

2008 YaYA Resolution Survey

Introduction

Thank you for participating in the Youth and Young Adult Empowerment Resolution survey. Your responses will provide insight into our denomination's progress in this ministry and help us to become more welcoming and empowering of our multigenerational community. Many congregations are working hard to improve ministry to and with youth and young adults in a variety of ways. In responding to this survey, please let us know which ways are working in your congregation.

In order to answer the survey questions, you may need to consult with other people in your congregation. Once you have gathered the necessary information, you will be able to complete the entire survey, including open-ended questions, in 20 to 30 minutes.

Each participating congregation will receive a copy of the resource DVD produced at the 2008 LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Association) Fall Conference and will be entered in a drawing for a \$500 cash prize to be used towards youth and young adult ministry in the congregation.

In this survey, the term "youth" refers to people aged 13-18 inclusive and the term "young adult" refers to people aged 18-25 inclusive. As you may know, the age ranges for youth and young adult programs at the continental level have historically been defined as 14-20 and 18-35 respectively. However, for the purposes of this survey, narrower ranges are being employed. Upon completing the survey, you will have the opportunity to review the responses that have been submitted thus far. If you have any questions about this process, please contact UUA Executive Vice President Kay Montgomery at kmontgomery@uaa.org or 617-948-4304.

Read the [full text of the Business Resolution](#).

Read the [full text of the Responsive Resolution](#).

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Congregation and Responder Information

Congregation Information:

Congregation Name:

Address:

Address 2:

City/Town:

State:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Number of Members:

Respondent Information:

Name:

Role In Congregation:

(e.g. minister, youth advisor, director of religious education)

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Young Adult Intro

The first half of this survey, which you are about to begin, contains questions about your congregation's ministry to and with young adults aged 18-25.

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Young Adults 1

The following questions ask about how your congregation supports young adults through inclusive worship and intentional ministry.

Please indicate how often the following statements apply to your congregation:

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
Young adults (18-25) lead or help lead worship services.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Young adults provide music in worship.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate which of the following statements apply to your congregation:

Currently applies to my congregation:

The congregation has actively assessed how welcoming its worship services are to young adults.	<input type="radio"/>
The congregation provides young adult small group ministry.	<input type="radio"/>
The congregation provides Our Whole Lives programming for young adults.	<input type="radio"/>
The congregation's board and committee meetings are held at times when young adults can easily attend.	<input type="radio"/>
The congregation provides child care during board and committee meetings.	<input type="radio"/>
A minister from the congregation provides intentional pastoral care to young adults and their families on a regular basis.	<input type="radio"/>
The congregaion supports a Unitarian Universalist campus ministry at a college or university.	<input type="radio"/>

How many young adults currently serve on the congregation's worship committee?

- None
- One
- More than one

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How many young adults serve on the congregation's governing board?

None

One

More than one

How many of the current religious education teachers at the congregation are young adults?

None

A few

Many

Most

How else does the congregation support young adults through inclusive worship and intentional ministry?

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Young Adults 2

The following questions ask about how the congregation invests financial resources in young adult leadership bodies and programs.

What is the congregation's annual budget line for young-adult-specific ministry and programming? *Please enter a whole number without punctuation.*

Does the congregation currently provide financial support for district young adult programming?

Yes

No

Does the congregation currently contribute its fair share to the UUA Annual Program Fund, which supports young adult ministry throughout the denomination?

Yes

No

How else does the congregation invest financial resources in young adult leadership bodies and programs?

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Young Adults 3

The following questions ask about how the congregation provides support for young adult staff and volunteers to receive suitable training and resources, including anti-racism and anti-oppression trainings.

Thinking about young adults, please indicate which of the following statements apply to your congregation:

Currently applies to my congregation:

The congregation has <i>staff</i> who provide ministry or programming specifically to and with young adults.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The congregation has <i>volunteers</i> who provide ministry or programming specifically to and with young adults.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The congregation publicizes district and national young adult activities and programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The congregation specifically encourages young adults to attend Unitarian Universalist conferences, district/regional meetings, district/regional young adult conferences, and General Assembly.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The congregation offers financial assistance or scholarships for young adults to attend conferences.	<input type="checkbox"/>

If your congregation has *staff* who provide ministry or programming specifically to and with young adults, for about how many hours per week do they provide that?

If your congregation has *volunteers* who provide ministry or programming specifically to and with young adults, for about how many hours per week do they provide that?

In how many of the past ten years has a young adult served as a delegate for your congregation at General Assembly?

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Is there a committee responsible for leading the congregation's anti-racism/anti-oppression/multicultural work?

Yes

No

Does the congregation provide anti-racism/anti-oppression/multicultural programming that is welcoming to young adults?

Yes

No

If so, how often?

Less than once per year

Once per year

Two to three times per year

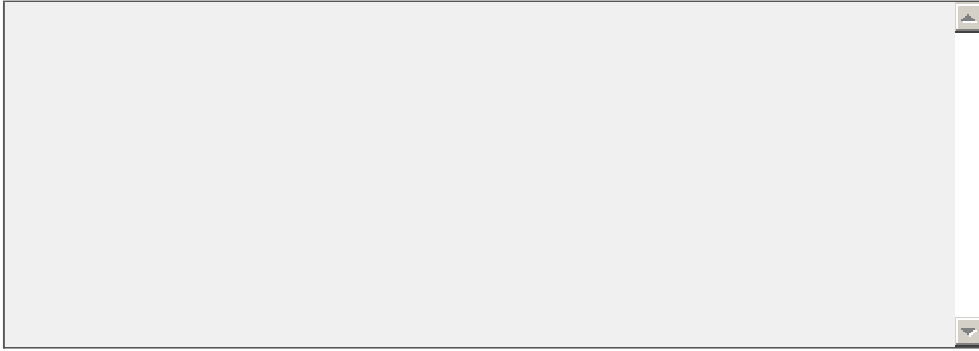
More than three times per year

What kind of anti-racism/anti-oppression/multicultural programming is provided? (If applicable)

How is it welcoming specifically to young adults?

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How else does the congregation provide support for young adult staff and volunteers to receive suitable training and resources, including anti-racism and anti-oppression trainings?



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Young Adults 4

The following questions inquire as to how your congregation attends to the needs of young adults with historically marginalized identities--disabled, person of color, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, hard of hearing, blind, etc.

Does the congregation actively assess how welcoming it is to young adults with historically marginalized identities?

Yes

No

Additional questions relevant to the needs of both young adults and youth with historically marginalized identities will be asked later in the survey.

How else does the congregation attend to the needs of young adults with historically marginalized identities?

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Young Adult Ministry Additional Feedback

Please provide additional feedback regarding your ministry to and with young adults (ages 18-25).

Please estimate the number of young adults in your congregation.

- Fewer than 10
- Between 10 and 24
- Between 25 and 50
- More than 50

How do you expect young adult ministry in the congregation to change in the next two years?

- It will definitely expand and receive more attention.
- It might expand and receive more attention.
- It will stay the same.
- It might decrease and receive less attention.
- It will definitely decrease and receive less attention.

What are some of the congregation's best practices for young adult ministry?

What are the top three ways that you believe the congregation could improve its young adult ministry?

1.
2.
3.

Are there currently plans in place to make these changes?

- Yes
- No

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Youth Intro

The second half of the survey, which you are about to begin, contains questions about your congregation's ministry to and with youth aged 13-18.

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Youth 1

The following questions ask about how your congregation supports youth through inclusive worship and intentional ministry.

Please indicate how often the following statements apply to your congregation:

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
Youth (13-18) lead or help lead worship services.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth provide music in worship.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please indicate which of the following statements apply to your congregation:

Currently applies to my congregation:

The congregation has actively assessed how welcoming its worship services are to youth.	<input type="radio"/>
The congregation provides youth small group ministry.	<input type="radio"/>
The congregation provides Our Whole Lives programming for youth.	<input type="radio"/>
The congregation provides Coming of Age programming for youth.	<input type="radio"/>
The congregation provides pre-bridging programming for youth.	<input type="radio"/>
The congregation has an annual bridging ceremony or ritual.	<input type="radio"/>
The congregation's board and committee meetings are held at times when youth can easily attend.	<input type="radio"/>
A minister from the congregation provides intentional pastoral care to youth and their families on a regular basis.	<input type="radio"/>

How many youth currently serve on the congregation's worship committee?

- None
- One
- More than one

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How many youth serve on the congregation's governing board?

- None
- One
- More than one

How many of the current religious education teachers at the congregation are youth?

- None
- A few
- Many
- Most

Did the congregation host a congregational conversation on ministry to and with youth as part of the UUA Consultation on Ministry to and with Youth?

- Yes
- No

How else does the congregation support youth through inclusive worship and intentional ministry?

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Youth 2

The following questions ask about how the congregation invests financial resources in youth leadership bodies and programs.

What is the congregation's annual budget line for youth-specific ministry and programming? *Please enter a whole number without punctuation.*

Does the congregation currently provide financial support for district youth programming?

Yes

No

How else does the congregation invest financial resources in youth leadership bodies and programs?

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Youth 3

The following questions ask about how the congregation provides support for youth staff and volunteers to receive suitable training and resources, including anti-racism and anti-oppression trainings.

Thinking about youth, please indicate which of the following apply to your congregation:

Currently applies to my congregation:

The congregation has *staff* who provide ministry or programming specifically to and with youth.

Yes

The congregation has *volunteers* who provide ministry or programming specifically to and with youth.

Yes

The congregation publicizes district and national youth activities and programs.

Yes

The congregation specifically encourages youth to attend Unitarian Universalist conferences, district/regional meetings, district/regional youth conferences, and General Assembly.

Yes

The congregation offers financial assistance or scholarships for youth to attend conferences.

Yes

If your congregation has *staff* who provide ministry or programming specifically to and with youth, for about how many hours per week do they provide that?

If your congregation has *volunteers* who provide ministry or programming specifically to and with youth, for about how many hours per week do they provide that?

In how many of the past ten years has a youth served as a delegate for your congregation at General Assembly?

Does the congregation provide anti-racism/anti-oppression/multicultural programming that is welcoming to youth?

Yes

No

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If so, how often?

Less than once per year

Once per year

Two to three times per year

More than three times per year

What kind of anti-racism/anti-oppression/multicultural programming is provided? (If applicable)

How is it welcoming specifically to youth?

How else does the congregation provide support for youth staff and volunteers to receive suitable training and resources, including anti-racism and anti-oppression trainings?

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Youth 4

The following questions inquire as to how your congregation attends to the needs of youth (and the needs of youth and young adults in some instances) with historically marginalized identities--disabled, person of color, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, hard of hearing, blind, etc.

Does the congregation actively assess how welcoming it is to youth with historically marginalized identities?

Yes

No

Does the congregation currently provide anti-racism/anti-oppression/multicultural training opportunities for its leaders?

Yes

No

If so, how often?

Less than once per year

Once per year

Two to three times per year

More than three times per year

What kind of anti-racism/anti-oppression/multicultural training is provided for congregational leaders? (If applicable)

Is this training mandatory for individuals holding certain positions of leadership?

Yes

No

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How else does the congregation attend to the needs of youth with historically marginalized identities?



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What are some of the congregation's best practices for youth ministry?

What are the top three ways that you believe the congregation could improve its youth ministry?

1.
2.
3.

Are there currently plans in place to make these changes?

- Yes
- No

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Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey on youth and young adult ministry.

As called for by the 2008 General Assembly Responsive Resolution, the UUA Administration will create a consolidated report based on the information gathered in this survey and from other sources. This report will be delivered at General Assembly 2009 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

[View the survey responses](#) that have been submitted thus far.