



ACTIONS OF IMMEDIATE WITNESS

Of 8 AsIW submitted, 6 came to the assembly floor, and 3 passed:

End Family Separation and Detention of Asylum Seekers
and Abolish ICE: <https://bit.ly/2uitlLb>

We Are All Related: Solidarity NOW
with Indigenous Water Protectors: <https://bit.ly/2KM3S87>

Dismantle Predatory Medical Care Practices in Prisons
and End Prisons for Profit: <https://bit.ly/2L4TDYF>

Also brought to the floor, but not passing,
as the by-laws allow a maximum of 3 Actions to pass:

A Moral Response to the March for Our Lives, End Israeli Detention
of Palestinian Children, and Join the Poor People's Campaign.

The text of these may be found at <https://bit.ly/2zoJW5T>

UUJEC proposed 2 AsIW, *Tax the Wealthy, Not the Poor* (175 signatures)
and *Join the Poor People's Campaign* (195 signatures).



BY-LAW CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE UUA BOARD

Make all language in the bylaws gender neutral, using “they/them” in place of the singular gender-specific words;

Allow staggered terms for those serving on the Ministerial Fellowship Committee;

Change the board’s two youth observer positions to youth trustees with voting rights and two-year terms;

Allow the position of Moderator of the UUA to be shared by more than one person; and

Simplify and shorten Commission on Social Witness processes for Congregational Study/Action Issues and Actions of Immediate Witness.



CHANGES TO THE SOCIAL WITNESS PROCESSES IN THE BY-LAWS

The Congregational Study/Action Issue process
is now a 3-year, not a 4-year, process.

Details on the procedures
for Congregational Study/Action Issues
and Actions of Immediate Witness
are being moved from the by-laws
to the Commission on Social Witness Proposers' Guide,
(<https://www.uua.org/action/process/guide>).

This site has not yet been updated; it currently reflects
the prior change to the by-laws, adopted in 2006.

Keep watching!



BY-LAW CHANGES PROPOSED BY OTHER GROUPS

Proposed by LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators' Association):

Grant delegate status to active LREDA members who are either employed by congregations or are emeritus employees (minister or lay educators).

Proposed by the Joseph Priestly District:

*Require the Board of Trustees to
“establish and maintain a means by which
congregations may communicate directly with the Board
concerning governance of the Association,
and receive from the Board
timely responses to such communications.”*



CHANGE TO PRINCIPLES, SOURCES, AND PURPOSES

Ratification of last year's vote; no amendments allowed:

*Change the language to honor “words and actions of prophetic people”
instead of those of “prophetic women and men.”*

Interestingly, one speaker at the Con microphone mentioned that the program book for GA, in discussing this change, used “prophetic men and women”, not “prophetic women and men”, as the language to be replaced.



FUNDING BLUU: THE PROMISE & PRACTICE CAMPAIGN

Of the \$5.3 million promised to Black Lives of UU by the UUA board,
~\$3 million has been raised:

\$300,000 from immediate funds

\$50,000 from board table

\$1,000,000 from UUA unrestricted endowment funds

\$1,000,000 gift from Julie and Brad Bradburd

\$100,000 incentive match from Northern New England District

GA Report: 310 different groups have contributed.

The matching campaign was extended until July 2019.

FAQ on UUA site: <https://bit.ly/2zPmQFW>



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GA 2019

Spokane, Washington • June 19–23, 2019



Program proposal, exhibit, advertising, and sponsorship information will be available in September. Financial aid, registration, and housing reservations will be available March 1.



FUTURE GAS

- June 19 – 23, 2019: Spokane, WA
- June 24 – 28, 2020: Providence, RI
- June 23 – 27, 2021: Milwaukee, WI
- June 22 – 26, 2022: TBD
- June 21 – 25, 2023: Pittsburgh, PA



FUTURE UUJEC SEMINARS

- August 9: Calculating Single-Payer Costs
- September 13: Too Many Bankers?
- October 11: Bail Reform
- November 8: Farm Worker Justice



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THE FOUR QUESTIONS: TOGETHER WE ARE CALLED

Question 1: *What is essential to you about being a UU?*

Question 2: *What do our purposes and principles capture well that is essential to who we are and what we must do as Unitarian Universalists? What do they leave out?*

Question 3: *How could our mission, purposes, principles and bylaws more accurately convey our vision of a future for our faith that compels us to act on our deep commitment to anti-racism and anti-oppression?*

Question 4: *In what specific ways are we asked to transform lives, communities and the world in these times? How does our shared life in our congregations and covenanted communities prepare us to do this?*

