

UUA Nominating Committee Application Form

Imagine how you could serve your Association!

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates who are excited about serving the UUA as a member of the Committees, Commissions, and Positions elected by the General Assembly. Consistent with the resolutions of our General Assembly, we are intentional about becoming an anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and multicultural institution. The Nominating Committee shall endeavor to nominate individuals so that the membership of the Board of Trustees and each elected committee reflects the full diversity of the Association, especially in regard to historically marginalized communities, but also balancing amongst size of congregation, lay and ordained, geography, age(including youth and young adults), and gender, among others. The Nominating Committee shall consult with groups and organizations including those traditionally underrepresented the Unitarian Universalist leadership, to help inform the nominating process.

To apply to be nominated for a position listed in this application form, please mail the following 4 items to the address provided. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. The information requested on the form below.
2. A letter of intent to serve including:
 - a. your past and present leadership experience at the congregational, district and association levels as well as leadership positions within any Unitarian Universalist organizations
 - b. relevant educational and/or professional experience in addition to community volunteer positions you have held
 - c. your skills related to the office sought
 - d. a list of anti-racism, anti-oppression, multicultural trainings in which you have participated
 - e. why you want to serve on these particular committees, commissions or positions and what makes you especially well-suited to serve
 - f. because we seek diversity in our nominations, we invite you to include your gender, race, year of birth, and ethnic background
3. Three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the address below and provide candid assessments of the applicant's qualifications in the following areas:
 - a. relevant experience at the local, district and continental levels of the UUA
 - b. ability to work collaboratively
 - c. follow-through on individual assignments
 - d. written and oral communication skills

Yes, I want to serve the Unitarian Universalist Association!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Congregation: _____

Member since: _____

I am interested in the following Committees, Commissions, or Positions:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Review | <input type="checkbox"/> GA Planning Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Appraisal | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Social Witness | <input type="checkbox"/> Presidential Search Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> UUA Board of Trustees |

If you check more than one, please rank your preference with #1 as highest

- Please check this box if you agree:*
- I will give a two minute presentation before the General Assembly plenary Session in 2013 on why I want to serve. I will attend the anti-racism, anti-oppression, multiculturalism training on the day following General Assembly. (If you cannot attend that training, please identify the anti-racism, anti-oppression, multiculturalism training you will attend instead.)

Please mail all information to: Unitarian Universalist Association
Attn: Nominating Committee, Nancy Lawrence
25 Beacon Street,
Boston, MA 02108

All Information must be received by August 15, 2012

If you have not received confirmation of your application by Sept. 10, 2012 please email Nancy Lawrence at nlawrence@uua.org

Empower your Inner Leader!

Elected Committees

The Board of Review hears appeals from ministers and credentialed religious educators whose fellowship or status is terminated by the Ministerial Fellowship Committee or the Religious Educator Credentialing Committee. No other appeal is allowed beyond the Board of Review's decision. Three Board members must be ordained ministers who have been in final fellowship for the current year and for the previous 7 consecutive years. One member must be a credentialed religious educator, master level. Four Board members must be laypersons (neither ministers nor credentialed religious educators) who have been members of and held governing positions in certified UU congregations for at least 3 years.

Number of Members: 8

Term: 8 years; Term limit: 1 term

2 positions open: 1 minister and 1 lay leader

The Commission on Appraisal reviews any function or activity of the UUA that warrants independent study. The Commission reports its findings to the General Assembly at least once every four years. The work is vigorous and year-round, involving much research, writing, consulting, and hearings. It may operate at times like a mini-think tank in its broad consideration of issues. The Commission meets four times per year for four-day meetings. This Commission requires people with good conceptual and analytical skills.

Number of Members: 9

Term: 6 years; Term limit: 1 term

3 positions open

The Commission on Social Witness is involved in the four-year process to adopt and implement UU Statements of Conscience that includes qualifying proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs), selecting one CSAI, conducting workshops at General Assembly, drafting Statements of Conscience, and managing the proposal and selection of Actions of Immediate Witness. This Commission helps Unitarian Universalists put the Principles and Purposes into action, and assists the UUA and congregations express concern for social justice. Members should be able to write well, have experience in social justice work, understand UUA structure and operation, demonstrate commitment to living out UU principles through social justice work, be able to conceptualize both details and the larger picture, and be able to maintain good humor and calm under stressful circumstances.

Number of Members: 5

Term: 4 years; Term limit: two terms

2 positions open

The Financial Advisor is a volunteer officer of the Association and a voting member of the UUA Board of Trustees. S/h provides expert and independent advice to the President and the Board about financial policies and business practices, monitors resources and applications of funds, assists in long-range planning, and makes recommendations regarding the overall financial affairs of the Association. The Advisor reports to the General Assembly each year, and attends all meetings of the Board and key committees (Executive, Finance, Investment, Audit, Health Plan and Retirement Plan). Total time commitment: approximately 50 days per year, 25 of which are weekdays.

Number of Financial Advisors: 1

Term: 3 years; Term limit: two terms

The General Assembly Planning Committee works with the General Assembly Administrator to determine the General Assembly Schedule, examine proposed future sites, and coordinate programming. Members are expected to possess practical experience and training relevant to the work of the Planning Committee, such as: skills in writing, communication, advertising, public relations, trade show organizing, music, parliamentary process, theatrical production, computer technology, or event planning. In addition, members should possess skill working with individuals and groups, have cross culture competencies, have been trained or receive training in AR/AO/MC and have knowledge of the Association at all levels. All members are expected to attend the annual planning meeting held in Boston in September, other meetings as assigned, and be present for 8 days of each year's General Assembly.

Number of Members: 10

Term: 4 years; Term limit: two terms

4 positions open

The Nominating Committee recruits and selects nominees for all elected positions except President and Moderator. The committee seeks nominees who have demonstrated competence and leadership. Throughout the nomination and selection process, the committee strives to balance such factors as gender, ethnicity, abilities, cultural competency, age, geography, and clergy or lay status with interests, needs and objectives of each elected committee, commission or position and of the Association as a whole. Members of the Nominating Committee are expected to recruit throughout the year. The Committee meets several times during General Assembly and once mid-year for a three-day working session each calendar year.

Number of Members: 9

Term: 3 years; Term limit: two terms

3 positions open

Presidential Search Committee is the newest board committee. This committee selects at least 2 nominees for the position of President of the UUA beginning with the 2017 election.

Number of Members: 7

Term: 6 years; Term limit: 1 term

5 positions open

UUA Board of Trustees conducts the business of the UUA and carries out the General Assembly's policies and directives between annual meetings. Trustees must attend three quarterly meetings (each lasting from Wednesday or Thursday through Sunday), plus seven days of General Assembly and board meetings each June. Every Board member serves on one of 4 working groups and/or the Finance Committee. Candidates must exhibit leadership within their own districts and congregations, and demonstrate an abiding interest in the future of Unitarian Universalism for both clergy and laity. Candidates must be willing to devote a considerable amount of time to Board service.

Number of Members: 11

Term: 4 for 1 year; 3 for 3 years

Term limit: 2 terms

7 positions open