Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church	Policy/Procedure: Delegates to the UUA General Assembly	Document No: PP-TBD-00 Page < # > of < # >
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- 1. TVUUC will encourage the congregation to participate in the General Assembly. Congregants may participate in the General Assembly by watching the general sessions without registering, by registering and participating virtually or in person, or by applying to participate as an official TVUUC Delegate.
- 2. The TVUUC Delegate application process will be determined and approved by the TVUUC Board of Trustees (Board).
- 3. The Board reserves the right to decide the number of Delegates TVUUC will send and who will be approved to represent TVUUC at the UUA General Assembly. Delegates will be approved by the Board, or a sub-committee of the Board.
- 4. The Board members, who are elected by the congregation, will be given priority to serve as delegates to the General Assembly. The President and Vice-President are expected to participate and represent TVUUC.
- 5. The following criteria will guide the Board or Board sub-committee's decision to approve TVUUC Delegate applications:
  - a) TVUUC membership for at least one year is required. A mix of newer and longer- term TVUUC members is preferred.
  - b) TVUUC members with a demonstrated history of active and productive participation in congregational life.
  - c) A willingness to share with the congregation information learned from participating in the General Assembly.
  - d) TVUUC will prioritize sending a diverse delegation (age, race, sexual orientation, and gender identity, etc).
  - e) A commitment to observe and participate during the General Assembly, as demonstrated through words and actions.
  - f) Applicants who will represent TVUUC's best interests at the General Assembly.
  - g) In cases where non-board member Candidates have equal qualifications, the Board or sub-committee of the Board will be mindful of facilitating equal access and prioritize those who have not served as delegates the prior year or most recent years.
- 6. Registration costs for the President and Vice-President are covered by the TVUUC Leadership Development operations budget.
- 7. Participation costs for all other Delegates will not be covered by TVUUC, unless the Delegate notifies the Management Team, demonstrates significant financial hardship, and obtains approval for financial assistance from the Management Team.

## **TVUUC General Assembly Delegate Application**

Delegates of TVUUC must have been a member of TVUUC with a pledge contribution of record for at least one year prior to the General Assembly for which the member would like to be a delegate. If you would like to participate in the General Assembly, but lack the funds to participate, you may apply for a scholarship by notifying the Management Team. Your request for scholarship is confidential and will not affect your eligibility to be a delegate.

Applicants can refer to the following resources for more information on registration and costs: <a href="https://www.uua.org/ga/registration/financialaid/scholarships">https://www.uua.org/ga/registration/financialaid/scholarships</a>

Name:
Email:
Phone:
Address:
How long have you been a member of TVUUC?
Please list any General Assemblies you have attended in the past:
Please list any General Assemblies for which you have been a delegate (for TVUUC or other UU congregation) in the past:
Please let us know why you would like to participate as a delegate for TVUUC:

Please list topics, sessions and workshops in which you intend to participate at the upcoming General Assembly:
Would you be willing to share what you learned in General Assembly sessions with other TVUUC congregants in an Adult RE following the GA?  yes _ no
In what ways have you served and engaged in the activities and congregational life of TVUUC in recent years?
In what ways might your participation help TVUUC to live out its values?
Will you participate in a way that represents the best interests of TVUUC?
Will you honor the covenant of TVUUC and the General Assembly? yes no