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**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
2011** *June 22-26*
Charlotte, NC



NOTICE OF MEETING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMATION & TENTATIVE AGENDA
FOR CONGREGATIONS, DELEGATES, & ATTENDEES

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2011 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 22-26, 2011 CHARLOTTE, NC

	Wednesday June 22	Thursday June 23	Friday June 24	Saturday June 25	Sunday June 26	
7:00 am		Spiritual Practices 7:00 - 7:30	Spiritual Practices 7:00 - 7:30	Spiritual Practices 7:00 - 7:30	Spiritual Practices 7:00 - 7:30	
7:30 am						
8:00 am		Plenary II 8:00 - 8:30	Worship 8:00 - 8:25	Worship 8:00 - 8:25		
8:30 am			Plenary III 8:30 - 10:15	Plenary IV 8:30 - 12:00	Morning Song 8:45 - 9:00	
9:00 am		Programs #1 9:00 - 10:15			Sunday Worship 9:00 - 10:15	
9:30 am						
10:00 am						
10:30 am					Plenary VI 10:45 - 1:00	
11:00 am		Programs #2 10:45 - 12:00	Programs #6 10:45 - 12:00			
11:30 am						
12:00 pm						
12:30 pm						
1:00 pm			Programs #3 1:00 - 2:15	Programs #7 1:00 - 2:15	Programs #9 1:00 - 2:15	
1:30 pm		Youth Caucus and Sponsor Orientation 1:30 - 3:00				Plenary VII 2:00 - 5:00
2:00 pm						
2:30 pm		Choir Rehearsal 3:00 - 4:15	Programs #4 2:45 - 4:00	Programs #8 2:45 - 4:00		
3:00 pm					Plenary V 2:45 - 6:00	
3:30 pm	GA and Social Witness Orientation/Networking 3:45 - 5:00					
4:00 pm						
4:30 pm	Young Adult Orientation 4:00 - 5:30	Programs #5 4:30 - 5:45	Public Witness 4:30 - 5:45		Closing Celebration 5:00 - 6:00	
5:00 pm						
5:30 pm	District, Regional and CLF In-Gatherings 5:45 - 6:30					
6:00 pm						
6:30 pm						
7:00 pm				50 Years of UU Music 7:00 - 7:50		
7:30 pm	Opening Celebration and Plenary I 7:00 - 9:00	Service of the Living Tradition 7:30 - 9:00	New Epiphany Revival and Synergy Worship 7:00 - 9:00			
8:00 pm				Ware Lecture 8:00 - 9:00		
8:30 pm						
9:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Reception 9:00 - 10:00					
9:30 pm						
10:00 pm		Evening Programming 9:30 - 11:30	Evening Programming 9:30 - 11:30	Evening Programming 9:30 - 11:30		
11:30 pm						

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NOTICE OF MEETING

PER UUA BYLAWS,
RULE IV, SECTION 4.6

This June, Unitarian Universalist Congregations will gather in Charlotte, North Carolina for the 50th General Assembly, the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The meeting will take place in the Charlotte Convention Center, 501 South College Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. General Assembly will commence on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. and conclude on Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The business to be transacted will be set forth in the official agenda issued in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association.

Tom Loughrey,
Secretary, UUA Board of Trustees

Registration & Housing Reservations open March 1.

Included in this booklet is information pertinent to General Assembly registration, housing, and travel to and around Charlotte. The 2011 Tentative Agenda is included, as well as additional information for congregations and delegates. Please direct any questions to (617) 948-4209 or generalassembly@uua.org.

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AVAILABLE AT WWW.UUA.ORG/GA:

GA REGISTRATION

All GA attendees are required to register for GA. Register online at www.uua.org/ga. Rates increase May 2.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Make your housing reservation online at www.uua.org/ga. You may also reserve accessible housing if needed.

YOUTH (completed 9th-12th grade) REGISTRATION

Youth grades 9 through 12 (or born between 06/22/93 and 06/21/97) are eligible to register at a lower rate. Each youth under 18 must have a GA registered adult sponsor.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (6 months - 14 years) REGISTRATION

Children under 14 may attend GA with a parent or guardian and are not required to register. If day care is required, several Children's Programs are available. Advance registration is required and space is limited. Children's registrations must be received by May 31.

FINANCIAL AID FORMS

GA Volunteer Applications and Scholarship Matching Grant Applications are due March 31.

GA RESOURCES ON UUA.ORG

UUA.ORG > EVENTS > GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Registration

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Social Media

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- Listen to GA audio Podcasts
- Follow GA on Twitter ([uua_ga](#))
- Become a GA fan on Facebook

Find links at www.uua.org/ga

ALSO AVAILABLE ON UUA.ORG > ABOUT US > GOVERNANCE > GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Annual Reports from Unitarian Universalist Association Officers, Committees, Staff, and Associate Member Organizations are published each year, along with reports and streaming video from the Plenaries (business sessions) of General Assembly.

CHARLOTTE, NC ~ JUNE 22-26, 2011

LOCAL INFORMATION

Look closely at Charlotte and you'll discover a lot. Amidst a growing cityscape, this destination delivers cultural attractions, dining and nightlife for every persuasion, and a Southern ambiance all its own.

"The city continues to grow more vibrant. New institutions move in, new buildings rise, old structures embrace renewal - all with the goal of making Charlotte a cultural touchstone and urban icon for the state."

Southern Living Magazine

If you attended the 1993 General Assembly in Charlotte, you'll be amazed at the transformation of this 18th largest city in the United States (and expected to grow by another 30% in the next decade!). 56% white, 34% African American, 11% Hispanic and Latino—Charlotte is a wonderfully diverse city.

Within walking distance of the new Convention Center are:

- the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts and Culture (named for the first African-American mayor of Charlotte)
- the Levine Museum of the New South, an interactive history museum interpreting post-Civil War southern society
- the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, offering a collection that is inspiring and approachable
- the newly opened Mint Museum, which houses collections of American, Contemporary, and European Art and a Museum of Craft + Design
- the NASCAR Hall of Fame, a multi-faceted, unique attraction honoring the history and heritage of NASCAR

Expect a vibrant city with museums, theaters, great dining, and a new light rail.

Learn more at www.charlottesgotalot.com or call the Charlotte Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 231-4636.

Most General Assembly events will be held in the Charlotte Convention Center, 501 South College Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

The city of Charlotte enjoys a moderate climate with hot, humid weather during the summer months. Temperatures in late June range from 67 to 87 degrees. Summer showers are always a possibility, so consider packing a compact umbrella.

Please remember that facilities are air-conditioned and temperatures in meeting rooms vary, so layered clothing is recommended.

2011 General Assembly

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Great International Travel Management is the UUA's official travel agency. For help with your travel itinerary contact Ron Rajewski at (617) 559-5522, (800) 498-4881, or ron@greatintltravel.com.

Airport:

Charlotte Douglas Airport (CLT) is about five miles from downtown Charlotte and is situated near the borders of North and South Carolina. Often regarded as an alternative to Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson airport, Charlotte Douglas Airport has recently made the list as one of the top ten airports in the country.

With four runways, a host of major airlines provide hundreds of daily departures to numerous non-stop destinations. Charlotte Douglas is the hub for US Airways and hosts other domestic, foreign and regional airlines: Air Canada, AirTran, American, Continental, Delta, JetBlue, Lufthansa, United, and US Airways.

Local Transportation:

The Charlotte Area Transit System, commonly referred to as CATS, is the public transit system in Charlotte. It operates bus service around the Charlotte metropolitan (Metrolina) area and a historical trolley in Uptown Charlotte, and operates a light rail system, called LYNX. From the airport: take Bus route 5 direction Inbound. Arrive at stop number (45102) at Transit Center – Bay V, Charlotte (23 minutes). More information at www.ridetransit.org or (704) 336-7433.

Many hotels around Charlotte Douglas Airport offer complimentary shuttle service to/from their facility. In most cases, hotel shuttles are located outside of the airport baggage claim.

If your hotel does not offer complimentary shuttle service, shuttle vans often offer a cost effective alternative to taking a taxi.

The Charlotte Convention Center is approximately 7 miles (13 minutes) from the Charlotte Douglas Airport. Rates are about \$25-30 to the convention center area. Airport permitted handicapped accessible taxis are available through the following companies:

- American (704) 375-1010
- Eagle (704) 525-3990

Convention Center Parking:

Parking is available at prevailing rates in parking lots and towers surrounding the Charlotte Convention Center. For additional information regarding Charlotte Center City Parking, please visit the the City of Charlotte's Park! Center City webpage (www.charmeck.org > parking) or Center City Partners website (www.findyourcenter.com) for maps and listings of participating garages. To receive a Park! Center City brochure, please call (704) 375-3177.

Train:

The Amtrak station destination is Charlotte, NC (CLT), 1914 North Tryon Street Charlotte, NC 28206. For accessibility information call (800) 872-7245. Charlotte is on two Amtrak routes: the *Crescent* (New York - Philadelphia - DC - Charlotte - Atlanta - New Orleans), Coach or Sleeper Service, Viewliner train with Dining and Lounge Cars, and the *Carolinian* (New York - Philadelphia - Baltimore - DC - Richmond - Raleigh - Charlotte), Coach or Business Class. To book a reservation call Amtrak at (800) 872-7245 or contact your travel agent.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAMMING

General Assembly programming has much to offer! The 2011 GA Mobile Guide now online (see details on the following page). A PDF of the Program Book will be available in May. As per usual, printed copies of the GA program will also be available. Here is a small sampling of some of the 200+ excellent programs that will be part of GA this year. (Subject to change).

2011 WARE LECTURER KAREN ARMSTRONG



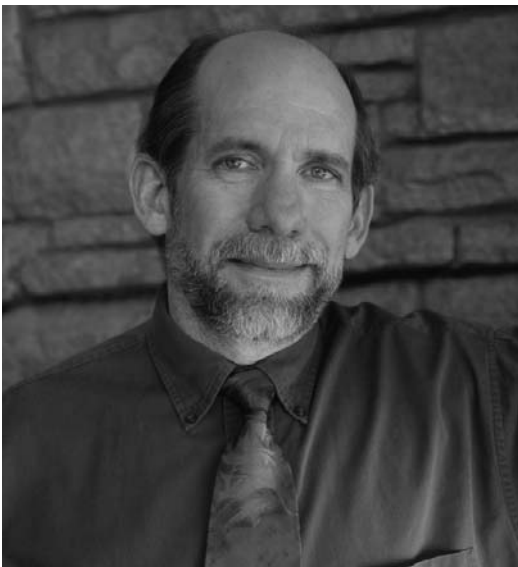
Karen Armstrong is one of the world's leading commentators on religious affairs and a best-selling author, whose books have been translated into forty-five languages. Her early work focused on the monotheistic faiths of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, but she has since begun to explore the eastern religions.

Her books include: *Through the Narrow Gate*, an autobiographical work; *A History of God; Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths; The Battle for God, A History of Fundamentalism; Islam, A Short History; Buddha; The Spiral Staircase: A Memoir; A Short History of Myth; The Great Transformation: The Beginning of Our Religious Traditions; Muhammad: A Prophet for our Time; The Bible: A Biography*. Her latest book is *The Case for God*, published in September 2009 by Alfred A. Knopf.

Since September 11, 2001, however, Karen Armstrong has become chiefly known for her work on Islam and Fundamentalism, particularly in the United States. She has addressed members of the United States Congress and the Senate on three occasions, has participated in the World Economic Forum in New York and Davos, has spoken at study days at the United Nations and at the NATO Naval Defense College in Rome, and has addressed the Council for Foreign Relations in Washington and New York. She has also advised members of the Dutch parliament about Islam and the integration of Muslim communities in Europe.

She is increasingly invited to address audiences in the Muslim world. In 2007 she was awarded a medal for Arts and Sciences by the Egyptian government for her services to Islam, the first foreigner to have been awarded this decoration. In the summer of 2007, she was invited by the Malaysian government to speak in Kuala Lumpur, even though her books are banned there. She also spoke at the Young Presidents' Organization in Istanbul and later that year she gave the keynote address at an international conference on Islamophobia there. In January 2008, she visited Pakistan, where she gave lectures on Islam in Lahore, Islamabad and Karachi.

SERVICE OF THE LIVING TRADITION



Led by the Ministry and Professional Leadership Staff Group, this service honors fellowshiped and credentialed religious leaders; remembering those who have died, recognizing those who have completed active service, and welcoming those who have received fellowship or credentialed status in the past year.

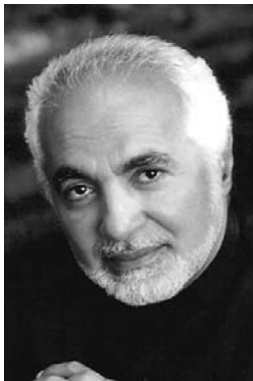
The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Michael A. Schuler, parish minister of the First Unitarian Society of Madison, Wisconsin. Members of the public are welcome.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Join us for the largest gathering of UUs in worship on Sunday morning. Rev. Scott Tayler and Rev. Kaaren Anderson, co-ministers at First Unitarian of Rochester, NY, will deliver the sermon. Members of the public are cordially invited.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAMMING



Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf
renowned Muslim leader and religious bridge-builder



Rev. Jacquie Lewis, Ph.D.
author and sought-after speaker on the multiracial/multi-cultural congregation



Gary Dorrien
professor of religion, author and Episcopal priest



Nick Page
composer, conductor, author, and song leader



Peter Morales
president
Unitarian Universalist Association



Linda Stout
activist, visionary, author and director of Spirit in Action



Tim Wise
prominent anti-racism writer and activist



Nina Perales
Southwest Regional Counsel for MALDEF, the leading Latino legal civil rights organization in the U.S.



Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed
retired UU minister, author and scholar



Enrique Morones
internationally acclaimed human rights activist and founder of Border Angels



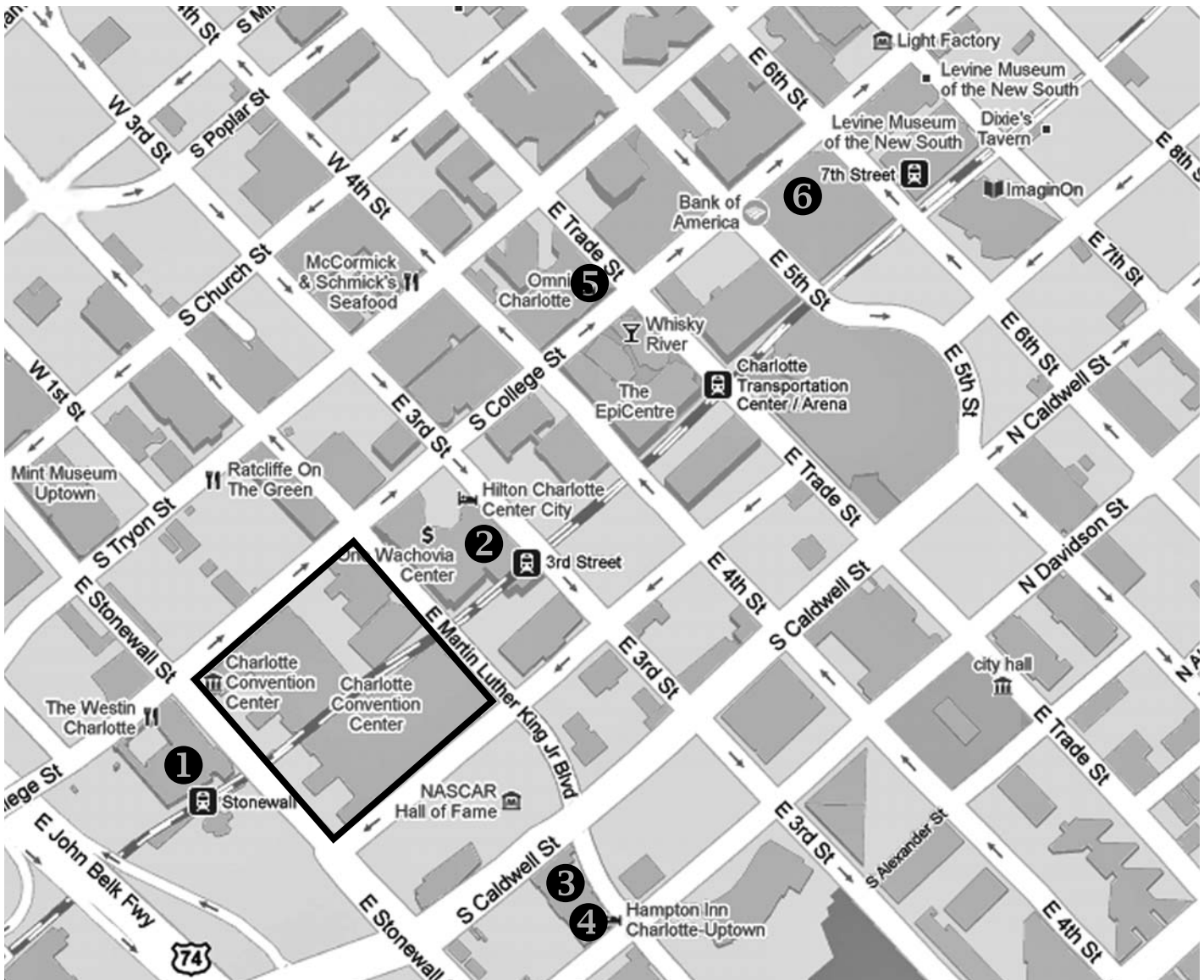
“Meet the UUA Presidents” is one of several programs marking the UUA’s 50th anniversary.

Rev. O. Eugene Pickett, Rev. William G. Sinkford, Rev. Robert Nelson West, Rev. John A. Buehrens, Rev. William F. Schulz, Rev. Peter Morales

2011 GA Mobile Guide

We are pleased to introduce an interactive, innovative, and eco-friendly mobile event guide that gives General Assembly participants the ability to access GA information on their smartphones, tablet devices and computers. It goes well beyond what is possible with a traditional printed guide by enhancing attendee networking and increasing engagement, all while reducing paper printing. Participants will have easy access to their customizable schedule, maps, speaker bios, attendee profiles, and detailed exhibitor information right at their fingertips. To access the mobile guide go to www.uua.org/ga.

HOUSING OPTIONS IN CHARLOTTE



General Assembly Hotels

UUA convention rates for these hotels are guaranteed through May 12. All rates are per room per night, are subject to a 16.25% tax and include fees paid to *Visit Charlotte* for housing services and convention center fees.

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| <p>1. The Westin Charlotte, Co-Headquarter Hotel
601 South College Street
\$149 per night single/double; \$169 triple; \$189 quad</p> | <p>4. Hampton Inn Charlotte - Uptown
530 East Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
\$119 per night flat rate</p> |
| <p>2. Hilton Charlotte Center City, Co-Headquarter Hotel
222 East Third Street
\$149 per night flat rate</p> | <p>5. Omni Charlotte
132 East Trade Street
\$120 per night single/double; \$140 triple; \$160 quad</p> |
| <p>3. Hilton Garden Inn
508 East Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
\$119 per night flat rate</p> | <p>6. Holiday Inn CenterCity
230 North College Street
\$117 per night flat rate</p> |

Complete housing information and online reservations available at
UUA.org > Events > General Assembly > Housing

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All participants in General Assembly programmed events must be registered for the conference. Everyone in attendance must be registered, including program participants, presenters, invited guests, performers, office support staff, relatives, hosts, and dignitaries. This policy is consistent with our principle of equity and avoids arbitrary distinctions.

GA registrants receive access to all workshops, performances, lectures, and events listed in the GA Program Book, as well as an official name badge to identify them to fellow participants, event staff and security. GA name badges are required for admission to all GA programmed events, including evening entertainment, the Exhibit Hall (Wednesday-Saturday), the Opening and Closing Celebrations, and the Ware Lecture.

Exceptions: The only GA programmed events that will be open to the public are the Service of the Living Tradition, the Sunday Morning Worship, and, on Sunday only, the Exhibit Hall. Registration is not required to participate in Service of the Living Tradition, the Sunday Morning Worship, or to visit the Exhibit Hall on Sunday. Complete registration information is available at www.uua.org/ga or call (617) 948-4209.

2011 Registration Rates

Early Registration: March 1 - May 1

Adult Full-time (Wednesday-Sunday) \$315

Adult One-day \$130

Youth (completed grades 9-12) Full-time (Wed -Sun.) \$190

Youth (completed grades 9-12) One-day \$80

*Reduced Full-time (Wednesday-Sunday) \$190

*Reduced One-day \$80

Late Registration: May 2 - June 26

Adult Full-time (Wednesday-Sunday) \$360

Adult One-day \$145

Youth (completed grades 9-12) Full-time (Wed. -Sun.) \$215

Youth (completed grades 9-12) One-day \$90

*Reduced Full-time (Wednesday-Sunday) \$215

*Reduced One-day \$90

*Reduced rates are offered to: Retired Ministers, Spouses of Retired Ministers, Surviving Spouses of Ministers and UUA Registered Aspirant & Candidate Ministers. For information on obtaining Aspirant Minister status, consult the Ministries and Faith Development staff group.

Wednesday, June 22, and Thursday, June 23, have been combined for the purpose of registration and are being offered together at the One-day registration rate. Registrations must be for specific individuals and are NON-TRANSFERABLE. Congregations may not purchase "blank" registrations for later assignment to delegates; organizations may not purchase "blank" registrations for later assignment to staff.

Youth who have completed grades 9-12 in the 2010-2011 school year (or were born between 06/22/93 and 06/21/97) qualify for a reduced rate by registering as Youth. Youth registrants must agree to the GA Youth Caucus Participant Policies and Covenant. Youth registration is required for all GA attendees aged 14-17. Those who are 18+ are not required to register as Youth, but must do so in order to obtain the reduced registration rate.

Children's Programs All children under the age of fourteen are permitted to attend General Assembly (GA) with their parents or guardians and, if not participating in Children's Programs, are not required to register. If day care is required for young ones, several Children's Programs are available. Advance registration is required for all Children's Programs and space is limited.

Pre-GA: Supervision is available for children (age 6 months-10 years) on the Wednesday prior to GA from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.. The minimum fee per child is \$35/day.

Child Care: Daytime Child Care for infants (6 months) and children through age 5 will be available from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday (6/23), Friday (6/24) and Saturday (6/25), and 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday (6/26). The minimum fee per child is \$35/day.

Day Camp: Children ages 6 through 10 may enroll in Day Camp, a daytime program that is available from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday (6/23), Friday (6/24) and Saturday (6/25), and 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday (6/26). The minimum fee per child is \$35/day.

Young Fun: Young Fun is a full-time overnight program for youth ages 8 through 14. Young Fun campers begin Wednesday (6/22). Camp ends Monday (6/27) at 6:00 p.m. Young Fun is \$500 for the first child in a family and \$450 for each additional child in the family.

2011 General Assembly

GA ON A BUDGET A GUIDE FOR THE FRUGAL ATTENDEE

The GA Office and Planning Committee are committed to the goal of making GA accessible to the maximum number of attendees possible. Recognizing that traveling to and participating in General Assembly can be a costly venture, we have prepared this guide to help potential attendees take advantage of the many available cost-saving opportunities.

REGISTRATION

The GA Volunteer Committee funds full-time GA registrations in exchange for 24 hours of volunteer work at GA (16 hours for those eligible for reduced registration rates). Applications for volunteer positions are available at www.uua.org/ga and must be submitted by March 31.

Secure a pledge of support from your congregation and apply for a GA Planning Committee Scholarship. If your application is accepted, the Planning Committee may match your congregation's pledge (up to \$250) and also fund your full-time registration. Submit your application no later than March 31.

Register between March 1 and April 30, when rates are lower. Registration rates increase May 1.

The UU World provides extensive coverage of GA on www.uuworld.org. Many GA events are made available at no cost on www.uua.org, so that those who are not able to join us in person may still participate.



If you attend GA as a delegate from your congregation, your travel and registration expenses may be **tax deductible**. Consult the IRS or a tax professional.

LODGING

Share the cost of housing by staying in a hotel with flat-rate pricing. For example, four people can share a room at a hotel with flat-rate pricing, split the cost up to four ways, and enjoy amenities such as parking, a refrigerator in the room, wi-fi internet access, and a pool and fitness center.

If you are looking for a roommate, we suggest first seeking other members of your congregation or district through local contacts. If you need to widen your search, you can use the GA Email Discussion List*.

Act quickly. **The GA Housing Reservation System will open March 1. Expect that inexpensive rooms, especially inexpensive rooms that are close to the convention center, will be sold out soon thereafter.**

Watch the GA Email Discussion List* for home hospitality (bed and breakfast style accommodations) opportunities with local UU hosts.

TRANSPORTATION

If you are seeking a ride-sharing situation, use the GA Email Discussion List*.

FOOD

Buying items such as fruit, bagels, granola bars, instant oatmeal, and bringing your own refillable water bottle can eliminate the need to buy breakfast and lunch out.

Planning your schedule ahead of time and knowing when and how you will eat meals will keep you from spending impulsively on concessions or fast food. Download a blank GA schedule at www.uua.org/ga.

Local cheap eats:

Brixx Wood Fired Pizza 225 E. 6th Street
Johnny Burrito 301 South Tryon Street
Mert's Heart and Soul 214 North College Street
Phat Burrito 1537 Camden Road
Roly Poly Sandwiches 317 S. Church Street

Grocers:

Sung's Sundries - 0.2 mi N
401 S Tryon Street

Dean & DeLuca Market Café - 0.3 mi NE
201 South Tryon Street

Avenue Market - 0.5 mi NE
210 North Church Street

Harris Teeter - 0.6 mi N
325 West 6th Street

Farmers Markets:

Center City Green Market - 0.3 mi NE
The Plaza at Trade and Tryon, 101 S Tryon Street
Wed and Fri 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Charlotte Tailgate Farmers Market - 0.7 mi SW
100 West Park Avenue
Tuesdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All information is subject to change.

*The UUA-GA Email Discussion List is a non-official electronic bulletin board for members of the GA community (for UUs to share GA-related information, questions and discussion, as well as look for roommates, rides etc.). To subscribe to the email list, go to UUA.org > Members > Email Lists.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR CONGREGATIONS

If your congregation doesn't usually pay delegate expenses, here are some ways to raise the money to do so.

Suggestions for Auctions, Raffles, and Bake Sale Events and Fund Drives:

- A sermon topic
- A worship service focus
- Lunch with the Minister, the Director of Religious Education, the Music Director, the Administrator, or the Board President.
- Musical performances (choir, instrumental concert, sing-along)
- Pageant, Play, or Talent Show
- Dance
- Bake sale
- Car wash
- Circle suppers
- Sponsored weight loss or smoking cessation
- Donated massages
- A class in organic gardening
- Six conversational sessions in a language other than English
- The services of a handy person
- Babysitting services
- Mending and clothing repair service
- A portrait photograph
- Dinner for Four (catered or frozen)
- Donated "Bread of the Month"
- A knitted or crocheted "GA afghan"
- A wall hanging to celebrate your congregation
- Artworks on "What it means to be a Unitarian Universalist" created by children and youth in the RE program
- Knitted scarves, hats and mittens
- Donated books, CDs and DVDs

Donations

Divide the estimated cost of attendance by the number of adults in your congregation, and ask every adult to donate that amount to the fund.

Ask people to donate Frequent Flyers miles to get delegates to GA.

Ask a group of major donors to match contributions made to the fund or to contribute a fixed amount, like \$500.

Put a "GA delegates fund" box next to the refreshments you serve after worship, and ask people to drop paper currency into the box every time they take a cup of coffee or a snack.

Ask people to bring loose change to drop into a "GA delegates fund" jar. Children and youth in the religious education program can count the money and report progress toward the goal of supporting all the delegates your congregation can send to General Assembly.

Available scholarships

The General Assembly Planning Committee has established a matching grant scholarship fund to increase economic accessibility for Unitarian Universalists who want to attend General Assembly, and to encourage congregations to send delegates to GA. In addition to paying the recipient's registration, the Planning Committee will match, up to \$250, what a congregation budgets to support sending a member to GA.

The Davidoff Fund for Lay Leadership honors both Jerry and Denny Davidoff, for their skilled and devoted lay leadership in our movement. The Fund enables the UUA to promote the development and training of lay leaders to share the ministry of community building with religious professionals and each other. The Davidoff Fund Scholarship serves to subsidize the attendance at General Assembly of presidents from congregations who have not been represented by lay leaders at General Assembly in the last ten years (since 2001). Up to twenty awards of 50% of registration costs will be awarded to eligible applicants.



GA begins with a Grand Parade of Banners. Will your congregation be represented?

Instructions for making a congregational banner are at UUA.org > Events > General Assembly > Programs & Schedule > Banner Parade

DELEGATE INFORMATION

Only certified member congregations of the UUA may send voting delegates to General Assembly. Most (not all) UU congregations are certified. Visit UUA.org > Leaders > Data Services to find out if your congregation has been certified for General Assembly.

All certified congregations have one member delegate for every 50 members (or fraction thereof), with a minimum of two delegates.

Additional delegates include ministers in full or associate fellowship with the Association and employed by certified congregations (including extension and interim ministers); emeritus/a minister(s); and community ministers who maintain active involvement and affiliation with the congregation, as well as directors of religious education having achieved Credentialed Religious Education - Master Level status and employed in the congregation. Ministers and DREs' eligibility to be delegates to General Assembly is determined by the UUA's Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group. These credentials are for specific individuals and are not transferable.

Refer to UUA Bylaw Section 4.8 and Rule 4.9.2 (UUA.org > About Us > Bylaws) for more information.

All delegates must be voting members of the congregation. Every congregation decides how to select its member delegates and whether or not it will instruct delegates how to vote. The relationship between a congregation and its delegates (including whether, how, or how much of delegate expenses such as GA registration fees are paid by the congregation) is determined by the congregation, not the UUA. Congregations may also designate members of the congregation to serve as alternate member delegates to take the place of member delegates at GA, if needed.

Any delegate attending GA must register for GA. The UUA does not need to know the names of the delegates your congregation selects before they arrive at GA. Registration for General Assembly is the same process for delegates as it is for non-delegates. See UUA.org > Events > General Assembly > Registration.

Encourage your delegates to familiarize themselves with pending General Assembly business, including the draft Statement of Conscience *Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice*, and the proposed changes and amendments to UUA Bylaws and Rules printed in this notice. The Tentative Agenda is also available at www.uua.org/ga.

Your congregation may choose to hold meetings or workshops, or designate a committee to review pending General Assembly business and provide delegates with information about the congregation's consensus. Some congregations will conduct votes and instruct their delegates to vote at GA in accordance

with those results. Remember, though, that mini-assemblies at GA, motions on the floor, and offered amendments mean that delegates will vote on motions, amendments, and Actions of Immediate Witness that are not included in the Agenda before GA. There is no proxy voting on business items during GA. Delegates must be present to vote (unless participating in the Off-site Trial, see page 11).

Delegate credential cards were mailed to all certified congregations (with this notice) in bright pink 9x12" envelopes. Your congregation's credentials include a delegate card for each eligible delegate from your congregation.

Check to make sure that you have received all of your congregation's eligible delegate credential cards, including those for eligible parish ministers, community ministers, and ministers emeritus/a. If you think you are missing any credential cards, please see instructions provided with the credential cards and contact the appropriate parties **no later than June 3, 2011**. Lost credentials may be replaced onsite at General Assembly, but new credentials will not be issued after June 3.

Delegate cards must be signed by a minister or officer of the congregation.

Delegates should bring a signed credential card and their GA Name Badge to the Delegate Credentialing kiosks at GA in order to receive a delegate ribbon and voting card for plenary.

For more information on General Assembly Business, refer to UUA.org > Events > General Assembly > Business & Social Witness.

2011 is an Election Year

Fifteen positions on Unitarian Universalist Association boards and committees are open. General Assembly delegates will vote by absentee ballot (by June 15) and at GA on Saturday, June 25, at General Assembly in Charlotte, NC.

Results of the election will be made available Sunday morning at General Assembly and on uua.org.

To find information on the current election, see www.uua.org/elections.

Detailed instructions for absentee voting are provided with the delegate credentials and absentee ballots enclosed with this notice.

OFF-SITE DELEGATE PARTICIPATION

For General Assembly 2011, a pool of up to 250 off-site delegates will be chosen for a full-scale test operation of off-site participation in General Assembly. All aspects of participation will be operational. This test is in preparation of full off-site participation in GA 2012 (pending appropriate bylaw changes enacted at GA 2011). The off-site delegates in 2011 will be pioneers of this transformation of delegate participation in the business of our Association.

The GA 2011 off-site trial will provide an alternative way for congregational delegates to participate in the business of the Association when they cannot physically attend GA. Off-site delegates will be able to watch live streaming video of Plenary Sessions, "virtually" queue up to speak, and vote with the "live" delegates.

The 2011 project will provide a full "dress rehearsal" of all aspects of off-site participation, in preparation for full operation in GA 2012. In 2011, off-site delegate votes will be tallied and reported but will not count in GA decisions; in 2012, the votes of off-site delegates will count (pending the 2011 General Assembly's approval of changes to the bylaws proposed by the Board of Trustees).

Although off-site participants' votes will not count in 2011, they will be required to submit a certified GA credential from their congregation. An off-site delegate will count against a congregation's total number of delegates allowed; so off-site participation is not recommended for congregations that can send a full delegation to attend GA in person.

Requirements for Participation

Participants in the 2011 Off-site Trial must:

- Represent a congregation certified for General Assembly 2011; the congregation must certify its intent to appoint applicant as a delegate.
- Apply to participate. **Applications are available at www.uua.org/ga and are due by April 14.**
- Have access to computer technology adequate to view streaming video on uua.org (see Technical Requirements below).
- Have access to a telephone line separate from the internet connection used (to speak in plenary, if necessary).
- Be willing to download and use such voting software as is required.
- If selected, pay a \$50 registration fee.
- If selected, participate in training planned for early May and a "dry run" session in June.

Selection Criteria

The trial will include a maximum of 250 participants. If more than 250 applications are received, the following criteria will be applied to select participants:

1. Applied by the deadline (all required materials submitted, including certification of congregation's intent to appoint applicant as a delegate and compliance with technical requirements)
2. Self-identifies a constraint which makes onsite attendance at GA extremely difficult
3. From a traditionally under-represented geographic area
4. Will be participating offsite in a congregational or cluster setting
5. Will complete online training in May
6. Commits to participate in a test session before GA
7. Has never attended General Assembly

Technical Requirements

Live-streaming video is best viewed with high-speed Internet; off-site delegates will require a connection that is fast enough to receive the streaming video without a lot of "buffering" pauses (we recommend 1.5Mbps or greater download speed).

Speakers are required for audio (audio is recorded on only one channel, so it will be heard out of only one speaker or ear-piece).

All videos require Flash Player version 9.0.115.0 or higher, a free download from Adobe.

User's browser must allow pop-up windows and javascript as is necessary.

Applicants are encouraged to test technical compatibility prior to applying to participate. To test a video stream, view events from the 2010 General Assembly. Go to UUA.org > Events > General Assembly > 2010 Event Coverage and watch the Opening Celebration and/or available Plenary sessions.

Please direct questions to the Off-site Participation Planning Team at offsitega@uua.org.

INFORMATION FOR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

The hundreds of programs, worship services, events and exhibits at GA provide a rich experience for all who attend. However, the myriad of choices, combined with traveling to an unfamiliar place, can be intimidating to the first-time attendee. Knowing that GA can be overwhelming, especially to first-timers, the GA Planning Committee has prepared this guide to help you plan your GA experience. We look forward to seeing you!

RELAX - YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO EVERYTHING

The GA schedule is packed full of things to do. While GA is primarily the business meeting of the Association, it is also a wonderful opportunity to network, connecting with old UU friends and meeting new and interesting people. The hundreds of available workshops and activities present sometimes painful choices for GA attendees.

GA Programming goes from early morning to late at night but you don't have to. If you will be a delegate for your congregation, you should prioritize attending Plenary. Select several events or activities that are especially important or attractive to you and do not feel obligated to attend a program in every available time slot.

Plan your schedule and incorporate meals and down time. Allow adequate times for nourishment and rest. There will be concessions available at the convention center. However, buying simple groceries such as fruit and granola bars will give you more control over your time, wallet, and well-being.

Visit www.uua.org/ga to print out a blank General Assembly schedule and for a list of local restaurants and grocers.

BRING COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES

You might think that you'll be sitting in Plenary or in workshops all day but the reality is that you'll probably be doing a lot of walking. In addition to commuting between your hotel, meals, and the convention center, you will be navigating 600,000 square feet of meeting space and exhibits.

The Accessibilities Services Committee coordinates the provision of assistive devices for GA attendees, including wheelchairs, walkers, and electric scooters. If you have mobility or other physical access concerns, we ask that you please fill out an Accessibilities Services Request Form by May 2 so that arrangements can be made.

WEAR YOUR BADGE

When you arrive at GA, you will receive an official GA name badge. You **MUST** wear your name badge while attending or participating in any GA event, including evenings. Name badges help to foster a sense of community and security; they identify us to one another and also to ushers and security personnel. It is essential that your name badge stays with you throughout the week and is displayed appropriately while you are in the convention center or our shared meeting spaces.

ATTEND THE GA ORIENTATION ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Come learn more about our host city and how to get the most out of this year's GA. Topics will include information about the GA schedule, Plenary Sessions, and the Social Witness process. Pick up a copy of the daily newsletter for last-minute announcements, changes and cancellations.

ATTEND YOUR DISTRICT OR REGION'S IN-GATHERING

Sometimes first timers feel isolated or intimidated by the thousands of "friends they haven't yet met" at GA. The In-Gathering is a great place to start connecting. Meet up with someone from your home state and ask them what they are most looking forward to about GA or which speaker they are excited to hear.

IF YOU WILL BE A DELEGATE...

After you pick up your GA name badge, you will need to bring your credential card (signed by your minister or church officer) to Delegate Credentialing to receive your delegate voting card and ribbon. You must have your delegate ribbon and voting card to vote in Plenary. Save your receipts, as your registration and travel expenses may be tax deductible.

IF YOU WILL NOT BE A DELEGATE...

You are still encouraged to attend Plenary. The only things you cannot do are sign petitions for Actions of Immediate Witness or vote in Plenary.

TAKE TIME TO CARE FOR YOURSELF

Bring a refillable water bottle. Eat small snacks frequently to re-energize. Bring a sweater; air conditioned rooms can be chilly. Allow yourself plenty of time for exploring the GA exhibit hall; there will be more than you can take in all at once and it's a great place to take a break or get a snack.

You will have a richer experience if you make adequate time each day for rest and reflection. A chaplain is available at any hour during GA for assistance in case of personal emergency or need for pastoral care. Office hours and after-hours phone numbers will be posted. A closing meditation and shared reflections led by the chaplain and a member of the GA Planning Committee will be held Wednesday through Saturday evening in the convention center.

TREAT OTHERS WITH COURTESY AND RESPECT AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

The General Assembly Accessibilities Service Committee will make every effort to provide you with assistive equipment to enable or enhance your GA experience. An Accessibility Services Coordinator will be available before and during GA to provide information and coordinate assistance to individuals with special needs (mobility, hearing, vision).

REQUESTING ACCESSIBILITY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

Please use the Accessibility equipment and services online request form at www.uua.org/ga to request assistive equipment and services during General Assembly. Persons requesting rental equipment will be asked to contribute a minimum amount up to the actual cost. Services available include, but are not limited to:

- Electric Scooter
- Electric Wheelchair
- Manual Wheelchair
- Walker
- Cane
- Mobility orientation for visual impairment
- ASL interpretation
- Captioning (some events)
- FM receiver system
- Braille program
- CD text file of GA Program for screen reader
- PockeTalker

Persons with vision, hearing, mobility impairment or other special needs will find information about various kinds of assistance and accessibility at the Accessibility Table in the Charlotte Convention Center.

ANTI-RACISM, ANTI-OPPRESSION, MULTICULTURALISM

In 1994 and 1997 the General Assembly passed resolutions calling on the UUA to become an anti-racist, multicultural faith community, calling us on a Journey Toward Wholeness. Guided by our principles and in the spirit of these resolutions, all attendees are asked to be mindful of the ways racism and oppression impact our community and the larger community that is hosting our gathering. There are numerous opportunities through workshops and other programs to expand your awareness and deepen your understanding as together we strive to be a welcoming and inclusive community for all.


EXPECTATIONS OF ALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ATTENDEES

Let us remember our Unitarian Universalist commitment to the worth and dignity of all people. The UUA affirms its commitment to maintain an environment free of discrimination and harassment based on race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, or disability. The Association expects all attendees to conduct themselves in a professional manner with concern and respect for all. As a courtesy, please allow persons using wheelchairs and scooters to exit meeting rooms first. Also, please leave elevators free for the use of persons using wheelchairs and scooters.

A chaplain is available at any hour during GA for assistance in case of personal emergency or need for pastoral care. Office hours and after-hours phone numbers will be posted. A sharing of GA Joys and Sorrows led by a chaplain and a member of the GA Planning Committee will be held each evening (Wednesday-Saturday) in the convention center.

The Right Relationship Team exists to listen to and engage with people who have experienced problems of oppression while at General Assembly. The team can be reached in the Chaplain's Office.

2011 TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<p>GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011 <i>June 22-26</i> <i>Charlotte, NC</i></p>	<p>The Tentative Agenda is also available online at UUA.org > Events > General Assembly > Business & Social Witness > Agenda or by request to the GA office at (617) 948-4209 or generalassembly@uua.org.</p>
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This Tentative Agenda contains:

- Report of the Commission on Social Witness
- Text of the draft Statement of Conscience, *Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice*
- Proposed Amendments to Bylaws and Rules
 - Article III, Membership
 - Sections C-3.1, C-3.3, and C-3.3.6
 - Article IV General Assembly, Section 4.5. Place of Meeting
 - Religious Education Credentialing Committee
 - Article IV General Assembly, Section 4.8 General Assembly Delegates
 - Article V Committees of the Association, Section 5.11 Board of Review
 - Article VII Committees of the Board of Trustees, Section 7.13 Committees of the Board
 - Article XII Religious Education Credentialing, Sections 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 12.6 and 12.9
 - Article VII Committees of the Board of Trustees, Section 7.6. Ministerial Fellowship Committee
 - Article IV General Assembly, Section 4.16. Additions to the Agenda of Regular General Assemblies and Rule G-4.16.1. General Assembly Actions of Immediate Witness, and Responsive Resolutions
 - Article XV Amendment, Section C-15.1. Amendment of Bylaws

All proposed Bylaw Amendments will appear on the Final Agenda for General Assembly.

Congregations must be certified for 2011 in order to send voting delegates to General Assembly. The Congregational Poll and Certification Process took place between November 15, 2010, and February 1, 2011. A total of 995 Congregations certified for General Assembly.

To check on your congregation’s certification status and its reported membership for 2011, go to **UUA.org > Leaders > Data Services** or contact data_services@uua.org.

Congregational Poll Voting Tallies	Draft Statement of Conscience, <i>Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice</i>		
	Number of votes	Percentage of congregations voting	Total congregations
“Yes” votes“	321	32.3%	995
“No” votes	11	1.1%	995
“Abstain” votes	457	45.9%	995
Didn't vote	206	20.7%	995

2011 TENTATIVE AGENDA REPORT OF THE CSW



Report of the Commission on Social Witness

February 2011

Dear Congregational Members, Leaders and Delegates to GA 2011:

The main social witness actions in GA 2011 are:

- One three-hour mini-assembly to propose amendments to the Draft Statement of Conscience on Ethical Eating—Food & Environmental Justice (DSOC)
- Debate and Vote on adopting the Ethical Eating DSOC
- Proposing, collecting signatures, and voting on Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs)
- Mini-Assemblies to propose amendments to Proposed AIWs
- Workshops on Immigration as a Moral Issue and Implementing the Newly Adopted Statement of Conscience.

This Tentative Agenda contains the DSOC, dated November 2010 on Ethical Eating.

The Congregational Poll on whether to advance the DSOC to the Final Agenda for GA 2011 was conducted until February 1, 2011. At least 25% of certified congregations must participate in the Poll, with a majority voting yes to be able to advance the DSOC to the Final Agenda. At least 80% of certified congregations participated in the Congregational Poll by February 1, 2011, with a majority voting “yes”. Therefore, the Commission on Social Witness will review comments received and submit a revised DSOC on Ethical Eating to the Final Agenda for GA 2011.

Additional information on Ethical Eating—Food and Environmental Justice can be found at www.uua.org/ethicaleating and on Immigration as a Moral Issue at www.uua.org/immigration.

David S. May, Chair
Commission on Social Witness

Catlin DuBois • Susan Goekler • Rev. Dr. Paul Johnson • Dr. David May • Rev. Heather Starr

Ethical Eating: Food & Environmental Justice

Food is essential for our survival and an important element in family and cultural life. Religions have devised food rules and rituals to promote group solidarity, to ensure human health, to hallow sentient life, and to provide food for the stranger and the poor. Religions have called for fasting as a spiritual discipline and prayers of petition and thanksgiving to God or gods for provision of food. In keeping with these religious traditions, we, Unitarian Universalists, are called to address our relationship with food. All of our seven principles call for recognition of and respect for the other—other people and other organisms. Ethical eating is the application of that perspective to food. What and how we eat has broad implications for our planet and our human society.

Food production involving growing, processing, transporting and distributing has become an increasingly large industry worldwide. The mass production of food often maximizes production while minimizing cost. This mass production has greatly increased food supply, but can result in overuse of fertilizers and pesticides with crops and mistreatment of food animals and workers in food production. The concept of ethical eating calls on us to seek compassion, health and sustainability in the production of food we raise or purchase. Ethical eating requires us to respect the organisms we eat and to choose foods produced in humane ways, protective of the environment, consumers and all those involved in production. We share with the organisms we eat common ancestors and the miracle of life. Yet, we, like all animals, must take the lives of plants or animals to live. We should do that mindful of the care due the interdependent web of life to which we belong.

Selective breeding of crops and animals has greatly increased their productivity over many years. Recently, genetic engineering has allowed the introduction of specialized genes into food organisms to provide new attributes. Cloning of animals has also been achieved with some species. These developments may offer great promise, but must be evaluated for unintended consequences.

Many people do not have adequate food supplies, while others have a surplus. Some locations on earth are much more suitable for plant growth and animal production than others. Weather conditions and armed conflicts can also expose many people to starvation. Many people in this world live in poverty, which can lead to hunger. We believe everyone should receive enough food to meet their needs. Paradoxically, the lack of access to healthy food in poverty can lead to obesity with its health problems.

More food calories are available worldwide the lower on a food chain food is harvested. Food chains usually start with plants, which are eaten by herbivores, which are then eaten by carnivores. Large amounts of energy are lost going up each level of a food chain. Eating lower on a food chain will leave more calories for the human population. But, there are some nutritional benefits for an individual eating meat. Eating a pound of meat provides more calories and nutrients than does a pound of grain. Some of us believe that it is ethical only to eat plants while others of us believe that it is equally ethical to eat both plants and animals. All of us agree that food animals should be treated humanely. We do not call here for a single dietary approach. Rather, we encourage a knowledgeable choice of food based on an understanding of the health effects of a particular food and the consequences of production, worker treatment, and transportation methods. We commit to putting this reflection into action, recognizing that for many people this will entail a dramatic change in eating choices.

As individuals, and as assembled congregations, we face complex choices in selecting our food. Often all of our ethical eating values cannot be fully realized in a single instance. These values include: taste, selection, cost, human health, benign environmental effects, humane treatment of food animals, and fair treatment of farm and food workers. We are obligated to advance these values. Examples of these value trade-offs are:

Taste versus Price—Large-scale farming may need to sacrifice some taste to allow products to arrive in a saleable state at reasonable cost.

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Selection versus Environmental Impact—Food distributors can purchase out-of-season products from foreign countries to improve selection, but must transport the product long distances, generating more carbon dioxide that contributes to global warming.

Price versus Health—Food producers can increase crop yields and animal weight gains using fertilizers, growth-promoters, pesticides or antibiotics to keep prices low, but residues of these treatments can be damaging to human health.

Price versus Pollution and Mistreatment of Animals—Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) can produce large quantities of food animals at low cost to the consumer, but their high volume of animal wastes often pollute surrounding waters. CAFOs for cattle, pigs, chickens and turkeys also produce large amounts of market-ready animals, but mistreat the animals to minimize costs.

Price versus Worker Welfare—Food distributors can provide low-priced food by paying farm workers and food-processing workers low wages with poor working conditions.

One common element to the negative consequences of large-scale food production is the effort to minimize costs. One solution to lessen the incentive to minimize costs is to provide a market for ethical foods where consumers are willing to pay more for food that tastes good and is good for animals, the environment and workers.

Classism, racism, sexism and other forms of oppression are deeply connected to economic justice which is a prime determinant of access to food. Some of us will not be able to pay more for ethical food. Others of us will. Yet, all of us can have a role in improving the ethics of food. We affirm that to fight for environmental and economic justice is inherently a fight against all forms of oppression. As a result, ethical eating requires different ways of thinking about these issues that reflect their interconnected nature, and understand that this work will require creativity, patience and resolve.

Calls To Action

Individual Actions

We covenant to buy or raise food for ourselves and our families that:

- minimizes the pain and suffering of food animals by purchasing meat produced under humane conditions, such as free-range grass-fed beef, free-range chickens and turkeys, free-range produced chicken eggs, pigs not restrained in gestation or farrowing crates, fish and crustaceans responsibly farmed or sustainably caught;
- minimizes the negative environmental effects of raising animal or plant food organisms by purchasing organically-produced food, and fish and crustaceans certified responsibly farmed;
- requires a minimum of transport to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, unless purchase of organic products at a distance offers better treatment of animals or social benefits;
- supports a fair trade organization that meets Social Accountability Standard 8000, and its successors;
- includes food products certified as organic by a federal or state agency, as personal finances allow;
- is healthy and in quantities that do not lead to obesity; and
- increases our consumption of organisms lower on food chains.

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We covenant to advocate for the benefit of food organisms, food workers, the environment and humanity by:

- asking food sellers where their products come from, what the treatment of food animals is, how the workers are treated, and how the surrounding environment is protected;
- telling food sellers that we will buy and pay more for food that treats food animals humanely, treats workers fairly, and protects the environment;
- helping to prevent hunger in our communities;
- continuing to press food stores to require suppliers to certify humane food animal treatment; and
- contacting federal and state representatives to support the distribution of adequate ethical food supplies to those needing it in the United States and worldwide.

Congregational Actions

As congregations, we covenant to:

- provide and sell organic and fair trade food at congregational events where practical;
- organize members to work for food justice by appealing to grocery chains to locate stores in poverty areas, assisting people in obtaining food stamps, appealing to state and federal legislators to provide more food funding for the poor, assisting local meals on wheels programs, and assisting charities in providing food assistance as a transition to government assistance;
- support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office in their efforts to alleviate world hunger and poverty;
- provide programs for all ages to inform them about the issues of food and environmental justice;
- conduct educational programs on nutrition and home or community gardens;
- participate in Community Supported Agriculture (CSA);
- become Green Sanctuary certified and include ethical eating in programs;
- advocate for healthful food for school lunches;
- support the Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network and its members in advocating for ethical eating priorities; and
- engage in direct action in solidarity with workers and labor advocacy groups to support agricultural and food workers.

2011 TENTATIVE AGENDA PROPOSED BYLAW OR RULE CHANGES

These Bylaw amendments changes broaden the definition of the word "congregation." If these Bylaws are amended, corresponding Rules will be amended by the Board of Trustees.

Underlining indicates insertion; brackets indicate deletion.

Section C-3.1. Member Congregations.

The Unitarian Universalist Association is a voluntary association of autonomous, self-governing **[local churches and fellowships, referred to herein as]** member congregations, which have freely chosen to pursue common goals together.

*Section C-3.3. Admission to Membership.

A **[church or fellowship may become a]** congregation becomes a member upon acceptance by the Board of Trustees of the Association of its written application for membership in which it subscribes to the principles of and pledges to support the Association. The Board of Trustees shall adopt rules to carry out the intent of this Section.

Section C-3.6. Termination of Membership.

A member congregation **[church or fellowship]** upon written notification to the Association may withdraw from the Association at any time. The Board of Trustees may terminate the membership of any congregation that, pursuant to the provisions of Section C-3.5, has been placed in an "inactive congregation" category maintained by the Association but shall do so only after consultation with:

- (a) the **[local]** congregation in question, whenever possible;
- (b) the President of the district in which the congregation is located or such other authorized official as the district designates in writing to the Association; and
- (c) the trustee representing the district in which the congregation is located.

This proposed Bylaw change would permit voting by delegates not physically present at General Assemblies.

Underlining indicates insertion; brackets indicate deletion.

Article IV General Assembly

Section 4.5. Place of Meeting.

Each regular and special General Assembly shall be held at such place in the United States or Canada as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Subject to procedures and guidelines adopted by the Board of Trustees, delegates not physically present at General Assembly may be deemed present in person to participate in and vote at General Assembly by means of remote communication.

2011 TENTATIVE AGENDA PROPOSED BYLAW OR RULE CHANGES

These proposed Bylaws changes clarify the procedures for the Religious Education Credentialing Committee in either revoking or suspending the credentialed status of a religious educator, bringing the language in line with the similar language governing the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. In addition, there are several minor administrative changes.

Underlining indicates insertion; brackets indicate deletion.

Article IV General Assembly

Section 4.8. Delegates.

- (b) Minister Delegates and Religious Education Director Delegates. Each certified member congregation is also entitled to be represented at each General Assembly by the ordained minister or ministers in full or associate ministerial fellowship with the Association settled in such congregation, and by the director or directors of religious education having achieved Credentialed Religious Education – Master[s] Level status by the Association and employed in such congregation. In addition, each certified member congregation is also entitled to be represented at each General Assembly by any minister emeritus or minister emerita of such congregation in ministerial fellowship with the Association and by any director of religious education emeritus or emerita having achieved Credentialed Religious Education – Master[s] Level status by the Association designated as such by a vote at a meeting of the member congregation not less than six months prior to the General Assembly, provided that any such minister has been settled previously in such congregation, and any such director of religious education who has been previously employed in such congregation.

Article V Committees of the Association

Section 5.11. Board of Review.

- (a) Members. The Board of Review shall consist of eight members as follows:
- (1) Three members who are ministers, each of whom at the time of election is in final ministerial fellowship with the Association and has held such fellowship continuously for the preceding seven years; and
 - (2) One member who is a credentialed religious educator-master[s] level; and
 - (3) Four members who are not ministers or credentialed religious educators, each of whom at the time of election is a member of a certified member congregation and has been a member of one or more such congregations for not less than three years as an officer or a member of the governing bodies of one or more such congregations.
- (b) Election and Term. At each regular General Assembly held in an odd-numbered year one person who is neither a minister nor a credentialed religious educator shall be elected and shall serve for a term of eight years and until a successor is elected and qualified. At each regular General Assembly held in an odd-numbered year there shall be elected either a minister, as described in subsection (a)(1) above, or a credentialed religious educator-master[s] level as described in section (a)(2) above, who shall serve for a term of eight years and until a successor is elected and qualified. In the first election in an odd-numbered year following the adoption of the amendment to this subsection (b) as stated above, the election shall be of a credentialed religious educator, and this sentence shall thereafter be deleted from this subsection.

2011 TENTATIVE AGENDA PROPOSED BYLAW OR RULE CHANGES

Article VII Committees of the Board of Trustees

Section 7.13. Religious Education Credentialing Committee.

The Religious Education Credentialing Committee shall consist of seven members as follows:

- (a) three members, none of whom is a parish minister, minister of religious education, community minister, a credentialed religious educator, or a director of religious education, appointed by the Board;
- (b) one member who is a parish minister or community minister, appointed by the Board;
- (c) one member who is a minister of religious education, appointed by the Board;
- (d) one member who is a credentialed religious educator-master[s] level, appointed by the Board; and
- (e) one member nominated by the Board of the Liberal Religious Educators Association and appointed by the Board of Trustees.

The Committee shall have jurisdiction over religious education credentialing with the Association as provided in Article XII thereof. The Board of Trustees shall designate a person who is not a member of the committee to be its Executive Secretary and keep its records.

Article XII Religious Education Credentialing

Section 12.3. Achievement of Religious Education Credentialing Status.

A religious educator may achieve a religious education credentialing status by action of the Religious Education Credentialing Committee, upon complying with the requirements of these Bylaws and the **rules, policies, procedures and requests** of the committee.

Section 12.4. Religious Education Credentialing Levels.

The Religious Education Credentialing Committee shall adopt rules related to levels of religious education credentialing as follows: religious education credentialing includes credentialed religious educator-associate level status, credentialed religious educator status, and credentialed religious educator-master[s] level status as determined by action of the Religious Education Credentialing Committee.

Section 12.5. Religious Education Credentialing Records.

The Executive Secretary of the Religious Education Credentialing Committee shall maintain up-to-date records of all religious educators who have achieved a status as a religious educator as described in Section 12.4 of these bylaws. **[Such] These** records shall be available only to members of the committee, persons designated by the Committee, and, in cases of appeals, the Board of Review.

Section 12.6. [Suspension or] Termination or Administrative Suspension of Religious Education Credentialing Status.

The religious education credentialing status of a religious educator may be **[suspended or]** terminated by the Religious Education Credentialing Committee for unbecoming conduct, **incompetence** or other specified cause. Credentialing status may be **[suspended or]** terminated only after notice **by the Committee** and opportunity for a **[hearing] Religious Education Credentialing Status Review** before the Committee **[at which the religious educator shall have the right to be represented by counsel, to introduce evidence, to have any relevant and material evidence in the possession of the Association produced, and to cross-examine and rebut adverse evidence].** **During an investigation or the pending of a complaint, the Religious Education Credentialing Committee may suspend a religious educator's credentialing status until a final determination can be made.**

Section 12.9. Procedure on Appeal.

An appeal to the Board of Review shall be heard by a panel of the Board selected as provided in its rules. The **Board of Review or its** panel hearing an appeal shall **limit its review to an examination of the Religious Education**

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Credentialing Committee's decision, including the documents and other evidence compiled during the Religious Education Credentialing Status Review, and the reasons articulated by the Religious Education Credentialing Committee for its decision terminating the religious educator's credentialing status. If the religious educator requests consideration of newly discovered evidence, not previously presented to the Religious Education Credentialing Committee, then the matter shall be returned to the Religious Education Credentialing Committee for consideration of that evidence before the Board proceeds with the appeal. [not try the case de novo but shall only review the record made before the Religious Education Credentialing Committee, except that the Board of Review by rules may permit the introduction of newly discovered evidence.] These Bylaws and the rules of the Religious Education Credentialing Committee shall be binding upon the **Board of Review or its** panel. [The panel shall uphold the decision of the Religious Education Credentialing Committee if it can be sustained by a reasonable view of the record.] The Religious Education Credentialing Committee's determination of fact and/or credibility will not be overturned unless no reasonable fact finder could have reached such determination, and disputes of fact are to be resolved in favor of the Religious Education Credentialing Committee's determination. The **Board of Review or its** panel may set aside the decision of the Religious Education Credentialing Committee only where necessary to correct or prevent manifest injustice. The **Board of Review or its** panel may remand the case in whole or part to the Religious Education Credentialing Committee or take such other action as may be just. The [decision of the panel, which shall be the decision of the Board,] **Board of Review or its panel** shall set forth its finding and conclusions and shall be [served upon] communicated to the affected religious educator and the Religious Education Credentialing Committee. The decision shall be entered in the religious education credentialing records and shall be final and binding upon all parties. No appeal shall be allowed from the decision of the Board of Review. The Board of Review shall make rules to carry out the intent of this section[, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees].

This proposed Bylaw change modifies the conditions for appointment to the Ministerial Fellowship Committee, opens the possibility of more than fourteen members, and eliminates the obligation to have members of the Board of Trustees on that Committee.

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Article VII Committees of the Board of Trustees

Section 7.6. Ministerial Fellowship Committee.

The Ministerial Fellowship Committee shall consist of no fewer than fourteen members as follows:

- (a) at least six members who are not ministers appointed by the Board;
- (b) at least eight [six] members who are ministers in final fellowship with the Association, four appointed by the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association and the remainder by the Board. [appointed by the Board; and]
- (c) **two members appointed by the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association.**]

[Two members of the committee, and only two, shall be trustees.] The committee shall have jurisdiction over ministerial fellowship with the Association as provided in Article XI hereof. The Board of Trustees shall designate a person who is not a member of the committee to be its Executive Secretary and keep its records.

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These proposed Bylaw and Rule changes would eliminate Actions of Immediate Witness from the General Assembly agenda.

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Article IV General Assembly

Section 4.16. Additions to the Agenda of Regular General Assemblies.

- (a) Non-substantive items related to greetings and similar matters may be admitted to the agenda by a regular General Assembly.
- [(b) Not more than six General Assembly Actions of Immediate Witness, (year) may be admitted to the agenda of a regular General Assembly and acted upon.]
 - [(1) A General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) is one concerned with a significant action, event or development the timing or specificity of which makes it inappropriate to be addressed by a UUA Statement of Conscience pursuant to the Study/Action process.]
 - [(2) The petition to admit such resolutions to the agenda must be signed by 150 delegates from at least 25 congregations in at least five districts. If six petitions or fewer are received, all petitions received that have the requisite level of delegate and congregation support are eligible to be considered for possible admission to the Agenda. In the event more than six petitions are submitted that satisfy the sponsorship requirement, the Commission on Social Witness shall select six from among those which meet the criteria for a General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) and shall submit those six actions to the Agenda of the General Assembly for possible admission.]
 - [(3) The motion to admit each General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) ruled eligible is not debatable, but an opportunity for a two-minute statement of advocacy to the General Assembly for each eligible action by one of its sponsors prior to any such motion shall be provided. Admission of a General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) shall be by a two-thirds vote.]
 - [(4) During the General Assembly, a mini-assembly shall be held during which each admitted action shall be discussed and amendments shall be accepted in writing. All such amendments shall be made available in writing to the General Assembly. The Commission on Social Witness shall finalize each General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year), and the chairperson of the Commission on Social Witness, in consultation with the moderator of the General Assembly, the parliamentarian and legal counsel, shall prioritize unincorporated amendments for consideration by the General Assembly.]
 - [(5) Adoption of a General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) shall be by a two-thirds vote.]
 - [(6) Actions submitted pursuant to this Section 4.16(b) must be in writing and filed with the Chair of the Commission on Social Witness or the Commission's designee by the deadline established by the Commission and announced at the opening session of the Assembly.]

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([c]b) Responsive Resolutions may be admitted to the agenda of a regular General Assembly and acted upon.

- (1) A Responsive Resolution is a resolution made in response to a substantive portion of a report by an officer or committee reporting to a regular General Assembly.
- (2) Adoption of a Responsive Resolution shall be by two-thirds vote.

Rule G-4.16.1. General Assembly Actions of Immediate Witness, and Responsive Resolutions.

The Moderator shall take such steps as the Moderator considers practical to advise delegates and other persons or bodies as early as possible, preferably in writing, of the contents of any **[actions or]** resolutions presented to the General Assembly which are not on the Final Agenda and which are admitted to the agenda pursuant to Article IV, Section 4.16 of the Bylaws; and some time shall be scheduled when the sponsor(s) of the **[action(s) or]** resolution(s) can discuss the **[action or]** resolution with those interested.

These proposed Bylaw and Rule changes would reconstitute Actions of Immediate Witness beginning after the 2012 General Assembly and modify the process for submission.

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Article IV General Assembly

Section 4.16. Additions to the Agenda of Regular General Assemblies.

- (a) Non-substantive items related to greetings and similar matters may be admitted to the agenda by a regular General Assembly.
- (b) Not more than **[six] three** General Assembly Actions of Immediate Witness, (year) may be admitted to the agenda of a regular General Assembly and acted upon.
 - (1) A General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) is one concerned with a significant action, event or development the timing or specificity of which makes it inappropriate to be addressed by a UUA Statement of Conscience pursuant to the Study/Action process.
 - (2) The petition to admit such resolutions to the agenda must be **submitted by a delegate and** signed by 150 delegates from at least 25 congregations in at least five districts. If six petitions or fewer are received, all petitions received that have the requisite level of delegate and congregation support are eligible to be considered for possible admission to the Agenda. In the event more than six petitions are submitted that satisfy the sponsorship requirement, the Commission on Social Witness shall select six from among those which meet the criteria for a General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) **[and shall submit those six actions to the Agenda of the General Assembly for possible admission.] The Commission on Social Witness shall prepare summaries of no more than six petitions and present those summaries to the General Assembly for a vote to rank the petitions**

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in order of delegate support. The three petitions receiving the most votes are eligible for admission to the agenda. If there are submitted three or fewer petitions meeting the criteria for a General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year), each of the petitions is eligible for admission to the agenda.

- (3) The motion to admit each General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) ruled eligible is not debatable, but an opportunity for a two-minute statement of advocacy to the General Assembly for each eligible action by one of its sponsors prior to any such motion shall be provided. Admission of a General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) shall be by a two-thirds vote.
 - (4) During the General Assembly, a mini-assembly shall be held during which each admitted action shall be discussed and amendments shall be accepted in writing. All such amendments shall be made available in writing to the General Assembly. The Commission on Social Witness shall finalize each General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year), and the chairperson of the Commission on Social Witness, in consultation with the moderator of the General Assembly, the parliamentarian and legal counsel, shall prioritize unincorporated amendments for consideration by the General Assembly.
 - (5) Adoption of a General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness, (year) shall be by a two-thirds vote.
 - (6) Actions submitted pursuant to this Section 4.16(b) must be in writing and filed with the Chair of the Commission on Social Witness or the Commission's designee by the deadline established by the Commission and announced at the opening session of the Assembly.
- (c) Responsive Resolutions may be admitted to the agenda of a regular General Assembly and acted upon.
- (1) A Responsive Resolution is a resolution made in response to a substantive portion of a report by an officer or committee reporting to a regular General Assembly.
 - (2) Adoption of a Responsive Resolution shall be by two-thirds vote.

Rule G-4.16.1. General Assembly Actions of Immediate Witness, and Responsive Resolutions.

The Moderator shall take such steps as the Moderator considers practical to advise delegates and other persons or bodies as early as possible, preferably in writing, of the contents of any **actions or** resolutions presented to the General Assembly which are not on the Final Agenda and which are admitted to the agenda pursuant to Article IV, Section 4.16 of the Bylaws; and some time shall be scheduled when the sponsor(s) of the **action(s) or** resolution(s) can discuss the **action or** resolution with those interested.

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Following the 2009 defeat of a proposal to amend Article II of the UUA Bylaws, the Principles and Purposes, General Assembly delegates passed a resolution calling on the UUA Board to review the bylaws that govern the amendment process. The proposed amendment to Article XV retains the current process for amending Article II, with a study commission followed by votes at two General Assemblies. However, the new process lets the first GA propose amendments to the study commission's Article II language using a mini-assembly process similar to the one used for many other business actions.

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Article XV Amendment

Section C-15.1. Amendment of Bylaws.

- (a) Amendments to Bylaws. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at a regular General Assembly if a proposed amendment has been placed on the agenda; provided, however, that proposals to amend ~~or],~~ repeal~~, or add~~ a new section of these Bylaws whose section number is preceded by a "C" (hereinafter a "C Bylaw")~~], or to add a new such section,~~ shall be governed by subsections (b) or (c) hereof.
- (b)
- [(1)] Amendments to C Bylaws Other Than in Article II. A proposal to amend, repeal or add a new C Bylaw, other than those C Bylaws in Article II of these Bylaws, shall be subject to a two-step approval process.
- (1) Such proposals must be placed on the agenda of a regular General Assembly and approved preliminarily by a majority vote at such regular General Assembly. Following such preliminary approval, the proposal to amend, repeal or add a new C Bylaw shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular General Assembly for final adoption. Final adoption shall require a two-thirds vote.
- (2) The text of a proposed amendment ~~[to a C Bylaw, other than those bylaws in Article II,]~~ which has been approved by one General Assembly, may be amended at any time prior to final adoption. If the Moderator rules that the amendment to the proposal is substantive, final adoption shall only be by a subsequent General Assembly~~]. Any] except that any~~ such proposal that has been under consideration for final approval at three successive regular General Assemblies shall not be subject to substantive amendment and shall be submitted to a vote for final approval at the third such regular General Assembly.
- (3) Such a [A] proposal ~~[to amend a C Bylaw, other than those Bylaws in Article II,]~~ which, on any vote for final adoption, receives a majority but not a two-thirds vote, shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular General Assembly, at which it may be finally adopted if it receives the requisite approval. If the proposal is not passed by a two-thirds vote at the third regular General Assembly at which it is considered for final approval, neither the proposal nor another proposal that is substantively similar shall be placed on the agenda of [a] the next regular General Assembly ~~[for two years]~~.
- (c)
- [(1)] Amendments to C Bylaws in Article II. A proposal to amend, repeal or add a new C Bylaw in Article II of these Bylaws shall be ~~[admitted to the]~~ subject to the following process.

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- (1) **Such a proposal shall be admitted to the** agenda of a regular General Assembly for the [sole] purpose of determining whether the proposal shall be referred to a commission appointed by the Board of Trustees for [review and] study. Such a review shall involve member congregations. A majority vote at a regular General Assembly shall be required to refer such a proposal to the study commission. Once the [review and] study of the proposal is complete, which shall be completed in no more than [three] **two** years, the study commission shall submit to the [Planning Committee] **Board of Trustees** for inclusion on the agenda of the next regular General Assembly [following completion of the review and study process the proposal in the form originally presented to the regular General Assembly and] any amendments to [the proposal] **Article II** that the study commission recommends [as a result of the review and study process]. **The Board of Trustees shall also include on the agenda any amendments that it recommends to the study commission proposal.** [All proposals regarding Article II of the Bylaws that are placed on the agenda after review and study (including amendments to such proposals recommended by the study commission) shall require a two-thirds vote for adoption. If the proposal does not receive the requisite approval at the General Assembly following the completion of the review and study process, neither the proposal nor another proposal that is substantively similar shall be placed on the agenda of a General Assembly for two years.]
- (2) A motion to dispense with the review and study process **and give preliminary approval [with respect]** to a proposal to amend, **repeal or add a new C Bylaw in** Article II shall be in order **during [at the]** General Assembly [at which] **consideration of a motion to refer the proposal to** the review and study process [is authorized]. A motion to dispense with the review and study process shall require a four-fifths vote for passage. **Such a proposal shall then be placed on the agenda of the next regular General Assembly for final adoption without amendment. Final adoption shall require a two-thirds vote.**
- (3) [After completion of the review and study process, proposals regarding Article II of the Bylaws shall not be subject to substantive amendment. The Moderator shall determine whether an amendment to such a proposal is substantive.]

At the first General Assembly following the completion of the study process, amendments to the Article II proposal may be considered only as follows:

(i) During the General Assembly there shall be a mini-assembly held during which amendments to the Article II proposal recommended by the study commission shall be considered.

(ii) A delegate may submit in writing at the mini-assembly an amendment to an Article II proposal. All such amendments shall be made available in writing to the General Assembly. The Moderator, in consultation with the chair of the study commission, the parliamentarian and legal counsel shall prioritize proposed amendments for consideration by the General Assembly. A majority vote of the General Assembly is required for approval of any amendment proposed in the mini-assembly.

(iii) Following the vote on any amendments proposed in the mini-assembly, the General Assembly shall vote on any amendments proposed by the Board of Trustees. A majority vote is required to adopt such amendments. Following the vote on all amendments, the General Assembly shall vote on preliminary approval of the Article II proposal. A majority vote is required for preliminary approval.

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(iv) If no amendments proposed in the mini-assembly are adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to subsection (c)(3)(ii) above, the Article II proposal shall be submitted for final approval to the next regular General Assembly. Final approval requires a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly. No amendments may be considered.

(v) If one or more amendments proposed in the mini-assembly are adopted by the General Assembly, the Article II proposal shall be referred to the study commission. Within six months after the close of the General Assembly, the study commission, taking into account the decisions of the General Assembly, shall prepare the proposal to amend Article II. The Board of Trustees shall put this proposal on the agenda of the next regular General Assembly.

- (4) At the next regular General Assembly following the process described in subsection (c)(3)(v), above, the Article II proposal is subject to amendment only by a three-fourths vote in favor of an amendment submitted to the General Assembly in writing by the Board of Trustees, a district, or a minimum of fifteen (15) certified congregations, as described in Section 15.2 of these Bylaws. Final approval of the Article II proposal requires a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly.
- (5) If the Article II proposal does not receive the requisite approval at the General Assembly following the completion of the study process described in subsection (c)(3)(iv) or subsection (c)(4), above, neither the proposal nor another proposal that is substantively similar shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular General Assembly.
- (14)6 If no [review and] study process of Article II has occurred for a period of fifteen years, the Board of Trustees shall appoint a commission to [review and] study Article II **for not more than two years** and to recommend appropriate revisions, if any, thereto to the Board of Trustees. [The Board of Trustees shall review the recommendations of the study commission and, in its discretion, may submit the recommendations of the study commission to the Planning Committee] for inclusion on the agenda of the next regular General Assembly. The Board of Trustees shall also include on the agenda any amendments that it recommends to the study commission proposal. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, proposals to amend Article II which are promulgated by a study commission in accordance with this paragraph shall be subject to a two-step approval process as described in subsections (c)(3) and (c)(4), above. [Such proposals must be approved preliminarily by a majority vote at a regular General Assembly. Following such preliminary approval, the proposal shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular General Assembly for final adoption. Final adoption shall require a two-thirds vote.]

FULL ACCESS TO DIGITAL DOWNLOADS FROM GA!

New This Year: Every General Assembly registrant will have full access to the 2011 content in the UUA GA Live Learning Center. After GA, at no additional charge, registrants will be able to stream or download digital audio mp3 files from all recorded GA programs as well as videos of General Session events such as the Opening and Closing Celebrations, the Service of the Living Tradition, the Sunday Morning Worship, the Ware Lecture and more. For those that prefer to have the content on disc, registrants may purchase DVD and/or CD copies of recordings as in years past.

The UUA GA Live Learning Center can be accessed at UUA.org > Events > General Assembly > Past General Assemblies > Recorded Material for Purchase

BANNER PARADE

A grand parade of banners from hundreds of Unitarian Universalist congregations and organizations highlights the Opening of General Assembly. The gathering time and place for banner carriers is announced in the GA Program. Banners must have the required sleeve at the top of the banner so that it can be hung. A limited number of poles will be on sale in the staging area. Only the banners of congregations will be hung after the Opening Ceremony. All banners must be registered before the parade.

Find instructions for making banners at UUA.org > Events > General Assembly > Programs & Schedule > Banner Parade.



2011 EXHIBIT HALL

General Assembly attendees are invited to a first-ever Exhibitor Reception with free refreshments on Wednesday evening!

2011 Exhibit Hours:

Wednesday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. and 8:45 - 10:00 p.m. (50th Anniversary Reception), open to GA registrants only

Thursday - Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., open to GA registrants only

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., open to the public

GA attracts a wide variety of exhibitors. Past exhibitors have included: Craftspeople, Jewelry Artisans, Social Action Groups, Professional Services, Theological Schools, Educational Resources, UUA Congregations, UUA Organizations, Beacon Press, and the UUA Bookstore. Exhibitors reflect the wide variety of interests pursued by Unitarian Universalists. The UUA is committed to a diverse marketplace of ideas; participation in our exhibit hall does not mean the UUA endorses the position of any given exhibitor. Both UU and non-UU exhibitors are welcome. This year in the Exhibit Hall, we will continue to dedicate one centralized area to justice-making booths, the "Justice, Advocacy and Rights Center."

Find a list of 2011 Exhibitors at UUA.org > Events > General Assembly > Exhibit or Advertise > 2011 Exhibitors.

General Assembly 2011 in Charlotte, North Carolina will mark the 50th anniversary of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America.

Join thousands of fellow Unitarian Universalists from across the country as we remember the persons and events that brought into being the Unitarian Universalist Association in May 1961, to reflect on our denomination's relevant achievements and struggles since then, and to chart new aspirations for the future we are determined to shape.

The opening ceremony on June 22 will be given over to a celebration of that anniversary. One of the highlights will be a hymn commissioned for the occasion, *Holding Together*, with words by the Rev. Thomas Mikelson and music by composer Tom Benjamin.

After the opening worship the wall dividing the plenary hall from the exhibit hall will be rolled back and a party will commence in the exhibit hall. Anniversary events later in GA will include a lecture on the past and future of Unitarian Universalism, a panel discussion on UU social justice history, and a "New Epiphany Revival Show," led by UU song leader, composer, writer, and performer Nick Page. Members of the UU Musicians' Network will also lead a "big sing" Saturday night before the Ware Lecture.

For more information on the UUA's 50th Anniversary,
visit www.uua.org/50th.



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