

Proposed Business Resolution

The following Business Resolution was placed on the agenda by the Board of Trustees. Adoption requires a two-thirds vote.

Vote by the Board of Trustees on the proposed Business Resolution: For 24-0-0

180 WHEREAS the Unitarian Universalist Association Bylaws state that our Association
181 promotes “the full participation of persons in all of its and their activities and in the full
182 range of human endeavor without regard to . . . age”; and

183 WHEREAS statement #12, “Support, Integrate, and Retain youth and young adults to
184 keep our congregations vibrant and growing” in the Open Space Technology Process at
185 General Assembly 2007 received the largest number of votes, 773 votes (representing
186 12.4 % of the votes cast); and

187 WHEREAS the future of our denomination benefits from the full participation of youth
188 and young adults to enliven, grow and sustain our Unitarian Universalist movement,
189 principles and ideals, including the use of the democratic process within our
190 congregations and society at large; and

191 WHEREAS Youth and Young Adult empowerment is an attitudinal, structural and
192 cultural process whereby young people gain the ability, authority and agency to make
193 decisions and implement change in their own lives and the lives of other people to create
194 intergenerational equity; and

195 WHEREAS unique opportunities at the congregational, district and continental level for
196 youth and young adult self-direction create synergy for a larger youth and young adult
197 identity and promote communication and connections between local youth and young
198 adults across the continent;

199 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2008 General Assembly of the Unitarian
200 Universalist Association urges the Unitarian Universalist Association, its congregations
201 and district structures to:

- 202 1. Invite ministerial support to youth and young adults through inclusive worship
203 intentional presence; and
- 204 2. Invest financial support in youth and young adult leadership bodies and programs
205 when viable; and
- 206 3. Provide support for youth and young adult staff and volunteers to receive suitable
207 training and resources, including self-directed anti-racism and anti-oppression
208 trainings; and
- 209 4. Attend to the needs of youth and young adult constituents with marginalized
210 identities by providing resources and opportunities within the congregation and at
211 the district and continental levels.