UU General Assembly 2024 All Virtual

- 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 virtually. One can also request, of the UUCC Board, to be a delegate from UUCC. Each UU Congregation is assigned a number of delegates, based on membership size. Currently UUCC can designate up to 7 delegates. As a delegate, you can also choose to attend only the business meetings without any charge/fee.

The deadline to apply to be a UUCC Delegate is Friday March 1, 2024.

Here is the link to apply: https://forms.gle/4Q88Dmh6FtSQqxtn8

3. How much does it cost for registration to attend GA?

2024 GA Registration Rates	Through March 15	March 16 - May 15	After May 15
Full Online Registration	\$280	\$315	\$400
Business-Only Online (delegate platform only)	Donation	Donation	Donation
Youth Full Online (10th grade - age 18)	\$280	\$315	\$400
Children* (0 - 9th grade)	\$0 with registered adult	\$0 with registered adult	\$0 with registered adult

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. This will allow us to invite families to multigenerational programming and networking opportunities.

Registrations must be for specific individuals and are non-transferable. Each registrant should have a unique email address. Once registered, you will be sent email confirmation from generalassembly@uua.org. You may cancel a GA registration by replying to your registration confirmation or contacting the GA Registrar at generalassembly@uua.org.

You may register through February 29 with a down payment of \$50 by selecting the Early Bird Payment Plan at checkout. Make subsequent payments at your pace; all registration orders must be paid in full by May 15 or are subject to cancellation.

ASL interpretation is available for General Sessions, Major Worships, and Featured Speakers. Some live GA events are presented with live human captioning; some are presented with automated captioning. Automated captions are edited before being posted with the event recording. More about accessibility services.

- 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 proposals are worked out in advance of the GA itself.
 - b. Participate in at least one informational/discussion meeting with the congregation at UUCC prior to GA to discuss known business resolutions, candidates for election, etc.
 - c. Attend UUA Board led Workshops virtually
 - d. Attend the mini assemblies virtually
 - e. Attend all GA business sessions and vote electronically per directions
 - f. With other delegates, prepare some activity or 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:

Adult 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-served 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 congregation. Here is the link for Financial Support from the UUA https://www.uua.org/ga/registration/financialaid/scholarships 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 <u>Lifespan Faith Engagement</u> and provided by contributions from GA registrants, the <u>Katie Tyson Fund</u> for Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the Jerry And Denny <u>Davidoff Fund</u> 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.

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.
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- Commitment to full participation on 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 for the UUCC Scholarship. (please note the deadline to request being a delegate in March 1, 2024.)