

UUCC Goes to General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association 2023

In three months –June 21-25, 2023 to be precise – the UU Association of Congregations will be in the midst of discernment of how we express Unitarian Universalism to the world. Mind you, the UUA does not rule UUism.. UUA provides a way for UUs to come together to address how we express how we live out what it means to be a UU individually and collectively.

We, here at UUCC, have an opportunity to be part of this process. Over the last few years we have been represented at GA by one or two delegates authorized by the Board of Trustees to represent UUCC at the GA sessions. Few people have asked about what is occurring at GA, how we could participate, what the discussions mean, how we are part of the broader UU world community. David Rand and Helen Zidowecki presented a service on September 4, 2022, as an invitation to become involved with GA 2023. That is still available on Boxcast and the text of the service is available: check it out! GA was also included in the *Winter Flaming Chalice*.

REGISTRATION AND DELEGATE PROCESS

Become a delegate representing UUCC! Attend in person in Pittsburgh, or virtually with opportunity to attend some programming and discussions, in addition to the General Sessions (Business), or Business only. We have several delegate slots.

Check out these links for basic information.

<https://www.uua.org/ga/congregations>

<https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>

<https://www.uua.org/ga/congregations/delegates>

Coordination of delegate information will be done with the President, Administrator, Board Contact Michaela Loisel, President, regarding credentials and resources.

UUA PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

On November 15, 2022, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Presidential Search Committee nominated the **Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt** to be the next President of the UUA for a six-year term. The election will take place in June at GA.

<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections/2023-presidential-election>



<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections/2023-uua-presidential-candidate-sofia-betancourt>

Presidential Forums will be held to allow UUs to learn more about the candidate. Register to participate in person or virtually.

Saturday, April 29, 2023,
Unitarian Church of Evanston,
IL 2pm ET / 1pm CT/12pm MT
/ 11am PT [Register to attend](#)

Saturday, May 20, 2023,
Unitarian Society of Santa
Barbara, CA 4pm ET / 3pm CT
/ 2pm MT / 1pm PT [Register to attend](#)

Saturday, June 3, 2023 First
Unitarian Church of Dallas, TX
2pm ET / 1pm CT/ 12pm MT /
11am PT [Register to attend](#)

ARTICLE II OF THE UUA BYLAWS: REPORT OF THE STUDY COMMISSION

The major focus of General Assembly this year is revision of Article II of the UUA Bylaws by a Study Commission. If the recommendations pass this year, a final vote for changes in will occur 2024! This relates to how we function as an organization and live out Unitarian Universalism.

These resources give essential background for the discussions at GA 2023. The UUCS Small Group Ministry Committee is drawing from these items to prepare session plans for the current groups as well as special group sessions. Hopefully these will be available around April 1.

Article II Study Report 2021-2023

<https://www.uua.org/files/2023-02/article-II-study-report-2021-23.pdf> Includes recommended changes for discussion at GA 2023

Reimagining Article 2: Small Group Ministry Guide

<https://www.uua.org/files/2021-11/A2SC%20Small%20Group%20Ministry%20Guide.pdf>

Article II Study Commission

<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/article-ii-study-commission> Overview

About Article II: The Principles and Purposes of the UUA

<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/article-ii-study-commission/about-article-2>

History of Bylaws changes: drafted at time of consolidation in 1961, major changes adopted in 1984, with this current process being the next major change.

THE EIGHTH PRINCIPLE

Another focus at GA, along with Article II revision, is the Eighth Principle Project.

“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

This material will be developed on the website under UUA Connections: Special UUA Initiatives in the next few weeks. In the meantime, this link will give background.

The Eighth Principle of UUA

<https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/background-nav>