

Fifth Principle Task Force Board ad hoc Group Proposal to UUA Staff
Approved by UUA Board of Trustees, 3/28/2013

We want our General Assembly to be a large group plenary governance gathering designed in a way to strengthen democracy and sustain community power. To do that, General Assembly needs to be economically accessible to all delegates and fair to all congregations.

Therefore we request that the administration provide a response to the opportunity/challenge below for (review at least a week before and) discussion at the April Board meeting. We do not expect a finished product but ideas/plans to initiate a fruitful discussion that will lead toward realization of these goals.

Provide a design that assures that no delegate or potential delegate be unable to go to GA because of financial limitations.

Our Association of congregations will be best served by General Assemblies designed for:

Delegates who are:

- prepared to actively participate in the governance of the association and genuinely represent their congregations
- chosen at least four months prior to General assembly, and
- willing and able to thoughtfully engage in the governance process

A delegate body that:

- accurately represents our constituency,
- is democratically accountable to whom they represent,
- promotes community sustaining and identity building,
- provides an access point for leadership development,
- serves as a model of inclusion, reflecting the demographics of the future of our Association particularly in regard to youth, young adults, families, and people of color, and
- provides basic policy for conduct of the Association's affairs.