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# Staff Updates – Regional Assemblies

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# REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES 2024

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## Goals

With a potential all-virtual General Assembly 2024, there is a need for other opportunities to gather in person and online:

- Improve connections between and among UU's
- Create critical mass gatherings for marginalized communities
- Offer lower-cost, more accessible events
- Advance UUA mission priorities, connect with UU leaders, deepen engagement in GA and UUA business issues

>> *try out future pattern of alternating virtual/multiplatform GA*



## Option A – Concurrent Assemblies

- Larger assemblies at 3-5 in person sites and one virtual site, all held the same weekend in the spring
- Centrally streamed programming for some of the event, site-specific programming for the rest of the event
- Programs includes connection to GA business (e.g. mini-assemblies); worship and opportunity for connection
- Jointly plan with identity groups, and provide other gathering opportunities at each site

*\* Variation – this model but not necessarily on same weekend*



## Option B – Distributed Gatherings

- Partner with 10-15 larger congregations to host medium-sized or smaller gatherings, all the same weekend
- UUA staff across multiple teams partner with congregational teams to manage the event
- Most content would be livestreamed, with some local discussion and connection opportunities; includes worship and opportunity for connection
- Jointly plan with identity groups and other gathering opportunities at a few sites





## Option C – Mission/Program Events

- 3-4 major multiplatform UUA events throughout the year, each one with a specific mission focus (e.g. Mosaic anti-racism hub, UU the Vote 2024, Threshold Conversations/Reimagining Family Ministry, etc.); includes worship and opportunity for connection
- Jointly plan events with identity groups, and provide other gathering opportunities
- Additional GA business engagement in Spring 2024 through virtual events