



# Urantia University Institute

*Actualizing personal potentials of mind, matter, and spirit  
through enlightened study, service, and experience*

## Vision & Mission

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Urantia University Institute (UUI) offers an online educational experience that enriches our understanding of *The Urantia Book* and advances everyday spiritual living practices.

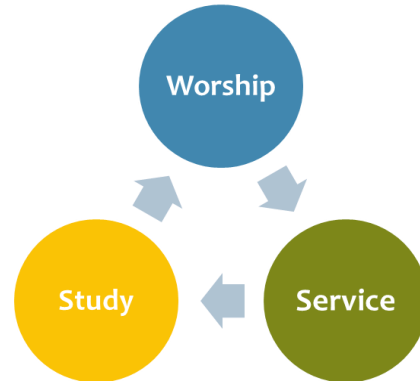
We create opportunities for personal spiritual growth, relationship building, and teamwork. This is done while embracing the Jesusonian values of spirit insight, joyful ministry, and loving service.

## Study, Worship, Service

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Urantia University Institute (UUI) has purposefully and gradually built upon the triune model of **Study, Worship, and Service**, which leads to the development of a strong spiritual character and fosters the development of cosmic consciousness.

All three modes of activity develop the functions of thinking, feeling, and doing good, and express the divine attributes of **Truth, Beauty, Goodness <>Love**. These are the ideals that guide our mission and programming.



## The New Ambassadors

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Another year of the Teacher Education Program has come to a close, and we are proud to welcome twelve more people into the family of alumni. Their thoughtful and heartfelt dedication to studying the truths, meanings, and values of the Urantia Book has inspired all the faculty at the TEP.

They hail from seven different countries across North America, Europe, and Africa, and **we trust that their ongoing efforts to share the teachings will have a lasting impact on their communities.**



TEP Graduates 2024-2025. Pictured left to right from top. Angela Esteves, Ejikeme Justus Obasi, Cheryl Sherman, Kent Brown, Jimmer Prieto, Brenda Lyman, Lilian Muthui, Jill Strunk, Esther Song-Polzin, Roy Healy, Marjorie Opie, Sunday Jimmy Obol

One way graduates are sharing the revelation is by training to become instructors at Urantia University Institute.

Instructors are drawn from long-time, serious students of The Urantia Book who are devoted to the teachings and principles of the revelation. Just as Jesus, the Master Teacher, lived what he taught, UUI instructors are similarly held to a higher standard to do their best to live and teach in accordance with the spiritual principles and values of the Urantia Book. This way of being is best demonstrated by showing fatherly or parental love towards one another, as Jesus taught his apostles.

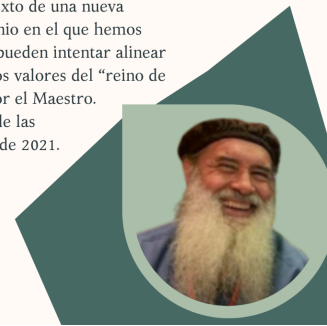
One such person who demonstrates a willingness to teach what they have learned in loving service to their fellows, while always remaining an active learner and maintaining the humble attitude of a beginner, is graduate **Jimmer Prieto**. Originally from Colombia and now living in Indiana, USA, Jimmer will teach his first class for Urantia University starting in October.

Not only is this Jimmer's first course, but it is UUI's first course offered in Spanish, titled:

### "Seven Revelations to Make the Old World a New One"

“ Siete revelaciones para hacer del viejo mundo uno nuevo

Este curso busca explorar los fundamentos del "evangelio vivo de Jesús" mientras estimula en todos su búsqueda personal de la Verdad. Los estudiantes reflexionarán sobre la importancia del presente en el contexto de una nueva dispensación y del milenio en el que hemos entrado, y sobre cómo pueden intentar alinear sus vidas actuales con los valores del "reino de los cielos" enseñados por el Maestro. El curso utilizará citas de las traducciones de 1993 y de 2021.



Jimmer Prieto  
Graduate, TEP  
UUI Instructor

*Translation:* This course seeks to explore the fundamentals of the "living gospel of Jesus" while stimulating all in their personal search for Truth. Students will reflect on the importance of the present moment in the context of a new dispensation and the millennium we have entered, and on how they might align their present lives with the values of the "kingdom of heaven" taught by the Master. The course will use the 1993 and 2021 translations.

## Inmate Correspondence Program Successes

Since 2020, Urantia University has partnered with the Urantia Book

Fellowship's Inmate Correspondence Program (ICP) to share our Self-Directed Studies of the Individual Papers of the Urantia Book with inmates across the country.

Over 400 courses have been sent to 123 inmates for in-depth personal study. The courses themselves consist of a summary of the paper, highlights from each section, definitions of terms, a quiz, reflective questions, and a meditation topic. Inmates who complete a course and submit their responses can receive a Certificate of Completion, which, at some institutions, is worth 16 hours of 'good time' to be deducted from their sentences. This partnership has been a spiritual success story. The participants have shared what the Urantia Book has meant to them, reflecting on its transformative power and on the self-directed study courses.

One participant, Aaron, stated that "The course for me was provocative and stimulating... Thinking of these questions and answers as I do helps me to fully understand and articulate for myself this most important subject of God himself."

Another participant, Jourdon, said, "...ever since I first dove into Urantia, my days have gotten brighter. I crave God now...I wake up thankful to see another day. I've led other inmates not just to Urantia but to God...I'm in prison, but this is the closest I've been to God."

Two of the participants, Richie and David, serve at the same institution and have gotten to know each other through the

Urantia Book and the self-directed study courses. As David puts it, "we are both seekers [for] spiritual truths and [for] a closer relationship with God and Christ."

Richie elaborates on this significance, reflecting that "This is truly the most amazing thing I've discovered in my life. ... It's not just a book to me, it's what my soul has been crying out for my entire life! ...It has been so fulfilling and literally heaven-sent. I read the Life and Teachings of Jesus, and I was flabbergasted by the revelations and insight into his life. ...I cried several times. I love him so much, but knowing him more now because of the Urantia papers is the best gift I've ever been given!"

## Over 1100 UUI Cafes Offered

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The UUI Cafe was created in March 2020 in response to the disruption of everyday life, economic devastation, and human casualties caused by the coronavirus pandemic. But what began as an emergency call to action has become a community of the spirit, with over 1,100 Cafes held to date.

The UUI Cafe is a place where truthseekers can gather for supportive, Spirit-affirming discussions grounded in the spiritual truths of The Urantia Book. The Café is open at different times each day (Monday through Friday) to accommodate our friends living in different time zones. By providing this daily opportunity to grow in spiritual awareness, friendship, and loving ministry

to others, we are helping our community establish everyday spiritual living habits.

Participants have shared that listening, sharing, and worshipful problem-solving provide fortitude to face the challenges of everyday living.



I've been an active member of the Urantia University cafés since their beginning in 2020 - where they became a huge blessing in the midst of rather difficult world-wide circumstances.

But over time, the UUI cafés have become part of my revelation study life. I do my best to attend as many of these as I can logistically manage and they never fail to edify and inspire me. The mixed cohort of younger, older, newer and more seasoned students brings a vivacious combination of conversation and conceptual unpacking; all in a casual, open and loving environment...

Gary Tonge  
Artist and creator of  
visionafar.com



Many people in our community have found the UUI cafe to be a productive forum for exchanging ideas. As Jim Downs puts it, "UUI Cafes are a healthy way to connect with like-minded old and new readers of the Urantia book. New folks can feel comfortable asking questions, sharing the history of their spiritual life, making comments on how they are moving forward in doing the Father's will."

Another Urantia book reader, Neal Waldrop, has said, "...the Café sessions that the UUI sponsors online are a wonderful opportunity to explore intriguing aspects of the fifth epochal

revelation and benefit from the reactions and interpretations that other readers share with us. These inspiring experiences enable us to create or strengthen friendships that enhance our mutual appreciation for the teachings, while transcending the practical limits associated with the locations where each of us lives..."

## French-Language Courses

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This fall, UUI was pleased to launch a series of experiential spiritual living courses, designed and facilitated by Guy Perron and Agnes Lazar, for French-language students of The Urantia Book. Each course is seven weeks long with a break in between. Guy and Agnes are also concurrently running the same series of three courses in English on separate days.

- Basculer du confort à la croissance (Shifting from Comfort to Growth) ~ Sept to Oct 2025
- Découvrir Dieu en soi (Discovering God Within) ~ Nov to Dec 2025
- En quête de la conscience divine (Questing for God-Consciousness) ~ Jan to Feb 2026

The facilitators are highly skilled at creating a space where participants can share their faith and experiences of God's activity in their lives, and their deep hunger to know, love, and serve God more and more through study, prayer, worship, and service. Hearing diverse perspectives and others' experiences can challenge an individual's own views,

inspire new insights, and nurture personal development. Participants in the group can see the different ways that Spirit is at work in every person.

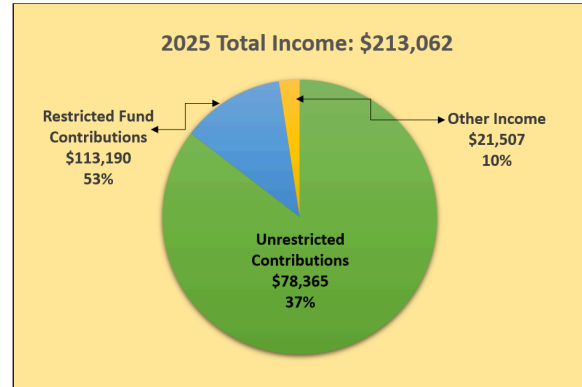
Guy and Agnes use time-tested principles of spiritual thinking and practice to guide participants in transcending fear and other barriers that block the flow of God's love and creativity. Relevant passages in The Urantia Book guide participants, and the practices of prayer, worship, and meditative contemplation of two or three probing questions are used to stir the truth-seeking mind and provoke insight. The classes do not require extensive reading or any written homework - only sincere personal spiritual practice.

## 2025 Financial Report

**Urantia University Institute (UII)** has grown organically and steadily since its incorporation in 2010 through the efforts of a dedicated volunteer corps of Trustees, instructors, Café moderators, and a small Admin Support team.

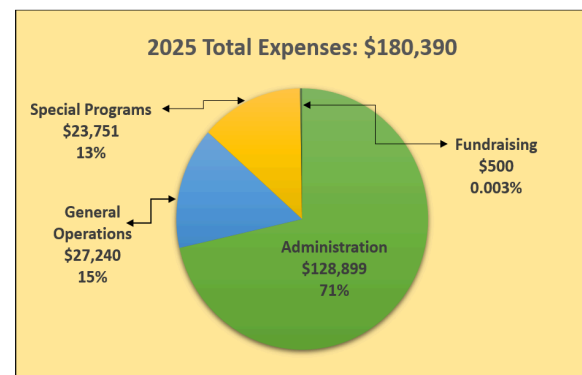
**To operate, UII relies solely on the generosity of its volunteer corps, students, and friends.** It operates on a tight budget, taking great care with its spending while also seeking to expand the range and quality of its programming.

**All UII's services and classes are offered freely to truth-seeking students.**



**Revenue:** In 2025, UII received gross revenues of \$213,062, including \$78,365 in unrestricted contributions from its various constituents: members of the UII Board of Trustees, volunteers, students, and friends, and other income of \$21,507.

The remainder of \$113,190 was allocated to restricted funds, with generous contributions to the Teacher Education Program, including \$10,000 from the Mustard Seed Grant Program for the TEP and \$50,000 for the Bower Tree Fiscal Sponsorship Project to develop an early childhood spiritual education program for parents and teachers.



**Expenses:** In 2025, UII spent a total of \$180,390, of which \$128,899 reflected direct administrative costs, and \$27,240

was attributable to general operations, including technology expenses. The overall increase in expenses from 2024 to 2025 was 47%, due in part to the addition of a part-time staff member and new branch development.

This increase was offset by a substantial carryover income of \$152,452 from 2024.

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bringing the vision of  
Urantia University  
Institute to life!**

So many people wholeheartedly give their time, talent, and financial resources to sustain this free school for spiritual cultivation, intellectual growth, and loving service.

Your contributions directly support our daily work of creating, developing, and delivering a dynamic kind of spiritual education that seeks to foster the growth of the individual soul who will, in turn, serve the evolving family of God.

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**1250+**  
Community Events

- UUI Cafes
- Sunday Worships
- Homecoming

**215**  
Courses Offered

- Self-Directed Study
- Instructor-Led

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1 course  
28.6%

2 or more courses  
74.4%

**STUDENTS SERVED**  
**1447**

75%  
of students took 2 or more courses

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**41**  
**TEACHERS TRAINED**  
from 7 countries in 3 years  
Teacher Education Program

**4**

- English
- French
- Russian
- Spanish

**LANGUAGES TAUGHT IN**

**OVER 400**  
**COURSES**  
SENT TO  
**123**  
**INMATES**

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