

**General Assembly Planning Committee Liaison Report
Report to UUA Board of Trustees
January 2017**

The General Assembly Planning Committee (GAPC) met on January 13-15, 2017 to begin pre-planning for GA 2018 in Kansas City, MO and continue planning for GA 2017. The outcomes of the meeting included decisioning on future GA locations, updates on specific tasks for GA 2017, and the beginning of a new mission statement for the GAPC.

General Assembly 2020 is being planned for Providence, Rhode Island. The decision was made based on several factors:

- 2020 is the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing. This location fits with our call in the 2016 business resolution “Thanksgiving Reconsidered.” We have an opportunity to revisit our work on the Doctrine of Discovery and other related historical elements.
- It is customary to rotate locations throughout the various regions in the U.S. and New England is coming up in the rotation.
- The costs of having GA in Providence are very reasonable compared to other locations.

GAPC continues to work on building a greater sense of transparency in its activities. Ongoing work to define roles and responsibilities is a key part of that effort. Each of the key teams reported on their planning progress, with all tasks well on track for New Orleans. A reception for Kansas City UU ministers and lay leaders was a good chance to build excitement for next year, although inclement weather limited attendance. GAPC is in need of a local area coordinator for Kansas City, and welcome any recommendations.

The GA planning committee meets monthly and will meet virtually again in February.

Respectfully submitted,

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