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# Article II Amendment Workshop 1

## Inspirations—Section 2.3

May 11, 2023

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# Welcome!

We're glad you're here.

Before we start, check your volume—can you hear me?

Captioning is available.

This workshop will not be recorded—each one will be different. After each workshop, the slides from this and the other workshops will be posted at <https://tinyurl.com/ga2023gov>.

If you have problems during the breakout groups, **return to the main room.**



# Agenda

Brief review of Article II amendment process

Introductory breakout groups

Amendment topic breakout groups—two rounds (at least)

First round based on themes from comments submitted

You may suggest topics for the second round

More detail later



## Purpose of This Workshop

Help people find others to work on similar amendments.

Exchange contact information so you can continue to meet later.

Don't expect finished products today.

Note: If you are not interested in amendments or if you only want to vote no on the proposal, this workshop is not for you.

This workshop is also not for debating amendments.



## Process

- We will use polls and breakout groups to help refine ideas.
- The Board is **not** writing the amendments. We won't be organizing you.
- Our goal: For people who are interested in the same amendments to connect with one another, understand the choice of language, and find their own path for finalization and submission.



# Workshop and Small Group Guidelines

Allow time for each person to speak once before speaking again.

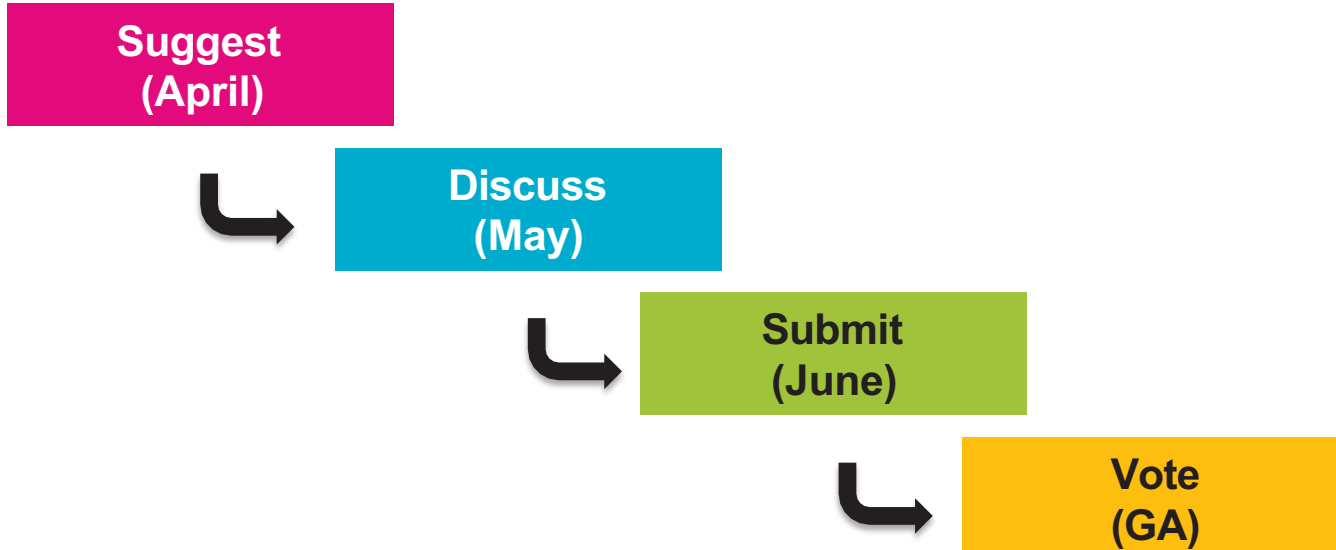
Use "I" statements to express your opinion.

Focus on substance, not "wordsmithing," or grammar.

Please don't challenge the motives of others, whether in the group or not—we all love this faith.



# Priority Amendment Track





# Resources for Article II Amendment Process

Article II Study Commission Full Report:

<https://www.uua.org/files/2023-02/article-ii-study-report-2021-23.pdf>

Proposed Revision to Article II (with line numbers):

[https://www.uua.org/files/2023-05/prop\\_rev\\_article\\_ii\\_final.pdf](https://www.uua.org/files/2023-05/prop_rev_article_ii_final.pdf)

Amendment Process:

<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/article-ii-study-commission>

Submitted Ideas for Amendments and Comments:

<https://discuss.uua.org>





## Discussing Amendment Ideas - May

- The Board (ModSquad) hosts three amendment discussion workshops. These are open to anyone and may include A2SC members.
- Workshops will discuss areas where multiple amendments have been submitted, to help proposers align with each other.
- People can also self-organize based on posted amendments, and those discussed today.
- There were 487 suggestions and comments—not all will make it to the floor of GA.



## Practice Poll

What is Mortuusequusphobia?

1. Fear of the letter “u”
2. Fear of ketchup
3. Fear of change



# Introductory Breakout Group

(5 minutes)

In your small group, please share:

- Your name and where are you from?
- How did you find this faith?
- What sustains you in UUism?



# Poll #1: How are you feeling about the Inspirations section?

1. I really like it and would suggest a few tweaks.
2. What is drafted is okay, but it needs a lot of changes or additions.
3. I'd like to blend the current six sources with the proposed Inspirations.
4. There's one very specific thing I want to add.
5. I would prefer the current six sources.



## Things to do in your breakout group

- Share what you want to change.
- Notice which commonalities you share.
- Exchange contact information with like-minded attendees.



# Self-Selected Breakout Groups #1

(20 minutes)

- If you really like it but would suggest a few tweaks, go to breakout groups 1-8.
- If you think what is drafted is okay, but it needs a lot of changes or additions, go to breakout groups 9-17.
- If you'd like to blend the current six sources with the proposed Inspirations, go to breakout groups 18-26.
- If there's one specific thing you want to add, go to breakout groups 27-35.
- If you want to do something else, go to breakout groups 36-44.



## Poll #2: What are you most interested in changing?

1. Adding text related to direct experience, mystery, and wonder.
2. Add text relating to science and reason.
3. Add back other parts of the current six sources.
4. Add back in the complete current six sources.
5. Add new sources.
6. Replace the proposed inspirations with the current six sources.
7. Other amendments to proposed inspiration language.



# Things to Do in Your Breakout Group

- Share what you want to change.
- Notice which commonalities you share.
- Exchange contact information with like-minded attendees.





# Self-Selected Breakout Groups #2

(20 minutes)

- If you want to add text related to direct experience, mystery, and wonder, go to breakout group 1-7.
- If you want to add text relating to science and reason, go to breakout group 8-14.
- If you want to add back other parts of the current six sources, go to breakout group 15-21.
- If you want to add back in the complete current six sources, go to breakout group 22-28.
- If you want to add new sources, go to breakout group 29-35.
- If you want to replace the proposed inspirations with the current six sources, go to breakout room 36-42.
- If you want to discuss other amendments to proposed inspiration language, go to breakout group 43-49.



# Things to Do in Your Breakout Group

- Share what you want to change.
- Notice which commonalities you share.
- Exchange contact information with like-minded attendees.



# Self-Selected Breakout Groups #3

(20 minutes)

- If you want to add text related to direct experience, mystery, and wonder, go to breakout group 1-7.
- If you want to add text relating to science and reason, go to breakout group 8-14.
- If you want to add back other parts of the current six sources, go to breakout group 15-21.
- If you want to add back in the complete current six sources, go to breakout group 22-28.
- If you want to add new sources, go to breakout group 29-35.
- If you want to replace the proposed inspirations with the current six sources, go to breakout room 36-42.
- Edit the Sources, Edit the Inspirations, and both condense and expand the Sources – group 43
- If you want to discuss other amendments to proposed inspiration language, go to breakout group 44-49.



# What's Next?

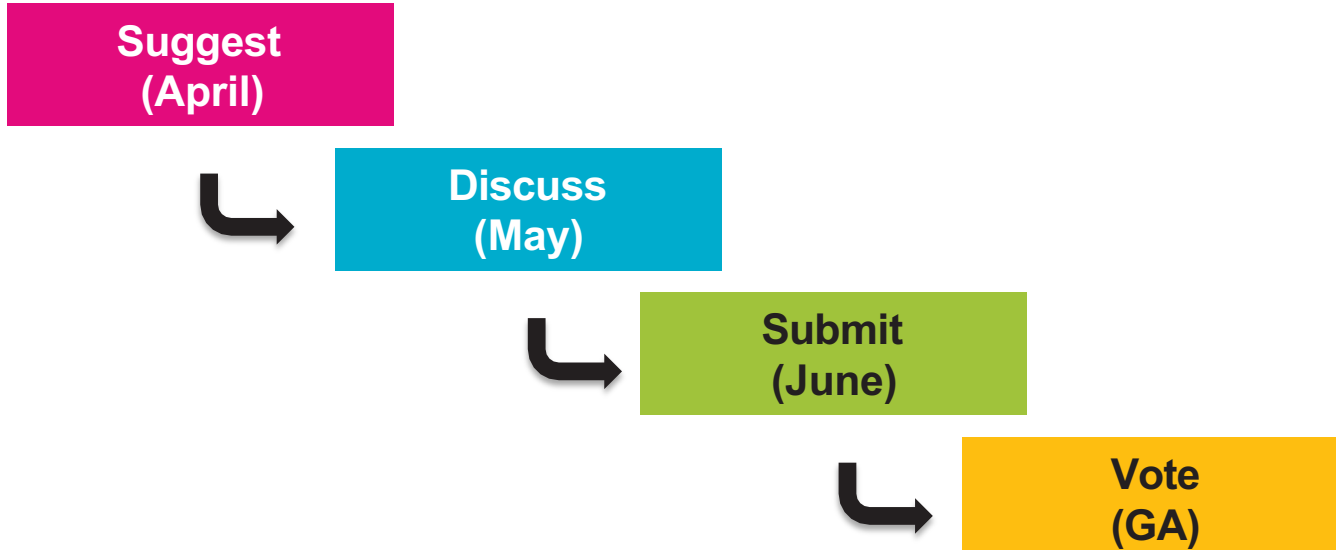
*Two more workshops!*

Find details and registration links at: <https://tinyurl.com/ga2023gov>

- **Workshop #2: Values & Covenant**
  - Thursday, May 18, 2023
  - 7pm ET / 6pm CT / 5pm MT / 4pm PT
- **Workshop #3: Purpose, Inclusion, Freedom of Belief**
  - Sunday, May 21, 2023
  - 4pm ET / 3pm CT / 2pm MT / 1pm PT



# Priority Amendment Track





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## Welcome to the Discussion. Let's talk about General Assembly Business!

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## Formally Submitting Amendments (June)

- *After* the final agenda is published *and* the delegate platform opens, **only 1 amendment per delegate may be submitted.**
- **Priority consideration** will be given to amendments submitted and discussed **prior to June 5, 2023.**



## GA Mini-Assembly

- Delegates may submit amendments until Thursday June 22, 2023, 12:00 PM, 30 minutes prior to start of the GA mini-assembly. **Reminder:** last-minute amendments **may not** be considered for priority.
- Mini-assembly at GA will be **entirely virtual on Thursday June 22, 2023, 12:30pm ET / 11:30am CT / 10:30am MT / 9:30am PT**
- Mini-assembly will discuss possible amendments but will not include a straw poll or other vote.





## Final thoughts

Collaborate... we are better together.

Consider the greater community of Unitarian Universalists.

Your **affirmative vote** will keep the conversations going!



***Thank you for participating!***