

Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis
DELEGATES FOR DISTRICT & GENERAL ASSEMBLIES POLICY

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on February 11, 2013

Purpose

This policy sets forth the process for soliciting applications and selecting delegates and alternates to represent the Church at the Pacific Central District (PCD) Assembly (DA) and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly (GA). Like all certified UUA congregations, our Church is allocated one member delegate for every 50 members (or fraction thereof).

Solicitation of Applications

The Board shall begin soliciting applications from potential PCD and GA delegates as soon as possible after the Church has submitted its annual Certification of Membership report to the UUA. As part of the application process, the Board will ask applicants to write a brief paragraph about why they would like to be a delegate and will specify a deadline for receiving applications.

Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Each delegate must be a voting member as defined in the Church's Bylaws. The Board shall select delegates and alternates by considering applications received, by inviting other members of the congregation to serve as delegates, or both.

In its deliberations, the Board will take into account the UUA recommendation against off-site participation by congregations that can send a full delegation to attend GA in person. Off-site GA delegates may vote online only on business items in plenary sessions or mini-assemblies. To vote for elected positions such as President or Moderator, off-site delegates must cast a written absentee ballot prior to GA.

The Board will select delegates in a timely fashion, so that delegates may schedule an informational meeting to discuss issues and solicit views of Church members on matters pending before either the DA or GA. However, delegates will remain free to vote their conscience and will not be instructed on how to vote at DA or GA.

Credentials for Delegates and Alternates

The UUA forwards to the Church credential cards and ballot stubs for each delegate; these must be signed by the Senior Minister or a Board officer. The UUA also forwards absentee ballots for off-site delegates and other delegates to vote absentee for elected positions, for which electronic voting is not permitted.

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