

Accessibility Services

Persons with vision, hearing, mobility impairment or other special needs will find information about various kinds of assistance and accessibility at the Accessibility Table in the Washington Avenue Lobby of the America's Center.

Alcohol

No alcoholic beverages will be served at any Planning Committee sponsored event in St. Louis. Any other General Assembly event offering alcoholic beverages must also offer attractive non-alcoholic beverages with equal accessibility and prominence. No alcoholic beverages will be served to anyone under the age of 21.

Annual Program Fund

The UUA Stewardship and Development Staff Group's Annual Program Fund table is outside the Exhibit Hall in the Washington Avenue Lobby of the America's Center. Purple Honor Society Ribbons, Pink Merit Ribbons and Green Leadership Ribbons are distributed here. Detailed information about Planned Giving, the UUA Capital Campaign, Friends of the UUA and UU congregations' contributions to the APF is available.

Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, Multiculturalism and General Assembly

In 1994 and 1997 the General Assembly passed resolutions calling on the UUA to become an anti-racist, multicultural faith community, calling us on a Journey Toward Wholeness. Guided by our principles and in the spirit of these resolutions, all attendees are asked to be mindful of the ways racism and oppression impact our community and the larger community that is hosting our gathering. There are numerous opportunities through workshops and other programs to expand your awareness and deepen your understanding as together we strive to be a welcoming and inclusive community for all.

Banners

Banner carriers for the Opening Celebration banner parade should report to the staging area in the Second Floor Atrium of the America's Center at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday to line up for the parade. Banner poles will be on sale in the staging area. Make other arrangements for the security of your purses or other valuables and don't bring them to the staging area. Because of increasing space and logistical difficulties as the number of banners grows every year, only the banners of congregations and districts will be hung after the Opening Ceremony to contribute to the ambiance of GA. Related organizations are invited to display their banners in their exhibit hall booth or at their

group's meetings. All banners to be hung in the banner display areas must be registered before the parade so they can be part of our banner protection system, and all must have the required sleeve at the top. The registration form will ask for the name of the person who is authorized to pick up your church banner. I.D. will be required for pickup. Hung banners may not be picked up or removed until Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Room E of the America's Center. If your church cannot arrange for pick-up at the designated time please do not leave your banner for hanging.

Board of Trustees, UUA

The UUA is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of District Trustees, selected by the various Districts; and four Trustees-at-Large (includes a youth trustee) elected by delegates to General Assembly. The UUA Moderator, elected by delegates to GA, presides at the General Assembly and at meetings of the Board of Trustees and represents the Association on special occasions. The Financial Advisor and the UUA President, elected by the General Assembly, also sit on the Board.

UUA President:	Rev. William Sinkford
Moderator:	Gini Courter
Financial Advisor:	Dan Brody
Secretary:	Paul Rickter
Executive VP & Recording Secretary:	Kathleen Montgomery
Treasurer & VP Finance:	Jerry Gabert
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Joseph Priestley:	Rev. Linda Olson Peebles
Massachusetts Bay:	Paul Rickter
Metropolitan NY:	Rev. Charles Blustein Ortman
Mid-South:	Lyn Conley
Mountain Desert: New Hampshire/ Vermont:	Lyda McHugh Adair
Northeast:	Rev. Will Saunders
Ohio-Meadville:	Roger Comstock
Pacific Central:	Patricia Solomon Rev. Dr. Pam Allen-Thompson

General Information

Pacific Northwest:	Rev. Elizabeth Greene
Pacific Southwest:	Rev. Ned Wight
Prairie Star:	John Blevins
St. Lawrence:	David Friedman
Southwest:	Rev. Burton Carley
Thomas Jefferson:	Ed Wilde
Youth Trustee:	Julian Sharp
Youth Observer:	Jazmin Luz Sandoz-Rosado

Chaplains

A chaplain is available at any hour during GA for assistance in case of personal emergency or need for pastoral care. Office hours for chaplains will be 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday and 12:00 p.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday through Sunday in Room 111 of the America's Center. The telephone number for reaching chaplains at all other times will be printed in the daily newsletter.

Chemical and Electrical Sensitivities

The GA Planning Committee is committed to making GA accessible to the greatest extent possible to individuals with Chemical and Electrical Sensitivities. There will be a fragrance free section of the Plenary Hall. You may bring your questions and concerns to the Accessibility table in the Washington Avenue Lobby of the America's Center.

Children's Programs

Children ages 6 months through 5 years participating in the GA Child Care program meet daily in the Holiday Inn Hotel. The Day Camp for children ages 6 - 10 gathers in the Holiday Inn Hotel in the morning and spends some time exploring St. Louis. Pre-registration is required for these daytime children's programs. Referrals for evening babysitting may be available from your hotel.

Collections

The Planning Committee intends for the registration fee to cover all GA programming events. In the occasional instance in which a collection may be taken during an event or the purchase of a ticket is required, this must be announced in advance in the Program or on the registration form. Exhibit Booths in the Exhibit Hall and those events which are classified as "private" and do not appear in the Program are exempt. This year collections will be taken at the Service of Living Tradition and the Sunday Morning Worship.

Commission on Social Witness, UUA

The Commission on Social Witness's mission is to help UUs put our Principles and Purposes into action. The CSW assists the UUA and its member congregations by facilitating the articulation of suggested Study/Action Issues (SAIs) and educating UUs in potential social change inherent in SAIs. After two years of studying the SAIs, the CSW prepares and presents to the General Assembly draft Statements of Conscience. The CSW also facilitates the process of GA Actions of Immediate Witness.

Rev. Jan Carlsson-Bull, Cohasset, MA
Rev. Dr. Paul Johnson, Shelter Rock, NY
David May, Houston, TX
Laura Shemick, Lebanon, PA
Rev. Susan Smith, (Chair) Deland, FL

Covenant Groups

"Small Group Ministry" refers to groups of up to 10 who meet regularly with a facilitator, develop their own covenant of behavior to deepen friendships, and share stories and insights from their life journeys. This year's Covenant Group program offers a taste of Small Group Ministry while providing islands of community to those who might otherwise feel lost in the glorious, confusing rush and complexity of GA. Participants must have signed up prior to GA for this program; unfortunately, logistics will not accommodate on-site registration.

Cyber Cafe and People Finder

Check your e-mail in the Cyber Cafe, Booth #127 in the Exhibit Hall. Please limit your stay to 15 minutes. The Cyber Cafe is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Church Mutual Insurance. You will also find the People Finder, a database in the Cyber Cafe that helps you to locate your friends at GA. You may also fill out the online GA evaluation form.

Delegates

After you have picked up your GA name badge, bring your credential card signed by your minister or church officer to the Delegate Credentialing Station in the Washington Avenue Lobby of the America's Center to receive your delegate voting card and ribbon. You must have your delegate ribbon and voting card to vote in Plenary. If you lose your credential card, ribbon, or voting card, report to the Delegate Credentialing Station to fill out a replacement affidavit. Alternate delegates must bring their signed alternate delegate card along with either the original delegate card or the name badge of the original delegate.

Emergencies

All hotels and the America's Center have personnel who can assist with emergencies. In the America's Center, the Emergency Medical Personnel will be located in the First Aid Office in the Washington Avenue Lobby next to the entrance to the Exhibit Hall. Dialing 5016 on house phones will put you in touch with security personnel. The America's Center has requested that we contact their emergency or security personnel who will then contact 911, if necessary, in order to provide the most efficient response to an emergency. A roving police officer will be onsite at all times during General Assembly. For additional information or in case of non-emergency medical needs, go to the Local Information table in the Washington Avenue Lobby of the America's Center. The UUA carries an insurance policy to cover accidents. Please inform the GA Office of any medical emergencies or accidents.

Evaluation

The Planning Committee encourages your comments on individual programs at GA and the overall quality of GA. In an effort to better utilize your feedback and to be more environmentally responsible, evaluations will again be collected via an online form available June 24 - August 15 at www.uua.org/ga. The GA Planning Committee reviews the evaluations and uses your input to improve GA. Feedback on individual events will be forwarded directly to the sponsors and leaders of the events. In addition to your electronic feedback, feel free to approach Planning Committee members during GA and plan on attending the GA Feedback session on Sunday at noon in the America's Center Room 266. If you cannot access the online form, feel free to send your written feedback to the Planning Committee c/o UUA General Assembly, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

Events Open to the Public

The Service of the Living Tradition, the Sunday Morning Worship, and the Exhibit Hall on Sunday are the only events open to people who are not registered for GA. Non-registrants must pick up a pass for the Exhibit Hall on Sunday at the General Assembly and Volunteer Office, Room D of the America's Center, before entering the Hall. Registration and a GA badge are required for attendance at all other events.

Exhibit Hall

The Exhibit area, located in Halls 1 and 2 of the America's Center, features exhibits and sales by UU-related organizations, individual UU artisans, and commercial businesses. Refreshment concessions are available during hours the

Exhibit Hall is open.

Exhibit Hours:

Wednesday	12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	11:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	11:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	11:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Expectations of All GA Attendees

Let us remember our UU commitment to the worth and dignity of all people. The UUA affirms its commitment to maintain an environment free of discrimination and harassment based on race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, or disability. The Association expects all attendees to conduct themselves in a professional manner with concern and respect for all. As a courtesy, please allow persons using wheelchairs and scooters to exit meeting rooms first. Also, please leave elevators free for the use of persons using wheelchairs and scooters.

General Assembly Office

The GA Office is located in conjunction with the Volunteer Office in Room D of the America's Center.

Office Hours:

Wednesday:	9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday:	7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Friday:	7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:	7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday:	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

General Assembly Office Staff

The General Assembly and Conference Services (GACS) staff group work to coordinate the many aspects of the General Assembly.

Lorna Gilbert, Assistant, GACS
Stacey Marszalek, Administrator, GACS
Don Plante, Meeting Planner, GACS
Janiece J. Sneegas, Director, GACS

Inclusive Language

The UUA expects the use of inclusive language in all presentations and programming events. Anyone who encounters sexist or other inappropriate language at GA is urged to speak directly to the person who has used it in order to increase individual awareness.

General Information

Literature Distribution

Materials promoting GA events, position papers on business items, and any other leaflets may be handed out by individuals, but may not be left on tables in lobbies. Materials may not be distributed near the entrance to the Plenary Hall or in a manner that impedes traffic. In the Exhibit Hall, all materials must be distributed within exhibit booths. No materials may be distributed inside the Plenary Hall except official business papers authorized by the Planning Committee.

Local Information

The GA Local Information table in the Washington Street Lobby of the Convention Center is staffed by UU volunteers and the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission who provide information and answer questions about the area. Here you will find maps, information about how to get around the city, restaurants, and brochures from places of interest.

Lost and Found

Bring it or look for it in the GA and Volunteer Office, which is in Room D of the America's Center.

Medical Needs

For non-emergency medical needs, get information from the Local Information table or your hotel staff. See also Emergencies.

Meditation Room

A room for quiet meditation is provided in the America's Center Room 200. It is open Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., and Thursday through Sunday 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. Each evening from 10:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., a sharing of joys and concerns will be held in this space.

Message Center

A message center is maintained in the Washington Street Lobby of the America's Center. This is for leaving messages for individuals attending GA and is the best way to contact them. If calls come to the GA Office for individuals, notes will be left at the Message Center.

Name Badges

GA registration and name badges are required for admission to all GA events (including Evening Entertainment) except the Service of the Living Tradition and the Sunday Morning Worship Service. Name badges identify us to one another and also to ushers and security personnel. Please help to make General Assembly a safe environment for everyone.

Newsletter

In consideration of environmental impact, the newsletter will be limited to one page of announcements each day. Extensive coverage of GA events will be posted at www.uua.org/ga both during and after GA. Submissions must be turned in by 4:30 p.m. in Room D of the America's Center to be included in the following day's newsletter. Announcements are subject to editorial review and are not guaranteed publication.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee nominates candidates for UUA Committees and Commissions that are elected at GA. The Nominating Committee strives to equip committees with people who can offer a variety of cultural competencies and life experiences, with the belief that this will help these working groups to make more effective decisions. The Nominating Committee is particularly interested in identifying qualified candidates who also have connections to, and understanding of, different ethnic communities, youth and young adults, and people with disabilities. The Nominating Committee also strives to create working groups that include the participation of both women and men, and which represent people from a variety of geographies and sexual orientations.

Helen Bishop (Chair), Etowah, NC
James Coomes, Burbank, CA
Richard Creswell, Macon, GA
Mandy Keithan, Washington, DC
Rev. Hope Johnson, Brooklyn, NY
Kokheong McNaughton, Los Alamos, NM
Rev. Joan Montagnes, Moscow, ID
Megan Selby, Bloomington, IN
Rev. Robert Shaibly, Portland, OR

Offices

General Assembly and Volunteer Office:

America's Center Room D

On-site Registration and UUA Finance:

America's Center Room G

UUA Communications:

Renaissance Grand Hotel, Parkview/Aubert

Youth (Young Religious UUs) Headquarters

America's Center Room C

GA and Youth Chaplains Headquarters

America's Center Room 111

Parking

Parking is available close to the America's Center in the range of \$5 - \$10 per entry (not overnight and no in and out privileges). The America's Garage (entrance on 7th Street) has 400 spaces available to the public with 24

spaces reserved for people with disabilities. The map on the back cover of this Program includes parking sites providing over 700 public spaces near the America's Center.

Photography

Flash photography of GA events is not permitted. Taking of non-flash photographs by individuals is allowed only during the first five minutes of a presentation. Please be sensitive to whether someone may not want their picture taken. The UUA engages a professional photographer, Nancy Pierce, to document activities and programs of the General Assembly for reporting and archival purposes.

Planning Committee

The GA Planning Committee selects the theme for each GA, reviews the site, and sets the daily schedule. The committee determines which organizations affiliated with the UUA may present program material. In addition, the committee oversees the annual Ware Lecture, Opening and Closing Events, music, ambiance, and evening activities. The UUA Board selects sites four to five years in advance, based on recommendations by the Planning Committee. Jan Sneegas, Director of General Assembly and Conference Services, serves as UUA staff liaison.

Barbara Atlas, Long Beach, CA
Lynda Shannon Bluestein, Fairfield, CT
Virginia Brown, White Bluff, TN
Fred Cole, Boulder, CO
Linda Friedman (Chair), Rochester, NY
Elisabeth McGregor, Sharon, MA
Tim Murphy, Anderson, IN
Pat Solomon, Cleveland Heights, OH
Rev. Walt Wieder, Phoenix, AZ
Donald Wilson, Ypsilanti, MI

Program Funding for GA 2007

The GA Planning Committee is offering grants of up to \$3,000 for four major programs and up to \$500 for each of 10 programs to be presented at the 2007 GA. In addition, the Committee may sponsor other events without funding. Applications from organizations, congregations or individuals must be submitted by August 31, 2006. To obtain more information, contact the UUA GA Office or visit www.uua.org/ga.

Programming at GA

Programs are sponsored by eligible organizations of the UUA, as determined by the Planning Committee. These include districts, UUA staff groups, UUA committees, associate member organizations, independent affiliate organizations, UU professional organizations, and UU theological schools. The content of the event and the

description printed in the program are the sole responsibility of the sponsoring group.

Project Equality

Project Equality is a national interfaith program for equal employment opportunity sponsored by the UUA and a number of other major religious and non-profit organizations. Project Equality conducted an Equal Opportunity audit of properties used for GA in St. Louis. Results of the audit are available at www.uua.org/ga.

Recordings of GA Programs For Sale

Audio CDs and tapes of most GA programs are available for purchase. Videos are available for events held in Hall 3 with the exception of Plenary. Please be advised that videos are souvenir quality and are not professionally edited. To place an order visit the Content Management CD and Tape Sales Kiosk in the Washington Street Lobby of the America's Center. After GA, ordering information will be available at www.uua.org/ga.

Recording of Events

If an individual or organization wishes to record (video or audio) any GA event or portion thereof, written permission must be obtained from the speaker(s) or presenter(s). No tapes may be made for sale or for commercial use without the express written permission of the Planning Committee.

Registration

Pre-Registration Badge Pick Up:

Washington Street Lobby of the America's Center

On-site Registration:

America's Center Room G

Registration Hours:

Tuesday	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	12:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Service of the Living Tradition

The Service of the Living Tradition, celebrating the UU ministry, will be held Thursday evening, 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., in Hall 3 of the America's Center. It is open to all. Rev. Judith Meyer will deliver the sermon. See page 27 for details.

General Information

Service Project

The Service Project this year will fund Lift for Life, an after-school program for inner city youth, whose mission is to provide positive alternatives through social, athletic, and educational programs. Please visit the Service Project Booth #610 in the Exhibit Hall.

Sites for Future GAs

June 21 - 25, 2007	Portland, OR
June 26 - 30, 2008	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
June 24 - 28, 2009	Salt Lake City, UT
June 23 - 27, 2010	Minneapolis, MN

Smoking

Please be advised that the America's Center is a non-smoking facility.

Sunday Morning Worship

On Sunday morning, we will be inviting residents of the St. Louis community to join us for worship. Rev. Gail R. Geisenhainer, will be preaching the sermon, joined by Rev. William Sinkford, Rev. Jane Rzepka, Elizabeth Norton, and Matt Meyer. The service will celebrate the Good News of Unitarian Universalism, through music, ritual, and inspirational word. Worship will be open to all, both UUs and those who may be seeking our faith. The service will be at 9:30 a.m. in Hall 3 of the America's Center. An offering will be collected to benefit the Service Project. See page 63 for additional information.

Twelve Step Program

There will be a Twelve Step meeting Thursday through Sunday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Room 265 of the America's Center.

Volunteer Committee

District GA Coordinator

Patsy Sherrill Madden, St. Louis, MO

Administrative Assistant

Kathy Charles, Houston, TX

Accessibility Services

Patty Cameron, Melrose, MA

Ambience

Trinna VanRyn, Clayton, MO

Children's Programs Coordinator

Barrett and Melissa Madden, Framingham, MA

Local Information

Betty and Ken Maag, Webster Groves, MO

Registration

Mary Francis, Midwest City, OK

Special Events Coordinator

Michael Cowen Nissen, Ballwin, MO

Service Project Coordinator

Kimberly Hampton, University City, MO

Technical Manager

Elizabeth Collins, Lawrence, KS

Usher Coordinator

Tom Loughrey, Orange, CA

Volunteer Coordinator

Claudia Gross, Champaign, IL

Volunteer Office

The Volunteer Office is located in conjunction with the GA Office in Room D of the America's Center. Staffed by volunteers, it serves as a coordinating center for the Volunteer Committee and provides a Lost and Found service.

Hours:

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Young Fun

Young Fun is a residential program for children ages 8 - 14 who have registered before GA begins. The program is staffed by adult UUs experienced in youth programming, who lead activities, field trips and religious education experiences for the youth. The Young Fun program is co-directed by Kathleen Murphy and Jon Granat. The program is based on the Webster University campus this year.

YRUU and Youth Caucus

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) is the organization which represents all UU youth, aged 14-20. YRUU is a part of the UUA's Lifespan Faith Development staff group. Youth Caucus is a series of programs and events during GA organized by youth for youth. The schedule of Youth Caucus business meetings and events is included in this program book. A summary schedule of Youth Caucus Programs is available on page 11. YRUU will be in Booth #518 in the Exhibit Hall. Stop by their booth for a daily newsletter and schedule changes. All attendees are welcome to Youth Caucus programs.