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THE CONSULTATION ON MINISTRY TO AND WITH YOUTH



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Greetings! The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information and updates about the Consultation on Ministry to and With Youth. This newsletter is part of an effort to make the Consultation process transparent and accessible to all Unitarian Universalists.

Survey Available in January

The UU Youth Ministry Survey will be available during the **first week of January** through the UUA congregational mailing, the Consultation website, and through other channels. It is designed to collect information about the experiences of youth ages 12–20 with a variety of involvements – youth involved in YRUU (continental, district, regional & local), youth involved in their congregation but not in a youth group, and youth who left their congregation after junior high. If you would like us to mail you a copy for yourself or to distribute, send your name and address to Beth Dana (bdana@uua.org). The success of the survey depends on *your* participation!

Working with Districts and Stakeholders

Work will begin with UUA districts and stakeholder groups early in 2006. More details will be included in future newsletters. For a list of core stakeholders, visit our website.

Outreach

If you are a member of or are attending a UUMA, LREDA, Congregational Presidents, YAC, DYSC, or RYSC meeting or a Youth Conference, we have resources for *you*. Go to the “Outreach Materials” page on the website for talking points and materials that you can print and distribute. Your event can also be **posted on the online calendar**. E-mail Beth Dana (bdana@uua.org) the event name, date, location, intended audience, and presenter’s name.

A Guide to Your Congregational Conversation

The Congregational Process Guide – a guide to organizing your congregation’s youth ministry conversation – will be available online and mailed to the list of committed congregations during the **second week of January**. If your congregation is not on the list (<http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/congregations.html>) and you’re interested in receiving a process guide, contact Beth Dana.

Number of Committed Congregations

161 (and rising!)

Thanks to the UU Funding Program

The Consultation was recently awarded a grant by the Unitarian Universalist Funding Program. We would like to thank the Funding Program for their commitment to the growth of Unitarian Universalism through youth ministry.

Link Us!

Help spread the word to youth and adults in your community by linking us from your congregation, district, region, or organization’s website.

<http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth>

Check out the “What’s New” box on the website for the newest information!

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