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# What Does Multiplatform Mean?

## *Meet the Moment: Reimagining Radical Faith Community*


A UUA Board of Trustees Webinar






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## Presenters:

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# Agenda

- ⊕ Introduction (Agenda and Attendee Tools)
- ⊕ Highlights of This Year – *Meet the Moment: Reimagining a Radical Faith Community*
- ⊕ In-Person and Virtual Experience
- ⊕ Business of the Association
- ⊕ Virtual GA Experience and Resources



# Attendee Tools for this Meeting

- 🔊 Webinar is being recorded
- 🔊 Dial-In Connection/Computer Connection
- 🔊 Listen-Only Mode
- 🔊 Use of Chat Tools (Q & A Sessions)
- 🔊 Closed Captioning Available





# 2022 Highlights



# Highlights of Multiplatform General Assembly

- Theme – *Meet the Moment: Reimagining a Radical Faith Community*
  - Opportunities to reimagine and embody our radical and liberating theology
  - Skills to Level Up to meet urgent justice needs of the moment
  - Strengthening our Community of Communities through connections and skill building
- Live In-Person Workshops, Live Interactive Webinars, and On-Demand Programs
- Registration option for Business-Only participation

[www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)



# The Grid

Local / Pacific Daylight times



Live Programming streamed daily at 1:45 p.m.

Simplified, more open schedule to reduce “Zoom fatigue” and create spaces for networking and ancillary events

Wednesday 6/22	Thursday 6/23	Friday 6/24	Saturday 6/25	Sunday 6/26	
<b>Exhibit Hall Hours</b> Wednesday 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM  Thursday 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM  Friday 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM; 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM  Saturday 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM  Sunday 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Morning Programming and Worship 8:15 - 9:00	Morning Programming and Worship 8:15 - 9:00	Morning Programming and Worship 8:15 - 9:00		
	General Session 9:30 - 12:30  3 hours	General Session 9:30 - 12:30  3 hours	General Session 9:30 - 12:30  3 hours	Sunday Worship 9:30 - 11:00	
	Orientation Networking Caucusing 12:00 - 1:30			General Session & Closing Celebration 12:30 - 2:30  2 hours	
		Live Programming & Featured Speakers 1:45 - 3:15	Live Programming & Featured Speakers 1:45 - 3:15	Live Programming & Featured Speakers 1:45 - 3:15	
	Banner Parade/ General Session/ Opening Celebration 3:30 - 6:00	Service of the Living Tradition 4:00 - 5:30	Synergy Bridging Worship 4:00 - 5:30	Ware Lecture 4:00 - 5:00	



## Program Highlights

- **80+** on-demand workshops
- **15** in-person workshops, **6** of which will be streamed live for virtual registrants and will be available for on-demand viewing thereafter
- **9** live webinar workshops which will be available for on-demand viewing thereafter
- View the GA Schedule at [bit.ly/GA22Schedule](https://bit.ly/GA22Schedule)





# Sunday Morning Worship

Rev. Gretchen Haley, of the Foothills Unitarian Universalist Church in Fort Collins, Colorado will lead the service on Sunday, June 26 at 9:30 a.m. Pacific.

The service will be live-streamed and available after for on-demand viewing on [uua.org](http://uua.org) and YouTube.

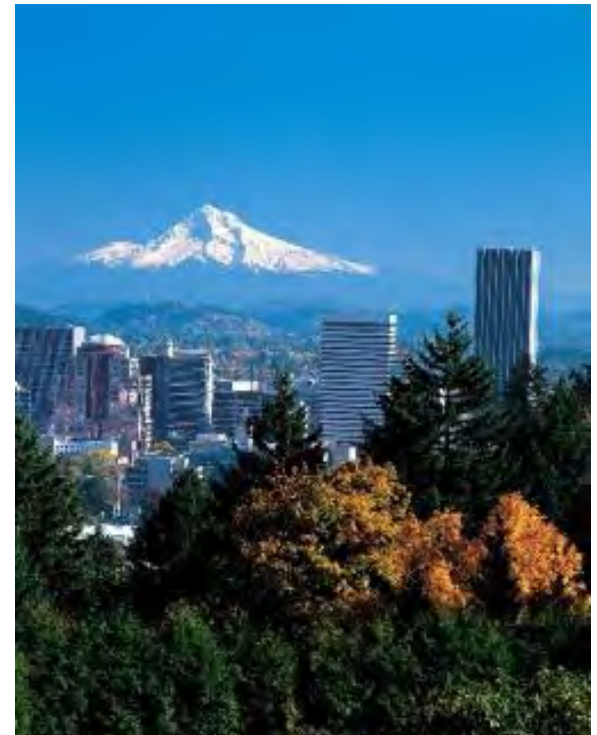
The recipient of the Sunday Service offering at General Assembly 2022 is East County Rising Community Projects. ECRCP operates in the most populous county in Oregon, building grassroots leadership to create an equitable, inclusive, and livable community centered on the needs of the most underrepresented and marginalized residents.





## The In-person Experience

- There are about 60 UUA congregations and 10,000 UUs within a day's drive to Portland.
- 2022 will mark our first opportunity since 2019 to physically gather.
- The Exhibit Hall will bring together dozens of UU vendors and organizations.
- Talented UU musicians will provide live musical performances.
- Everyone will be vaccinated and masked.





# The Virtual Experience

- Apply lessons from 2020 and 2021
- Engagement of “off-site” (old terminology) delegates replaced with more equitable participation by both in-person and virtual
- Virtual Exhibit Hall
- Most workshops will be immediately available to virtual participants (a recorded version will be available after live workshops)
- UUA Board members will participate as both in-person and virtual participants
- Vaccination encouraged, but not required







# GA App by *Whova*

- Download on your tablet or smartphone, or use the browser-based version on a laptop or desktop computer
- view live-streamed programs, online webinars, and on-demand programs
- join moderated discussion boards
- message fellow participants
- visit the virtual exhibit hall
- access the program schedule, hand-outs and other materials
- discover or communicate with GA presenters

The screenshot shows the Whova app interface for the UUA General Assembly 2022. The top navigation bar includes the Whova logo, 'Whova Guides', and 'Organizing your own event?'. The main header displays 'UUA General Assembly 2022' with location 'Portland, OR (View map)', dates 'Jun 22 - 26, 2022', and 'Displaying in the event's time: 11:19'. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with icons for Home, Agenda, Attendees, Community, Messages, Photos, Exhibitors & Sponsors, and Resources. The main content area features a 'Filter by tracks' dropdown, a 'Full Agen' header, and a date selector for 'Wed Jun 22'. The event schedule shows a 12:00 PM slot for 'Miscellaneous' events, specifically 'Orientation/Networking/Caucusing' from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. A 3:30 PM slot is also visible, featuring a 'General Session' and 'Worship' event, 'Banner Parade / General Session /' from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM.





# What is Where?

## **GA App by Whova**

- announcements & updates
- attendee messaging
- links to meet-ups & private events
- live-streamed workshops & sessions
- moderated community discussion boards
- on-demand video
- program schedule/agenda
- speaker descriptions
- virtual exhibit hall

## **Delegate Platform**

- access to the General Session Zoom
- Agenda and voting materials
- delegate discussion space
- links to ballots

## **Portland, Oregon**

- in-person exhibit hall
- live programming and workshops
- ribbons!

## **uua.org**

- Business Agenda and Program Book PDF
- live-stream and on-demand viewing of General Sessions
- live-stream and on-demand viewing of the Service of the Living Tradition, Synergy Bridging Service, and Sunday Morning Worship



# GA Registration Required

## Free to View

Live-streamed on [uua.org](http://uua.org) and  
the **UUA YouTube channel**:

General Sessions

Service of the Living Tradition

Synergy Bridging Worship

Sunday Morning Worship

## In-person or Full Virtual Registration Required

Opening and Closing Celebrations

Ware Lecture

Exhibit Hall

GA Programs and Workshops

In **September**, on-demand video (including the Ware Lecture) will be  
become **publicly accessible** at [uua.org/ga/past](http://uua.org/ga/past)



# GA Multiplatform Video



# The Business of the Association





# Virtual and In-Person Delegates

- Business-only delegate registration is available
- Allows congregations to choose delegates independent of ability to travel and pay for accommodations
- Bylaw change made in 2021
- Access to the delegate platform
- Expect new opportunities to consult with congregations while providing representation



# The Delegate Experience

- Prior to GA, forums will be available to the UU Community to comment on and discuss proposed business agenda items. This is open to the UU Community but does require users to create an account.
- Delegates can register for GA before or after they receive their voting credentials. Delegates can register as an in-person participant, a full-virtual participant, or a business-only virtual participant.
- Business sessions will be streamed on [uua.org](http://uua.org) and YouTube.
- Rather than live or instant polling, voting will be conducted via online ballot
- Delegates will have one hour after the end of General session to submit their ballots.
- The Delegate Platform will be accessible to all GA registrants who have delegate credentials.



# The Delegate Platform

The Delegate Platform will serve as the hub for quick access to resources such as the business agenda and text of any proposed amendments or business resolutions and will be mobile/tablet friendly.

Also available via the delegate platform:

- Dedicated chat room to discuss business with other delegates
- Links to ballots to vote on any items that came up during General Session
- Access to the General Session Zoom meeting, for virtual delegates who want to discuss business items
- Form for submitting proposed amendments to business agenda items



# General Sessions

- General Sessions will take place in Portland, Oregon, and online. Only registered delegates will be able to participate in the discussion.
- Anticipate making the in-person delegate experience equitable to the virtual delegate experience
- General Sessions will be live-streamed on [uua.org](http://uua.org).
- Delegates will be able to discuss business in chat rooms in the Delegate Platform.
- The Final Agenda and Rules of Procedure will be available at [uua.org/ga/program/business-agenda](http://uua.org/ga/program/business-agenda).





# Rules of Procedure Changes

- Rules in "Plain Language" – similar to 2021
- Adopt, then amend rules
- Information Room will
  - direct delegates to the right line
  - answer questions
  - alert Moderator when items need to be addressed



# Business Resolutions

- UUA Board anticipates only two business resolutions for this GA
  1. Endorsement of a strategy for bylaw changes
  2. Changes for the GAPC (General Assembly Planning Committee) -- adapt to the changing environment of GA
- Goal: To present these prior to GA and discuss via online forums prior to GA, so congregations are engaged



# Mini-Assemblies in 2022

After a Mini-Assembly and before voting in General Session, the Board may **incorporate proposed amendments** into a business resolution or a proposed bylaw amendment.

- The Mini-Assembly to review bylaw changes and business resolutions will be held via Zoom Webinar.
- Only delegates will be able to participate via Zoom.
- Zoom's polling feature will be used for voting during the session.
- Delegates wishing to speak will be able to do so with audio only.
- Zoom's Q&A feature will be enabled as well.



# Final Questions?



Thank you for participating!

Recorded webinar and this presentation will be posted on [uua.org](http://uua.org).

Visit [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga) for more information about General Assembly 2022, or contact [generalassembly@uua.org](mailto:generalassembly@uua.org).

We look forward to seeing you in Portland or online!