

General Assembly 2023 Pittsburgh PA

1. **What is UUA General Assembly?** General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. To learn more: <https://www.uua.org/ga> General Assembly offers some of the finest, most relevant workshops and networking available!
2. **What ways can I participate in GA?** One can register as a **participant** and attend either virtually or in person. One can also request, of the UUCB Board, to be a **delegate** from UUCB. Each UU Congregation is assigned a number of delegates, based on membership size. Currently UUCB can designate up to 7 delegates. As a delegate, you can also choose to attend only the business meetings without any charge/fee.
3. **How much does it cost for registration to attend GA?**

GA Registration Rates are subject change to at any time in order to balance registration income and expenses. Register early to secure the lowest rates.

| 2023 GA Registration Rates | Through Feb 28 | March 1 - May 15 | After May 15 |
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| Full Virtual Registration | \$250 | \$300 | \$300 |
| Business-Only Virtual (delegate platform only) | Donation \$0 - \$200 | Donation \$0 - \$200 | Donation \$0 - \$200 |
| Adult (age 25+) Full-time In-Person | \$400*** | \$500*** | \$600 |
| Adult One-Day In-Person (Wed/Thur, Friday, or Sat/Sun) | \$300 | \$350 | \$400 |
| Reduced* Full-time In-Person | \$300 | \$350 | \$400 |
| Youth Full-time In-Person (10th grade - age 18) | \$300 | \$350 | \$400 |
| Children** (0 - 9th grade) | \$0 with onsite adult | \$0 with onsite adult | \$0 with onsite adult |

4. **In-Person Reduced rates are offered to: Emerging Adults (age 18-24), UUA Aspirant & Candidate Ministers, Retired Ministers & Spouses, and Surviving Spouses of Ministers.*
5. ***Children who haven't yet entered high school (or its equivalent) are welcome to attend GA events with their parents or guardians at no cost, but are still required to register.*
6. ****New this year: Join our First Timers Caucus. If this will be your first ever in-person GA, use the promo code WELCOME to reduce your adult full-time in-person registration by \$100. One hundred spots are available. Cannot be combined with other financial support promo codes.*

4. What is expected of the delegate role?

Delegates are expected to

- a. Read and respond to all emails about GA business from the UUA throughout the Spring. Many changes to wording of proposals are worked out in advance of the GA itself.
- b. Participate in at least one informational/discussion meeting with the congregation at UUCB prior to GA to discuss known business resolutions, candidates for election, etc.
- c. Attend UUA Board led Workshops virtually, generally in April
- d. Attend the mini assemblies virtually, generally one or two weeks before GA
- e. attend all GA business sessions and vote electronically per directions
- f. with other delegates, prepare some activity of feedback after GA to the congregation. This could be a written report, a pulpit announcement after consultation with the worship committee, a discussion, or another creative idea.

5. I'd like to attend GA, but the costs are more than I can afford. Is there assistance available?

Yes, there are resources through the UUA and also a UUCC Scholarship fund. Here is the information on UUA assistance:

Financial Support

Financial support to attend GA – virtually or in-person – is offered to those with need. These awards are funded through the generosity of General Assembly registrants via donations made during registration. Requests for financial support are fulfilled on a first-come, first serve basis. New funds may become available as donations are received. Note: A request for financial support does not guarantee an award.

Support is available for those with financial hardship. GA credentialed delegates are strongly encouraged to seek financial support for in-person GA attendance from their congregations.

[2023 General Assembly Financial Support Request for adults \(35+\)](#)

Youth and Young Adult Support

People who've completed 9th grade (or the homeschool equivalent) up to those who are 35 years old can get a scholarship in the form of a discount code. [More about discounts for Youth and Young Adult registration.](#)

Scholarships are distributed by [Lifespan Faith Engagement](#) and provided by contributions from GA registrants, the [Katie Tyson Fund](#) for Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the Jerry And Denny [Davidoff Fund](#) For Lay Leadership.

To talk with a friendly UUA staffer in Lifespan Faith Engagement about additional options for youth and young adult funding to attend GA 2023 email yayaministry@uua.org.

For more information contact gascholarship@uua.org.

And here is the information on the **UUCC GA Scholarship:**

Eligibility

- Members and Friends of UUCC for at least one full year are eligible to apply
- Involved in one or more committee or group in support of UUCC's mission and vision
- Families are encouraged to apply. Activities and fellowship are planned for high school youth. ***Children who haven't yet entered high school (or its equivalent) are welcome to attend GA events with their parents or guardians at no cost, but are still required to register.*
- Commitment to full participation in all elements of GA for both personal growth and in the interest of utilizing learning and growth to benefit the UUCC congregation.

Application Process

Interested individuals or families should submit the following information to the Leadership Development team at leadership.development@uucleveland.org email a committee member directly, or contact the minister.

- Name (s) and ages of person(s) applying
- How long you've (if applying on behalf of your family, please answer for all family members) been affiliated with UUCC and how you've been involved in the congregation in that time
- Whether you've attended GA in the past, and what you hope to gain from your participation in GA at this time
- What are you able to contribute financially to the cost? Are you planning virtual or in-person participation? Please use the current information on the UUA website to provide your total costs, minus what you plan to contribute, so that the total scholarship request is clear.

Application Deadline

Applications accepted beginning January each year. Early applications are appreciated. Final deadline is April 22 (Earth Day).