

ALBANY UU SERVICE OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Service Opportunity Name/Title: General Assembly Delegate

Service Opportunity Brief Description:

A General Assembly Delegate represents our congregation at the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Service Opportunity Detailed Description:

General Assembly is an immersive, inspirational experience that is open to everyone, whether they are a lifelong UU or new to our congregation. Seven members of our congregation, however, are specifically appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as our GA delegates, along with our minister and religious education professional. Delegates may participate at the convention site or online from their homes. Our congregation traditionally pays the cost of GA registration, with delegates paying for the rest – room and board; however, financial aid may be available to help with travel costs.

Delegates participate in general sessions, vote on UUA business and social justice resolutions, and elect UUA officers. After General Assembly, delegates share their experiences with the congregation in a number of ways, including newsletter articles and sometimes the Sunday service.

This opportunity is publicized each winter, and interested members are asked to complete a form. The Board appoints delegates in February for the General Assembly that will take place in June.

More information about GA and the role of congregational delegates may be found [here](#).

Length of Service Commitment: 1 week in June

“This opportunity will enable you to

- participate in the governance of our voluntary association of UU congregations
- Connect with UUs from across the country and around the world
- Learn in program workshops and bring back ideas for our congregation
- Experience outstanding worship, music and presentations
- Grow in your understanding of Unitarian Universalism
- Participate in social witness actions
- Get to know your fellow Albany UU delegates better
- Get energized as a UU!

Skills Needed:

Knowledge of our congregation.

Stamina to participate in long hours of programming.

Training, assistance, and safety requirements:

Typically, a UUA webinar is offered in May and June to help delegates prepare for GA. This is often an opportunity for Albany UU delegates to meet in advance and share advice and plans. During GA, experienced delegates are happy to assist new delegates.

Number of positions available: 7

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