

## Denominational Affairs Committee Charter

This charter creates the Denominational Affairs Committee and delegates the authority of the VUU Board of Trustees to act on its behalf in carrying out the following duties.

1. Monitor and research the political and organizational events and efforts of the UUA and how they may impact VUU, its members, staff, and friends.
2. Inform, engage, and educate VUU members and friends on the UUA's organizational structure, processes, and VUU's role as a member congregation of the UUA.
3. The committee will report to the congregation at minimum twice per year during a congregational conversation, and communicate regularly via the Happenings.
4. Communications will occur in advance of annual recertification and delegate selection for General Assembly.
5. Raise awareness and facilitate collaborative discussions on items that VUU delegates will vote on at the upcoming General Assembly (GA), serving as a source of factual information for the Congregation.
6. Advise the Board and Congregation of relevant timelines and deadlines in order to promote VUU's full participation in the democratic process with the UUA.
7. Recommend a UUA GA delegate selection process for the Board to establish with the goal of proportional and engaged representation of VUU members on issues relevant to the Congregation, through a collaborative selection process.

The Board of Trustees will appoint a chair for the Denomination Affairs Committee after each GA. A person is limited to three consecutive terms as chair. The chair is responsible for selecting committee members to assist in carrying out the duties of the committee. The chair is responsible for recruiting an odd number of members with diverse perspectives that generally represent that of the Congregation.

The Board will appoint a liaison if deemed necessary.

The Sr. Minister has ex-officio membership with the committee.

The committee will rely on Roberts Rules of Order if disagreements arise in carrying out their duties.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 8/24/2023