

Board of Trustees

MEETING: June 14, 2021, 7:45 pm, Eastern Time

Pursuant to notice duly given, this meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held via Zoom conferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Genevieve Baldwin (youth trustee), Greg Boyd, Kathy Burek, Barbara de Leeuw, Charles Du Mond (Co-Moderator), Suzanne Fast, Susan Frederick-Gray (President), Sherman Logan, Leslie MacFadyen, John Newhall, Lucia Santini Field (Financial Advisor), Meg Riley (Co-Moderator), Tom Schade, Rebecca Throop (youth trustee), Bill Young

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS: Carey McDonald (Recording Secretary & Executive Vice President), Andrew McGeorge (Treasurer), Stephanie Carey Maron, LaTonya Richardson, Laura Conkle, Meg Richardson, Becky Brooks, Thomas Earthman, Jay Wolin, Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, Sarah Skochko, Heather Rion Starr

Meeting Minutes

Co-Moderator Meg Riley opened the meeting at 7:45 pm with a reading, and participants joined a small-group check-in.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved unanimously, including:

- Rule 9.14 updated reference to Section 4.12
- Receipt of the list of credentialed ministers and religious educators and certified music leaders in 2020-21

Bylaw Rule on GA Registration

Board members reviewed a draft of a placeholder rule, to be added if the General Assembly approves the proposed G-rule change removing the requirement to pay a fee to participate as a delegate in GA business sessions. They postponed voting on the potential rule until the next Board meeting after receiving feedback from GA and Conference Services staff.

GA Business Rules of Procedure

The Board unanimously approved the plain language version of the Rules of Procedure, with language tweaks to clarify 1) discussion cannot be ended while an amendment is in order to be considered, and 2) motions to end discussion are not in order until eight minutes of discussion has occurred.

Article II Study Commission Update

Becky Brooks gave an update on behalf of the Article II Study Commission. She shared that the Commission hosted a conversation on covenant on May 19, with



current President Susan Frederick-Gray and former UUA President Bill Sinkford. Becky said that the Commission had been discussion with the 8th Principle Project on the proposal to add a principle addressing anti-racism, anti-oppression and multiculturalism. She noted the Commission’s commitment to honor the organizing led by Black, Indigenous and People of Color UUs which started the 8th Principle Project, including Commission member Paula Cole Jones. She encouraged congregations to continue to discuss and adopt the 8th Principle locally. Becky also noted the Commission is encouraging UUs to stay flexible with their expectations for how language of all the principles may change, as they work towards holistic recommendations for the UUA principles, sources and all parts of Article II of the Bylaws.

Becky reported the work the Commission had been doing to get ready for General Assembly, including live workshops and a presentation in General Session. She said that after GA the Commission will be reaching out to engage congregations in discussion, in partnership with a few members of the UUA National Advisory Council.

GA Board Preparations

Board members reviewed remaining tasks to get ready for General Assembly, including recording the Board report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 8:50 pm to consider appointments.

The Meeting ended at 9:35 pm



Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carey McDonald

Recording Secretary