

## **UUA Board Policy on Board Participation**

### **Contested UUA Presidential Elections**

For contested UUA Presidential elections:

1. The UUA Board encourages participation in the Presidential election process by Unitarian Universalist congregations.
  - a. We encourage congregational leaders, lay and professional, to ensure that members of their congregations are aware that a Presidential election is taking place, and to keep them informed of election activities such as candidate forums
  - b. We encourage congregational leaders to conduct membership discussions, so that congregations will make decisions about voting based on membership preferences
  - c. We especially encourage the participation of historically marginalized groups of UUs in this process
2. The Board, as an entity, may make statements to clarify which Presidential candidates support the direction and priorities of the board, and which candidates do not
3. The Board may make statements in support of the work of the Presidential Search Committee
4. The Secretary of the Association shall remain neutral in any election
5. The Co-Moderators of the UUA Board shall remain neutral with respect to individual candidates for UUA President
6. Individual Board members may choose to
  - a. Remain neutral or
  - b. Support candidate(s) by
    - i. Donating to one or more campaigns
    - ii. Sharing their support for a candidate in conversations with friends and colleagues, and with members of their own congregations
    - iii. “Liking” candidate statements on social media
7. Board members shall refrain from
  - a. Allowing their image or statements of support to be used on a candidate’s website, social media, or in any other campaign materials
  - b. Wearing t-shirts, buttons, or other campaign paraphernalia
  - c. Staffing a candidate’s GA booth or handing out campaign literature at GA or other UU gatherings