

# General Assembly 2021 – Frequently Asked Questions

## Schedule of Events

- [GA Program Book \(PDF\)](#)
- [GA Business Agenda \(PDF\)](#)
- [GA Grid \(overall schedule\) PDF](#)

## GA Registration

How do I register for GA?

- [Registration Information](#)  
Registration is \$200 per person. This year, financial aid for General Assembly is being distributed via self-selection. If you need financial support, please use one of the cost reduction options (\$25, \$50, or \$100) available on the registration form. Youth and Young Adults (14-35) may also use the promo codes BLUEBOAT50 or BLUEBOAT100 at checkout to further reduce the cost of registration by \$50 or \$100.
- [Adult Registration Form](#)
- [Youth Registration Form](#)

What GA events are open to those who are registered?

- GA registrants receive access to all workshops, performances, lectures, and events listed in the GA Program. Registrants will have exclusive access to a chatroom, the on-demand video library, the Exhibit Hall, and dedicated support. Review the [events available to GA registrants](#).

What GA events are open to those who are *not* registered?

- General Sessions, the Candidate's Forum, the Service of the Living Tradition, the Synergy Bridging Worship, and Sunday Morning Worship will be streamed live and [publicly accessible](#); registration is *not* required to view these events.

## GA Programming Highlights

- Learn more about some of the [exciting and inspiring programming](#) scheduled for GA.

## Workshops

- Many workshops are already available for watching in the GA Portal. If you've registered, [login to the portal](#) to view.
- Live workshops will be available as scheduled.

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## GA App

- Take a moment to [download the GA app](#) and communicate with the larger GA community. You can download the app on a phone or tablet, or use the browser-based version. Create a Whova account with the *same email address* you used for GA registration (no invitation code needed).
- Not sure what the difference is between the portal and the app? [Here's an explainer \(PDF\)](#)

## GA Business

Do you need to be registered to participate in GA Business Sessions?

- In order to speak or vote on business items, you must be registered, and have been designated as a [delegate from your congregation](#).
- [Check your delegate status](#)
- GA Registration is *not* required to vote in UUA elections. Each delegate credential includes a unique link to the delegate's ballot.
- Non-delegates *will* be able to attend mini-assemblies.
- Anyone can monitor the [Business Sessions](#) and participate in discussions in the GA chat rooms.

What is the Agenda for Business Sessions?

- Review the [full agenda and business processes](#).

Where can I find the Proposed Rules of Procedure?

- These are contained in the [full agenda and business processes](#).

When is the Business Mini-Assembly?

- Proposed Bylaw and Rule Amendments will be discussed in the Mini-Assembly on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. ET / 2:00 p.m. CT / 1:00 p.m. MT / 12:00 p.m. PT

Responsive Resolutions

- Responsive Resolutions must be made in response to a substantive portion of a report by an officer or committee reporting to a regular General Assembly.
  - Reports will address implementation of the Commission on Institutional Change (COIC) report, *Widening the Circle of Concern*. Therefore, a Responsive Resolution could address the COIC report.
- Material presented in workshops or worship would not be eligible to be addressed in a Responsive Resolution.

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## Elections

- Learn about how to [vote in elections](#).
  - [Candidate Information for the Contested Trustee Election](#)
  - [Voting in UUA Elections](#)

## 8th Principle

- There are no votes on the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle planned at this GA.
- In 2020, the UUA Board appointed a Commission to Study Article II. This Commission was directed to study the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle and other proposals that have come before GA in the past several years.
- Learn more about the [Article II Study Commission](#).

## Social Witness

- Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs)
  - Proposed AIWs, with cover sheets, must be emailed to [socialwitness@uua.org](mailto:socialwitness@uua.org) as an attachment in an approved format (RTF, Microsoft Word, or Google Doc) no later than 10 PM Eastern Time, Wednesday June 23rd.
  - We strongly encourage proposers to submit draft proposed AIWs at least two weeks before General Assembly so that we have time to provide feedback.
  - [Review the criteria](#) for AIWs.
  - [AIW format guidelines and cover sheet information](#)
  - Delegates will vote to affirm up to three proposed AIWs during General Session III on Friday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m. ET / 12:30 p.m. CT / 11:30 a.m. MT / 10:30 a.m. PT. Then on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. ET / 4:00 p.m. CT / 3:00 p.m. MT / 2:00 p.m. PT, the CSW will hold a networking and planning session with breakouts to help attendees learn more and get inspiration for implementing the affirmed statements in their local communities after GA.
- Statement of Conscience (SOC)
  - General Assembly will vote on a Draft SOC, [“Undoing Systemic White Supremacy”](#).
  - This GA will *not* be selecting a new Congregational Study Action Issue this year.
  - The Commission will hold a session on Friday at 5:00 p.m. ET / 4:00 p.m. CT / 3:00 p.m. MT / 2:00 p.m. PT to share what local congregations and groups are doing to implement the draft SOC (come ready to share as desired). This session will also review suggested revisions to the draft.
  - Delegates will consider the draft SOC during General Session IV on Saturday, June 26th at approximately 1:30 p.m. ET / 12:30 p.m. CT / 11:30 a.m. MT / 10:30 a.m. PT. The delegates will vote on any revisions as well as on the statement. Also in General Session IV, the Commission will report out what has been shared regarding what local groups are doing to implement the draft SOC.

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## Future of GA

What do you expect that future GAs will be like, especially GA 2022?

- The next two years, in Portland 2022 and Pittsburgh 2023 will be a combination of in-person and virtual.
- In the future, we might separate the business of the Association from worship and workshops. The Business Sessions might be all-virtual, to maximize participation.
- Also, we are proposing a Rules change that would remove the need to pay for registration in order to participate in the Business of the Association.

## Volunteer Leadership at the UUA

- Learn more about which volunteer bodies have vacancies and [apply to serve on the national level](#).

## Webinar Slides

- To refresh your memory or find a link that was shared in the webinar, [review the slides](#).

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