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Attention Boston Area LRYers!

The LRY office is looking for volunteers in the Boston area to work on the Filing Squad. This is a very important job that involves filing and organizing correspondence and putting together a mailing list of LRY supporters. We'll supply you with lots of LRY community and munchies. And Filing Squad members even have their own distinctive t-shirts! Call Abbe at 617-742-2105 or 782-4877. Thanks!

NERO-LDC

Please make checks or money orders payable to Liberal Religious Youth and send to LRY, 25 Beacon St., Boston MA, 02108. We thank you for writing us and we hope to continue communications with you in the future. We would appreciate hearing from you about your reactions to these packages.

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ONGOING PROGRAMS OF LRY—request for further information
Youth Caucus is a caucus of the Unitarian Universalist Association's youth age 12-20. The caucus meets daily to discuss and participate in the business and activities of the GA. Youth Caucus is open to all Unitarian Universalist Nations Youth. **Seminars**: Conducted by the UU-ly office, the Seminar is an annual event where we have been Political Prisoners around the World, the Politics of Sharing the World's Resources, On Balance of Power, the World Energy Crisis, and Disarmament.
LRY Coalition Against Nuclear Proliferation: The Coalition was formed as the 1978 UU-ly youth caucus and works with the nuclear proliferation through arms and power plants. The purpose of the Coalition is to spread information and encourage action on nuclear proliferation to UU youth groups, societies, and their communities.

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The "Business Resolution on Youth" was submitted to the delegates of the 1978 Unitarian Universalist General Assembly by the Youth Caucus. General Assembly, an annual gathering of delegates and interested observers from nearly all UU societies, responded on Saturday, June 24 with overwhelming support of the Resolution.

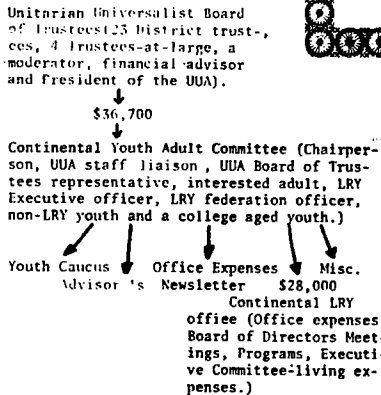
This expression of concern on the part of the representative body of the denomination will remain just a sheet of paper unless every individual takes action!

At the local and district level there are many things you can do:

- 1) Read and discuss the Resolution
- 2) Vote upon the Resolution at a congregational/district meeting
- 3) Set up a Youth Adult committee in your society and/or district, and charge them with, among other things, the monitoring of implementation of the Resolution.
- 4) Organize for Youth Day, April 29, 1979.

*Youth Caucus is an integral part of the GA providing an opportunity for all youth, ages 12-20, to participate, discuss and make stands on various issues.

You can have an effect on the continental level as well. The continental structure has, for the past 8 years, been as follows:



At the January 1979 UUA Board meeting, the Trustees will be taking up the issue of whether this structure should continue or whether it should be changed (and how!)

The Continental YAC has several ideas in the making for youth programming that would change their role from passive to active. They include:

- 1) Executive Director to YAC- to serve on the UUA staff and work with the LRY Executive Committee to produce youth and intergenerational programs.
- 2) District Incentive Grants- to those districts which provide money for Youth Program Field Work Teams.

A suggestion developed by the Special Committee on Youth Programming (SCCYP) would create an Office of Youth Programs, staffed by an adult with secretarial help and a travel budget.

The UUA Board of Trustees will also be grappling with a \$199,000 budget cut (no joke) for 1979-80. If you want any funding for youth whatsoever, you are going to have to make your voice heard.

The best way for you to make an impact upon this situation is for you to write your district Trustee; and in addition attempt to meet personally with your Trustee to discuss this issue. The following is a sample of what you could write to your Trustee:

Business Resolution on Youth

WHEREAS: young people not only constitute a significant portion of the Unitarian Universalist Association at the present time, but also hold the promise of providing the mature men and women needed to maintain the Unitarian Universalist faith in the years ahead; and

WHEREAS: these young people are at a stage of their lives crucial to the development of their religious values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS: meaningful youth programs run with the help of adult resource people can be beneficial to all involved; and

WHEREAS: there is considerable uncertainty at the present time concerning the future of denominational programs designed to involve and benefit youth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the 1978 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association recognizes the crucial importance of youth programs and the need for developing leadership skills and self-reliance through youth administration of these programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the General Assembly

1. urges all Unitarian Universalists to become more knowledgeable about the nature of existing youth programs and to re-examine the various stereotypes about youth;
2. calls on the members of individual churches and fellowships to promote greater involvement of young people in their societies and districts through Youth/Adult Committees and other forms of intergenerational activities and dialogue;
3. calls on the Administration of the Unitarian Universalist Association to work cooperatively with Liberal Religious Youth in developing energetic youth programs at the denominational level; and
4. urges that these programs be given a high priority in the formulation of UUA budgets in the immediate future so that they may receive funds sufficient to meet their legitimate needs and in fair proportion to the importance of young people to the denomination.

Passed by the 1978 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Dear (Trustee):

I am in agreement with the Business Resolution on Youth passed by the 1978 General Assembly. If the Unitarian Universalist denomination is going to grow, there will have to be strong programs for high school aged youth encouraging and allowing for development of questioning and responsible individuals to ensure the future of a dynamic Unitarian Universalist faith.

I believe that the current continental structure, the Youth Adult Committee and the LRY office can suit the needs of all Unitarian Universalist youth.

The Continental YAC has been expanding its role beyond simply distributing funds. It serves as a model for all YACs and has produced handouts and packets readily available to all. It is also developing Youth Program Fieldwork Teams which will benefit all districts.

The Continental LRY structure provides not only a resource office but also Board of Directors meetings and extension into the field. The implementation of staggered Executive Committee terms to improve continuity shows the willingness to change and flexibility of LRY. Priority has been placed upon extension into the field (hence the Social Actions Director in the field and the LRY Coalition Against Nuclear Proliferation).

I realize that the UUA is facing a severe budget cut for the 1979-80 year. I urge you to make the future of this denomination a priority by providing financial support for a unique youth run organization: Liberal Religious Youth. Furthermore, I urge you to take an active concern for youth and provide the moral support and advice that young people need to produce their own dynamic, exciting, and worthwhile programs. Only with mutual respect and trust can youth and adults bridge the gap of ageism.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
(concerned person)

This is just a sample. Be sure to include all of your opinions in such a letter. Do it today! The following is a list of the UUA Board of Trustees:

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PERSONALS

All College Bound People:
 I wish you wouldn't leave. What do you need to learn for anyway? I loves you all. Send me a card, if only to say you're alive and well and drowning in term papers.
 Becca Dover
 6935 Sherman Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19119

Please note: I've changed my abode. I'd love to hear from y'all.
 Love, Taylor
 RFD 3 Snow Road
 Goffstown, NH 03045
 (613)774-6242

Hey Ho Klondike Kate! Got ya on my mind. How're ya doin'? What ya up to? Write me-I'll write back.
 ted, 2668 Albany Ave., W. Hartford, CT 06117 p.s. How's your tee-pee?

Kathy: Thanks for not hating me when I deserved the most; may all the nyads bless your golden head.
 Luv, Becca

Dear Peter, Carol, Renee, Turnip, Loveless, and Star Brights (both of you), We'll never forget this summer-let's keep in touch! -Wendy, Chris and Ronald too. ME love you all!
 IRF-ly,
 Aol and Eric

(In a heavy Mexican accent...) Eh! sinarita tourista Kim y Kim. Como es Florida? Que pasa? I am presently working as an apple picker in Vermont. Mucho excitement. Write... What are your addresses? ted

To all of LRY: Much thanks from a nut. If it wasn't for y'all I'd be an overweight beatnik with a very low self opinion. U.R. Fantastic

Oh People of the "Kingdom"-and all others-save my soul from the Maine snows. Keep me company in the far north. Write me! I miss you all, my distant, almost lost friends. Muchly Mo, Thoebe, Jon, Turk, Dwarf, Thoren, Nicky D., Peck-a-Pecks and sundry in the P-town loco and all the wonderfuls I've lost contact with over the years. Re-establish! Love, Ellie
 Colby Box 1149
 Waterville, ME 04901

Sr. John's Unitarian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio...Godarful thanks you muchly for allowing OPIK to move in; with love.....Godarful.

Laurie Prager: Where are you? I want to hear from you. Becca

Do I remember a person named John Braat? It's been years. Do you still exist? (Does anybody know where he is?) Write me! As in my other personal.
 Ellie

Hi to everyone! This is to announce my school address for the next year. I will be way out in the boonies, & would really appreciate hearing from everyone I know, even people I don't know! Love to all of you, especially one special person who knows who he is.
 Ellen Gould
 c/o Maine Reach
 Chewonki Foundation
 Niscasset, ME 04578

Leah: Whatever happens, wherever I go, I will always love you and our love will prevail. Ache'as

Jack! Can't add to your "Good Energy"-I don't know where you are. Your turn. -Rita
 Still in Oneont --

Liisa, I dream about you every night and I wish you were here so I could watch the sun come up with a smile--
 Eric

Starr-The frosting is off the wall, Leo. Where do we go from here? One day we'll take over the world.
 Luv, Leo II

Chess players who are interested in playing by mail, please contact me: fat Freddy cat, 76 Maryland ave., Berkeley, CA 94707

Tod, Wayne, Fred, Ted, Agnes, Ann, Ellen, Cornelia, Pete, Lisa, Willy, Phyllis, Dave,
 THANKS. Eric

K.C. Local: May the future hold all the melons your heart will ever desire. No you haven't gotten rid of me; I'll be back to plague you sooner than you think.....Love, P.L.



to whom it may concern (the patch)-Beantown is great, but I long for the Southland, should be home by Thanksgiving.
 love to all,
 the man from Nance

Diane Dunnington; Darbi Wilkinson & Charlie (Carlos) Huff (with soon-to-be-child) are strong and well, living and working together at 9900 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854. To our family over miles, through years of change and growth, we love you & think of you often.

Jack! Can't add to your "Good Energy"-I don't know where you are. Your turn. -Rita
 Still in Oneont --

Andrew: Come visit me soon! I crave sexy lifeguards. I love you sweet-heart. Love, hugs and kisses (and more)
 Denese...RRRUURIFFF!!

Dear Everybody-It's cold here in Wall City-they don't even crunch their granola! I would love to hear from anyone at: Burgunder Str. 4, 1000 Berlin 38, Federal Republic of Germany. Many thanx, Crunchy (Chris Granda)

John Beese-Center: I miss receiving your neat letters. What happened?? I'm always ready for a visit or a letter from you. And don't forget...there's a curse involved!!
 Love Always, Paige Quigley
 2563 E. 90th Place
 Thornton, CO 80229

Eric Mufford, have regained the use of my hands and am willing to write letters. The real reason is because I'm lonely at my new address:
 Eric Mufford
 c/o Emerson College
 96 Beacon St.
 Boston, MA 02115

David ARNSEN-heY, misS YA. -stEPh

Henry David T. and R. M. Emerson: Please write-I've lost your address. Things haven't been the same since you left. D.L.

I'd love to write to you, so please write.

Katie F.-We love your number 10! We are a trio made in space, heh, heh-We missed you!
 Love, Moon Buddy and Body

doug-just want to (quack) say (quack) hello in a (quack) different way. I hope that (quack) you know what I'm (quack) getting at. well, you've gone and done it. I've gone (quack) berserk. I can't stop (quack) sounding like a duck. i'm beginning to feel like (quack) kurt vonnegut. with many (quack) warm fuzzies. jennifer

Krrol Cum-I love you. -Stephanie

Duane Parsons or anyone who might know his whereabouts should contact the LRY office. His sister would like to hear from him or at least know that he's alive.

INTERNS

Do you want to dedicate one month of your life to your favorite organization? Each month an intern lives in Boston with the LRY Executive Committee to live and breath LRY. Interns help the Executive Committee with whatever needs to be done: programs, People Soup, denominational communications, extension and general work! Sounds good? Write for an application to:
 Internships
 c/o LRY
 25 Beacon St.
 Boston, MA 02108

ATTENTION

If you were put on the LRY mailing list before 1977, and you didn't respond to the insert in the "Bombs Away" issue last spring, then MATCH OUT! You'll be pulled from the mailing list unless you fill-out the form below and send it in today!

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Communications, Denise Lewis; Director of Finance and Extension, Shelley Cantrill; Director of Leadership issue.....

FED'S UPS AND DOWNS

Greater Washington Area Federation- Several LRY and UU high school aged youth groups exist in the Washington, D.C. area but as of this point have yet to form any federation structure.
 The Arlington, VA local is the center of the hurricane of activity for reviving the fed. Plans are brewing for an overnight gathering at the Arlington church for all area youth in mid-December.
 For further information and relaying of messages contact: Brad Berlage
 1035 Gelston Circle
 McLean, VA 22101
 (703)821-3444

interested in developing the federation structure and organization.

Missouri Valley: Yes MYF is still here. We are doing well. Our Board of Directors Conference was well organized and a terrific success; especially the Peanut Butter and Jelly Banquet which was only one of the many wonderful activities.

Godarful-A bi-monthly newsletter has been started recently (we're proud of it!). Great conferences are being planned. OPIK Camp was moved to the UU Church in Cincinnati, Ohio and then proceeded down to open land in northern Kentucky. OPIK TOUR! We're getting it together. Yeah! Alas, our poor friend the long lived and loved WOMBAT has died a terrible death. While travelling with LRY adventurers this past summer, he (she?) fell to "jits" death from the top of the Grand C Canyon. I guess it's unfair for us to expect anything but love to last forever. WOMBAT: R.I.P. Love, Godarful.

Starr King- We are putting on a winter conference; Dec. 27-31 in Santa Rosa. The Fed. Board is really putting energy into working with locals and getting new or dead ones going. Our newsletter; Kairos, came out. It was a "hot" issue. At our last Board meeting because of the potential danger of Proposition 6 passing (lack of human rights for homosexuals- Briggs initiative) the Board has passed a resolution urging LRYers to aid in the fight against Prop. 6.

Jersey Area Federation- had a leadership work weekend; Nov. 3-5 in Glen Rock, N.J. The purposes were to write a tentative constitution and work on reorganization and leadership toward a stronger federation.

Southern Appalachian Mountains Federation- had a successful conference; Sept. 29-31, at which it was decided to organize another conference early in '79 for all locals in the fed.

New Continental LRY Executive Committee- Mada Vallimirovic; Director of Denominational and Program Development, Matrince; Director of Publications

Know Your Y.A.C.

by Nada I. Velimirovic

What is a Youth Adult Committee? To find out, don't delay! Feast your eyes on the rest of this sumptuous, tantalizing article.

Can youth adult committees transcend a passive role of just discussing the similarities and differences between young people and adults? Youth Adult Committees in churches, fellowships, and districts can serve as integrators and coordinators of youth/adult activities. Together young people and adults can create strong programs for youth, adults, and all generations. The purpose of a YAC is to facilitate the growth of this programming.

Suggested membership for a YAC: Four to ten in total with equal representation of youth and adults.

Suggested activities: Within a YAC these topics should be addressed before it moves on to any large scale programming. Evaluate in your church or fellowship:

Expectations and Attitudes:

1) the current relationship between youth and adults regarding trust and leadership.

Religious Life:

1) the involvement of youth in the ongoing religious life.

2) the common religious needs of the youth and adults.

Images of LRY-past, present, future

1) the feelings of both the youth and adults regarding past LRY experiences.

2) the current LRY situation.

3) what the wants and needs are of young people from the viewpoints of youth and adults.

Once these things have been dealt with, the YAC has a strong base to build from- activities can be planned to meet the needs expressed during the evaluation sessions.

An "Inner Circle, Outer Circle" listening exercise on the subject of high school programs for all young people and adults could be useful as an initiative for a large scale discussion.

"Leadership Development Workshops" for youth and "Advisors Training Workshops" for adults could be sponsored by the YAC. These would be most successful if held at a district level.

A weekend conference on Intergenerational Communications could be developed by the YAC. (There's an outline for such an activity available from: LRY, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.)

The YAC could aid the foundation and formation of Extended Families within your church or fellowship.

We would appreciate it if any evaluations, feedback, and/or questions were sent to: Nada Velimirovic, LRY, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.

Suggestions for individual LRYers:

Attend business meetings of your church/fellowship and District. Speak up about your concerns!

Participate in your Society's activities. Learn more about Unitarian Universalism. Discuss the Business Resolution on Youth at your District meetings. Modify it for the District level and have those present at the annual meeting vote on it.

Distribute all local and federation information to District contacts.

Have a "Youth Column" in your District newsletter.

Have a representative from each LRY local listed in the District Directory.

Have local LRY group member's names and addresses included in society's Directory.

Attend local and district Religious Education meetings.

Have youth member on the local RE Council and church/fellowship board.

Coordinate a Youth Sunday (see Youth Day article).

Discuss all of these possibilities with your Religious Education Director, Minister, and President.

LET US KNOW WHAT HAPPENS!!!

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

Each year a Continental liaison from each LRY federation attends two board meetings (winter meetings last five days, summer meetings last ten days) to compile information, create solutions, and to unite Liberal Religious Youth as a continental self-managing community. See the article on Summer Boards for the latest information.

All LRYers should know who the Continental liaison for their area is. Continental Liaisons are representatives, and as such, they should be used to bring the concerns and opinions of their areas to the attention of the entire Board. It is important that our representatives be utilized to their fullest capacities, for they make the policies governing LRY, with our support. So, please be active, help create our own policies. Attend

or start BODY (Board of Directing Youth) meetings among local group contacts and federation executive committees at conferences.

This winter the LRY Board of Directors shall be meeting at the All Souls UU Church in Kansas City, Missouri from December 26-31. ~~Keep in touch with the representative from your area and make sure your concerns are represented at these meetings.~~ Continental liaisons shall be receiving their Board packets very soon. If there is not an active federation in your area or you are just plain interested, consider attending Winter Boards. The cost of attendance for visitors shall be \$15 pre-registered, \$17 at the door. To pre-register write to: LRY, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.



At the Ridgewood, NJ JAF conference, Spring, 1978

Continental YOUTH DAY! April 29, 1979

Youth day is a day of celebration for all young people. It is aimed to be coordinated by high school aged UU's with the encouragement and support of their congregation. It will encompass a full day of events centering on the young people themselves.

A packet is being developed to combine all the resources mentioned below.

Suggestions for a church service:

- 1) Themes-Rites of Passage
 - Change
 - Ape(ism)
 - Growth
 - Flower Communion*
- 2) Presentation-Slits
 - Poetry
 - Readings
 - Music
 - Slides
 - Dance
 - Quaker Meeting/Discussion
- 3) Participation-all ages, especially "rising junior highers", could be encouraged.
- 4) Publicity-Newsletters
 - Announcements in preceding Sunday Order of Service
 - Posters
- 5) Collection to go to the church
- 6) Order of service- A design is being created that will be applicable for all youth and will be printed up as an order of service cover. This would add to a sense of continental unification.

Suggestions for events during the day:

- 1) Meal-A meal could be served before or after the service prepared by and for the financial benefit of the youth group. This would aid the group in a future endeavor.
- 2) Intergenerational Workshop** In the afternoon, a variety of activities and discussions could focus on any or all of the suggested themes. An intergenerational committee to lead this workshop could be formed a couple of months in advance.
- 3) Youth Adult Committee-If your local society does not have one, this Youth Day could be the formation and election of it. Expectations and needs concerning such a committee could be thoroughly discussed at this time.**
- 4) Open Forum- A candid discussion between youth and adults about any or all of the suggested themes. An inner circle-outer circle listening exercise could be beneficial to instigating this event.

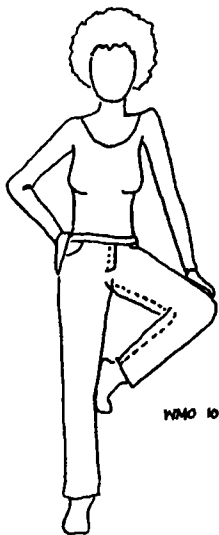
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*A pamphlet on this process is available from the UUA

**A packet on this was developed by the UURF (Women's Federation) and can be mailed to you upon request.

*** A handout from the Continental Youth Adult Committee is available through our office.



WMAO 10-75



