



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 14 – 21, 2026

MEET THE MOMENT: TOGETHER EVERYWHERE

What to Expect

at

General Assembly 2026



Introductions

- Welcome from the panelists
- Feel free to introduce yourselves in the chat
- Submit questions via Q&A

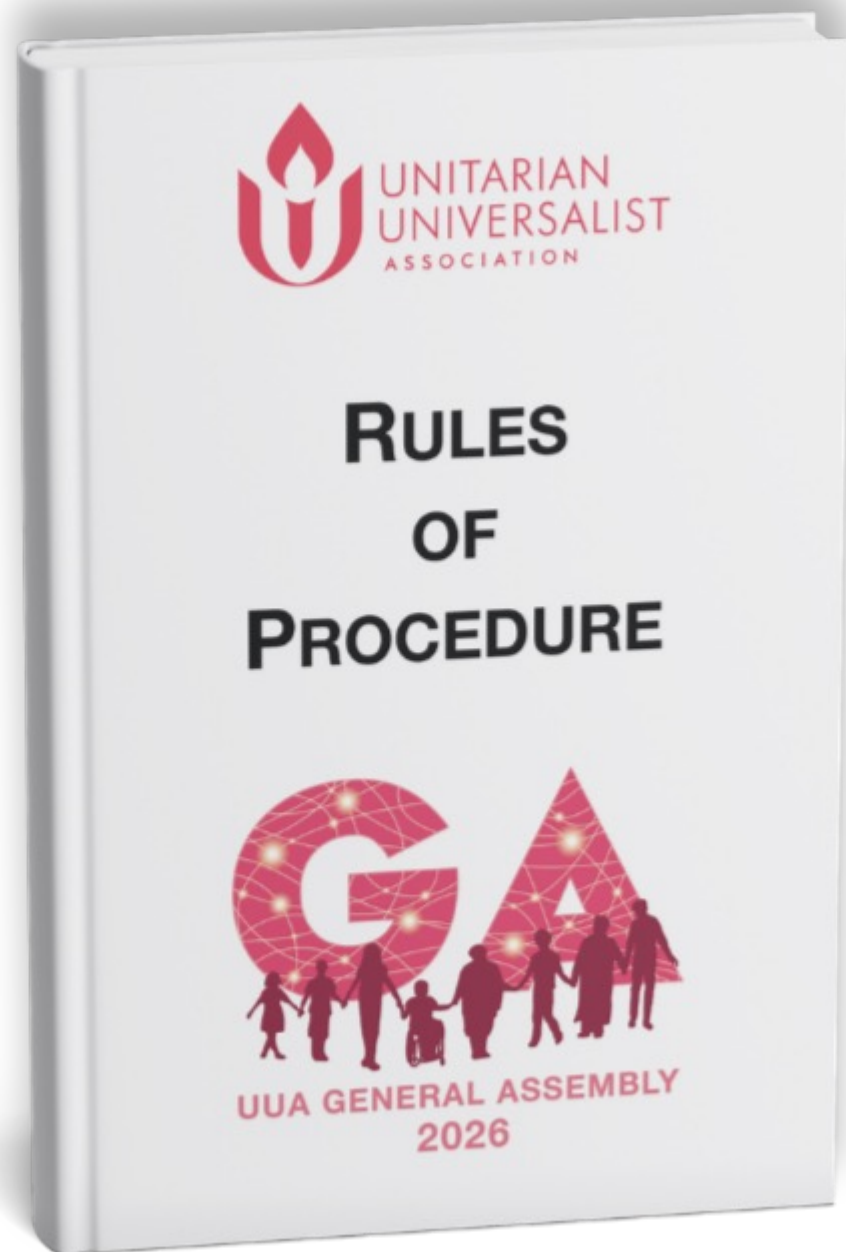


Today's Agenda

- How we do business at GA
- What happens before GA
- Business Items
 - Business Resolution and Bylaw Amendment
 - Actions of Immediate Witness
- Elections
- Programmatic Details
- And more!



How We Do Business





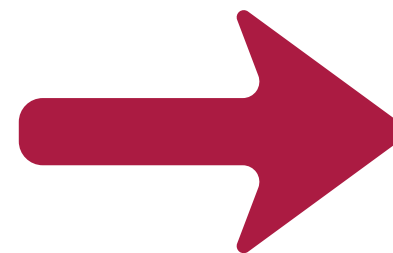
General Assembly is the annual **business meeting** of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Delegates from member congregations **elect** leaders and **vote** on resolutions, bylaw changes, and statements.

Rules for the business and voting are set by the UUA Bylaws, the UUA Board of Trustees, and the Rules of Procedure.



At GA 2026, we'll continue with the procedural approach used at recent GAs.



Inclusive and accessible for delegates; focus on issues, not procedure





Now

- Plenty of time to discuss business in advance of GA with your congregation
- Plenty of time to share your discussions in advance of GA on discuss.uua.org
- Mini assemblies at least 10 days in advance of voting on possible amendments
- Easy, accessible voting that happens over hour(s), not seconds
- Discussion and votes on issues, not debates about procedure



Revised Rules of Procedure

- Clear and accessible format in plain language
- No Amendment/Procedure Line
 - Amendments are automatically on the ballot
 - Cannot vote to table, refer, or end discussion (call the question)
- Information Desk will answer questions about the business items, and address procedural concerns with the Moderation Team (ModSquad)
- Changes to the Rules of Procedure can only be proposed at the pre-GA mini assembly, and requires 4/5 majority to pass.



Voting and Discussion

In each General Session we'll have time to discuss every business item, with voting by ballot the same day, after the conclusion of each session.

- Equitable access to online voting through delegate platform
- Ballots after each general session
- Pro/Con speaking lines found in Zoom
- No confusing procedure (e.g. "call the question")
- Builds on past ballot process for AIWs and elections



Ballots

- Sunday (General Session I)
 - Rules of Procedure
- Monday (General Session II)
 - Actions of Immediate Witness, Business Resolution, and Bylaw Amendment
- Monday (General Session III)
 - Business Resolution (as amended), and Adding AIWs to the Final Agenda
- Tuesday (General Session IV)
 - Bylaw Amendment (as amended) and Actions of Immediate Witness
- Tuesday (General Session V)
 - Responsive and/or Budget Resolutions (if any)

Delegate Platform

delegate.uua.org



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Welcome to the GA Delegate Participation Platform

If you are a GA Delegate but have not received your link to the Delegate Platform, please enter the email address associated with your delegate credential. An email with your new login link will be sent immediately, but may take up to 10 minutes to be received (please also check your email's spam or junk folder).

Email Address:

Contact gaonlinesupport@uua.org for help logging in.



What Happens *Before* GA





How Business Works Leading Up to GA

May 15th

Final Agenda Published

Through June 7th

CSW Activities (AIWs)

May/June

Delegates Credentialed

May 28th

Mini Assembly

June 8th

Final Text of All Agenda Items

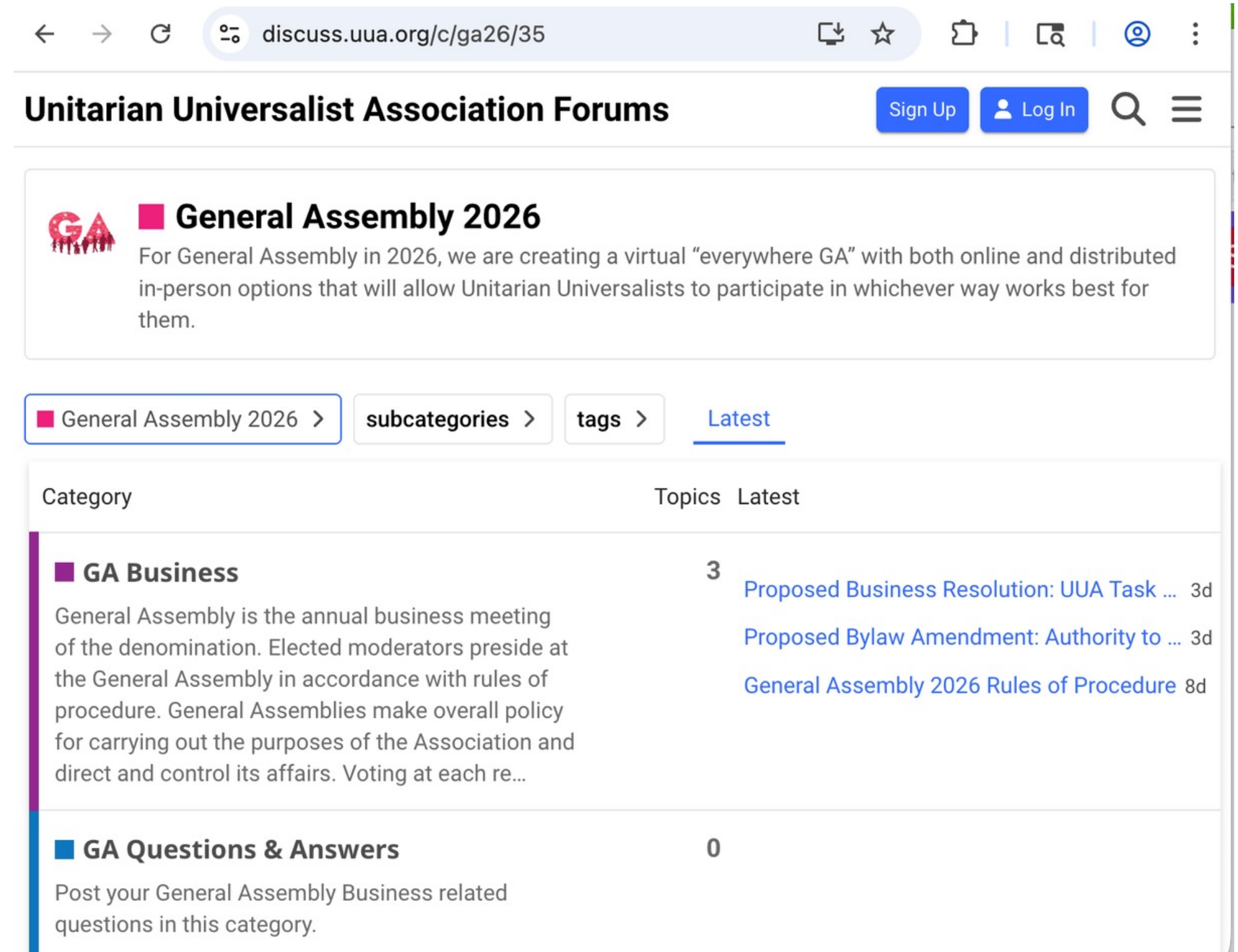
Online Discussion



Discussion *Before* GA

discuss.uua.org

- Open to all members of UUA member congregations
- Includes discussion of Rules of Procedure, Bylaw Amendment, Business Resolution, and AIWs



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL discuss.uua.org/c/ga26/35. The page title is "Unitarian Universalist Association Forums". There are "Sign Up" and "Log In" buttons in the top right corner. Below the header, there is a section for "General Assembly 2026" with a GA logo icon. The text reads: "For General Assembly in 2026, we are creating a virtual 'everywhere GA' with both online and distributed in-person options that will allow Unitarian Universalists to participate in whichever way works best for them." Below this, there are navigation buttons for "General Assembly 2026", "subcategories", "tags", and "Latest". The main content area is a table with columns for "Category", "Topics", and "Latest".

Category	Topics	Latest
GA Business General Assembly is the annual business meeting of the denomination. Elected moderators preside at the General Assembly in accordance with rules of procedure. General Assemblies make overall policy for carrying out the purposes of the Association and direct and control its affairs. Voting at each re...	3	Proposed Business Resolution: UUA Task ... 3d Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Authority to ... 3d General Assembly 2026 Rules of Procedure 8d
GA Questions & Answers Post your General Assembly Business related questions in this category.	0	



Proposing Amendments to the Rules of Procedure, Bylaw Amendment, and Business Resolution

- **May 15th** - Final Agenda published
- **May 20th** - Deadline to Submit Amendments to Business Items; Board reviews, based on guidelines
- **May 28th** - Mini Assembly for All Business Items



Timeline for Business Items and Rules of Procedure

- Go to discuss.uua.org to share your thoughts and questions
- Submit amendments via the delegate portal by no later than:
 - May 20th
 - 11pm ET / 10pm CT / 9pm MT / 8pm PT / 8pm AT / 6pm HT
- Mini Assembly (2 hours)
 - May 28th
 - 7pm ET / 6pm CT / 5pm MT / 4pm PT / 3pm AT / 2pm HT



Amendment Guidelines

- To qualify for consideration (Moderator reviews submissions), amendments must be:
 - same topic
 - same format/style
 - avoid conflicting with other bylaws and statements
 - consistent with bylaw intent (not adding new directions)
- The Moderator, in consultation with appropriate advisors, will determine which amendments will be scheduled for discussion and vote in the general session.
- Board can incorporate any amendment into final version.



Business Resolution

UUA Task Force on Ministerial Fellowship Committee Policies and Rules for Interim and Developmental Ministers

Purpose of Resolution: This proposal asks the UUA to charge a task force with recommending updates to Ministerial Fellowship Committee policies and rules for Interim and Developmental Ministers.



Bylaw Amendment

Authority to Suspend or Place a Minister's Search on Hold

Purpose of Amendment: This proposal is for amendment of the UUA Bylaws and Rules, Article XI Ministry, Section 11.5.

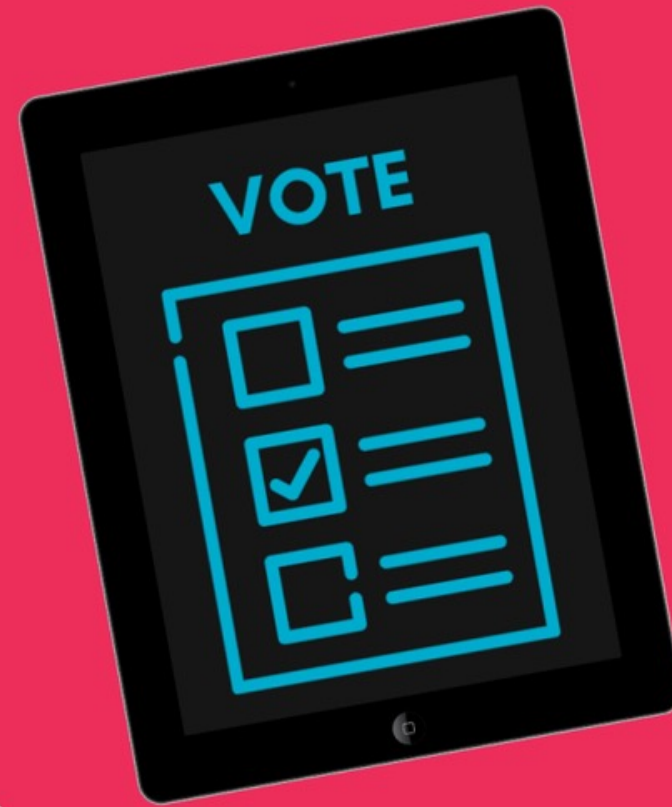
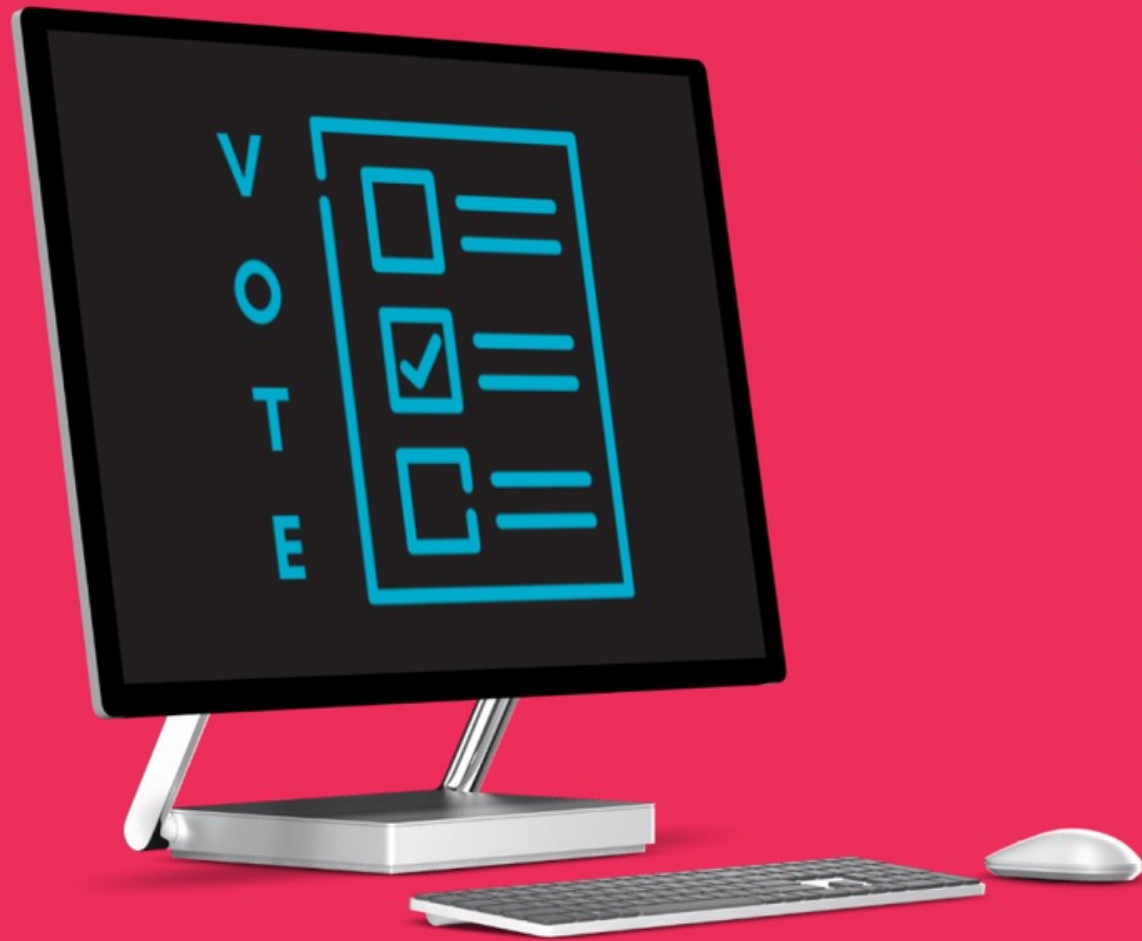
Termination of Fellowship and Administrative Suspension, to limit the authority to place a minister on hold from settlement, interim, or contract searches to the Ministerial Fellowship Committee or Board of Trustees.



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ELECTIONS





Elections for Volunteer Leadership

The Nominating Committee submitted its slate of candidates for openings on the following volunteer bodies by the bylaws-directed deadline of March 15, 2026:

- Board of Review
- Board of Trustees
- Commission on Appraisal
- Nominating Committee
- Presidential Search Committee



Board of Review Candidates

- Denise Rimes - (7-year term ending at GA 2033)
- Rev. Abbey Tennis - (7-year term ending at GA 2033)



Board of Trustees Candidates

- Gail Forsyth-Vail - position #1 (3-year term ending at GA 2029)
- Chloe Ockey - position #2 (3-year term ending at GA 2029)
- Rev. Dr. Oscar Sinclair - position #4 (3-year term ending at GA 2029)
- Terry Grim - position #5 (3-year term ending at GA 2029)
 - nominated by the Nominating Committee
- Larry Ladd - position #5 (3-year term ending at GA 2029)
 - submitted a petition for nomination



Contested Election for UUA Board of Trustees



Terry Grim



Larry Ladd

Terry Grim (nominated by the Nominating Committee) and Larry Ladd (running by petition) will be competing for Position #5 on the Board of Trustees (3-year term ending at GA 2029).





Commission on Appraisal Candidates

- Peter Mather - (5-year term ending at GA 2031)
- Julie Romero - (1-year term ending at GA 2027)
- Lincoln Statler - (1-year term ending at GA 2027)



Nominating Committee Candidates

- Rev. Viola Abbitt - (3-year term ending at GA 2029)
- Sunnie Palmer- (3-year term ending at GA 2029)
- Cathy Seggel - (1-year term ending at GA 2027)
- Claire Sexton - (3-year term ending at GA 2029)



Presidential Search Committee Candidates

- Rev. Dr. Madelyn Campbell - (5-year term ending at GA 2031)
- Ben Gabel - (5-year term ending at GA 2031)
- Lynette Millett - (5-year term ending at GA 2031)
- Rachel Rott - (5-year term ending at GA 2031)
- Rev. Hannah Villnave - (5-year term ending at GA 2031)

Note: Two more members will be appointed by the UUA Appointments Committee in June 2026.



Social Justice Process for GA 2026





Members of the Commission on Social Witness

- Rev. Dr. Isabel Call
- Antoinette Hollamon
- Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum
- Rev. C. Nancy Reid-McKee, chair
- Sharon Welch



Actions of Immediate Witness (AIWs)

- April 24: Deadline for submitting AIWs
- May 1: CSW offers feedback to AIW proposers
- May 8: Final drafts of AIWs due
- May 17-23: Online feedback sessions
- June 1: Final versions of AIWs posted
- June 7: Deadline to submit AIWs responding to last-minute emergent issues only; may not receive CSW feedback
- June 15 (General Session III): Vote to admit AIWs to final agenda
- June 16 (General Session IV): Vote to affirm AIWs



Congregational Study/Action Issue Workshops on 2025 CSAI: Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation

- GA 2025: Delegates voted to accept the CSAI "Abolition, Transformation and Faith Formation".
- Since then, Rev. Michael Tino, Aisha Hauser, and the Church of the Larger Fellowship have held a series of workshops to present the topic of abolition to UU congregations.
- GA 2026: CSW will present more information to GA attendees before developing a Statement of Conscience (SOC) about the topic.
- This SoC will go out for discussion to congregations and be presented at GA 2027 for adoption, more study, or it may be denied.



Congregational Study/Action Issue Workshops on 2025 CSAI: Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation

Workshop Title: *“Imagining Abolition”* with Antoinette Hollamon and Rev. Dr. Isabel Call

From the founding of this country, coercion and punishment have been used as a way to enforce compliance. This can be seen from parenting, schooling and the way business is conducted. Our faith calls us to critique the theology of punishment that has become so prominent. This begins when we start to imagine other ways to live that are, perhaps, idealistic, but that hold the seeds of how we move into a loving, healing, holistic practice of living in the world.

- June 15th
 - 3:30pm-4:45pm ET / 2:30pm-3:45pm CT / 1:30-2:45pm MT / 12:30pm-1:45pm PT / 11:30am-12:45pm AT / 10:30am-11:45am HT



Congregational Study/Action Issue Workshops on 2025 CSAI: Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation

Workshop Title: “*Abolition in Practice*” with Rev. Nancy Reid-McKee

This workshop will include a panel of leaders who practice abolition in its many variations. Panelists will discuss abolition as a spiritual practice, abolition as seen in Minneapolis, abolition in police and prison settings, and how abolition intersects with the way we approach environmental justice.

- June 16th
 - 3:30pm-4:45pm ET / 2:30pm-3:45pm CT / 1:30-2:45pm MT / 12:30pm-1:45pm PT / 11:30am-12:45pm AT / 10:30am-11:45am HT



Other Business





Responsive Resolutions

Rule 4.16.2 Responsive Resolutions

Responsive resolutions are brief, advisory statements that express the sentiment of the delegates. They must be in response to a substantive portion of a report by an officer or committee reporting to a regular General Assembly, per Section 4.16. Responsive resolutions are not binding and do not set policy for the Association. They may not act as a substitute for other types of business items, such as business resolutions, budget motions, study/action issues, bylaw amendments, or actions of immediate witness. The Moderator will determine whether a proposed responsive resolution may be added to the final agenda under this rule.

- Any delegate can submit a responsive resolution for affirmation during GA in a format set by the Board; they cannot be amended.
- Responsive resolutions must be submitted by 4:00pm ET / 3:00pm CT / 2:00pm MT / 1:00pm PT / 12:00pm AT / 11:00am HT on Tuesday, June 16th.



Budget Motions

- A Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, June 15th at 4:30pm ET / 3:30pm CT / 2:30pm MT / 1:30pm PT / 12:30pm AT / 11:30am HT
- Delegates may submit motions to advise the Board on spending priorities.
- Budget motions must be submitted by 7pm ET / 6pm CT / 5pm MT / 4pm PT / 3pm AT / 2pm HT on Sunday, June 14th.
- If the motion increases spending in any category, it must be accompanied by a recommendation that:
 - provides for an equivalent reduction in spending, and
 - specifies the category in which reductions are to be made.



Even More General Assembly!





The Arc of GA 2026

Sunday – Tuesday



**Governance
& Business**

Wednesday – Thursday



**Learning,
Connection,
& Flexibility**

Friday – Sunday



**Worship &
Shared
Programming**

Online • Satellite Sites • Community Gatherings • Louisville Studio Site



Weekend of Worship and Programming



**Bishop Marianne
Budde**



**Meet the
Moment**



**Wave
Cohorts**



Worship



**Crystal Simone
Smith**



**Ware
Lecture**



**Featured
Speakers**



**Reflection &
Connection**



**Rev. Jen
Youngsun Ryu**



Rev. Liz Walker





Thank you!

We look forward to being with you at General Assembly 2026!



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