Youth Registration for General Assembly (GA)

To register as a youth for the 2020 GA, fill out the standard online registration form and select “youth” for life-stage. Youth registration is open to all GA attendees who are high school aged. Youth registration requires all registrants to follow the GA Youth Behavioral Expectations. If you were in grades 9-12 or being home-schooled at the equivalent during the year preceding GA (2019-2020 school year), then you are considered a youth and may register as such.

Fourteen year-olds who have not yet entered 9th grade (or the equivalent for home-schooled youth) may attend GA events with a registered parent or guardian (separate no-cost registration required) or enroll in the Middle School Program. Fourteen year-olds who have completed 9th grade (or the equivalent) should register as youth.

Attendees who are eighteen or older and still in high school (or the equivalent) have the option of registering as adults and forgoing the lower youth registration rate and sponsor requirement OR registering as youth. Eighteen year olds who register as adults are expected to behave as adults, not as peers to youth. Regardless of whether an 18 year old registers as a youth or adult, they are welcome to participate in GA Youth programming and/or Young Adults@GA (YA@GA) programming, including bridging in the Synergy bridging service.

If you have questions about whether or not you should register as an adult or youth, contact the UUA Office of Lifespan Faith Engagement at youth@uua.org or (617) 948-4350.

Youth at General Assembly

“GA Youth” refers to programming at General Assembly designed specifically for youth. GA Youth includes workshops, meetings to discuss GA business, networking and other social opportunities, and worship. Youth are also welcome and encouraged to take part in the wider GA programming, including workshops, general sessions, public witness and worship. All who register as youth are required to attend the youth/sponsor orientation, however youth registrants are not required to attend any GA Youth programming after the youth/sponsor orientation.

GA Youth is run by a volunteer team of youth and adults and supported by the UUA Office of Lifespan Faith Engagement. Learn more about GA Youth at: www.uua.org/gayouth

While we do our very best to provide the safest possible environment for General Assembly, the UUA cannot be held responsible for any emergencies that occur during the conference.

Youth Supervision at General Assembly

The parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of each youth registrant who attends Virtual GA is responsible for the youth’s supervision and well-being. GA Youth staff is responsible for youth programming and support, but not supervision. Every youth attendee’s parent/guardian is responsible for the safe use of online resources as provided by UUA staff.

However, when someone breaks the Youth Registrant Rules & Behavioral Expectations, action will be taken; possible responses are:

- a committee of GA Youth staff and UUA professional staff is called together to interview what happened;
- impact or harm to the community is assessed;
- the committee, the youth, and/or their sponsor work together to restore broken trust;
- some violations may result in the youth being barred from the remainder of GA events and being prohibited from attending future UUA events.

To Complete GA Youth Registration:

Each youth registrant must submit:

- Standard online registration (selecting “youth” for life-stage) at www.uua.org/ga/registration
- Full payment of registration
- GA Youth Participation Form (signed by both youth and their custodial parent/legal guardian)

This form must be submitted to the UUA Office of Lifespan Faith Engagement by Monday, June 22nd, by one of the following:

- fax to (617) 948-6473; or,
- upload a scan or a clear and bright photo at https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/uua-form-upload-system/ - DO NOT EMAIL YOUR FORM -
Youth Behavioral Expectations

I, (youth), understand my behavior at GA will affect the whole GA community. While participating in GA virtual events, I agree to follow these rules:

- **No violence** including violent/bullying language, threats, displaying a weapon or violent images.
- **No sexualized conduct or behavior on or off-line** including sexual advances, jokes, explicit or offensive pictures, requests for sexual favors, sexting, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.
- **No use of drugs, alcohol, cannabis, or illegal substances** - before or during the event so no one is under the influence during the event.
- **No harassment on the basis of gender and sexual orientation, race, national origin, religion, disability or any other protected status.** Such harassment includes unsolicited remarks, gestures, display or circulation of written materials or derogatory images directed at any of these categories.
- **Online rule of three** - no adult one-on-one messaging/interaction with a youth.
- **No smoking, vaping, or use of nicotine/tobacco products** in youth or multigenerational on-line spaces.

In addition to the rules stated above I will be invited to co-create and abide by a covenant of care, respect and accountability at General Assembly with other youth participants.

The UUA does not provide adult supervision for youth during the week of GA and therefore my parent/guardian is responsible for supervising me.

GA is not a youth conference, which means that: youth are responsible for managing their own time; except for the mandatory orientation, youth are not required to attend events.

If any rule violation occurs an “energy” committee of GA Youth staff, UUA staff, my parent(s)/guardian(s) and myself may be called together to decide the consequences for my actions.

I have disclosed to the UUA any past and will disclose any new child welfare agency investigations or any criminal or juvenile delinquency arrests, charges, or convictions particularly those involving abuse, violence, sexual misconduct, domestic violence, child abuse, driving while intoxicated, firearms or dangerous weapons or similar matters against me.

I agree to abide by these guidelines for the duration of 2020 General Assembly. I understand that if I break this agreement, the “energy” committee reserves the right to take action, which may include removing me from GA Youth programming or GA at my own expense, and prohibiting me from attending future UUA youth events/programs.

If I am a non-minor (over 18 years old), I understand that if I upload any photos or videos of me, my family and/or their activities, I am giving permission for them to be used and shared publicly. I also understand that I may be in either a screenshot and/or video record. These artifacts may be used by the UUA for current or future communications. Before either a screenshot or a recording happens, participants will be notified. If I do not wish to be in the picture or the recording, I will immediately turn off my camera and mic. Leaving either of those two on is implied consent. The room will be told when the recording is stopped. It is solely my responsibility to take any necessary steps to prevent being recorded, if that is my wish.

I have read and understand the above rules and expectations.

Printed Full Name of Youth

Youth Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Permission and Waiver

I, (custodial parent/legal guardian), hereby give my child/ward, hereafter referred to as “child,” permission to participate fully in 2020 General Assembly known hereafter as THE PROGRAM.

I understand and agree:

- This PROGRAM follows the UUA Youth Safety Guidelines: https://www.uua.org/youth-safety
- I retain full supervisory responsibility for any and all activities that happen as a part of THE PROGRAM.
- I am responsible for the health and wellbeing of my child related to their participation in THE PROGRAM.
- Staff refers to adults and youth who have been screened, approved and trained and may be paid staff or volunteers.
- I will not expect staff to provide supervision for my child.
- I understand that participation in THE PROGRAM is at my and my child’s own risk. While measures are being taken to manage any risk, there is still the risk that something unexpected may happen. If my child gets hurt while participating in any PROGRAM activity or activity recommended by THE PROGRAM, I will assume full responsibility.
- I am giving my child permission to participate in any activity of THE PROGRAM that they may access through their own social media or other online accounts.
- If my child or I upload any photos or videos of my child, our family and/or their activities, I am giving permission for them to be used and shared publicly.
- I understand that two-way classes or group sessions that my child participates in will be closed and will only allow registered participants and approved staff and invited guests to participate.
- Appropriate behavior for participants will be expected. Staff will review appropriate and inappropriate behaviors with participants as defined by The Youth Behavioral Expectations printed above. Issues and consequences will be addressed with participants and parents/legal guardians, including and not limited to temporary or permanent removal from THE PROGRAM.
- I understand that my child may be in either a screenshot and/or video record. These artifacts may be used by the UUA for current or future communications. Before either a screenshot or a recording happens, participants will be notified. If I do not wish for my child to be in the picture or the recording, they should immediately turn off their camera and mic. Leaving either of those two on is implied consent. The room will be told when the recording is stopped. It is solely my responsibility to take any necessary steps to prevent my child being recorded.
- I agree to follow and to ensure that my child/ward follows the UUA Safety Guideline that state:
  - Any private (one-to-one) electronic communication between staff and youths, including the use of social networking websites like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, instant messaging, texting, etc. is prohibited.
  - All communication between staff and participants must be transparent and public. Example:
    - they may communicate on group sites where anyone who is a member can see the conversation;
    - Parents will be informed of any physical mailings (such as supplies kits) and their contents.

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Permissions, Waiver and Release Statement

By registering for THE PROGRAM, I the undersigned state and agree as follows:

**Consent for Minors.** I am the legal custodial parent or legal guardian of the above-named minor, and I hereby authorize and permit said minor to participate in THE PROGRAM and in all activities, events, and programs that are part of or are associated with the PROGRAM.

**Acknowledgement and Waiver.** I grant permission for my child to participate in this UUA event. I hereby do release and hold harmless the UUA, other affiliated organizations, and/or any and all adult supervisors for the activity, from and for any and all liability which may arise for damages, loss or injuries, either to person or property, which my child may sustain while engaged in the activity conducted. I further agree to assume responsibility for any liability which may arise for damages, loss or injuries, as described herein which may be caused or contributed to by my child to the person or property of others.

Signing below confirms that you have read the PROGRAM information on the website, above permission statements, that you understand it, and that you agree to be bound by it.

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Printed Full Name of Custodial parent/guardian

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Signature of Custodial parent/guardian

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Date