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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.

Process Guide for Congregations

The Process Guide for Congregational Conversations on Ministry To and With Youth is now available! A printed copy was mailed to every congregation who signed-up. It is also available online at:

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

Congregational conversations should be scheduled for **April** or **May** 2006. If your congregation is interested in this opportunity for intergenerational dialogue and feedback to the taskforce and would like a printed copy of the process guide, please **sign-up** with Beth Dana at bdana@uua.org.

A **supplement** to the process guide will be available online and mailed to congregations who sign-up in mid-to late-March. This supplement will include preliminary results of the youth survey, which are a key piece of the congregational dialogue.

A Tip for Congregational Conversations – One way to keep the conversation on track while also keeping all ideas on the table is to create a “parking lot.” Post a piece of newsprint and encourage participants to list issues that need to be addressed at some point, but not necessarily during this process.

Outreach Materials for YOU!

There are tons of resources for your outreach efforts on our website. We have newsletter articles, flyers, brochures, and even a workshop outline – for YOU! You are also welcome to forward this newsletter or include it in mailings. **What materials do you need to make this a success in your community?** Let us know!

Number of Committed Congregations

227 (and rising!)

Hundreds of Youth Voices!

More than 500 youth ages 12–20 have completed the UU Youth Ministry Survey and more come in every day! If you haven't already taken the survey or distributed it to youth you know, visit

www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/ymsurvey

The website also has an updated list of frequently asked questions about the survey, based on feedback we have received.

Youth Ministry Sermon Award

The Taskforce on Ministry To and With Youth announces the UU Youth Ministry Sermon Award! This award is designed to elicit conversation and encourage interest in strengthening youth ministry throughout the Association. This award is open to lay and professional leadership, and the deadline is May 15. For more information, go to www.uua.org/TRUS/youth.

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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