

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
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**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

JUNE 23-27

2010

YOUTH REGISTRATION

Youth Registration is required
for all GA attendees aged 14-17.

Mail to: General Assembly Office
25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108
or fax to (617) 948-4651.

Or register online at www.uua.org/ga

Youth registration is required for all GA attendees aged 14-17

Youth aged 18+ are not required to register as Youth, but must do so in order to obtain the youth registration rate. For more information about Youth at GA, contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at youth@uua.org or (617) 948-4350.

Online registration is available at uua.org > events > general assembly > registration > youth registration.

Each youth under 18 (born after 6/23/92) must obtain the permission of their parent or legal guardian to register online for GA.

If you will be under 18 at the start of GA, your parent or legal guardian must electronically sign your online registration, acknowledging their knowledge of and permission for your General Assembly online registration.

Youth Caucus at General Assembly

Youth Caucus is the blanket term for all youth programming that happens at General Assembly. Youth Caucus is a group of UU youth which participates in regular General Assembly programming and holds programming specifically for youth, including daily meetings to discuss and take part in GA business. All General Assembly attendees aged 14 to 17 must register as Youth, though they are not required to attend any youth-specific programming after the youth-sponsor orientation. Youth aged 18+ are encouraged but not required to register as Youth.

Each youth under 18 (born after 6/23/92) who attends GA must have a GA-registered adult sponsor who is responsible for the youth's supervision and well-being. GA attendees aged 25 and over may sponsor up to three youth, with whom they are responsible for checking-in frequently and providing support. We require youth sponsors to stay in the same housing as the youth they are sponsoring. Youth Caucus staff is responsible for youth programming and support at GA, but not supervision.

However, Youth Caucus staff does take action when violations of the Code of Ethics occur, which may result in the youth being asked to leave General Assembly at his/her/hir own expense. In such an event, the sponsor is responsible for getting the youth home safely.

The Energy Committee is called together to address rule infractions and behavior that is destructive to the community. Its membership consists of one chaplain, the HUUPER (a youth who serves as the Dean of Youth Caucus) and a representative of the UUA Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. The Energy Committee only meets when members of the GA community bring forth serious concerns. It is the job of the Energy Committee to, by the above standards, deem any such behavior inappropriate and to determine consequences. Parents, guardians, sponsors, and youth are encouraged to discuss this policy with each other.

All youth and their sponsors (both parental and non-parental sponsors) are required to sign the Code of Ethics included on these forms. This code serves as a covenant that we have with each other in order to keep the community, and all members of the community, safe and healthy. In the interest of creating a safe, intergenerational community at GA, sponsors are expected to abide by the same Code of Ethics as the youth. If you are sponsoring a youth, you may not drink alcohol at GA.

General Assembly Youth Caucus is a very different event from youth conferences. There will be hundreds of youth attending General Assembly and it is not possible for the General Assembly Youth Caucus staff to provide enough adults to be responsible for that many youth. Therefore, it is imperative that parents, youth and their sponsors know and understand the expectations related to youth sponsorship at General Assembly.

To complete registration, each youth 14-17 must provide:

Full payment of registration

Signed GA Youth Caucus Participant Policies and Covenant

Adult Sponsor Responsibilities Acknowledgement (Note: must be completed even if youth's sponsor is their parent)

Parent Permission for Sponsorship (If sponsor is not the youth's parent or legal guardian)

Each youth 18+ must provide:

Full payment of registration

Signed GA Youth Caucus Participant Policies and Covenant

Incomplete registrations will not be accepted or processed.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY YOUTH CAUCUS PARTICIPANT POLICIES AND COVENANT

I am attending the 2010 General Assembly (GA) in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
I understand my behavior will affect the Youth Caucus community.

While attending GA, I will:

- Act in ways that encourage the well being, safety, and best interests of the youth and all those attending GA.
- Follow the Policy on Sexuality and Community.
- Respect my roommates, the larger GA community, and those in the hotel and the city who are not part of the GA community.
- If in a leadership position (delegate, staff, etc.), I have read, understood, and will abide by the Code of Ethics for Youth in Leadership Positions.
- Abide by all state and local laws.

I understand that:

- The UUA Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries does not provide adult supervision for those under 18 during the week of GA and therefore I will work out a system of communication with my sponsor during the week of GA that is mutually satisfying.
- GA is not a youth conference, which means that: Youth are responsible for managing their own time; Youth are not required to stay on site; Sponsors act as legal guardians for youth under 18.
- If any rule violation occurs a committee of youth, UUA staff, my sponsor, my parents and myself may be called together to decide the consequences for my actions.
- Youth who are registered for GA are prohibited from drinking alcohol while at GA. We expect that adult sponsors of youth will also model this behavior for their sponsored youth by refraining from drinking alcohol at GA.

Policy on Sexuality and Community

Our goal is to uphold healthy communities, healthy relationships and to discourage sexual activity and harassment in the conference community. Healthy relationships are based on responsibility, respect, love, and commitment. Healthy sexual relationships are respectful, consensual, pleasurable, safe, caring, developmentally appropriate, and based on mutual expectations. Sexuality is an important part of young people's lives. In the conference community, youth are encouraged to express themselves in healthy ways and respect each other's boundaries. However, behavior that breaks down the community, including sexual activity and sexual harassment, is inappropriate and therefore not permitted in a conference setting.

Code of Ethics for Youth in Leadership Positions

Youth in leadership positions are uniquely visible and influential in any conference community. They should recognize that power imbalances exist in their interactions with other conferees. Inappropriate sexual behavior is never acceptable; additionally, youth leaders should remain aware of the impact of their actions and behave accordingly. Youth who abuse their roles as leaders, consciously or not, can damage individuals and the community. Youth leaders are expected to use their influence in a positive manner.

I, _____, have read and understand the above policies and covenant. I agree to abide by these guidelines for the duration of General Assembly 2010. I understand that if I break this agreement, the Energy Committee reserves the right to take action which may include removing me from Youth Caucus or GA at my own expense & prohibiting me from attending future national youth events.

Youth Signature

_____/_____/_____
Date of Birth

_____/_____/10
Today's Date

First name: _____
 Last name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____
 Congregation Name: _____
 Congregation City, State: _____

I am age 18+ (or just graduated from high school) and would like information about bridging at General Assembly.

I am age 18+ and am interested in Young Adult Caucus

If I have a medical emergency while at GA, please contact: _____, who is my:

at: _____ or: _____

Cancellation Fee will be \$35 until April 30, \$60 thereafter, and by written request only after June 11, 2010. generalassembly@uua.org (617) 948-4209	Early Registration March 1 - April 30	Late Registration May 1 - June 27	Applicable Registration Rate
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Full-time (Wednesday - Sunday)	\$185	\$210	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth One Day(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Wed & Thurs, <input type="checkbox"/> Fri, <input type="checkbox"/> Sat, <input type="checkbox"/> Sun	\$75	\$85	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> I will help offset the carbon footprint of the GA by supporting carbonfund.org. Carbon offset is \$6.00			\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Please mail my GA Program to the address above in late May. Cost of having a program mailed is \$6.00			\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed (payable to UUA)	Total registration cost		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MC _____ Expires (mm/yy) ____/____ Name on card _____ Signature _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> UUA Budget Code ____ -- ____ -- ____			

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ADULT SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (for youth under 18)

If you will be under 18 at the start of GA (born after 6/23/92), you must complete this form, even if your sponsor is your parent. If you will be 18 at the start of GA (born before 6/24/92), you do not need to complete this form.

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PLEASE PRINT NAMES OF SPONSOR AND YOUTH:

I, _____ (sponsor), am registered for the 2010 UUA General Assembly in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 23 - 27, and will sponsor _____ (youth). Sponsorship means that I take responsibility for the well being, safety, and best interests of this youth at GA.

I confirm that:

I am not sponsoring more than a total of three youth at General Assembly 2010.

I understand that the UUA Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries does not provide adult supervision for the week (although there will be several adults working with the Youth Caucus and available for support and assistance).

I agree to attend a training for sponsors to take place during General Assembly.

I understand that Youth Caucus is not a youth conference, but rather an opportunity for UU Youth who want to participate in the business of GA to be able to gather to address specific youth concerns.

If the youth does not act accordingly, I understand I will be responsible for the consequences of her/his/hir actions.

I will work out a system of communication with this youth during the week of General Assembly that is mutually satisfying to the youth, sponsor and parents.

I recognize that this youth has agreed to abide by all state and local laws while attending General Assembly, and has signed the GA Youth Caucus Participant Policies and Covenant that he/she/ze is responsible for his/her/hir own behavior.

I understand the code of ethics includes not consuming alcohol at GA and that both the youth and I are bound by this code. I pledge not to drink alcohol at GA.

I have discussed appropriate consequences for this youth's actions with her/his/hir parents.

The Undersigned, on his/her/hir own behalf, and on behalf of her/his/hir minor child/ward, does hereby RELEASE, discharge and covenant to hold harmless the Unitarian Universalist Association, its officers, employees and volunteers, from any and all claims, causes of action, and liability of any kind or nature, including personal injuries or death, in any way arising out of, directly or indirectly, the child's/ward's attendance or participation in General Assembly.

All those who sign below indicate that they have read, discussed and understand the above terms.

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Youth's Signature

Date

GA Registered Adult Sponsor Information	At GA, both Sponsor and Youth will be staying at:
Name	
Address	
Daytime Telephone	
Email	
Relationship to youth	Contact Phone at GA:

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It may also be submitted to the General Assembly Registrar with your GA youth registration and payment.

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PARENT PERMISSION FOR SPONSORSHIP (if Sponsor is not Parent or Legal Guardian)

Complete this form if you will be under 18 at the start of GA (born after 6/23/92) and your sponsor is not your parent or legal guardian.

If you will be 18 at the start of GA (born before 6/24/92), you do not need to complete this page; if you will be under 18 at the start of GA (born after 6/23/92) and your parent or legal guardian will be your sponsor at GA, you do not need to complete this form.

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PLEASE PRINT NAMES OF PARENT, SPONSOR, AND YOUTH:

I, _____ (parent/legal guardian), give my permission
for _____ (sponsor) to be the sponsor for
_____ (youth) at GA 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

I confirm that:

The sponsor is 25 years old or older.

I am giving the sponsor the full responsibility for the health and well being of my child during GA;
the sponsor will act as my child's guardian on my behalf.

I understand that my youth and their sponsor are required to be in the same housing at GA.

I understand the GA Youth Caucus Participant Policies and Covenant by which the Youth registrants and their sponsors must abide
and have discussed these policies fully with both my child and my child's sponsor.

I understand that Youth registrants are bound by a code of ethics to not consume alcohol.

I understand that sponsors will also not consume alcohol at GA and will abide by the same Policies and Covenant as the youth.

I understand that youth under the age of 18 will be referred to their sponsor for any Youth Caucus rule violations.

I understand the GA Youth Caucus staff do not provide supervision of youth at GA and I have discussed my child's supervision
with my child and my child's sponsor.

I have discussed the drinking policy and the consequences of rule violations with the sponsor.

I have discussed with the sponsor that they must be aware of my youth's whereabouts and activities 24 hours a day,
be available for support, be able to arrange travel home in case my youth is asked to leave due to rule
violations, and be available in case of emergencies.

The Undersigned, on his/her/hir own behalf, and on behalf of her/his/hir minor child/ward, does hereby RELEASE, discharge and covenant to hold harmless the Unitarian Universalist Association, its officers, employees and volunteers, from any and all claims, causes of action, and liability of any kind or nature, including personal injuries or death, in any way arising out of, directly or indirectly, the child's/ward's attendance or participation in General Assembly.

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

Youth's Signature

Date

Date

Date

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