General Assembly Delegates

A member of TUCW who wishes to serve as a congregational delegate at GA shall apply by submitting a letter of interest or the attached form, confirming the items listed below, no later than the deadline announced on TUCW website, posted on the Board of Trustees bulletin board in the foyer, and in TUCW publications including the weekly Sunday Bulletin in the Order of Service and in <u>Soundings</u>.

To serve as a TUCW delegate, an applicant must:

- 1. Be a member of TUCW as defined in the TUCW Constitution;
- 2. Have registered, or commit to register, to attend GA (in person or as an off-site delegate);
- 3. Commit to attend (including virtual attendance) substantive GA plenary sessions, i.e., sessions at which substantive votes will be taken, barring unforeseen circumstances;
- 4. Commit to review the tentative GA Business Agenda when it becomes available, and to read supporting documents or reports to ensure the applicant is prepared to make informed decisions on the matters presented during plenary sessions;
- 5. Commit to review the final agenda when it becomes available and to read supporting documents or reports for any new items not included in the tentative GA agenda, as time permits;
- 6. Commit, if selected, to vote in accordance with any congregational vote or Board direction concerning UUA Agenda items, (Business Resolutions and Congregational Study Action Issues), and otherwise to commit to vote one's conscience as to what best supports the mission of TUCW and the UUA;
- 7. Meet with the Board after GA to discuss the experience of being a congregational delegate at GA, with particular emphasis upon any GA vote(s) (e.g. Actions of Immediate Witness) made in accordance with any TUCW congregational vote or Board direction and/or any GA vote(s) made on the basis of one's conscience when the missions of the TUCW and the UUA were found to be in conflict.

Application Process

- 1. Applicants wishing to serve as TUCW delegates must apply by 1) submitting a letter of interest; or, 2) the attached form in the manner specified no later than the deadline stated in a congregational announcement;
- 2. Applicants who meet the requirements and commitments set forth in the section above will be considered;
- 3. The Board, or a task force designated by the Board, shall recommend applicants to serve as delegates for the congregation giving preference to those attending in person. The Board, or a task force delegated by the Board, may interview applicants. The Board's selection of applicants to serve as delegates shall be final, provided that the Board may appoint a substitute delegate in the event another selectee is unable to attend GA.

General Assembly (GA) Delegate Application

The Unitarian Church in Westport, CT

Member Information		
Name		
Member Since		
Preferred Phone		
E-Mail Address		

GA Delegate Job Description

In order to serve as a TUCW delegate an applicant must:

- Be a member of TUCW as defined in the TUCW Constitution (adopted June 2016);
- Have registered, or commit to register, to attend/virtually attend GA;
- Commit to attend substantive GA plenary sessions, i.e., sessions at which substantive votes will be taken, barring unforeseen circumstances;
- Commit to review the tentative GA Agenda when it becomes available and to read supporting documents or reports to ensure the applicant is prepared to make informed decisions on the matters presented during plenary sessions;
- Commit to review the final Business Agenda when it becomes available and to read supporting documents or reports for any new items not included in the tentative GA agenda, as time permits;
- Commit, if selected, to vote in accordance with any congregational vote or Board direction concerning UUA Business Agenda items (Business Resolutions and Congregational Study Action Issues), and otherwise to commit to vote one's conscience as to what best supports the mission of the TUCW and the UUA, provided that where the interests of TUCW and the UUA conflict, the applicant shall vote one's conscience as to what will best further TUCW's mission; and
- Meet with the Board to communicate with the Board and/or congregation after GA about one's experience as a
 Congregational delegate at GA, with particular emphasis upon any GA vote(s) made in accordance with any
 TUCW congregational vote or Board direction and/or any GA vote(s) made on the basis of one's conscience
 when the interests of TUCW and the UUA were found to be in conflict.

Do you agree to comply with the job description above?	Yes	
Do you agree to comply with the job description above?	No	
Have you attended GA previously?	Yes, in	(list years)
	No, this will be my first!	

Interests

What are your major interests at GA, and how will they help inform your leadership at TUCW or beyond?

Please email the completed form to <u>board@uuwestport.org</u> or leave it in the office marked "Board" by the deadline date printed in TUCW announcements.