

Nominating Committee Meeting  
June 29, 2008  
General Assembly  
All members in attendance

#### GA Workshop and Reception

Nice turnout. Some ideas for next year.

- \* Short announcement during plenary about our reception
- \* Sign-in sheet at reception for people as they enter
- \* Be clear that there shouldn't be any alcohol at afternoon reception
- \* Meet before reception to strategize: what info are we looking for? how to pass people from one committee member to the next, etc
- \* Ask our committees and commissions to put something at their booths about open positions
- \* During the workshop put inspirational/"why we do this work" statements at the beginning of the workshop, not the end - including Hope's selected reading

#### Term Length

Several young people at the reception mentioned that the length of terms for the positions we nominate to give them some level of concern. One youth offered the idea to offer a shorter term. We discussed it among ourselves and decided we need to do some information gathering. We are all charged with talking to young people and others in transitory life periods about how the length of terms (some as long as 8 years) affects their decision to be involved in denominational leadership or not.

- \* Bring the idea to the Youth Ministry Working Group - Larry & Megan
- \* Gather opinions from young people in our own spheres of influence - everybody

#### Potential of a Perceived Conflict of Interest

The committee continued its discussion of the involvement of Nominating Committee members in the campaigns of candidates for the UUA presidency and the potential such involvement has for a perception of a conflict of interest. The committee agreed unanimously that our members should not wear campaign buttons or otherwise endorse candidates at Nominating Committee events or events attended in representation of the Nominating Committee. There was a consensus, however, that our committee members have and should have other roles and involvements in the Association and that, in those contexts, participation in presidential campaigns was not inappropriate. There was also consensus that each of us should be scrupulously vigilant to recuse ourselves from participation in committee action on applicants and nominations where there exists a particularly strong likelihood that the committee's action might be perceived as reflecting bias due to the affiliations of committee members with particular presidential candidates.

#### UUA Virtual Team

LoraKim and Megan volunteered to be part of the taskforce for exploring way of reducing our carbon footprint.

### To Do

- \* Put out invite on listservs (like uua-1) for people to apply - Dick
- \* Discuss the possibility of a web-based workshop on how to get involved in denominational leadership

### Next Meeting

Thursday morning Nov. 20 - Sunday afternoon Nov. 23