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THE CONSULTATION ON MINISTRY TO AND WITH YOUTH



Unitarian Universalist Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108

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.

Youth Ministry Award Winners Selected

The selection committee received an amazingly diverse collection of submissions including sermons, stories, and a documentary! And the winners are...

Youth Voices Award: **Miles Howard**, Winchester, MA
Documentary – “With Our Eyes Shut”

Youth Ministry Sermon Award: **Rev. Adam Robersmith**, Geneva, IL
Sermon – “The Church of the Present”

This dynamic pair will share their winning submissions and speak about youth ministry at General Assembly in St. Louis. Don't miss the workshop!

Sunday, June 25, 12–1:15 pm in America's Center 230.

Programming at General Assembly

Tuesday, June 20, 1:30–2:45 p.m.

CENTER Days Workshop: The Consultation on Ministry To and With Youth

Friday, June 23, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m., America's Center 275
A Report on Youth Ministry in Our Association

Come hear about the lessons learned so far, how the process will move forward in the next year, and ways for you to be involved.

Saturday, June 24, 4–5:15 p.m.; America's Center AB
Queer Youth Ministry Gathering

An opportunity for queer youth/adults and allies to come together, share experiences, and dialogue about your hopes and dreams for queer youth ministry, support, and organizing.

Sunday, June 25, 12–1:15 p.m.; America's Center 230
UU Youth Ministry: Youth and Adult Sermon Awards

See details above.

We will also be on the agenda of FUN TIMES, the Youth Caucus business meeting. Youth are encouraged to attend FUN TIMES daily! Stop by our booth for more information.

Start Off the Fall with a Congregational Conversation!

Dozens of congregations have held congregational conversations on youth ministry during April and May. Thanks to those of you who have already mailed back your report forms! Many of you have shared the changes that are already occurring in your congregations to better support and minister with youth. We're busy reading and processing your feedback, and will have a preliminary report at General Assembly and online shortly thereafter.

We have heard from many of you that, for a variety of reasons, you were not able to hold a conversation this spring. Therefore, in order to maximize the number of congregations participating in the Consultation process, we are **extending the deadline for report forms until September 30, 2006**. You have another chance! What better way to start off the year, or keep folks energized over the summer, than by having a congregational conversation on youth ministry? Please return all forms by the end of September, so that your input can inform the district gatherings beginning in November. Check out the links below for resources you'll need to organize and facilitate these conversations.

Process Guide:

www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/ProcessGuide.pdf

Survey Results Handout:

www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/process_supplement.pdf

Outreach Resources:

www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/outreach.html

Request for Photos

If you have photos from your congregational conversation that you are willing to share, please send them to bdana@uua.org or Beth Dana at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

For more information visit <http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth> or contact:

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