

## Commission on Social Witness

### Meeting Minutes

Feb 19, 2026

1. ADMIN

Attendance: Nancy, Cindy, Sharon, Isabel

Duration: 3:00-4:30 (CST)

Minutes:

Information:

Next meeting: March 19

2. Meeting with the Co-Mods and Governance Manager

- a. Appreciating them reaching out and involving us
  - b. It's a lot more complex than we thought
  - c. There are a lot more meetings being expected of us.
  - d. The upside is that they're getting to know us. They expected to be informing us of stuff, but it turns out that we know/do things they don't know about. And new stuff is coming up, so it's helpful for them to get our reactions
    - i. E.g. AIWs needing legal review before GA
  - e. All of us meeting with the Co-Mods and Governance Manager in addition to our monthly meeting feels like more people at meetings than necessary; could we select a smaller group and/or lean more on Board Liaison for this work
  - f. Worst case: ping pong where questions keep getting bounced between the two groups
  - g. Vanessa handling this on her own is a lot since she's new to CSW
    - i. Maybe we could take turns going with Vanessa
    - ii. Isabel out, Sharon in
  - h. Disappointment with feedback that they think it's not compliant with bylaws
    - i. We need an agenda ahead of time – Vanessa will convey this message
3. Proposal: roles within the CSW (text highlighted in blue should be handled by UUA staff)
- a. Chair
    - i. Base and face of commission
    - ii. Responsible for meeting facilitation (can delegate)
    - iii. Encourage members in their roles, keep them on track, help problem-solve
  - b. Vice chair
    - i. Help facilitate meetings
    - ii. Prepares to be chair
  - c. Treasurer
    - i. Present current budget/actuals in each meeting
    - ii. Connect with the UUA's admin to keep track of CSW spending

- iii. Make sure CSW members send in forms and payments go where they need to
  - d. Secretary
    - i. Take notes
    - ii. Send out reminders for meetings
    - iii. Set agenda with chair
    - iv. Sign-up lists for GA tasks completed by all commissioners
    - v. Post minutes on the UUA webpage
    - vi. Copy stuff from our drive to UUA drive
  - e. Witness Action coordinator
    - i. Ensure process (with deadlines) is established by CSW
    - ii. New process (with deadlines) updated on website – or give us access to the webpage
    - iii. Update UUA Facebook page
    - iv. Make sure the UUA is getting the word out
    - v. Initiate and manage tight communications with leaders, proposers, and presenters (helping them navigate the confusing system and deadlines)
    - vi. Set up online discussions
      - 1. In communication with UUA Staff (Audra)
      - 2. Zoom Room
      - 3. Tech person
      - 4. Recording and posting the recording
    - vii. Manage approving and posting proposals
    - viii. Get the CSAI proposals into the congregational poll (in years voting on CSAI) in January
  - f. GA coordinator
    - i. Booth (do or delegate)
      - 1. Set up & take down
      - 2. Labeling items
      - 3. Deciding on swag, flyers, gear, as needed
      - 4. Purchasing flyers, stands, swag, gear as needed
      - 5. Ensure staffing
      - 6. Manage the boxes that are stored between GAs (Audra already does this; we have an inventory from 2025)
    - ii. UUA staff communications
      - 1. In contact with GA planners (Stephanie) so that the things we need get scheduled, and letting commissioners and presenters know
      - 2. Communication with discussion board person (Larry Stridof)
    - iii. Ensure discuss.uua.org is monitored
  - g. Board link (Vanessa)
    - i. Making sure we're on track and connecting to the board to avoid time and info conflicts with UUA
  - h. Comments

- i. Chair, vice chair, and treasurer have lighter loads; is there a way to lighten the others
    - 1. Maybe chair and vice chair each also do GA or Witness Action coordinator
  - ii. Both GA and Witness Action coordinator roles seem big
    - 1. Haha, says Nancy, I've been doing all this (in addition to chair). I hate writing it down; scared of people leaving because there's so much
    - 2. Cindy's running again, not scared!
  - iii. Does the commission need to be bigger since we're all volunteers
    - 1. Limited by bylaws
    - 2. Size of the group is good for making decisions but not for doing the work; So how to find more people to help with the work;
    - 3. Not having staff or an available staff liaison
    - 4. We need an admin assistant – need to write job description
      - a. What would they do? – see blue highlight above
      - b. Id'ing what staff person will do. Susan Leslie (here 2 years) did a lot, was paid by Side with Love “till we understood what we were doing,” they didn't want to keep paying
      - c. Audra Friend is assigned to us; worked with Susan Leslie; also does all of Side with Love
      - d. It's not our problem how much staff is doing; we just have to ask for what we need. We need to be regular with clear expectations so that we maintain access to their time, with heads up about times of year when it's more
  - iv. One of our members feels unqualified to do any of these things
  - v. Could we break the two coordinator jobs further?
  - vi. Some of us need to do more than one role
4. CSAI workshop
- a. Nancy wrote to GA Planning Committee: CSW has till March 15th to get in proposals for workshops; he said they'll be at the same time as business sessions, Kimberly says things are too packed
  - b. We suggest 3:15-4:45 et Monday and Tuesday

## February 4, 2026

Meeting with the Co-moderators and Governance Manager (at their request) to discuss AIW process

- AIW voting process
  - Step 1: All AIWs presented (session 2, Monday) The larger number will be on the ballot (this happens after session 2) for ranked choice to advance the top 3

- Step 2: At next session, top 3 presented (session 3, style tbd) (after: ballot to add to agenda)
- Step 3: Next session: discussion (session 4) (after: ballot to approve)
- Need to build in time for legal review

## February 2, 2026

### 1. ADMIN

Attendance: Nancy, Antoinette, Cindy, Sharon, Isabel

Duration: 3:10-4:30

Minutes:

Information

Next meeting:

### 2. CSAI workshop

#### Context:

- We want a high profile speaker. We don't have one
- GA planners didn't leave us a live slot
- Because it's in the bylaws, do they have to squeeze us in somehow?

#### Decisions

- Make (now) and post on website and put in the GA system:
    - 5-10 minute What is Abolition intro
    - Interview a few people bring in personal experience, conversation format
    - Antoinette will take the lead on asking people
  - Create two workshops in order to review what we've covered and allow people to go deeper, meeting people at multiple levels
  - Abolitions intro – with a graphic recorder Antoinette and Isabel will plan
    - What do we mean when we talk about abolition?
    - Imagining a different way of being in the world
    - Abolition as an intersectional issue
  - Abolition applications – Nancy will look for people
    - CLF on prison
    - Minneapolis on ICE
    - Congregation working with police
    - Abolition as a spiritual practice
3. Omnibus AIW (with an eye towards how we want to replace the process for future years)
    - ☰ Omnibus AIW Proposal . We made some modifications, passed it, and Isabel will send to moderators. Cindy will work more on language
  4. Write job descriptions for positions
    - a. Chair

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5. Review the **Backlog**

6. Closing round: process, content, interpersonal

### **Jan 15, 2026**

Meeting with the Co-moderators and Governance Manager (at their request) to discuss AIW process

- CSW advocates for ranked-choice voting so that the full GA can take part in selecting the three AIW proposals to be admitted to the agenda
- CSW shares idea of an omnibus AIW to allow more proposals to be approved

### **December 11, 2025**

Opening

1. Chalice Lighting –
2. Check-in
3. ADMIN  
Attendance: Nancy, Vanessa, Antoinette, Cindy, Sharon, Isabel  
Duration:  
Minutes:  
Information  
Next meeting: Jan 22nd

Agenda items

4. Exploration: Replacing the AIW process
  - Comments exploring the context and the issue
    - People in congregations aren't aware of it, aren't using it, don't know how to, especially new members
    - Justice pitted against justice seeds division because only 3 AIWs can be passed
    - Things fell apart during COVID
    - Match time span and complexity. Lobbying work is supported by official statements, but more people could know about it

- Social justice issues taken seriously by both the UUA AND congregations; both have a role in discernment
- People discouraged from taking things seriously because there's no follow-up; some fall into the ether
- Moral theater if there's no follow-up; who's holding us accountable; staff can only hold us accountable for so many
- Balance between thoughtfulness and speed
- There's not a champion; no one's enthusiastic
- The world has changed since the original process especially with social media, action of "immediate" witness is usually out of date by the time we get to GA
- Social media new people recognize that it's a cumbersome process not as adaptive as the currently needs
- Want to hold onto it being the voice of our congregations
- Lobbying, public speaking, speaking to press, writing, preaching all benefit
- The UUA is now doing so much more that involve congregations (e.g. wave cohorts, Action Center) — opportunities for them to engage
- Brainstorm and consent to list of considerations/dimensions, e.g.
  - Timeline of process: Balance between thoughtfulness and speed
    - Timeline of when people getting it to us, us responding
    - Discerning what is immediate and long game justice
  - Timeline of justice work
    - (Congregations can already do local and immediate things)
    - The UUA's capacity
  - Balancing local and national needs; when can a local issue benefit from national support
  - How can the name of the process support it?
    - How does language hinder us
  - What levels of process and criteria for various issues
    - What is the value-added of bringing it to GA
    - How many people have to touch it before it's worth sharing to UUs broadly
    - What are the other needs / processes the the CSW can be holding
  - Balance number of issues with capacity of association
  - Balance action and statements in light of timing
  - Creating something with integrity
  - There are multiple ways of addressing similar goals that work better for different contexts
  - What is the CSW's role in advancing social witness?
  - What groups are doing UU justice work to listen to, learn from, learn with
  - What are we asking congregations to do after We (collectively) pass one of these

- How does a congregation know they've been faithful to the association regarding each issue
    - Do we need to look back at previous statements to make sure they're still valid for how they're being used
      - When and how does a statement/recommendation expire?
      - How do address harm that is caused by previous statements (e.g. fatness in ethical eating, LG gender, racial microaggressions).
    - How to normalize the expectation of incompleteness and different strategies
    - How to hold faithfulness to whole faith, values, polity history
  - Next time: proposal suggestions
5. Exploration: Co-chair nomination process. Worked on describing the role. Postponed selection to next meeting alongside selection of chair-in-waiting, treasurer secretary, communications

Final

6. Review the **Backlog**
7. Closing round: process, content, interpersonal

### November 13, 2025

1. Chalice Lighting –
2. Check-in
3. ADMIN
  - Attendance:
    - Who's going to the Dec 8 board meeting?
    - Maybe we don't need to because they don't really touch on much relevant to us, and now we have Vanessa
  - Duration
  - Minutes
  - Information- no announcements
  - Next meeting: Dec 11, no Sharon

CSAI

4. Report (Nancy and Antoinette)
  - CLF update

- First session Little-a big-A, inform about process, individual and congregational updates, went well.
- Dec. 1, Michael Tino
- Michael, Aisha, Ashley Parent, and Audra Friend: we're excited about using CLF website, now the CSAI link goes there. [clfu.org/abolition](http://clfu.org/abolition)
- Thursday 11/20 another meeting
- financial logistics from meeting on 10/23
  - How do we do this formally? Antoinette has a contact to do this.
- Isabel will update UUA website

#### AIW process and schedule

5. Exploration (and decision): 2026 AIW schedule

##### **Process proposal (Nancy):**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z2ZPDNbgUdxYBoSFD870PiQLUx\\_-EHALrYk0e-0/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z2ZPDNbgUdxYBoSFD870PiQLUx_-EHALrYk0e-0/edit?tab=t.0)

- We approved!
- Nancy will send to Audra

#### Liaisoning etc

6. Welcome Rev. Vanessa Southern!

- a. Exploration: What are our hopes for the role?

- Clarity about what decisions are ours to make
- Effective process and schedule at GA
- 2-way communication
  - Info from Board that we need
  - Board informed about what we're doing and what we need
- Decision-making member of the CSW so the Board is a part of our decisions and the CSW is a part of Board decisions
- Help us be creative
- Keep congregations engaged; interrupt distancing between congregations and UUA

- b. Decision: Consent on Vanessa as a consenting member?

- Yes , yay! Living into partnership

#### Budget

7. Report from Antoinette


#### Group process

8. Select a CSW co-chair- postponed process until the next meeting on Dec. 11th

#### Final

9. Review the **Backlog**
10. Closing round: process, content, interpersonal
11. Agreed to spend a significant amount of time at the January meeting on re-visioning how the AIW process might work. Meeting date changed to Jan. 22nd 1:00 Pacific Time (due to scheduling conflicts)

#### Actions:

- Isabel will
  - update UUA website with links to CLF's Abolition webpages as the "study guide"
  - Ask Audra how we get the message out
  - Ask Cathy Rion Starr / Nicole / Ashley ?? if it could go in the Action Update  
[aparent@clfuu.org](mailto:aparent@clfuu.org); [CRionStarr@uua.org](mailto:CRionStarr@uua.org)
- Nancy will
  - Send  2026AIW Proposal Process to Audra

#### October 9, 2025

1. Chalice Lighting –"It is not you who shapes God, it is God who shapes you. If, then, you are the work of God, await at the hand of the artist who does all things in due season. Offer him your heart, soft and tractable, to keep the form in which the artist has shaped you. Let your clay be moist lest you grow hard and lose the imprint of God's fingers." ~ St. Irenaeus

2. Check-in

3. ADMIN

Attendance: Sharon, Antoinette, Cindy, Nancy, Isabel

Duration

Minutes

Information- no announcements

Next meeting

Liaisoning etc

4. Report (Nancy):
  - Bill emailed Nancy to say Rev. Vanessa Southern will be our Board liaison
5. Exploration: Attending board meetings november and beyond
  - Nancy going Nov 10
  - We like the idea of one person being consistent and others adding in

CSAI

6. Report (Nancy and Antoinette): conversations with CLF

- Idea of monthly meetings, special ones for ministers, like Article II. constantly in people's emails and on their agendas
- Nancy & Antoinette will facilitate monthly meetings with CLF; not create new content but use already created curriculum and experts
- May want to create an ongoing chat room like [discuss.uua.org](https://discuss.uua.org) for this
- Checking in on financial logistics at next planning meeting on 10/23 that will include Nicole
- Suggested topics
  - Theology of sin and punishment
  - Theology of restoration and repair

7. Exploration: How to publicize the CSW?

This may be resolved with the new process. Need to include CUUSANs in promoting.

Bylaws revision

8. Report: Good initial discussion with bylaws revision group

Budget

9. Report from Antoinette (?):

- Our budget this year is \$14,000
- **Agreed that we will allocate \$10,000 CSAI this year**
- Antoinette will inquire about when our deadline to submit a budget to the UUA
- The CSW needs to proactively advocate for a realistic budget every year, know what will be required in the upcoming year

AIW

10. Exploration (and decision?): 2026 AIW schedule

**Process proposal (Nancy):**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z2ZPDNbgUdqYBoSFD870PiQLUx\\_-EHALrYk0e-0/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z2ZPDNbgUdqYBoSFD870PiQLUx_-EHALrYk0e-0/edit?tab=t.0)

Cindy suggested changing AIW's to adapt to the changing times by perhaps creating a "mega-AIW" that will include a number of AIWs that address the current anti-democracy concerns. They agreed to write this up for us to review and discuss for the next time we are together (and will look into bylaw voting specifications for AIWs)

11. Review the **Backlog**

12. Closing round: process, content, interpersonal

**Action:**

- Next meeting: Nancy wants to discuss creating a co-chair for the CSW so that they can move out of this position by next June
- Cindy will have AIW process to review and discuss
- Antoinette will try to get update on how we stayed within last year's budget, and get the date for our submission of next year's budget proposal.

## Sept 11, 2025

### 1. Chalice Lighting

When hope is crushed,

Is it like clods of earth ground to mud,  
sticking in foulness to my boots as I walk?

Is it like the gorgeous fall leaves, still whole  
and luminous when they drop from the tree,

but suddenly gray and ugly once they land?

Or is it like tomatoes, whose sweetness  
emerges when their solid form is gone?

Or like hearts that become oh so tender  
when they have known breaking,  
miraculously open to softness and empathy?

~ Rabbi Dayle A. Friedman

### 2. Check-in

### 3. ADMIN

Attendance: Nancy, Isabel, Sharon, Cindy

Duration

Minutes (questions, corrections to last month? Requests of secretary?)

Information (anything the commission needs to know that doesn't belong on the agenda)

- AIWs have passed the legal requirement
- CSAI needs a change in language

Next meeting

Board liaisoning etc

### 4. Exploration: process conversation with moderators Co-Moderator check-in notes

- They agreed to get us a super liaison
  - Seemed disengaged from giving us a purpose. We need to write it and let them approve it.
5. Attending board meetings november and beyond
    - Cindy will try to go in-person October, Isabel available Thursday on Zoom if necessary
    - Cindy will try to consistently attend
    - Nancy aiming for Nov 10, too
    - We like the idea of one person being consistent and others adding in

#### CSAI

6. Report (Nancy) about conversations with CLF
7. Exploration (and decision?): CSAI budget  
**Proposal (Isabel):** Let's move forward planning to spend \$10,000 on study/action resources and workshops. (Don't want to let budget vagueness hold up action)  
 CONSENT

#### AIW

8. Discussion of AIW process, including resubmissions. No decisions yet.
- 9.
10. Closing round: process, content, interpersonal
  - We need to do our work ahead of the meeting because some conversations can't be resolved in this context
  - Need clarification with rounds when I'm confused
  - **Action:**
    - reconsider schedule
    - Each up us write up the purpose of the CSW

#### August 14, 2025

1. Chalice Lighting
2. Check-in
3. ADMIN

Attendance: Nancy, Isabel, Cindy, Antoinette, Susan, Sharon; Nicole at 3:36  
 Duration  
 Minutes

Information (anything the commission needs to know that doesn't belong on the agenda)

- This is Susan's last meeting
- First Labor Day march in Boston in years
- Nicole Pressley wanted to be here because of staff shifts, excited about Abolition, accessible to us

Next meeting

- 2nd Thursday 3CT
- Antoinette away next month
- Nancy will bring chalice lighting

4. Consent to agenda

5. Decision Proposed by Isabel: Use rounds to talk in out meetings

- Moves things along
- Less repetition
- More equal participation
- Can say pass
- Helps to make a list of order
- Agreed

11. Exploration and Decision: Nancy has drafted a letter to the Board about our GA experience and concerns. We agreed to send the letter.

6. Abolition CSAI next steps

- Report on what to do by Isabel
  - a. Commissioning a study guide
    - i. There is no deadline in the UUA bylaws anymore.
    - ii. Beginning discussion on budget and the possibility of paying CLF to do it
    - iii. We don't yet have legal approval. This is why they're not posted. But this "policy" isn't written anywhere
  - b. Setting up workshops
    - i. It's in the bylaws that we'll do this during GA. (FYI Mini-assemblies are year 3 4.12.4)
    - ii. Need budget to pay for them
    - iii. Need to plan them and find leaders
- Report on budget by Antoinette
- Exploration to determine next steps
  - Legal
    - Nancy's concerned about long wait; congregations aren't waiting to begin study and action. Do we just go ahead?

- We're unclear as to why is legal approval necessary? We're just studying.
    - Assumption: we're relying on legal counsel for everything, and everything is a whole lot more so they're busy which is slowing things down
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  - Decided to forgo finding old study guides
    - In the past, the CSAI team and passionate people did it, with some financial support
    - Really different context now
  - It's study/action
    - So we need to actually do abolition, build partnerships
    - DON'T GET LOST IN STUDY
    - People are in a range of positions, so some people aren't ready for action
      - Maybe two workshops
  - This is not an easy topic for congregations/people with trauma history
  - Workshops
    - We are only required to do one
    - Maybe some people want to offer their own
  - 
  - How are we going to talk about this to avoid reactivity, cast wide net, help people find a home where they can practice
    - Get clear about what abolition is: Relating to each other without the state
    - Don't start with Police; move away from prison; removing punishment from every aspect of your life
  - Antoinette and Nancy write to CLF; Cindy can give glance over
    - What support do they need
    - What are they able to provide?
7. Beginning comments for establishing 2026 AIW process / Changing AIW process
- Report from Nancy: Nancy is planning to talk to moderators so they can make different decisions. The way the bylaws are being operationalized is not ideal: 3 votes is onerous. This can be streamlined.
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  - Report from Nancy: How shall we adapt AIW Proposal Process (non-bylaws policy) about what is appropriate (inc. can one be re-proposed next year)? For September meeting, please read the draft and be ready to...
    - Offer feedback and proposed changes
    - Update dates
  - We briefly discussed a request to support AIWs in the next church year and determined this is outside our scope.

8. We briefly discussed a request to do another CSAI in 2026 and affirmed the current process.
9. **Cindy** committed to draft a proposed guideline about how when AIWs can be reintroduced

### **June 22, 2025 Breakfast meeting**

We'd like to make a full report on GA

- Recommend no programming during General Session. We can't do justice well when pitting learning about justice against the business of the Association.
- It seems that in handing off planning to admin staff, the Moderators lost touch with essential details and were unable to communicate well with us
  - The order of the CSAI presentation is not what we were told. We feel it should be our decision.
  - We were told the CSAIs would have no cons, but then there were cons
  - Moderators didn't honor what Stephanie (mistakenly) emailed out about when CSW business would begin
  - It seems the agenda is designed so that UUA staff priorities get more attendance
- It's unclear what decision-making domain the CSW has
- Requests
  - The Board liaison should be (or function as) a full member of the CSW. We need to consent to them (as in: the Board may appoint someone, but we get to decide if we want to work with them.)
  - The CSW should appear regularly on the agenda of the Board
  - The CSW needs to meet with the member of the mod squad who will be moderating CSW agenda items before GA (if they're not the CSW link)

Open questions we want to return to: What is our obligation to AIWs and CSAIs after they pass? What's the commitment being made by GA / UUA delegates and who's responsible for implementing it? How do we make covenant real here?

Add to backlog:

- our relationship with Side with Love
- Communications with Audra Friend

### **June 12**

Discussion of alternatives to the current AIW process to be more emergent, so we could publicize issues that aren't voted on throughout the year. The power of AIWs is that they've been voted on by the GA. But we could ask congregations to vote on issues. This would be more grassroots, more congregational polity What is our criteria?

- AIW submitted late: Defend the Civic Institutions of Scientific Research
  - We decided not to admit it. It's not that it's not urgent; it doesn't meet our format and there's not time to update it
  - We suggest to send to the president's office, ask her to sign it
- Nancy has submitted updated CSAIs and AIWs
  - Language updated on [discuss.uua.org](https://discuss.uua.org) and the uua website
- Current AIW process check-in
  - Discussion process and engagement went really well
  - Tension between immediacy and need time for feedback
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    - Need a solution for handling feedback. Cumbersome for us to have to vet every change before it's updated on official sites
- Miscommunication: AIW organizers say GA Planning Team told them nothing important would happen during what became the General Session with the presentation time
- Desire to update the 5 year rule for AIWs to wait before resubmission

June 2, 2025 meeting with Larry Stridoff about [discuss.uua.org](https://discuss.uua.org)

- [discuss.uua.org](https://discuss.uua.org) is a collaborative creation with staff and board. Allows the massive amount of work at GA to be spread out so people can be considerate, and can involve non-attendees
  - The CSW cannot directly talk to people; only a few staff people can do this. We can flag content and work with staff to respond directly or post in the thread to explain what happened. When we flag, it will be removed immediately. Staff will review it and, if necessary, respond to the individual
    - People who have been engaged in the community for a while have the ability to flag, too, depending on how much they like, engage, etc.
  - We'll be able to view ignored content that others have flagged
  - We can edit posts (not the title, category, tags, etc.), but people can see edit history including content
- The system already does some automatic moderating, like not allowing users to post more than twice if there hasn't been a lot of activity
- Users can be silenced or suspended

May 8, 2025

1. Check in
2. CSAI wording internal deadline is 5/30
3. Re-schedule time with Larry S. regarding discuss.org
4. Discuss.org sign-up schedule
5. GA:
  - a. **Nancy** will confirm CSAI & AIW discussion times

- b. We chose 4 button designs to give away; **Cindy** will finish them, **Nancy** will make it happen
- c. Planning for booth set up, staffing, close up,
  - i. 2 chairs and a table
  - ii. **Nancy** will order more chairs and a poster hanger and converse with audra about having a display hanger
- d. **Nancy** committed to ask staff to provide laminated display copies of each AIW
- e. Session II

We all go on stage to give a 4 minute description. Nancy will make and send slides to Stephanie

- i. 12 min for each CSAI
  - 1. Give presenters 3 mins to present their CSAI and 9 mins of discussion
  - 2. Fat Liberation, Housing, Abolition will be the order of the presenters

6. AIW updated: We've only received one so far on DC Statehood; more will likely come in

April 9, 2025


- 1. AIWs
  - a. Encouragements to submit AIWs have been emailed to UUSC, UUSJ, UUMA, CUUSAN, comm, side with love, uuwf
- 2. CSAI
  - a. Rescheduling zoom conversations
    - i. Two of the three have been rescheduled, updated at <https://www.uua.org/action/process>
    - ii. Side with Love notified and asked to publicized
  - b. Zoom conversations coming up
    - i. **P** CSW AIW feedback sessions 2025.pptx
    - ii. 17th Fat Liberation
      - 1. Cindy is the CSW lead, Nancy help
    - iii. 29th Abolition
      - 1. Antoinette is lead, Isabel is back-up
    - iv. 5th Housing
      - 1. Sharon is lead, Nancy help
- 3. Exhibit hall: We'll invite CSAI presenters to a 1-hr slot; **Nancy** is setting this up
- 4. GA schedule
  - a. Here are the two items for which a member of the CSW will appear onstage:
    - i. DISCUSSION OF STATEMENTS OF CONSCIENCE is scheduled for GENERAL SESSION II at approximately 2:01 PM ET. This presentation has been allotted 40 MINUTES.

- ii. COMMISSION ON SOCIAL WITNESS ADMITS ACTIONS OF IMMEDIATE WITNESS is scheduled for GENERAL SESSION II at approximately 2:41 PM ET. This presentation has been allotted 10 MINUTES

b. [https://www.uua.org/files/2025-02/ga2025\\_tentative\\_agenda.pdf](https://www.uua.org/files/2025-02/ga2025_tentative_agenda.pdf)

5. Larry Stridoff to train us in monitoring [discuss.uua.org](https://discuss.uua.org) Monday April 21, 1pm CT

April 3, 2025

1. Stephanie joined us to talk about [discuss.uua.org](https://discuss.uua.org)
  - **Decision:** We will monitor the official threads and those we're specifically asked to monitor by the UUA. Have the power to delete or suspend comments. Will refer to Stephanie and Charles any behavioral issues, with help from John.
2. CSW and UUA communications
  - We don't know why CSAI discussions aren't on <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/board/ga-governance>
  - April 22 CSAI session conflicts with Moderator mini-assembly
  - We haven't been able to get the word out, and Stephaine is taking the lead to find out why we haven't been connected with more social media
  - Stephanie confirmed that it's a fair assumption that when we send staff liaison dates, they'll be posted everywhere
3. CSAI process and questions.
  - Reschedule Abolition CSAI conversation (conflicts with Moderator mini-assembly) and Housing (too short notice)
  - There's a process template:  CSW AIW feedback sessions 2025.pptx
4. Next Meeting Wednesday 4/9 6pm CT