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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.

## SO MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AND CONTRIBUTE YOUR IDEAS!

### Congregational Conversations

Thanks to those of you who have already mailed back your report forms! Congregational conversations on youth ministry, which are happening during April and May, are going very well.

For a list of participating congregations, visit [www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/congregations.html](http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/congregations.html)

**Process Guide:**

[www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/ProcessGuide.pdf](http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/ProcessGuide.pdf)

**Survey Results Handout:**

[www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/process\\_supplement.pdf](http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/process_supplement.pdf)

**Outreach Resources:**

[www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/outreach.html](http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/outreach.html)

### District Gatherings '06-'07

Several districts have confirmed the dates of their youth ministry gatherings next year. Check out the consultation website's calendar, which we'll continue to update. Youth and adults from throughout each district, whether you're locally-based or heavily involved at the district level, are encouraged to attend! The Task Force will provide a youth and adult team to facilitate these conversations.

### Calling All Stakeholders!

In addition to the eight core stakeholders identified by the Task Force, there are numerous other Unitarian Universalist communities that have a stake in youth ministry. There will soon be a Stakeholder Process Guide available online, describing how to organize a self-facilitated conversation. If your group is interested in dialoguing about your role in youth ministry and providing feedback for the consultation between July 2006 and April 2007, subscribe to the e-mail announcements list at [www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/moreinfo.html](http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/moreinfo.html).

### YRUU's Stakeholder Conversation

The elected leadership of Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) will gather just outside Boston this August at Youth Council, their annual meeting and training. The business of Youth Council this year will center on a discussion of YRUU's youth ministry. YRUU leaders will re-examine their mission, determine the direction of their organization, and provide input for the overall consultation process.

The YRUU Steering Committee, in partnership with the YRUU representatives on the task force, decided to structure the conversation around five areas: Governance, Youth-Adult Relations, Outreach, Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression/Social Justice, and Spirituality. They have invited current and former YRUU leaders (youth and adults) to help facilitate these discussions.

In preparation for this conversation, Youth Council members will receive a summary of the "shoulders we stand on," including reports from the Long-Range Planning Meeting (2003) and the Common Ground III Resolution/Discussions (2003-2004). Keep an eye out for this resource online at [www.uua.org/trus/youth](http://www.uua.org/trus/youth).

### Award Deadline Approaching

Send us your sermons, essays, poems, spoken word pieces, or other creative presentations about your experiences with Unitarian Universalist youth ministry! The deadline for submissions is **May 15, 2006**. One youth winner and one adult winner will have the opportunity to present their winning contributions together at the 2006 UUA General Assembly in St. Louis.

Visit [www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/sermonaward.html](http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/sermonaward.html) for details.

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