

**TO:** Presidents, Ministers, Religious Educators, Musicians, and Administrators of Member Congregations  
**FROM:** Dorit Bergen, MidAmerica Region Board Secretary  
**DATE:** February 14, 2020 rev. 3/13  
**RE:** **CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDAMERICA REGION AND 2020 SLATE OF NOMINEES**

This is the Official Call for the 2020 MidAmerica Region Annual Business Meeting:

**Saturday, April 18, 2020**  
**via Zoom videoconference**

### **Business Meeting begins at 11:00 AM Central Time**

This Call to Meeting ([PDF](#)) notification also includes:

- [Tentative agenda for the Annual Business Meeting \(PDF\)](#)
- [Proposed Rules of Procedure \(PDF\)](#)
- [Congregational Listing of Delegate Numbers \(PDF\)](#)
- [2020 Slate of Nominees \(PDF\)](#)

### **Delegates**

The Bylaws of the MidAmerica Region of the UUA state that congregations and individual members of the Church of the Larger Fellowship may have the same numbers and kinds of delegates at the Region's Annual Meeting as are permitted at the UUA General Assembly. This includes member delegates in the numbers set out in the UUA Bylaws. In addition, ministers in fellowship serving congregations, credentialed religious educators, credentialed musicians, and those serving as directors of religious education are also eligible to be delegates. Delegate cards in the appropriate numbers will be mailed to congregations in early March, 2020. Delegates must bring their delegate credentials to the Annual Meeting and register for their voting credentials.

Voting materials will be made available on the MidAmerica Region website ([www.uua.org/midamerica](http://www.uua.org/midamerica)), and will be emailed to presidents, ministers, religious educators, musicians, administrators, and those registered for Regional Assembly by no later than March 19, 2020.

**Questions?** Contact the Regional Office at 312-636-9724, or email [midamerica@uua.org](mailto:midamerica@uua.org).

## **ANNUAL MEETING FAQs**

***When should we receive our Delegate Credential Cards?*** The Delegate Credential Cards should reach your church office shortly after March 19, 2020.

***When will delegates receive voting materials?*** Voting materials will be emailed to all those registered for the Regional Assembly by March 19, 2020. Materials will also be available on the Region website. Because of our commitment to the environment, we will be making a limited number of copies available at the meeting.

***How many delegates is each congregation entitled to send to the Annual Meeting?*** [This document](#) contains a list of congregations, sorted alphabetically by state then city, that shows the number of delegates each congregation may send to the Annual Meeting.

Should you believe that the number of delegates is in error, please contact Lisa Presley, Congregational Life Consultant, at [lpresley@uua.org](mailto:lpresley@uua.org), or 248-514-5458.

***How is the number of delegates determined?*** The number of delegates is determined by the MidAmerica Bylaws. For congregational delegates, the numbers are the same that the congregation would be entitled to for General Assembly. Ministers in fellowship serving congregations, affiliated ministers, ministers emeritus/emerita, credentialed religious educators, credentialed musicians, and directors of religious education are afforded delegate status by virtue of their position.

***How are membership numbers determined for each congregation?*** The congregational membership is reported/certified with the UUA in February each year. The number of certified members as reported by February 3, 2020, is used to determine the number of delegates for each congregation for this year's Regional Assembly.

## **2020 Slate of Nominees**

The Nominating Committee of the MidAmerica Region has submitted their [slate of candidates](#) for election at the Annual Meeting in Rockford on April 18, 2020.

Under the [MidAmerica Region Bylaws](#), individuals may run by Congregational Action. The Bylaws read:

### **Article VII. Nominations**

“Section 2. **Nominations by Congregational Action.** A member of a congregation in good standing with the Region may be nominated for any position to be elected by formal endorsement of the governing bodies of at least ten (10) congregations within the Region. Nominations by congregational action must be received by the Secretary no fewer than thirty-five (35) days in advance of the Annual Meeting at which the election is to be held.”

Any endorsements for an individual who wishes to run must be received by MidAmerica Board Secretary, Dorit Bergen, by no later than March 14, 2020. Ms. Bergen can be reached at [midamerica@uua.org](mailto:midamerica@uua.org).