



The Elections at GA

To see if your congregation is certified, click here.

<http://dyn.uua.org/congregation/certlist.php>

The UUA will mail delegate credentials to your congregation by May 8. If you are selected to be a delegate, make sure you bring this card with you to GA registration!

In **2008** there were a total of **4,915 potential delegates** across our Association's nearly 1,000 certified congregations.

Vote at GA: the election will take place on Saturday, June 27th between Noon and 5:30 PM in the Exhibit Hall.

Vote Absentee: Absentee ballots will be mailed to congregations with the delegate credentials in early May. They must be mailed back and received by June 17, 2009 in order to be counted.

Mail your Absentee Ballot and Ballot Stub to:
Secretary, UUA
25 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108

Who is running for Election?

Two people are in the race for UUA President: **The Rev. Peter Morales** www.moralesforuupresident.org and **The Rev. Laurel Hallman** www.hallmanforuupresident.com.

There are also quite a few uncontested elections: **Gini Courter** for UUA Moderator and **Dan Brody** for UUA Financial Advisor are at the top of the list. There are also at-large and youth candidates for the **UUA Board of Trustees** and nominees for the **Commission on Appraisal**, the **Commission on Social Witness**, the **Nominating Committee**, and the **General Assembly Planning Committee** – all running unopposed.

Who gets to vote in these elections?

If you want to vote in this election you need to be a **delegate** from a **certified** congregation.

How do you get to be a delegate?

This is something handled differently in each congregation. In some congregations, members who want to go to General Assembly submit their names to the Board – in others to the minister, and in others they are elected by the congregation. You need to find out how your congregation selects its delegates.

How many delegates are there?

Every congregation gets at least two delegates. Congregations with between 1 to 100 members receive two delegates, but for each additional 1 to 50 members after 100 the congregation gets an additional delegate. For example, a congregation with 101 certified members would have 3 delegates.

There are **clergy** and others who are **automatic delegates**. For more information, please go to <http://www.uua.org/aboutus/bylaws/articleiv/6927.shtml>

So, I'm a delegate – how and when do I vote?

Delegates can either vote at GA or by absentee ballot – in either case your vote is secret – your choices are confidential.

In some congregations delegates are free to vote their conscience; in others, delegates' votes may be split to reflect the congregation's decisions on the candidates. Again, check with your Board of Trustees to determine the process in your own congregation.

Since only two candidates are running for the position of president of the UUA, the winner is determined by simple majority. The new officers and other election results will be announced at a Worship Service in Plenary Hall on Saturday evening at 8:00 PM just prior to the start of this year's Ware Lecture.