



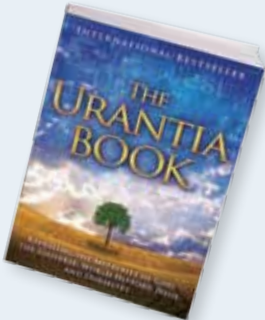
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Urantia Association International
Annual Report 2016



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The Urantia Book — its study and dissemination is central to the Association's mission.

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Our Mission

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





Chris Wood, President

President's Report

Having started out on the way of life everlasting, having accepted the assignment and received your orders to advance, do not fear the dangers of human forgetfulness and mortal inconstancy, do not be troubled with doubts of failure or by perplexing confusion, do not falter and question your status and standing, for in every dark hour, at every crossroad in the forward struggle, the Spirit of Truth will always speak, saying, "This is the way." [Paper 34:78, page 383 § 2]

Dear Friends,

In 2016, the Association took a risk and stepped out on a limb, and not only did the branch hold strong, it proved to be the steady base upon which we will build for the next decade. Every three years we hold our International Conference. And every three years, it becomes more and more difficult for potential attendees to cross our lands and oceans. Yet, as international travel restrictions squeeze our participants, potential conference hosts continued to increase. Potential hosts from all of the continents put forward competitive, well-planned bids. So in 2016, we decided instead of one conference, we'd host three, on three different continents, aiming to bring together more students than ever before. And it worked! The conferences in San Antonio, Budapest, and Bogota brought together more than 500 participants from 40 countries to study, share, and exchange successful programs from all over the world. The main presentations were broadcast across the globe and shared in real time by another 300 students.

Countless more will watch these presentations via our website in the months and years to come.

Furthermore, these conferences brought together in partnership many different Urantia organizations. In San Antonio, the Urantia Association of the United States partnered with The Urantia Book Fellowship; in Budapest our European Associations partnered with the Blue Club; and in Bogota a council of leaders from across Latin America met for the first time to set goals and strategies for the region, and to elect a board of leaders to help achieve those goals.

Conferences were perhaps the most visible projects we worked on this year, but it was just the tip of the iceberg. A three month leadership seminar was held for the Latin American Community; there were regular web-based seminars about *The Urantia Book* and its teachings; events were hosted in Russia, Italy, Germany, Brazil, as well as regular National and Regional meetings; books were placed in libraries, universities and hospitals

throughout the world; and we welcomed Urantia DACH as our German speaking Association.

The success of 2016 will be reflected in 2017 with our first multinational event in Africa, to be hosted in Accra, Ghana. There will be another major effort to place books in universities and libraries throughout the Philippines. New events are planned in Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine, Denmark, a European conference in Vienna, as well as continued and expanded leadership training events in Latin America and Europe. We will also welcome a new association in Costa Rica!

As we take a look back at our year of accomplishments with an eye toward the future, we get a glimpse of what God-knowing men and women can do to help the world around us. Come join us in this work!

Chris Wood
President of Urantia Association
International



Gaetan Charland, Richard Keeler, Chris Wood & Rick Lyon at the Conference in Budapest, Hungary



Gaetan Charland live broadcasting conference presentations



Jeannie Vázquez-Presenter at the Bogota Conference



2016 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]

It has been a busy and exciting year for Urantia Association worldwide—with new Associations forming, new members joining, national and continental conferences on four continents, more people volunteering, new committees forming, leaders stepping forward, and so much more to share from 2016! Here are a few of the highlights.

New Associations

Chartering of Urantia DACH for German speakers representing Switzerland, Germany and Austria took place in November. Due to an increase in members, the Malawi Local Association was chartered as a National Association. Costa Rica is forming a Local Association which will be chartered in 2017.

More Conferences

National Association conferences were held in Brazil, Estonia, Finland, France, Netherlands, Spain, Australia/New Zealand and the United States. The Urantia Association of the United States National Conference was a joint conference with the Fellowship. The first Russian conference held in Moscow, and the second Italian conference were other notable successes.

Continental conferences were held in Europe (Budapest, Hungary) and Latin America (Bogota, Colombia) with the first African conference planned for February 2017.

The European, Latin American and United States conference presentations were live-streamed over the Internet and recordings of the European and United States presentations are available at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_a2gwYGKpctnii4_nx8_vA

New Working Groups

Leaders throughout Central and South America gathered for online leadership training and mutual support. This group continues to meet monthly. This initiative has resulted in the revitalization of Associations, the formation of new study groups, more support for projects, and new groups forming in Costa Rica and Guatemala.

The trial of a Continental Coordinator Program in Europe and Latin American was completed and the program was adopted by the Representative Council for roll out in January 2017. Wilson Leon of Columbia will be the first Latin American Continental Coordinator.

The European and African Coordinators will be named in 2017.

The Urantia Young Adult International (UYAI) committee was formed with our international youth working closely with the other young adult groups in the United States. A new Prisoner Inquiry Response Team (PIRT) was formed in Canada.

Central Administration Progress

The Presidents of the Association, Fellowship and Foundation began quarterly meetings. A Volunteer Coordination Committee was created and volunteer training was initiated. A restricted Future Conference & Event Fund was established which helped fund the United States, European, and Latin American Conferences, as well as the 2017 Ghana Conference. Restricted Latin American and European Funds were established to provide funding for continental projects.



Bradly Tharp, CFO

2016 Chief Financial Officer Report

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

Greetings, friends of the revelation! This past year has been a busy and exciting one, with solid progress worldwide. The International Association, again in 2016, spent less than was budgeted and spent less than donations received. Thus we remain in a strong financial position to fulfill our current budget priorities and projects in 2017.

Such success and growth brings new challenges. There were many sponsored events to account for and restricted donations for specific projects in 2016. There are new Continental Coordinator budgets and activities, and we are modernizing our software systems for the Central Office; these upgrades ensure long-term capability to serve the Association’s global mission.

In 2016, the Representative Council approved two new Restricted Funds for activities in Europe and Latin America. The Latin American and European Funds were established to accept donations to support projects and activities in those regions. In addition, the Future

Conference & Event Fund was utilized in 2016 to help finance the Budapest and Bogota conferences. The remaining balance is seeing growth as we prepare for the Spring 2018 International Conference in the Netherlands. Preparations for the 2017 African Conference in Ghana also benefitted from the Association’s commitment to raise and disperse funds.

All this activity is generating excitement from donors worldwide who see us as a trustworthy steward poised for global expansion. The Association can now act as a secure financial repository to insure that service projects of students everywhere may come to fruition. All our Restricted Funds are strictly accounted for and used only for their designated purpose. These include: Conference (Loan) Fund, Conference Financial Aid Fund, Global Seeding Fund, Website Fund, Endowment Fund, Prisoner Inquiry Response Team Fund (now in two countries and growing), the new Future Conference and Event Fund and the new Latin American and

European Funds. These funds have a current cash balance of over \$60,000.00 USD.

Projects that disseminate the teachings of *The Urantia Book* are now less dependent on annual budgets and cash flow; we have created a legacy to sustain our obligations to members around the world. All these progressive developments represent administrative milestones, useful tools that sustain all committees, projects, and priorities of the International Association, and ultimately each and every valued member.

Thank you to all who serve and all who donate time and money in this great and noble work!

Bradly Tharp
Chief Financial Officer

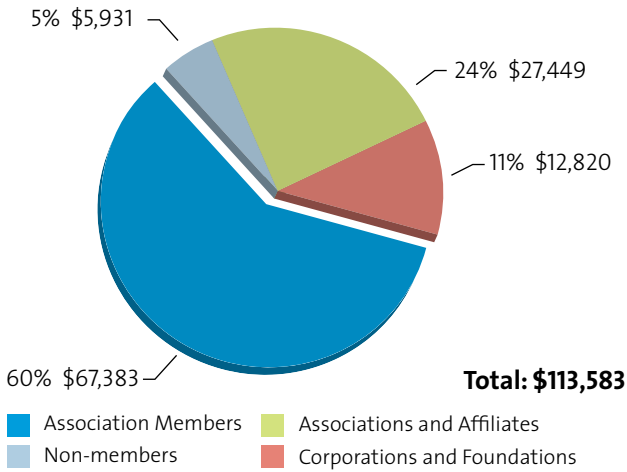
2016 Financial Report

Statement of Activities—Income and Expense For the Full Year 2016; January-December

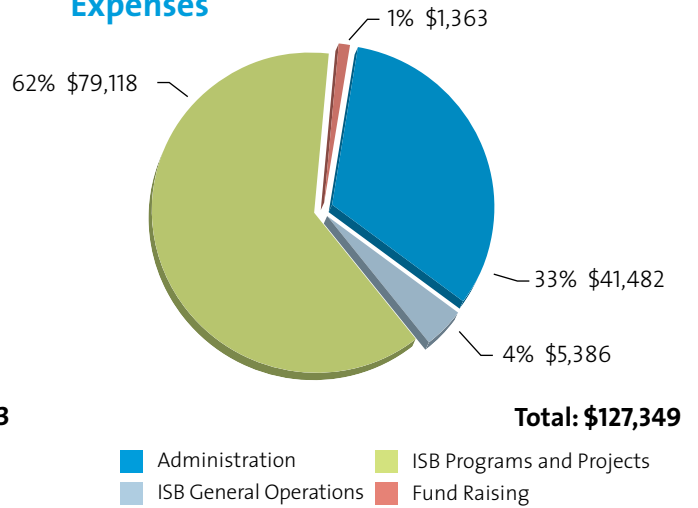
Income (in United States dollars)	\$
Ordinary Un-Restricted Contributions	88,154
Earned income	464
Restricted fund contributions	25,429
Other income	22,655
Total Income	136,702
Expenses	\$
Program Services Costs	79,118
Administration Services Expenses	41,482
General Operations Expenses	6,749
Total Expenses	127,349
Net Income (loss)	9,353
The Balance Sheet	\$
Cash (USD)	164,571
Liabilities	none
Equity	\$
Year beginning Cash/Equity Balance	155,217
Net income (loss)	9,353
Total Equity (year end Fund Balance)	164,571
Comment	
Assets include the following Restricted Fund account balances:	\$
Conference (Loan) Fund	20,000
Future Conference and Event Fund	18,890
Conference Financial Aid Fund	6,520
Global Seeding Fund	10,936
Website Fund	7,695
Prisoner Inquiry Response Team (PIRT)	2,390
Total Restricted Funds Balance	66,431
Total Un-Restricted Fund Balance	98,139

2016 Financial Report Graphs

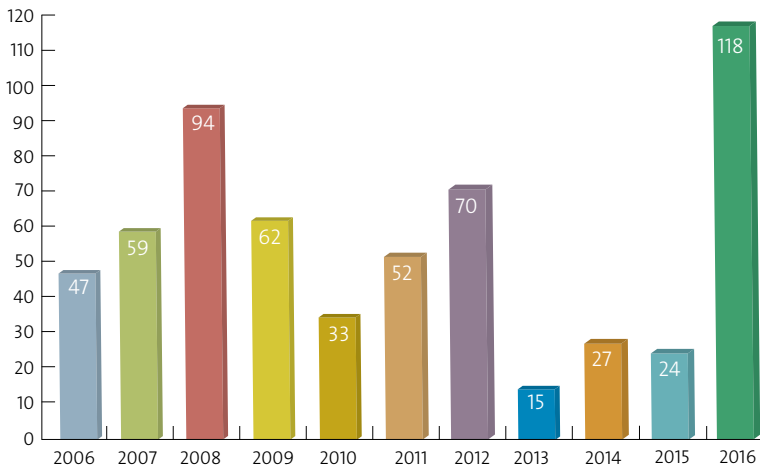
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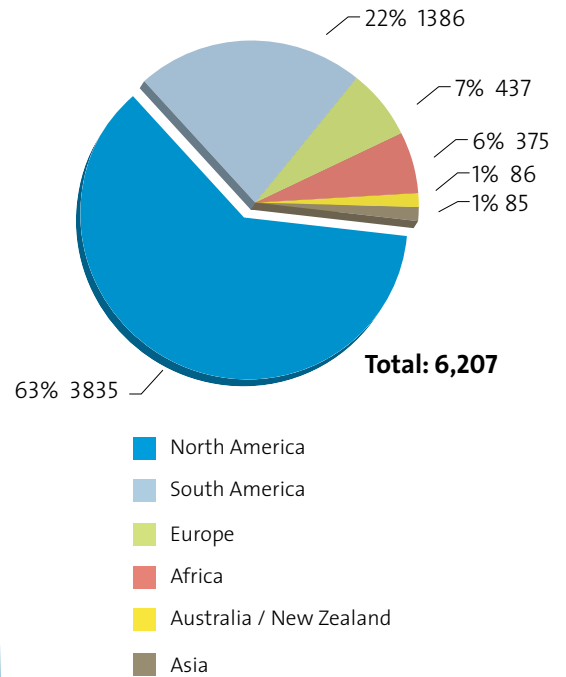
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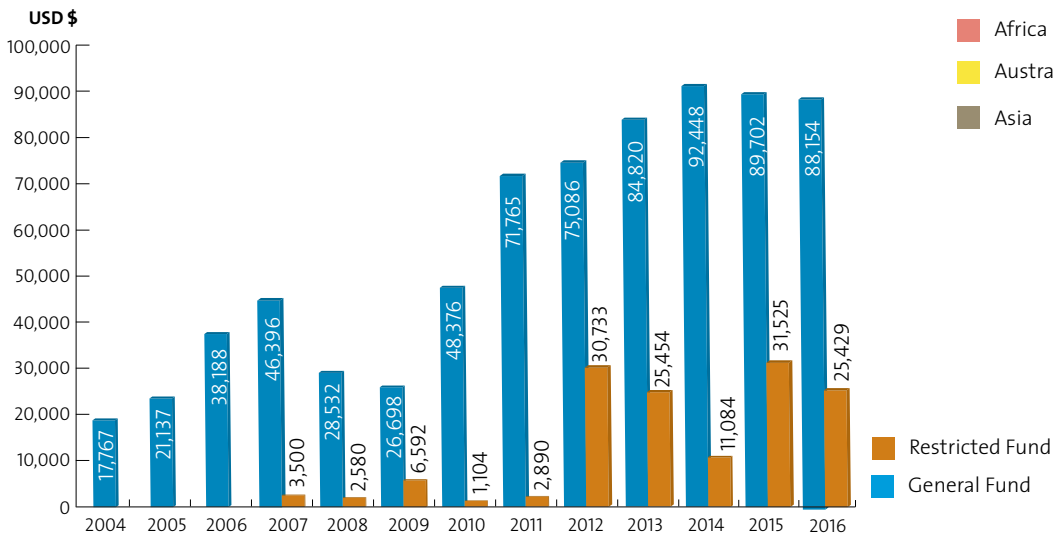
Membership Applications



Members and Friends by Region



Contributions to Annual Fund



Donor Support Underpins our Mission

Thank you to everyone who donated funds to Urantia Association's efforts to disseminate the teachings of *The Urantia Book* around the world. Also, big thanks to the growing number of volunteers who are the living link to the many opportunities for service worldwide.

The principal task and priority of the Association is to connect the worldwide readership to one another and to facilitate the needs and priorities of our Local and National Associations. We are mandated to provide an organizational infrastructure to serve members and Associations, and to manage resources to support our members in their service to the worldwide readership. All of our board members, committee chairs and committee members are volunteers dedicated to this task.

In 2016, your donations provided for global seeding of over 500 books shipped to Russia, South America, Philippines and to prisoners in the United States and Canada. Donations made it possible to hold continental conferences in Europe, Latin American and the United States, and provided financial aid to over 100 dedicated leaders and students to attend these conferences. Your donations also

subsidized booths at book fairs in South America, helped to produce and mail the Journal and the 2015 Annual Report, maintained our website and social media outreach, and supported the Association's central administration in upgrading the database that serves students and Associations worldwide.

Without your tireless dedication of time, energy and donations, the Association would not exist—volunteers and donations will be even more important in 2017 as we plan to do even more.

2017 will see:

- The addition of more Associations and the revitalization and growth in others.
- The initiation of the Continental Coordinator Program in Europe and Latin America bringing students and Associations together in collaboration.
- More book fairs.
- Conferences in Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine, Denmark, Austria and South Korea.
- Continued global seeding of *The Urantia Book* and continued growth

of the Prisoner Inquiry Response Team program.

- Increased outreach of the Urantia Young Adults International.
- The redesign and translation of our website with the addition of sites for each National and Local Association.
- The introduction of the new central database for use by Associations.
- New resource materials for study groups.
- The expansion of leadership training in Europe and Latin America.
- More webinars worldwide; and translations for online meetings of the Representative Council.

The Association has achieved momentum like never before and we ask for your continued support to maintain—and increase—our level of commitment to service. Please include us in your charitable giving, knowing that revelatory teachings are making a difference in the lives of those who study *The Urantia Book*.

You can donate online at the Donation section of our website or by clicking here: [Donate now](#)

Clip and send with your support donation:

Yes, count me in!

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A/C # Exp. date

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City State/Prov. Postal Code

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Representative Council



Location of Associations worldwide

This legislative branch of Urantia Association International is comprised of the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the National Associations and the Local Associations in regions where no National Association exists.

National Associations

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Neville Twist, *Vice President*

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Enrique Traver, *President*

Sella Leonardi, *Vice President*

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Alain Cyr, *Vice President*

Colombia

Wilson Leon, *President*

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Moussa Ndiaye, *President*

Spain

Carmelo Martinez, *President*

Jaime Garcia Marco, *Vice President*

United States

Will Sherwood, *President*

Rick Lyon, *Vice President*

Local Associations

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Federico Folchi, *President*

Luis Miguel Morales, *Vice President*

Belguim

Jean Annet, *President*

Chili

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Lissette Mancilla Asenjo, *Vice President*

DACH (German Speaking Association)

Christian Ruch, *President*

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Park Gahyang, *Vice President*

Park Pansoo, *Vice President*

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Peru

Beatris Arispe, *President*

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Sweden

Michael MacIlsac, *President*

Jacob Dix, *Vice President*

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Anton Miroshnichenko, *President*

Alexander Alyuev, *Vice President*

United Kingdom

Gary Rawlings, *President*

Costas Diamantopoulos, *Vice President*

Zambia

Joel Chongo Mvula, *President*

Evans Mwale, *Vice President*

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

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Anton Miroshnichenko

Ukraine

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USA

Secretary

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USA

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Chief Financial Officer

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Canada

Study Group Chair

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USA

Executive Administrator

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The judicial branch of Urantia Association International

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USA

Chief Judicial Commissioner

Benet Rutenberg

USA

Judicial Commissioner

Joyce Anderson

USA

Judicial Commissioner

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