

Delegate Selection and Process

Each congregation that is certified with the UUA is entitled to **one member delegate for every 50 members**, and no fewer than two member delegates. **Settled ministers and credentialed (master level) religious education directors** of certified congregations are also entitled to be delegates.

Delegates to General Assembly (GA) play a critical role in the support and governance of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and **its public positions and social justice activities**. Each year delegates have the opportunity to vote on often controversial and sometimes contentious issues. In 2017 they will be voting on candidates for President of the UUA. They serve as liaisons between member congregations and the Association.

Delegate Responsibilities

1. Familiarize yourself with the business items on the [GA Agenda](#).
2. Act as a liaison between your congregation and the issues that will be raised at GA by:
 - Keeping your congregation informed of items on the GA program (through E-blast announcements, in the church newsletter, and by directing communications to appropriate committees).
3. Learn how to effectively speak in General Session by reviewing the [General Session Participation Guide](#).
4. Learn about candidates for election [2017 UUA Presidential Election](#)
 - [The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray](#) - preaching at TUCW October 16, 2016
 - [The Rev. Alison Miller](#) - preaching at TUCW spring 2017 TBD
 - [The Rev. Jeanne Pupke](#) - preaching at TUCW December 4, 2016
5. Attend worship services (9 or 11) at which each of the three candidates will be preaching.
6. Complete a GA Delegate Application and e-mail to the Board Secretary [Mary-Jane Cross](#) or leave in a sealed envelope in the office.
7. Attend the GA Congregational Meeting (TBS) in April where the congregation will-Discuss the Agenda items for GA 2017 and discuss and vote on candidates to inform delegates of the sense of the congregation.
7. After GA Report back to the congregation (Soundings/other) on the key votes taken at GA and their delegate experience.