

Required Materials (Rule G-14.2.1):

“The exact text of the proposed amendment and the section that it is proposed to amend”

Underlining indicates insertion; brackets indicate deletion.

UUA Bylaws and Rules

172 ARTICLE IV General Assembly

211 Section 4.8. Delegates

245 (b) Minister Delegates and Religious Education Director

246 Delegates. Each certified member congregation is also

247 entitled to be represented at each General Assembly by the

248 ordained minister or ministers in ministerial fellowship with the

249 Association settled in such congregation, and by the director

250 or directors of religious education who are Active Members of the Liberal

Religious Educators Association {having achieved

251 Credentialed Religious Educator – Masters Level status by

252 the Association} and employed in such congregation. In

253 addition, each certified member congregation is also entitled

254 to be represented at each General Assembly by any minister

255 emeritus or minister emerita of such congregation in

256 ministerial fellowship with the Association and by any director

257 of religious education emeritus or emerita having achieved

258 Credentialed Religious Educator – Masters Level status by

259 the Association designated as such by a vote at a meeting of

260 the member congregation not less than six months prior to

261 the General Assembly, provided that any such minister has
262 been settled previously in such congregation, and any such
263 director of religious education who has been previously
264 employed in such congregation.

“A concise summary of the principal arguments on which the proponents rely.”

The UUA is an association made up of, and governed by, congregations.

Membership in a congregation is required to attain delegate status at the UUA’s General Assembly. However, current practice is for non-ordained staff to refrain from being members of the congregation they serve.

Active members of LREDA are invested in and committed to the congregations they serve, yet most are unable to represent us and our issues, and those of interest to the UUA as a whole, at General Assembly. They have no access to our democratic system, which is otherwise available to voting members of our congregations.

Informed voters are key to our democracy, and we feel that Active Members of LREDA serving congregations are as informed as the members we choose as delegates.

We support providing Active Members of LREDA currently serving a congregation with the same voice they would have if they were able to join that congregation.

We have no further articles or sections affected by the proposed amendment.