

Urantia Study Group Directory

2021 Year End Report:

2021 produced another year of growth for the Urantia Book Study Group Directory. This was the third best year in terms of the number of groups added since the Directory was created in 2011.

Whenever I talk about the Study Group Directory, I like to point out that 63 countries have annually confirmed active study groups listed in the Directory. Truly, the sun never sets on the Urantia community. What an example this is to the world that like-minded people, often coming from many different religions and cultures, can share the love and friendship of a worldwide community of religious believers; or as we would say: “faithers.”

This community demonstrates that we can come together to study and discuss deep, intimate, and sometimes difficult topics in a civil manner as brothers and sisters of our Paradise Father. What an inspiration to the world this community is. What a demonstration of the world-changing power of the love of Jesus when shared sincerely among probably the most diverse group of people on the planet.

The Urantia Book Study Group Directory is a joint project of Urantia Foundation, Urantia Association International, and the Urantia Book Fellowship. Scott Brooks developed and administers the database and website. The website had significant upgrades in 2021 that were paid for by the three cooperating organizations operating with a true spirit of organizational and spiritual unity. The most visible change is the greater emphasis on online study groups. Because online groups are where the major growth is currently, we made it easier to search for them on the home page and improved the user interface. Bill Beasley serves as chairman of the Directory team. Jackie Koury serves as the Fellowship representative. Tamara Strumfeld is the Foundation representative, and myself, Rick Lyon, is the UAI representative.

Every study group in the Directory is contacted every year and asked to confirm that they are still meeting. In this way, groups that have dissolved or no longer meet are removed from the system to assure that if you find a study group you wish to attend, it is still actively meeting on a regular basis.

Here is a screen shot of our world map showing real time locations of Urantia Book study groups.

Here are our 2021 year-end statistics:

New study groups added in 2021 = 49

New countries added in 2021: Honduras, Hungary, Japan

New USA states added in 2021: Delaware, Vermont

New languages added in 2021: Indonesian, Hungarian



Statistics at the end of 2021:

ALL COUNTRIES INCLUDING USA:

Total groups = 513

Total online groups = 243

Total in person groups = 358

Total groups that are both online and in person = 88

Total countries = 63 (added 3, lost 1)

USA ONLY:

Total groups = 264

Total online groups = 103

Total in person groups = 201

Total groups that are both online and in person = 40

Total number of states out of 50 = 45

States not listed: Maine, Mississippi, North Dakota, West Virginia, Wyoming.

ALL COUNTRIES WITHOUT USA:

Total groups = 249

Total online groups = 140

Total in person groups = 157

Total groups that are both online and in person = 48

TOP 10 COUNTRIES BY NUMBER OF STUDY GROUPS:

USA
Brazil
Colombia
Canada
Spain
France
Mexico
Australia
Venezuela
South Korea
Chile
New Zealand
Poland

ALL COUNTRIES WITH VERIFIED ACTIVE STUDY GROUPS:

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China
Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia,
Finland
France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy,
Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Mozambique,
Netherlands
New Caledonia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal,
Puerto Rico, Réunion, Romania, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland,
Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia

TOP 5 LANGUAGES:

English
Spanish
Portuguese
French
Korean

ALL STUDY GROUP LANGUAGES AVAILABLE IN 2021:

American Sign Language, Bulgarian, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German,
Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Korean, Mandarin, Multi-lingual, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian,
Russian, Spanish, Swedish.

NUMBER OF GROUPS CREATED BY YEAR BASED ON SIGNUP DATE:

2021: 49
2020: 70

2019: 68
2018: 29
2017: 36
2016: 47
2015: 46
2014: 46
2013: 18
2012: 37
2011: 166
2010: 4

We are seeing growth in the number of Urantia Book study groups but we are also seeing increased use of the Directory as people, probably new students of *The Urantia Book*, are looking for others to study with. We encourage you to list your study group, either an existing group or one you want to start, in our Directory. Help us make 2022 our best year ever. You can find it at <https://www.urantiastudygroup.org> If you want to know more about the Directory you may contact us at: team@urantiastudygroup.org