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**Paper 99 on Purpose in the Socialization of Religion**

(99:6.2) There is a real purpose in the socialization of religion. It is the purpose of group religious activities to dramatize the loyalties of religion; to magnify the lures of truth, beauty, and goodness; to foster the attractions of supreme values; to enhance the service of unselfish fellowship; to glorify the potentials of family life; to promote religious education; to provide wise counsel and spiritual guidance; and to encourage group worship. And all live religions encourage human friendship, conserve morality, promote neighborhood welfare, and facilitate the spread of the essential gospel of their respective messages of eternal salvation.

* These purposes are specific values that encompass everything our Fellowship is and wants to become. No program or activity is left out of this purpose proposal into our scalable future.
* A Melchizedek presented these purposes for us in paper 99, saying that “there is a real purpose in the socialization of religion,” and then they specifically listed them.
* They knew that a social organization in and around the teachings of the Urantia papers would eventually emerge and be a living worldwide congregation. It is up to the leadership of the Fellowship to promote these purposes in all we do.
* Each purpose has corresponding behaviors our Fellowship can use as guidelines for administration, education, and service. Departmental Committees will be active again to carry out programs with these purposes.
* I know that the argument is made that a short purpose statement seeks to encompass all these same purposes expressed in the Urantia Book, but it is not as inspiring to me nor as interpretable as this specific list of purposes that will be relevant into the long future of the Fellowship.
* It would be nice to have these inspiring purposes out in front of our Constitution and not need to guess as to what our specific purposes are from a short non-specific Purpose statement.
* Fellowship programs will relate directly to one or some of the values in this proposed wording for our purpose statement.
* The wording is easy to understand and cannot befuddle or confuse. Programs can emerge based on these strong, well-articulated, attractive, and specific values.

This is Paula’s contribution to the Purpose statement. I have edited it as I think it might be better, but group wisdom will prevail if SCICR agrees.

~~It is the purpose of The Urantia Book Fellowship~~ The purposes of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP are the study and dissemination of the teachings of *The Urantia Book*; to dramatize the loyalties of religion; to magnify the lures of truth, beauty, and goodness; to foster the attractions of supreme values; to enhance the service of unselfish fellowship; to glorify the potentials of family life; to promote religious education; to provide wise counsel and spiritual guidance; ~~and~~ to encourage group worship; ~~In addition, The Urantia Book Fellowship strives~~ to encourage human friendship, conserve morality, promote neighborhood welfare, and uphold the reality of God as our loving creator parent and all humanity as members of God's universal family.

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This is a first pass and incomplete breakdown of what programs and activities that the Fellowship can eventually do in relation to each of these purposes. Feel free to disagree, improve, or add something else.

The purposes of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP are the study and dissemination of the teachings of The Urantia Book;

to dramatize the loyalties of religion;

* Vivid apprehension of the values of loyalty
* The discovery of immediate joy of spiritual living

to magnify the lures of truth, beauty, and goodness;

* To recognize these values as divine realities
* Taken together they are love—the desire to do good to others

to foster the attractions of supreme values;

* Gathering to enhance these values among us
* Education to foster these values

to enhance the service of unselfish fellowship;

* Spiritual encouragement,
* Provide adverse and favorable loving criticism,
* friendliness and cooperation among members

to glorify the potentials of home and family life;

* Family counseling and family guidance
* Family education at home and the community

to promote religious education;

* Involve all age and cultural levels.
* Widespread programs and media to promote religious education
* Educate about the life of Jesus and how he lived it.
* Educate about commonalities in all religions
* Provide cross cultural literature.

to provide wise counsel and spiritual guidance;

* Alleviate confusion and crisis
* Recognize the value of confiding in one another.
* Identification of persons willing to provide counsel.

to facilitate individual spiritual progress;

* Counseling, group activities, friendships
* Programs to inspire all age levels

to encourage group worship;

* Develop services and ceremonies
* Worship can evolve to greater frequency when gathering.

to encourage human friendship;

* Something to belong to and deepen friendships
* Gather together frequently to develop friendships

conserve morality,

* Religious education about morals and ethics
* Loyal truth seekers who inspire moral and ethical behavior

promote neighborhood welfare,

* Growth of local programs and conferences
* Promote Urantia Book and spiritual study groups.
* Community organizing

and uphold the reality of God as our loving creator parent and all humanity as members of God's universal family.

* Spread the Gospel of Jesus throughout the world.
* Creative spiritual outreach in faith