

## JARGON !! – MORE INFORMATION:

Many people experience difficulty with all the jargon and acronyms we use. This is particularly true with the Annual Meetings schedule, where there is not space to fit the full name of many groups. This Glossary of terms in common use in our Meetings is one step to encourage everyone to take full part in the Meetings.

This list is by no means complete and we welcome additions and corrections.

<b>B &amp; FUA</b>	British and Foreign Unitarian Association, Inc (founded 1825), its main function is to act as Custodian Trustee for the GA and various Unitarian Trusts and churches. It manages a pooled investment portfolio for the Trusts for which it is a sole Trustee.
<b>BUYAN</b>	British (and Irish) Unitarian Young Adult Network – a Unitarian young adult group.
<b>Comm Com</b>	Communications Commission – See GA Directory for further details.
<b>DSC</b>	Denominational Support Commission – See GA Directory for further details.
<b>E&amp;T</b>	Education and Training Commission – See GA Directory for further details.
<b>Earth-Spirit Network</b>	A group of people whose spirituality is centered on a spiritual connection to nature rather than particular revelation.
<b>EC</b>	Executive Committee – The elected trustee body of the GA, successor to GA Council.
<b>ECU</b>	East Cheshire Union (District)
<b>Essex Hall</b>	Building in London owned by the Essex Hall Trust, built on the site of the first church called Unitarian in Britain (1774) and housing the administrative offices of the General Assembly - sometimes also called Headquarters.
<b>EU</b>	Eastern Union (GA District)
<b>F&amp;PI</b>	Faith & Public Issues Commission – See GA Directory for further details.
<b>FOY</b>	The Foy Society - founded in 1924 as FOY (Fellowship of Youth) the Foy Society is a fellowship of men and women who, in a spirit of free enquiry, seek to understand the nature of present day issues and problems, political, social and religious. People of all ages are welcome to join - currently the youngest member is a teenager and the oldest are in their nineties!
<b>GA</b>	General Assembly - used in two senses (1) the collection of congregations which comprise the denomination; (2) the annual gathering of representatives of these congregations and other Unitarian bodies (from North American usage)
<b>GA Zette</b>	The daily news sheet produced at the Annual Meetings, without which it can be hard to keep abreast of issues and personalities.
<b>Great Hucklow</b>	Derbyshire village containing the Nightingale Centre. This residential centre is the focus for many events for churches, districts and special interest groups and also the base for the National Youth Programme. The Centre is often affectionately known as " <b>Hucklow</b> ".
<b>IARF</b>	International Association for Religious Freedom, an interfaith organisation started in 1900 primarily by Unitarians; membership includes Unitarian national organisations as well as "liberal" movements from almost every world faith. A 'Congress' is held every three years.
<b>ICUU</b>	International Council of Unitarians and Universalists, the international organisation for national Unitarian and Universalist bodies.
<b>Inquirer, The</b>	Denominational fortnightly newspaper -- <u><a href="#">subscribe to it!</a></u>
<b>IRF</b>	International Religious Fellowship, an international (primarily European) young adult group with links to the IARF.
<b>JRB Lecture</b>	John Relly Beard Lecture – A memorial lecture given each year at the Annual Meetings.
<b>JUEG</b>	Joined-up Education Working Group

<b>LDPA</b>	London District & South Eastern Provincial Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches (Inc), (GA District).
<b>MCO</b>	Manchester College Oxford, now officially called Harris Manchester College -- one of the main training centres for Unitarian ministers in Britain.
<b>MDMA</b>	Merseyside District Missionary Association (GA District).
<b>Min Com</b>	Ministry Commission – See GA Directory for further details.
<b>MPF</b>	Ministers Pension Fund.
<b>MDA</b>	Manchester District Association (GA District).
<b>NELECUMDA</b>	Group which runs A 'Family Fun Day' from the combined Districts of NELUM, ECU & MDA.
<b>NELUM</b>	North & East Lancashire Unitarian Mission (GA District).
<b>Nightingale Centre</b>	The working name for the Unitarian Holiday & Conference Centre at Great Hucklow.
<b>NSPCI</b>	Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate church in its own right with historic close links with the General Assembly.
<b>NUA</b>	Northern Unitarian Association (GA District).
<b>NUF</b>	National Unitarian Fellowship, a religious organisation that attempts to provide contact, church services and fellowship for those isolated, geographically or otherwise, from a local Unitarian Church.
<b>O&amp;C</b>	Outreach & Communcation Commission – See GA Directory for further details.
<b>Provincial Assembly</b>	The Provincial Assembly of Presbyterian and Unitarian Ministers and Congregations of Lancashire and Cheshire (An Affiliated Society, not a District).
<b>SOEG</b>	Sexual Orientation Equality Group.
<b>SOL</b>	Support for Organisational Leadership Panel
<b>SUA</b>	Scottish Unitarian Association or Southern Unitarian Association (GA Districts).
<b>UALM</b>	Unitarian Association of Lay Ministry -- The organisation bringing together those who exercise "spiritual" leadership with our churches who do not qualify as ministers or lay pastors (formerly known as the Unitarian Association of Lay Leaders, UALL).
<b>UCA</b>	Unitarian Christian Association.
<b>UCCN</b>	Unitarian Communication Coordinators' Network
<b>UCM</b>	Unitarian College Manchester -- one of the main training centres for British Unitarian ministers.
<b>UMF</b>	Unitarian Millennium Fund - a denominational fundraising project which closed in the year 2001. A small fund remains, administered by the Administration Commission. (Formerly these initials were used by many for the Unitarian Ministerial Fellowship)
<b>Unitarian, The</b>	Monthly Unitarian news booklet published by the MDA.
<b>URG</b>	Unitarian Renewal Group -- a "ginger" group encouraging congregations to adopt multi-faith approaches to Unitarian activities and worship.
<b>USPS</b>	Unitarian Society for Psychical Studies (often referred to as 'The Psychical Society').
<b>UUA</b>	Unitarian Universalist Association -- The national organisation for American Unitarians, with close links to the Canadian Unitarian Council (though now separate).
<b>UWG</b>	Unitarian Women's Group
<b>WL</b>	Women's League

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