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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.

Youth Ministry Survey Results Online

The results of the Youth Ministry Survey are now online! They are available in a few different formats to meet the needs and interests of everyone. Check out the three-page summary, detailed PowerPoint presentation, and hundreds of pages of data and numbers at:

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

More reports will be posted online as we dig deeper into the data.

Report on General Assembly

Unitarian Universalists who attended General Assembly in St. Louis had several opportunities to learn about and contribute to the Consultation on Ministry To and With Youth. The Task Force sponsored a "Report on Youth Ministry," during which we presented information about the process, survey results, and congregational conversations and shared ways that everyone can be involved in the coming year. The energy was very positive, and many attendees shared about how their congregational conversations have sparked change and excitement in their congregation.

Many GA attendees took advantage of the information and resources available at our exhibit hall booth, which included a streaming slide show of youth ministry survey results. The youth and adult winners of the Youth Ministry Awards presented their sermon and documentary to an appreciative audience. Queer youth and adult allies gathered to discuss how to increase connections between YRUU, the UUA, and Interweave to better minister with queer youth.

Thanks to everyone who attended these successful programs!

Stakeholder Resources Available

The Task Force invites any and all Unitarian Universalist organizations and groups to reflect on their role in youth ministry and to offer input into this revisioning process. While there are eight core stakeholders (LREDA, UUMA, YRUU, Youth Advisor Network, DRUUMM, Interweave, CUC, and UUA District Staff) that we are working with closely, we recognize that there are many other groups who have a stake in the process and whose input would be valuable.

These groups are invited to use the Process Guide for Stakeholder Conversations on Youth Ministry to organize a self-facilitated conversation.

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

Stay tuned for more information about core stakeholder group participation!

Congregational Conversation Reminder

In order to maximize the number of congregations participating in the Consultation process, we are **extending the deadline for congregational conversation report forms until September 30, 2006**. What better way to start off the year, or keep folks energized over the summer, than by having a congregational conversation on youth ministry? Check out the links below for resources you'll need to organize and facilitate these conversations.

Process Guide: www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/ProcessGuides.html

District Process Guide Published

The Process Guide for District Gatherings on Youth Ministry is now available online at:

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

Keep an eye on the events calendar for your district's youth ministry gathering date!

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

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