

Accessibility Services

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 First Floor Lobby of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center.

Alcohol

No alcoholic beverages will be served or allowed at any Planning Committee sponsored event in Fort Lauderdale. Any other General Assembly event offering alcoholic beverages must also offer attractive non-alcoholic beverages with equal accessibility and prominence. No alcoholic beverages will be served to anyone under the age of 21. As a community we are committed to GA being a safe environment and all attendees are encouraged to support this goal. See also Twelve Step Program.

Annual Program Fund (APF)

The UUA Stewardship and Development Staff Group's Annual Program Fund table is outside the Exhibit Hall in the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center. Purple Honor Society Ribbons, Pink Merit Ribbons, and Green Leadership Ribbons are distributed here. Also find detailed information about Planned Giving, the UUA Capital Campaign, Friends of the UUA and UU congregations' contributions to the APF.

Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression and 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. In 1997 the General Assembly committed the UUA to work to remove barriers to persons with disabilities. Guided by our principles and in the spirit of these resolutions, all attendees are asked to be mindful of the ways racism, ableism 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, inclusive and affirming community for all.

Banners

Banner carriers for the Opening Celebration banner parade should report to the staging area in the lobby outside of Hall CD of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday to line up for the parade. Be sure to wear your name badge. A limited number of banner poles will be on sale in the staging area. Make other arrangements for the security of your purses or other valuables; don't bring them to the staging area. Because of increasing space and logistical difficulties as the number of banners grows every year, only the banners of congregations and districts will be hung after the Opening Ceremony to contribute to the ambiance of GA. Related organizations are invited to display their banners in their exhibit hall booth or at their group's meetings.

All banners to be hung in the banner display areas must be registered before the parade so they can be part of our banner protection system and must have the required sleeve at the top. The banner registration form will ask for the name of the person who is authorized to pick up the banner. I.D. will be required for pickup. Hung banners may not be collected until Sunday, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Room 209-210 of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center. If you cannot arrange for pick-up at the designated time, please do not leave your banner for hanging.

Board of Trustees, UUA

The UUA is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of District Trustees (selected by the various Districts) and at-large Trustees (elected by delegates to the General Assembly). An elected moderator, Gini Courter, presides at the General Assembly and at meetings of the Board of Trustees, and represents the Association on special occasions. The Financial Advisor and the UUA President (elected by the General Assembly) also sit on the Board.

UUA President:	Rev. William Sinkford
Moderator:	Gini Courter
Financial Advisor:	Dan Brody
Secretary:	Paul Rickter
Executive VP & Recording Secretary:	Kathleen Montgomery
Treasurer & VP of Finance:	Tim Brennan
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Ballou Channing:	Eva Marx
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Joseph Priestley:	Charles Wooldridge
Massachusetts Bay:	Paul Rickter
Metropolitan NY:	Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt
Mid-South:	Lyn Conley
Mountain Desert: New Hampshire/ Vermont:	Lyda McHugh Adair
Northeast:	Rev. Will Saunders
Ohio-Meadville:	Roger Comstock
Pacific Central:	Patricia Solomon
Pacific Northwest:	Linda Laskowski
Pacific Southwest:	Rev. Elizabeth Greene
Prairie Star:	Tom Loughrey
St. Lawrence:	John Blevins
Southwest:	David Friedman
Thomas Jefferson:	Rev. Burton Carley
Youth Trustee:	Anna Olsen
Youth Observer:	Charlie Burke Aymie Manning

General Information

Chaplains

A chaplain is available at any hour during GA for assistance in case of personal emergency or need for pastoral care. Office hours for chaplains will be 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday and 12:00 p.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday in Room 107 of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center. The phone number for reaching chaplains at all other times will be printed in the daily newsletter.

Chemical and Electrical Sensitivities

The GA Planning Committee is committed to making GA accessible to the greatest extent possible to individuals with chemical and electrical sensitivities. There will be a fragrance free section of the Plenary Hall. You may bring your questions and concerns to the Accessibility table in the First Floor Lobby of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center.

Children's Programs

Children participating in the GA Child Care program (6 months - 5 years) meet daily in the Renaissance Hotel. The Day Camp program (6 - 10 years) gathers in the Renaissance Hotel in the morning and spends some time exploring Fort Lauderdale each day. Pre-registration was required for these daytime children's programs. Referrals for evening babysitting may be available from your hotel.

Collections

Generosity is a powerful resource to be honored. Offerings are received at the Service of the Living Tradition and Sunday morning worship. If authorized by the Planning Committee, a special collection may be taken in one plenary session. Exhibit Hall booths and private events not listed in the Program may ask for donations or sell tickets to events. Any other solicitation or ticketed event must be pre-approved by the Planning Committee and announced in the Program.

Commission on Social Witness, UUA (CSW)

The CSW's mission is to help UUs put our Principles and Purposes into action. The CSW assists the UUA and its member congregations by facilitating the articulation of suggested Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) and educating UUs in potential social change inherent in CSAIs. After two years of studying the CSAIs, the CSW prepares and presents to the Assembly draft Statements of Conscience. The CSW also facilitates the process of GA Actions of Immediate Witness.

Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Chair, Cohasset, MA
Naomi Suzuki, Long Beach, CA
Dr. John Hooper, Westport, CT
Rev. Dr. Paul Johnson, Roslyn, NY
Dr. David May, Houston, TX

Cyber Café and People Finder

Check your e-mail in the Cyber Café, Booth #262 in the Exhibit Hall. Please limit your stay to 15 minutes. The Cyber Café is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Church Mutual Insurance. You will find the People Finder, a database in the Cyber Café that helps you to locate your friends at GA. You may also fill out the online GA evaluation form.

Delegates

After you have picked up your GA name badge, bring your signed credential card to the Delegate Credentialing Station in the First Floor lobby of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center to receive your delegate voting card and ribbon. You must have your delegate voting card and ribbon to vote in Plenary. If you lose your credential card, voting card, or ribbon, report to the Delegate Credentialing Station to fill out a replacement affidavit. Alternate delegates must present their name badge and a signed alternate credential card along with either the original delegate's credential card or the name badge, ribbon, and voting card of the original delegate.

Emergencies

All hotels and the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center have personnel who can assist with emergencies. In the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center, the Emergency Medical Personnel will be located in the First Aid Office in First Floor Lobby next to the message boards. In a medical emergency, the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center has recommended that we NOT contact 911 directly. Any Convention Center employee will be able to contact security or Dial 0 on a house phone. Dialing 5931 on house phones will put you in direct contact with security personnel. A roving police officer will be onsite at all times during General Assembly. For additional information or in case of non-emergency medical needs, go to the Local Information table in the First Floor Lobby of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center. The UUA carries an insurance policy to cover accidents. Please inform the GA Office of any medical emergencies or accidents.

Evaluation

The Planning Committee encourages your comments on individual programs at GA and the overall quality of GA. In an effort to better utilize your feedback and to be more environmentally responsible, evaluations will again be collected via an online form available through August 15 at uua.org. The GA Planning Committee reviews the evaluations and uses your input to improve GA. Also, feel free to approach Planning Committee members during GA or attend the GA Feedback session on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center Room 317-318. If you cannot access the online form, feel free to send your written feedback to the Planning Committee c/o UUA General Assembly, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

Events Open to the Public

The Service of the Living Tradition on Thursday, the Sunday Morning Worship, and the Exhibit Hall on Sunday are the only events open to people who are not registered for GA. Non-registrants must pick up a pass for the Exhibit Hall on Sunday at the General Assembly and Volunteer Office, Room 118 of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center, before entering the Hall. Registration and a GA badge are required for attendance at all other events.

Exhibit Hall

The Exhibit area, located in Hall CD of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center, features exhibits and sales by UU-related organizations, individual UU artisans, and commercial businesses. Refreshment concessions are available during hours the Exhibit Hall is open. Exhibit Hours:

Wednesday	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (open to the public)

Expectations of All GA Attendees

Let us remember our UU 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.

General Assembly Office

The GA Office is located in conjunction with the Volunteer Office in Room 118 of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center. Office Hours:

Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

General Assembly and Conference Services Staff

The General Assembly and Conference Services (GACS) staff group works to coordinate the many aspects of GA.

Stacey Dixon, Administrator, GACS
Don Plante, Meeting Planner, GACS
Melissa Saggerer, Assistant, GACS
Janiece J. Sneegas, Director, GACS

Inclusive Language

The UUA expects the use of inclusive language in all presentations and programming events. Anyone who encounters sexist or other inappropriate language at GA is urged to speak directly to the person who has used it in order to increase individual awareness.

Literature Distribution

Materials promoting GA events, position papers on business items, and any other leaflets may be handed out by individuals, but may not be left on tables in lobbies. Materials may not be distributed near the entrance to the Plenary Hall or in a manner that impedes traffic. In the Exhibit Hall, all materials must be distributed within exhibit booths. No materials may be distributed inside the Plenary Hall except official business papers authorized by the Planning Committee.

Local Information

The GA Local Information table in the First Floor Lobby of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center is staffed by UU volunteers and the Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Association. They can provide information and answer questions about the area. Here you will find maps, information about how to get around the city, restaurants, and brochures from places of interest.

Lost and Found

Bring it to or look for it in the GA and Volunteer Office, which is in Room 118 of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center.

Medical Needs

For non-emergency medical needs, get information from the Local Information table in the convention center or from your hotel staff. See also Emergencies.

Meditation Room

A room for quiet meditation is provided in the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center Room 203. It is open Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., and Sunday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday evening from 10:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., a sharing of joys and concerns will be held in this space.

Meeting Rooms - Capacity and Etiquette

To ensure that you get a seat for your preferred events, we encourage you to arrive early. Due to fire and safety codes, standing room and seating in aisles are prohibited. Meeting rooms are shared spaces. All rooms are set up theater style. Chairs should be left as you found them. A/V equipment is set up by our contracted technicians. You should not attempt to relocate or tamper with equipment. Please pick up after yourself and use trash and recycling receptacles.

Message Center

A message center is maintained in the First Floor Lobby of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center. This is for leaving messages for individuals attending GA. If calls come to the GA Office for individuals, notes will be left at the Message Center.

Name Badges

GA registration and name badges are required for admission to all GA events (including Evening Entertainment) except the Service of the Living Tradition and the Sunday Morning Worship Service. Name badges identify us to one another and also to ushers and security personnel. Please help to make General Assembly a safe environment for everyone.

General Information

Newsletter

In consideration of environmental impact, the newsletter will be limited to one page of announcements each day. Extensive coverage of GA events will be posted at uua.org both during and after GA. Submissions must be turned in by 3:00 p.m. in Room 118 of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center to be included in the following day's newsletter. Announcements are subject to editorial review and are not guaranteed publication.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee nominates candidates for UUA Committees and Commissions that are elected at GA. The Nominating Committee strives to equip committees with people who can offer a variety of cultural competencies and life experiences, with the belief that this will help these working groups to make more effective decisions. The Nominating Committee is particularly interested in identifying qualified candidates who also have connections to, and understanding of, different ethnic communities, youth and young adults, and people with disabilities. The Nominating Committee also strives to create working groups that include the participation of both women and men, and which represent people from a variety of geographies and sexual orientations.

Chris Buice, Knoxville, TN
Richard Creswell, Macon, GA
Rev. LoraKim Joyner, Gainesville, FL
Rev. Hope Johnson (Chair), Brooklyn, NY
Larry Ladd, Teaticket, MA
KokHeong McNaughton, Los Alamos, NM
Rev. Joan Montagnes, Bellevue, WA
Megan Selby, Brooklyn, NY
Leon Spencer, Statesboro, GA

Offices

General Assembly and Volunteer Office:
Convention Center Room 118
Walk-up Registration and UUA Finance:
Convention Center Room 122
Public Relations/Press Office:
Convention Center 213
UUA Electronic Communications:
Grande Hotel, Mako/Amberjack
Ministry for Youth Headquarters:
Convention Center 113-114
GA and Youth Chaplains Headquarters:
Convention Center Room 107

Parking

The Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center provides onsite parking in the Port Everglades / Northport Parking Garage connected to the center by two glass enclosed skywalks. The maximum daily rate to park is currently \$12. Rates are subject to change. Enter garage via Eisenhower Boulevard off of SE 17th Street. Please be advised that all occupants of the vehicle should be prepared to show government issued identification such as a driver's license or passport to enter the parking facility as it is inside the Port Everglades.

Photography

Flash photography of GA events is not permitted. Taking of non-flash photographs by individuals is allowed only during the first five minutes of a presentation. Please be sensitive to someone who may not want their picture taken. The UUA engages a professional photographer, Nancy Pierce, to document activities and programs of the General Assembly for reporting and archival purposes.

Planning Committee

The GA Planning Committee selects the theme for each GA, reviews the site, and sets the daily schedule. The Committee determines which organizations affiliated with the UUA may present program material. In addition, the Committee oversees the annual Ware Lecture, Opening and Closing Events, music, ambiance, and evening activities. The UUA Board selects sites four to five years in advance, based on recommendations by the Planning Committee. Jan Sneegas, Director of General Assembly and Conference Services, serves as UUA staff liaison.

Barbara Atlas, Long Beach, CA
Joan Benziger, Iowa City, IA
Lynda Shannon Bluestein, Fairfield, CT
Virginia Brown, White Bluff, TN
Fred Cole, Boulder, CO
Melodie Feather, DDS, Lake Ridge, VA
Dr. Denise Hall, Boulder, CO
Eva Marx, Hingham, MA
Dr. Elisabeth McGregor (Chair), Sharon, MA
Tim Murphy, Anderson, IN
Rev. Dr. Walt Wieder, Phoenix, AZ

Program Sponsorship for GA

The GA Planning Committee will sponsor programs to be presented at the 2009 GA. Applications for sponsorship from the Planning Committee may be submitted by organizations, congregations or individuals. The deadline for all applications is October 15, 2008. To obtain more information, contact the UUA GA Office or visit uua.org. Programs are also sponsored by eligible organizations of the UUA, as determined by the Planning Committee. These include districts, UUA staff groups, UUA committees, associate member organizations, independent affiliate organizations, UU professional organizations, and UU theological schools. The content of the event and the description printed in the program are the sole responsibility of the sponsoring group.

Recordings of GA Programs For Sale

Audio CDs of most GA programs are available for purchase. Videos are available for events held in Hall AB with the exception of Plenary. Please be advised that videos are souvenir quality and are not professionally edited. To place an order visit the Content Management CD Sales Kiosk in the First Floor Lobby of the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center. After GA, ordering information will be available at uua.org.

Recordings of Events

If an individual or organization wishes to record (video or audio) any GA event or portion thereof, written permission must be obtained from the speaker(s) or presenter(s). No recording may be made for sale or for commercial use without the express written permission of the Planning Committee.

Registration and Delegate Credentialing

Registration Badge Pick Up and Credentialing Kiosks:
First Floor Lobby, Convention Center

Walk-up Registration:
Convention Center Room 122

Registration Hours and Credentialing Hours:

Tuesday	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Registration	10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday Credentialing	10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Right Relationship Team

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 throughout the day and can be seen throughout GA wearing Right Relationship Team t-shirts.

Safety

For safety reasons, remove your name badge when leaving the convention area. Walk "smart" - know your destination and the best way to reach it. Stay in highly populated areas; avoid alleys and short-cuts. Establish a "buddy" system with another attendee. Build your awareness of unknown surroundings by reviewing information on the area, especially maps and guides. Be careful!

Security

The Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center lies within the perimeter of the Port Everglades and thus is subject to federal security regulations that mandate that all people eighteen years of age and older show a government-issued ID at the entrance to the facility. Please be advised that you must have your driver's license or passport with you to enter the Convention Center. Youth under the age of 18 should bring a student ID (if they have one) which, while not necessary, will expedite entry. Please see the GA web site for more information: uua.org > events > General Assembly > Updates and Announcements.

Service of the Living Tradition

The Service of the Living Tradition, celebrating the UU ministers and religious professionals will be held Thursday evening, 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., in Hall AB of the Convention Center. It is open to all. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Victoria Safford, who serves White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church in Mahtomedi, MN. See page 28 for more details.

Service Project: Hispanic Unity of Florida

The project this year will renovate and upgrade two classrooms in the *One-Stop Education, Immigration and Training Center* which will allow HUF to provide six programs. *Continue*: Tax Preparation and Voter Registration; *Expand*: Financial Literacy workshops and Citizenship classes; *New*: Employment Resource Center/Access Point and Immigration services (contingent on funding). The room will be named for the UUA with a plaque explaining the UUA's role in the renovation. For more info, go to www.hispanicunity.org. Please visit booth #646 in the Exhibit Hall.

Sites for Future GAs

2009	Salt Lake City, UT	June 24 - 28
2010	Minneapolis, MN	June 23 - 27
2011	Charlotte, NC	June 22 - 26
2012	Phoenix, AZ	June 20 - 24

Smoking

Please be advised that the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center is a non-smoking facility.

Sunday Morning Worship

Join us for the largest annual gathering of UUs joining in worship. This powerful, communal worship experience will take place in the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center on Sunday morning, June 29, at 9:00 a.m. with Rev. Marlin Lavanhar (All Souls, Tulsa) preaching, joined by the Revs. William Sinkford and Marta I. Valentín, with music director Mimi Bornstein. Members of the public are welcome. An offering will be collected to benefit the Service Project. See page 54 for additional information.

Transportation to Convention Center and Hotels

The GA Planning Committee has arranged for complimentary shuttle buses to travel between the nine GA contracted hotels and the Fort Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center. This does not include airport transportation. Scheduling and route information will be available in the first day GA newsletter.

Twelve Step Program Meetings

There will be a Twelve Step meeting in Room 220-221 of the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center Wednesday through Saturday from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 1:00 p.m.

General Information

Volunteer Committee

District GA Coordinator	David Fisher, MD, Wilton Manors, FL
Administrative Assistant	Sandy Harris, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Accessibility Services	Patty Cameron, Arlington, MA
Ambiance	Steve Lange, Plantation, FL
Local Information	Scott Severance, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Registration	Rudy Sprinkle, Philadelphia, PA
Special Events Coordinator	Susan Friend, Davie, FL
Service Project Coordinator	Lori Gold, Hollywood, FL
Technical Director	Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley, South Lyon, MI
Usher Coordinator	Richard Bird, Nashville, TN
Volunteer Coordinator	Sue Boone, Largo, FL

Volunteer Office

The Volunteer Office is located in conjunction with the GA Office in Room 118 of the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center. Staffed by volunteers, it serves as a coordinating center for the Volunteer Committee and provides a Lost and Found service.

Hours:

Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday	7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Young Fun

Young Fun is a residential program for children ages 8 - 14 who have registered before GA begins. The program is staffed by adult UUs experienced in youth programming, who lead activities, field trips and religious education experiences for the youth. The Young Fun program is co-directed by Kathleen Murphy and Jon Granat. The program is based at the Bahia Mar Hotel this year.

YRUU and Youth Caucus

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) is the organization which represents all UU youth, aged 14-20. YRUU is a part of the UUA's Lifespan Faith Development staff group. Youth Caucus is a series of programs and events during GA organized by youth for youth. The schedule of Youth Caucus business meetings and events is included in this program book. A summary schedule of Youth Caucus Programs is available on page 11. YRUU will be in the Lifespan Faith Development Booth #752 in the Exhibit Hall. Stop by their booth for a daily newsletter and schedule changes. All attendees regardless of age are welcome to Youth Caucus programs.

What Are All Those Acronyms?

AIW Actions of Immediate Witness are 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 Congregational Study/Action process. AIWs can be added to the GA Agenda by petition to the CSW (below).

BOT The UUA Board of Trustees is the elected governing body of the UUA. They sponsor several programs at GA and provide annual reports in Plenary. BOT members can be identified at GA by their distinctive blue chambray shirts.

CSAI Every two years, the CSW receives proposals for Congregational Study/Action Issues which may eventually result in a UUA Statement of Conscience. The process is initiated by congregations and districts and culminates with the delegates at General Assembly. The CSW facilitates transitions from one phase to the next.

CSW The mission of the Commission on Social Witness is to engage individuals, congregations, and districts in an ongoing process of study, action and reflection on pressing social issues to deepen our faith, to foster a greater sense of association among Unitarian Universalists, and to proclaim our vision of justice in the world.

GA Since the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America merged in 1961 to form the UUA, congregation members and clergy have met each year to conduct official business in a General Assembly.

PC The General Assembly Planning Committee is charged with preparing the agenda for each regular GA and is responsible for arrangements for programs and meetings to be held in connection therewith. PC members can be identified at GA by their distinctive purple shirts.

SLT The Service of the Living Tradition will be held on Thursday evening in the Plenary Hall. The SLT is led by UUA Ministry and Professional Leadership (MPL) and celebrates our professional ministers and credentialed religious educators.

SOC After four years of study and action on a CSAI, GA delegates may adopt a Statement of Conscience on the subject. It is the product of countless hours of thought, collaboration, and dedication, and it has behind it the full authority of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Adopted SOCs shape the meaning of contemporary Unitarian Universalism, empower the Washington Office on Advocacy to lobby our positions in pending legislation, and serve congregations and other UU groups in local efforts.