



2021 ELECTION INFORMATION

Who votes in the UUA election?

Delegates vote. Certified congregations are entitled to one member delegate for every 50 members (or fraction thereof), with a minimum of two member delegates per congregation. Every congregation decides how to select member delegates and whether or not it will instruct delegates how to vote.

In addition, the following religious professionals serving/affiliated with certified congregations may also be delegates:

- Ministers in preliminary or final fellowship with the Association and employed at least half time (including extension and interim ministers).
- Community Ministers who maintain active involvement and affiliation with a congregation and working at least half time in any ministry setting.
- Religious Educators who are active members of the Liberal Religious Educators Association and employed by the congregation.
- Emeritus/a Ministers and religious educators designated as such by a vote at a meeting of the certified member congregation they were settled/employed by not less than six months prior to General Assembly.

Associate Member Organizations (UU Service Committee and UU Women's Federation) may each appoint two voting delegates. Delegates must be a member of a Certified UU congregation.

UUA Board of Trustees members may vote in the election.

Is my congregation certified?

To be certified for General Assembly 2021, a congregation must:

- File for certification by February 1
- Have conducted regular religious services
- Have held at least one business meeting of its members, elected its own officers and maintained adequate records of membership;
- Have made a financial contribution to the Association between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020.

Most (not all) Unitarian Universalist congregations are certified. Check to see if your congregation is certified at <https://secure.uua.org/congregation/certlist.php>

How are member delegates selected?

Every congregation decides how to select member delegates. All delegates must be voting members of the congregation.

Can my congregation instruct delegates how to vote?

The relationship between a congregation and its delegates is determined by the congregation, not the UUA. There are no guidelines in the UUA Bylaws governing individual congregations. So, if a congregation wants to instruct its delegates, it can.

Do I need to register for General Assembly to vote in the election?

You do not need to register for General Assembly to cast a vote in the election. Delegates who are not attending General Assembly virtually may still cast a ballot. However, there is no absentee voting/proxy voting on General Assembly business items. Delegates need to be registered and present to vote on business items.

How do I receive my delegate credential?

Obtain a delegate credential from your congregation. A congregational official may log in to the delegate credentialing portal my.uua.org, assign member delegates in the system, and distribute credentials to delegates by email or printout.

When are the polls open?

Polls open Tuesday, June 1 at 9:00 am CT.

Polls close Friday, June 25 at 11:00 pm CT.

How do delegates vote in the election?

Vote online

From June 1, 9:00 am CT to June 25, 11:00 pm CT, delegates may access their election ballot by following the voting link found on their delegate credential document.

Vote by mail

Delegates unable to vote online may request a paper ballot by mailing the request to:

UUA General Assembly
24 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02210

Requests must include a copy of the delegate's credential document. Requests must be postmarked by June 1. Completed ballots must be received by June 14 or postmarked June 12.

How do I learn about the candidates?

Visit uua.org/elections to learn about the candidates and to find a schedule of UUA Board of Trustees sponsored forums. On Thursday, June 24 at 4:00 p.m. CT, go to uua.org/ga to watch the live stream from General Assembly of the Candidates Forum sponsored by the Election Campaign Practices Committee and Nominating Committee.

Is internet voting secure?

Yes! Simply Voting, the chosen vendor, was designed from the ground-up to eliminate the risk of electoral fraud or breach of secrecy. The voting public will be able to see and audit the voting results. Each delegate will receive a receipt upon casting their ballot. After the results are published anyone can review the report of the results and verify that their ballot was counted as cast.

Is internet voting accessible?

Simply Voting is committed to supporting electors with disabilities and making sure the ballot works with assistive technologies. They were assigned an "A" grade by the Bureau of Internet Accessibility.