



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONS

**Young Adult & Campus Ministry
Anchor Congregation Application**

The Anchor Congregation Program, begun in 2004, is the UUA's incentive program for Unitarian Universalist young adult and campus ministry. This award program is aimed at institutionalizing strong, congregationally based young adult and campus ministry programs across the continent. The Anchor Congregation designation recognizes congregations that have made a substantive commitment to young adult and campus ministry, and which serve as a model to other UU congregations seeking to do young adult and campus ministry.

It is our intention that the application process to be an Anchor Congregation will be used by congregations seeking to expand their ministry to young adults and college students. We hope that congregations will use this process to enter into a relationship with the UUA Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry around their vision for young adult and campus ministry and their program needs.

To apply:

This is a five year certification program. Congregations are asked to apply for renewal of their Anchor Congregation status after a five-year period has elapsed.

To be certified as an Anchor Congregation, complete the following application and submit it by April 1st to the following address. Newly certified or recertified congregations will be recognized at the UUA General Assembly or the CUC Annual Conference and Meeting.

Anchor Congregation Application
UUA Office of Young Adult Ministries
25 Beacon St
Boston, MA 02108

Applications may also be faxed to us at (617) 367-4798 or e-mailed to youngadults@uaa.org.

If you have questions, please call (617) 948-4645 or email youngadults@uaa.org.

Applications received after April 1st will be considered for the next year's award cycle.

Criteria for Anchor Congregation Selection

A. Components of a Successful Young Adult and/or Campus Ministry:

Congregations must address each of the three categories. Larger congregations will be expected to meet every point within them; smaller congregations will be expected to meet some or most of the criteria and may choose ones that are most appropriate for their resources and priorities. Congregations should work with the Office of Young Adult Ministries to determine the appropriate priorities for becoming an Anchor Congregation.

Institutionalized Support for Young Adult and Campus Ministry

- Congregation-based staff support for young adult and campus ministry
- Young adult ministry and/or campus ministry committee in official reporting relationship to the congregation including preparing an annual report
- Significant lay leadership working on young adult and/or campus ministry
- Annual budgeted financial support for young adult and/or campus ministry
- Working to increase support for young adult and/or campus ministry (financial, staff, and otherwise) within congregation
- Young adult participation in congregational leadership

Young Adult and/or Campus Ministry Programming in a Multigenerational Community

- Young adults are welcomed and participate in adult congregational programming
- Congregation provides young-adult-specific programming (e.g. young adult small group ministry, Our Whole Lives for Young Adults)
- At least 12 meetings per year for on campus programming
- Balanced young adult and/or campus ministry programming (worship, social, and social justice components)
- Anti-racism, anti-oppression, multicultural programming available to young adults
- Program includes free space for young adult programs at congregation or commitment to on-campus programming for students
- At least one young adult and/or campus ministry-oriented congregation wide Sunday service per year
- Annual bridging ceremony for youth bridging into young adulthood

Outreach

- Intentional outreach to focused constituency (some examples of focused constituencies are: all young adults, young adult parents, young adults of color, bisexual/gay/lesbian/transgender young adults, 18-25 year-olds, 25-35 year-olds, young adult singles, and students on a particular campus)
- Working to grow young adult and/or campus ministries
- Work at district/regional/continental levels, including participation in district, regional and continental young adult and/or campus ministry initiatives
- Presence at student activities fair, student orientation, and other events on campus and/or presence of young adult programs in congregation's newcomer orientation
- Active publicity of young adult and/or campus ministry programs and opportunities
- Applicability and accessibility to young adults of congregation's larger outreach efforts

B. Additional Program Features:

Congregations will be expected to meet some of these criteria depending on the scope of their program and available resources:

- Young adult and/or campus-based small group ministry
- Commitment to regularly staffing a young adult and campus ministry resource table at district/regional meetings/conferences
- Young adult and campus ministry resource library in congregation
- Membership on district Young Adult and Campus Ministry Committee
- Send young adult delegate to annual district meeting and General Assembly.
- At least one young adult serving on the congregation's board
- Hosting a district, regional, or national young adult and/or campus ministry event
- Maintaining membership of college students, including getting *UUWorld* (could be through CLF)
- Participating in the Bridge Connections Program
- Email list and/or other e-resources for young adult and campus ministries
- Space on church website for young adult and/or campus ministry
- Receive and respond to information requests by other congregations
- Support for young adults to attend regional, national, or continental conferences, trainings, and retreats.
- Resources to help young adults age out of young adult groups
- Help other congregations start young adult and/or campus ministry groups
- Collaborating with other congregations on young adult and campus ministry efforts
- Other young adult and/or campus ministry programs that your congregation may develop

**UUA Office of Young Adult Ministries
YACM Anchor Congregations Application**

Congregation _____

Address _____

Minister or Staff/Board Contact _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Young Adult and/or Campus Ministry Leader _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please answer the following questions, using the outline on pages 2-3 of this packet, and attach to your application:

1. Describe how your congregation has institutionalized support for young adult and campus ministry.
2. Describe how your congregation provides regular young adult and/or campus ministry programming.
3. Describe how your congregation performs outreach to students and/or young adults
4. Describe the additional components of your young adult and/or campus ministry program.

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Submitted by:

Name _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Email _____