

YA@GA

Young Adults at General Assembly

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Volunteer Staff

WORSHIP COORDINATOR * GA TALKS COORDINATOR

Are you interested in an exciting and enriching leadership opportunity?
Would you like to serve your young adult community at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly?

YA@GA is looking for a Worship Coordinator and a GA Talks Coordinator to serve as fully-funded volunteer staff at the Unitarian Universalist Association's 54th General Assembly on June 24-28, 2015 in Portland, Oregon. **All YA@GA volunteer staff attend General Assembly for free! Registration, travel, and housing will be paid for along with a daily stipend for food.**

This year, we are continuing to support a community of young adults that gathers and grows together at General Assembly. We are assembling a team of leaders who can provide exceptional worship, community engagement, and transformational programmatic opportunities for this community and the wider GA community. The Worship Coordinator and GA Talks Coordinator will work collaboratively with the YA@GA Co-Facilitators and other staff and volunteers to make this vision a reality.

Application Requirements:

We are looking for dedicated, inspired young adults to join our team who share our vision of a General Assembly that serves and affirms the full diversity of young adult experiences, and that provides opportunities for young adults to be leaders in our faith movement.

Please read the position descriptions (page 2) and submit the required application materials (page 3).

Ready to Apply? Have Questions?

Applications may be emailed to Annie Gonzalez Milliken, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Associate at agonzalez@uua.org. Please send all application materials as a single email attachment, preferably in PDF format.

Questions may be directed to Co-Facilitator Jonathan Rogers at jonathan.m.m.rogers@gmail.com.

Applications are due no later than November 2, 2014.

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Worship Coordinator

Responsibilities:

- Coordinating 2 contemporary worship services. The primary audience will be the YA@GA community, but these services will be open to all GA attendees. This person may choose to bring in experienced young adult worship leaders and/or musicians, and may also collaborate with Youth Caucus on worship.
- Being a member of the Synergy Worship Planning Team:
 - The Synergy Worship is one of the major evening worship services at GA
 - Together, the team develops content of this contemporary, multigenerational service honoring the transition from youth to young adulthood
 - The team includes representatives from GA Youth Caucus, the UUA Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, the GA Planning Committee, the GA Music Director, and the Worship Development Group
 - Last year, there were between two and four conference calls per month from January through May.
- Providing outreach to the wider GA community around Synergy and the young adult worship services to ensure multigenerational engagement
- Working with the YA@GA Co-Facilitators (Jonathan Rogers and Ayla Halberstadt) and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries before GA, primarily through email and occasional conference calls, to ensure successful programming that includes worshipful moments
- Working with all YA@GA volunteer staff to ensure that logistics run smoothly.

GA Talks Coordinator

Responsibilities:

- Working collaboratively with the YA@GA Co-Facilitators to shape and implement programs that elevate young adult voices and engage the entire GA community;
- Managing the GA Talks project (a UU riff on TED Talks) featuring multimedia presentations of inspired, innovative and exciting UU ministries:
 - This is a new project that debuted at GA 2014
 - This year we plan to have two workshop sessions of GA Talks and four GA Talks will be featured in Plenary Hall
 - Tasks will include recruiting, coordinating and supporting all of our GA Talks speakers; promoting GA Talks via social media during GA; aiding in the publicity of GA Talks videos once they have been edited and uploaded after GA
- Working with the YA@GA Co-Facilitators (Hannah Roberts and Nic Cable) and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries before GA, primarily through email and occasional conference calls, to ensure successful programming; and
- Working with all YA@GA volunteer staff to ensure that logistics run smoothly.

APPLICATION

For all Positions:

Personal Information: name, address, phone number, email address, congregation(s) and/or other faith-based affiliations and age. Please also share any identities you claim (gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, etc.)

Position: Please indicate which position you are applying for. If more than one, please indicate a preference and provide the supplemental items particular to each position, but do not submit separate applications.

Training/Skills: Please note any relevant professional or leadership training you have received as well as pertinent skills and abilities

References: Contact information for two references. These references should be able to speak about skills relevant to your application. At least one reference should be a Unitarian Universalist. Please include their name, relationship to you, email address and phone number. You do *not* need letters of recommendation.

Answers to the following questions:

- 1) What is your past experience with Unitarian Universalism and General Assembly, and with UU young adults in particular?
- 2) Why do you want to serve as volunteer staff for this particular GA?
- 3) What experience, training, or work have you done with anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multiculturalism?
- 4) Describe your involvement in a project you felt was successful. Why was it successful? What would you have changed about that experience?

Please submit the following items based on the position for which you are applying. You may apply for more than one position.

Worship Coordinator: Worship Brainstorm – submit a sample outline for a 30-minute contemporary worship service that you would present at General Assembly. It is not necessary to include the text of specific readings or songs you include. We're looking for your overall worship vision rather than specific details. If not already included above, add a **brief** description of your experience with collaborative worship planning as well as publicity.

GA Talks Coordinator: Programming Brainstorm – submit two initial ideas for potential GA Talks; who might you invite and what topic would they present? Keep in mind that these are meant to be short, multimedia presentations on innovative ideas and frameworks. If not already included above, add a **brief** description of your experience with event planning, social media and technology.