

UUA Nominating Committee Application Form

Imagine how you could serve your Association!

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates who offer a balance of skills, life experiences, cultural competencies, abilities, and geographic representation for the Committees, Commissions, and Positions elected by the General Assembly.

Consistent with the resolutions of our General Assembly, we are intentional about becoming an anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and multicultural institution, and we want our committees, commissions and positions to embody that intention.

If you are interested in hearing more, come to the Nominating Committee Workshop and Reception at General Assembly, 2008. See your General Assembly Schedule for details.

To apply to be nominated for a position listed in this brochure, please mail to the address provided.

1. The information requested on the form below.
2. A letter of intent to serve including:
 - a. your past and present leadership experience at the congregational, district and association levels as well as leadership positions within any Unitarian Universalist organizations
 - b. relevant educational and/or professional experience in addition to community volunteer positions you have held
 - c. your skills related to the office sought
 - d. anti-racism, anti-oppression, multicultural trainings in which you have participated
 - e. why you want to serve on these particular committees, commissions or positions. What makes you especially well suited to serve.
 - f. because we seek diversity in our nominations, we invite you to include your gender, race, year of birth, and ethnic background
3. Three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the address below and provide candid assessments of the applicant's qualifications in the following areas:
 - a. relevant experience at the local, district and continental levels of the UUA
 - b. ability to work collaboratively
 - c. and follow-through on individual assignments
 - d. and written and oral communication skills
4. A photo (to allow the Nominating Committee to put a face to a name).

Yes, I want to serve the Unitarian Universalist Association!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Congregation: _____

Member since: _____

I am interested in the following Committees, Commissions, or Positions:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Appraisal | <input type="checkbox"/> GA Planning Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Review |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Trustees, At Large | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Trustees, Youth Trustee | <input type="checkbox"/> Commission on Social Witness |

If you check more than one, please rank your preference with #1 as highest

Please check this box if you agree:

? I will give a two minute presentation before the General Assembly plenary Session in 2009 on why I want to serve. I will attend the anti-racism, anti-oppression, multiculturalism training on the day following General Assembly. (If you cannot attend that training, please identify the anti-racism, anti-oppression, multiculturalism training you will attend instead.)

Please mail all information to: Unitarian Universalist Association
Attn: Nominating Committee, Nancy Lawrence
25 Beacon Street,
Boston, MA 02108

All Information must be received by August 15, 2008

If you have not received confirmation of your application by Sept. 1, 2008, please email Nancy Lawrence at nlawrence@uua.org

Empower your Inner Leader!

Elected Committees

The Commission on Appraisal reviews any function or activity of the UUA which, in its judgment, warrants independent study. The Commission reports its findings to the General Assembly at least once every four years. The work is vigorous and year-round, involving much research, writing, consulting, and hearings. It may operate at times like a mini-think tank in its broad consideration of issues. The Commission meets four times per year for four-day meetings. This Commission requires people with good conceptual and analytical skills.

Number of Members: 9

Term: 6 years; Term limit: 1 term

3 positions open

The Financial Advisor is a volunteer officer of the Association and a voting member of the UUA Board of Trustees. S/he provides expert and independent advice to the President and the Board about financial policies and business practices, monitors resources and applications of funds, assists in long-range planning, and makes recommendations regarding the overall financial affairs of the Association. The Advisor reports to the General Assembly each year, and attends all meetings of the Board and key committees (executive, finance, investment, and compensation/benefits/pension). Total time commitment: approximately 50 days per year, 25 of which are weekdays.

Number of Financial Advisors: 1

Term: 4 years; Term limit: 2 terms

1 position open

UUA Board of Trustees, At Large Positions The Board conducts the business of the UUA and carries out the General Assembly's policies and directives between annual meetings. It meets 5 weekends per year. Every Board member serves on one of 4 working groups and/or the Finance Committee. Candidates must exhibit leadership within their own districts and congregations, and demonstrate an abiding interest in the future of Unitarian Universalism for both clergy and laity. Candidates must be willing to devote a considerable amount of time to Board service.

Number of At Large Members: 3 adults and 1 youth

Term: 4 years for adults and 2 years for youth; Term limit: 2 terms

3 positions open: 2 adults and 1 youth

The General Assembly Planning Committee works with the General Assembly Administrator to determine the General Assembly Schedule, examine proposed future sites, prepare the agenda, and coordinate programming. Members need the ability to deal well with people and work collaboratively under stress. Experience with coordinating major events and programs is a great plus. Planning Committee work is year-round with three four-day meetings per year and all eight days of General Assembly.

Number of Members: 10

Term: 4 years; Term limit: 2 terms

5 positions open

The Board of Review hears appeals from ministers and credentialed religious educators whose fellowship or status is terminated by the Ministerial Fellowship Committee or the Religious Educator Credentialing Committee. No other appeal is allowed beyond the Board of Review's decision. Three Board members must be ordained ministers who have been in final fellowship for the current year and for the previous 7 consecutive years. One member must be a credentialed religious educator, masters level. Four Board members must be laypersons (not ministers nor credentialed religious educators) who have been members of and held governing positions in certified UU congregations for at least 3 years.

Number of Members: 8

Term: 8 years; Term limit: 1 term

2 positions open: 1 minister and 1 lay leader

The Nominating Committee recruits and selects nominees for all elected positions of the Association except President and Moderator. The committee seeks applicants who have demonstrated competence and leadership. Throughout the nomination and selection process, the committee strives to balance such factors as gender, ethnicity, abilities, cultural competencies, age, geography, and clergy or lay status with interests, needs and objectives of each elected committee or commission and of the Association as a whole. Members of the Nominating Committee are expected to recruit applicants throughout the year. The Committee meets several times during General Assembly and once during mid-year for a 3-day working session each calendar year.

Number of Members: 9

Term: 6 years; Term limit: 1 term

4 positions open: 3 for 6-year and 1 for 4-year terms

The Commission on Social Witness is involved in the three-year process to adopt UU Statements of Conscience that includes editing proposed Study/Action Issues, incorporating amendments, drafting Statements of Conscience, and conducting workshops at General Assembly. This Commission helps Unitarian Universalists put the Principles and Purposes into action, and assists the UUA and congregations express concern for social justice. Members should have experience in social justice work, understand UUA structure and operation, demonstrate commitment to living out UU principles through social justice work, be able to conceptualize both details and the larger picture, and be able to maintain good humor and calm under stressful circumstances.

Number of Members: 5

Term: 4 years; Term limit: 2 terms

2 positions open