

GA 2020 Delegate and Participant Information

Frequently Asked Questions

General Topics

Your best and most up-to-date source of information is the GA webpage: <https://www.uua.org/ga>. Please check it frequently during GA, as things can change.

- When will the Program Book be available?
 - It is available now at https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/2020_program_book.pdf
- Will there be a Banner Parade?
 - There will be a virtual banner parade created from video footage of past GA banner parades. Visit <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/highlights/banner-parade>
- What GA Sessions will be available to people who have not registered for GA?
 - General Sessions—however, only delegates may participate in discussion and vote
 - Service of the Living Tradition on Thursday, June 25, 2020
 - Synergy Youth Bridging Ceremony on Friday, June 26, 2020
 - Sunday Morning Worship on June 28, 2020 at 10 AM ET/9 AM CT and 10 AM PT/11 AM MT
- What is available only to GA registrants?
 - Workshops
 - Featured Speakers
 - Ware Lecture
 - Reflections
 - Coffee Hour
 - On-Demand Library of Content
 - UU FUUN Night
- What is available on-demand? When?
 - Workshops - including reference and resource materials
 - FUUN Night Highlight Videos
 - Music Highlights
 - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Morning Worship Services
 - Live-streamed events will be recorded for later viewing on-demand
- What is the GA App? How do we use it?
 - To sign up for the GA App, visit: <https://dl.doubledutch.me/download.aspx?appId=2f66f032-eab3-4441-8a6f-37f9dc0a2840®ion=us>
- Will there be an Exhibit Hall?
 - Yes, and there are 45 confirmed exhibitors. For more information about exhibitors and vendors, visit <https://www.uua.org/ga/exhibit>

- Will there be a way for people to connect informally?
 - The GA App is a good way to find friends who are attending GA and follow one another
 - In keeping with the practice of many UU congregations, we encourage all registered attendees of General Assembly to gather after service for Coffee Hour. Since we are all visitors to the virtual church house on this Sunday morning, bring your virtual red cup and stick around to introduce yourself and engage in organic conversation with one another. This is a meet-and-greet opportunity and, while there will be Hosts present in the space to set the tone and guide the order, it really is up to those who attend to interact as they would were we all together in the hallway after service.
 - There will also be chat rooms for participants to have informal conversations
- If our congregation wants to watch one of the services will they be available on the UUA website?
 - Yes, the Sunday Worship will be available two times: 10 AM ET/9 AM CT and 10 AM PT/11 AM MT. These services are open to anyone.
- How will we be able to access the taped workshops?
 - Check your on-demand library.
- How far in advance do you need to register for sessions?
 - There's no rush to register. Remember, all workshops will be recorded and available on-demand.
 - Participants can register for workshops at any time.
 - Registration is not needed for other events, although delegates need credentials to participate in discussion and voting in General Sessions.
- Will exhibits be open 24/7?
 - Yes, you will be taken to the vendor's website. There will be specific times where times exhibitors have special opportunities for GA attendees.
- Do live streaming & workshops run at the same time? If so, is there a way to see both?
 - On-demand content is available at any time while live streamed events take place at an announced time. Check the grid and program book to confirm times for live streamed events.
 - You can watch on-demand workshops and live streamed events at the same time. To view live streamed events and on-demand events at the same time, you would need to have two different browser windows or tabs open at the same time.
- Are the live streamed events available on demand?
 - The live streamed events will be available afterwards on-demand.
- Will there be a choir this year?
 - www.uua.org/ga/forum/ga-choir/join-2020-ga-virtual-choir
- What about singing—such an important part of GA?!
 - There will be pre-recorded music, and participants are welcome to sing along at home. Given the lags that occur with online events, you will not be able to hear other participants.

Accessibility

- Will there be captioning of workshops, General Sessions, and presentations?
 - Yes
- What provisions are being made to make GA accessible? Where can people go for help?
 - Patty Cameron is still employed as our Accessibility Consultant.
 - We are providing captioning for those with hearing difficulties.
 - We are endeavoring to have all pdfs be accessible to readers
 - For more information about accessibility at GA, visit:
<https://www.uua.org/ga/registration/accessibility>

Business

- Who can participate in the business sessions?
 - Anyone may view a General Session, but only delegates may vote or participate in discussions.
- How do delegates register as delegates? How do they get their credentials?
 - Visit <https://www.uua.org/ga/congregations/credentials>
 - Your minister, administrator or other official leader from your congregation such as president or board chair need to register you as a delegate through the same webpage they use to certify congregational membership every year.
- What are the responsibilities of delegates?
 - Remember, you are a delegate from your congregation. You represent them as a group, not your personal viewpoint.
 - Familiarize yourself with the issues on the Business Agenda.
 - Talk to members of your congregation to get their opinion.
 - Attend every General Session, Commission on Institutional Change Final Report and workshops, and Mini-Assemblies.
 - Read and understand the Rules of Procedure.
 - For matters that arise during GA, think about how your congregation would respond if this item were put to a vote at one of your business meetings.
 - Also visit: <https://www.uua.org/ga/congregations/delegates>
- How do delegates access the portal?
 - You will be receiving email updates as the portal is finished, on or about Friday, June 19, 2020.
- Are there alternate delegates this year?
 - Yes. For more information about alternate delegates, visit
<https://www.uua.org/ga/congregations/delegates/faq>
- Where can we find the Proposed Rules of Procedure?
 - Visit https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/2020_final_agenda.pdf
- Who can participate in Mini-Assemblies?
 - Anyone registered for GA may attend a Mini-Assembly and express an opinion.

- The first Mini-Assembly, on the Proposed Rules of Procedure, Proposed Amendments to the UUA Bylaws, and the Proposed Business Resolution is on Wednesday, June 25 at 3 PM ET/ 2 PM CT / 1 PM MT / 12 PM PT.
- How do delegates participate in discussion?
 - Delegates can pre-record comments. These must be submitted no later than 2 hours in advance, so they can be captioned.
 - Delegates can submit their comments via a form that is accessed through the Participation Portal.
 - There will be 3 queues:
 - Pro
 - Concern
 - Amendment/Procedure
 - Tellers will monitor each queue to make sure you are in the right queue.
 - Tellers will read your statement.
 - Tellers will review to see how many similar statements there are, and note how many, and the names of delegates expressing a similar opinion.
- Will delegates be visible to one another?
 - Only for pre-recorded remarks
 - There are too many delegates for our online platform to handle everyone being visible to one another,
- How can a delegate submit a Responsive Resolution?
 - Forms will be available when GA convenes, through the delegate portal.
 - For more information about how to submit business items, including Responsive Resolutions, visit <https://www.uua.org/ga/congregations/ga-business-guide>
- Who approves changes to bylaws? Board or Delegates?
 - Proposed changes to the Bylaws are on the Agenda. There are multiple mechanisms for proposing Bylaws amendments. Review the UUA Bylaws, Section XV, available at https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/uua_bylaws_2019.pdf
 - The amendments on filling Co-Moderator vacancies are proposed by the Board of Trustees.
 - The amendments changing dates of nominations and petitions are proposed by the Election Practices Campaign Committee.
 - Delegates vote to approve, amend, or reject proposal Bylaws amendments.
- When and how will the votes be taken?
 - Delegates will cast their votes through the Participation Portal using the technology we have used for offsite delegates since 2011. All votes will be announced before they are taken.
- How do I resolve password problems for registration, delegate credentials, and GA app?
 - If you are having difficulty registering, email the registrar at generalassembly@uua.org
 - If you are having difficulty logging in to the Participation Portal, contact the support team at gaonlinesupport@uua.org
 - For issues with credentials, visit <https://ga-delegate.uua.org>
 - For support with the GA App, visit the support page for the app developer at <https://attendeesupport.doubledutch.me/hc/en-us>

Workshops & Presentations

- Will there be an ability to have live chat during workshops and presentations?
 - Many workshops will include an opportunity for attendees to submit questions via the chat. Some workshops may have more interactive formats depending on the number of attendees.
- If you enter a workshop and want to leave will you be able to register and attend another workshop after the workshop has started?
 - Yes, you will just need to register for the new workshop. Changing between workshops is not instantaneous, however.
- Will Ware Lecture be available to non-attendees?
 - No, the Ware Lecture is only available to registered attendees.

Commission on Institutional Change

- Where can people find a copy of the report?
 - Hard copies of the report will be distributed to each congregation.
 - Hard copies are also available through the UUA Bookstore for \$16: www.uuabookstore.org
 - The report is also available to view on
 - The UUA Website: www.uua.org/coic-report
 - Google Books: https://www.google.com/books/edition/Widening_the_Circle_of_Concern/knnpDwAAQB_AJ?hl=en&gbpv=0&kptab=overview
- Will the breakout groups be aimed at different audiences (ex., ministers, lay leaders)?
 - COIC breakout groups will be by topic:
 - Theological Grounding for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - Education and Transformation In UU Communities
 - Why Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Matters To YOUR Congregation
 - Hospitality, Reparations and Our First Principle
 - Accountability, Agility and Good Governance
- Will delegates be asked to do something with the report?
 - Delegates are encouraged to learn about the COIC report and recommendations, then bring back to their congregations and communities all they've learned—inspiring their communities to also engage with the report.
- Are the COIC workshops available any other times than Friday, June 26, 2020?
 - The COIC sessions run concurrently. However, they will be available for viewing after GA via the Participation Portal. They will also be available on the main UUA website.

Commission on Social Witness

- What is an AIW?
 - AIW stands for Action of Immediate Witness. For more information about AIWs and the social witness process, visit <https://www.uua.org/ga/justice/social-witness-opportunities>

- How will AIWs be submitted?
 - For information about the AIW submission process, visit <https://www.uua.org/action/process/guide/aiw>
- Will AIWs be available before GA?
 - Yes, to review Proposed AIWs already submitted, visit <https://www.uua.org/action/process/planning-aiw-ga>
- Is there a special procedure for submitting the amendments before the Social Witness Mini-Assembly, or you can just show up and suggest it?
 - Suggestions for amendments can be in real time via the chat, or they may be made via pre-recorded statements, which must be submitted no later than 2 hours before the Social Witness Mini-Assembly (“AIW Reflect and Share” on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. ET / 6:30 p.m. CT / 5:30 p.m. MT / 4:30 p.m. PT (1 hour)
- Social justice actions such as marches and vigils have been a key part of GA in recent years, is there an equivalent social action project this year?
 - Due to the virtual nature of GA, we are unable to hold marches, vigils, or other in-person gatherings. Feel free to organize events of this nature that respect guidance around physical distancing, wearing masks, and frequent handwashing in your own communities. Please share with registrants at GA how your congregation or covenanting community is still witnessing for justice in these times.

Children’s, Youth, & Young Adult Programming

- What programming is there for Children, Youth and Young Adults?
 - For more information on programming for
 - Children, visit <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/childrens-programs>
 - Youth (Ages 14–18), visit <https://www.uua.org/youth/events/ga>
 - Young Adults (Ages 18–35), visit <https://www.uua.org/young-adults/events/ga>