

Congregational Study/Action Issue (CASI) Process

First Cycle Year (Selection Year)		<p>October 1: Deadline for congregations, districts, and UUA sponsored organizations to submit proposed CSAIs.</p> <p>November 1: CSW places up to 10 proposed CSAIs on the Congregational Poll.</p> <p>November 15: The Congregational Poll is made available and congregations are notified.</p> <p>February 1: Deadline for congregations to vote in the Congregational Poll. A quorum of 25% of congregations must participate for the poll to be valid. If the poll is not valid, this process shall be repeated the following year. If it is valid, then the top five proposals are placed on the final agenda for General Assembly.</p>
	GA 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GA delegates select one CASI for the next four years. Advocacy and Witness staff conduct a workshop on the newly-selected issue.
Second Cycle Year (Study/Action Year)		<p>November 1: Deadline for Advocacy and Witness staff to prepare a Study/Action Resource Guide. The resource guide shall be made available and congregations notified of its availability.</p> <p>March 1: Deadline for congregations and districts to submit comments regarding the Congregational Study/Action Issue and the related resource guide to the Commission on Social Witness.</p>
	GA 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CSW conducts workshops on the CASI.
Third Cycle Year (Study/Action Year)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CASI proposal process starts again for a second issue. The next deadline for new CASI proposals in October 1. <p>March 1: Deadline for congregations and districts to submit comments regarding the Congregational Study/Action Issue and the related resource guide to the Commission on Social Witness.</p>
	GA 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CSW conducts workshops on the CASI and a Proposers' Workshop for a new CASI.
Fourth Cycle Year (Statement Year)		<p>November 15: Deadline for CSW to prepare a draft Statement of Conscience. The draft Statement of Conscience, a Congregational Comment form for the draft Statement of Conscience, and a ballot to place the draft Statement of Conscience on the Final Agenda shall be included in the Congregational Poll, to be made available and congregations notified of its availability. Notice of the availability of these items shall be delivered to the congregations through the mail and by electronic mail.</p> <p>February 1: Deadline for Congregational Poll ballots and Congregational Comment Forms. For a draft Statement of Conscience to be placed on the final agenda of the General Assembly, 25% of all certified congregations must participate in the ballot vote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission on Social Witness shall prepare a revised draft of the Statement of Conscience taking into consideration comments received by the member congregations and districts and place this revised draft of the Statement of Conscience on the Final Agenda.
	GA 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Assembly considers the Statement of Conscience. Approval requires a two-thirds vote. The Assembly may also, by a two-thirds vote, refer the Statement for an additional year of study.
Implementation Year (& First Year Again)		<p>Congregations and UUA staff carry out a year of implementation.</p> <p>October 1: The Study/Action process begins again; CASI proposals are due.</p>
	GA 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a Statement of Conscience was adopted in the previous year, workshops are held on it. This concludes the comprehensive Study/Action cycle for that issue. A new CASI is selected.