

*We are seeking to create a Justice Focused General Assembly in 2017 where we will have more worship, witness, and service opportunities with local partners. The UUA Board of Trustees, General Assembly Planning Committee, the Office of Multicultural Growth and Witness, the Commission on Social Witness, and the Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal in New Orleans request that the delegates vote to amend the Bylaws to suspend the AIW process in 2017, which will allow us an opportunity to practice different models of immediate witness. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees moves to amend section 4.16 of the Bylaws to read as follows:*

“(b) Prior to 2018, there will be no General Assembly Actions of Immediate Witness on the agenda.

(c) (1) A General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness is one concerned with a significant action, event or development, the timing or specificity of which makes it inappropriate to be addressed by a UUA Statement of Conscience pursuant to the Study/Action process.

(2) No more than three General Assembly Actions of Immediate Witness may be admitted to the agenda of a regular General Assembly.”

This amendment makes no changes to our current AIW process other than its suspension at GA 2017.

*(Note: This motion was discussed at the January Board Meeting but approval deferred until review by Tom Bean, counsel.)*