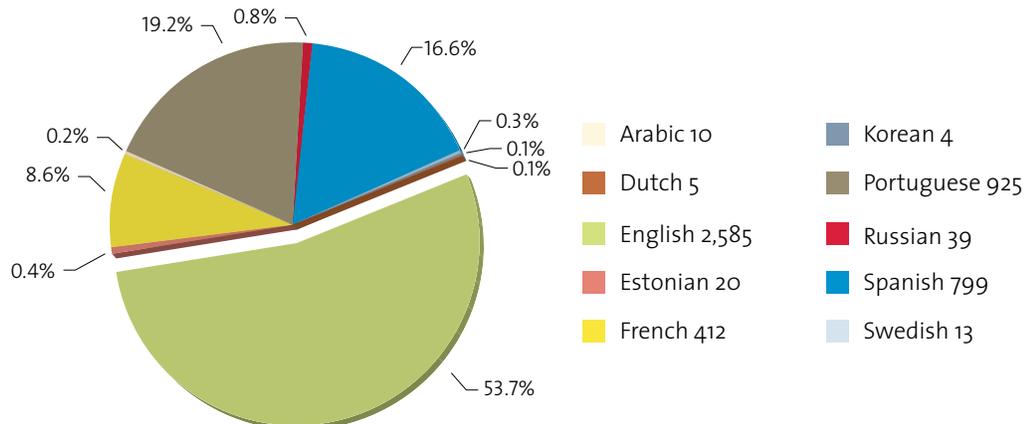
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Members and Friends by Region



Members and Friends by Language



UAI Publications

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



UAI 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 2012–13 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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In appreciation for their support for UAI and our activities, we wish to recognize the following contributors to UAI during 2010. Your financial support helped us to provide study group kits, publish the *UAI Journal* and *Tidings*, host our website and forums, provide books to study groups and readers, provide tools and resources to our associations, send representatives to visit readers and associations, and the other dissemination projects of UAI.

Thank you!

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Holly Arvanites	USA	Rita Gum	USA	PPC Charitable Foundation	USA
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