



BECOMING A FELLOWSHIP AFFILIATE

Description:

Fellowship Affiliates are reader groups who have organized to provide some service to the reader community and whose purpose is consistent with the purposes of *The Urantia Book* Fellowship itself: to study, disseminate, and promote *The Urantia Book*, and provide services to readers. The task of the group may be dissemination, outreach, or translation projects, preparation of study aides, or some other special interest.

Affiliate groups are encouraged to provide input to the General Council and its Executive Committee even though they are not eligible to participate directly in the governance of The Fellowship as do Societies. However, individual participants within Affiliate groups can participate by becoming members of a Society or Members-At-Large.

Affiliation:

- A group applying to become an Affiliate of *The Urantia Book* Fellowship must be comprised of at least five members.
- Members are at least 16 years of age and have participated in study groups for at least six months.
- All members are expected to affirm their belief in the teachings of *The Urantia Book*.
- All members are expected to support the purposes of The Fellowship as stated in its Constitution.
- The purpose and programs of the group must be consistent with the purposes of The Fellowship.
- The group shall submit an annual report and provide an annual census.
- Membership in any religious organization or fraternal society shall not disqualify anyone from being a member of a Fellowship Affiliate.

Application:

- An initial Chairman and a Liaison are elected.
- A name for the group is chosen in consultation with The Fellowship's Membership Committee.
- The applicants complete an ***Application To Be Certified As An Affiliate Group***.
- Each individual member wishing to become a member of The Fellowship completes an ***Individual Application for Membership*** form.
- Application materials are sent to The Fellowship's Membership Committee for review.

Approval and Installation:

- Upon approval by the Membership Committee, recommendation is made to the Executive Committee.
- Upon the Executive Committee's approval, and in consultation with the Membership Committee, a date is set and arrangements are made for the Affiliate group's official installation. (An installation ceremony is recommended but not required.)

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