

Worship

As well as morning services, there are also two other services The *Opening Ceremony* and the *Anniversary Service* - both very special events.



Banners

Many congregations bring their banners which provide a spectacular and colourful backdrop.



Singing

There are frequent opportunities for singing - a very important expression of our faith for many Unitarians.



Chalice Lighting

We remember that we are a faith movement and the chalice is lit at the start of each session.



Book Stall

There is a very extensive book stall giving delegates an opportunity to browse Unitarian literature, both new and old.



Alternative Worship

There are alternative worship styles offering examples of different spiritual experiences, such as a labyrinth walk or Taizé workshop.



Quiet Room

For those who require a contrast from the energy of the conference, a quiet room is provided, creating a reflective space.



What's New

Over the years the Meetings have been used to launch new publications like the new 'purple' hymn book. It is also where you hear about projects and initiatives.



Lectures

Many very informative lectures by eminent speakers take place, covering many different aspects of our faith and others.



Questions

There is an opportunity to ask questions about any aspect of our movement, often challenging those running the organisation.



Societies

Many of the numerous Unitarian societies hold sessions, increasing the diversity of the experience for delegates.



Meeting other Unitarians

Many of those attending say the best part is meeting and talking to other Unitarians.



Earth Spirit Network
(a Unitarian Society)
session at a
Unitarian Meeting



Decisions

It is the Meetings where annual reports and accounts from the Executive Committee and commissions are presented.



Motions

Congregations submit motions to the Meetings to ensure we remain a democratic organisation. These are used to determine the movement's priorities.



Explanations

There is an opportunity for those running our organisation to explain the problems we face and decisions that need to be made.



Presidential Handover

The Meetings are the start and end of the presidential year. The handover is always a moving and emotional event.



Chalice Awards

Young people who have completed this achievement are presented with their awards during the Meetings.



Youth Involvement

Our movement is very proud of its Youth Department. The Meetings are an opportunity to see what these young people have been doing.



GA-Zette

One of the many traditions is the young adults producing a newspaper each night. The GA-Zette publication always ensures that we cannot take ourselves too seriously.



Each year our organisation hosts a conference often referred to as 'the GA'. Unitarians from all over Britain gather with international guests for the experience.

For more information please go to

www.thega.org.uk/um

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Reasons to attend the

Unitarian Meetings

The AGM conference for all Unitarians in Britain.



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