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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.

## Gather Together!

What better way to start off the fall, reconnect during the winter, and celebrate spring than to gather with other congregations in your area for a DISTRICT GATHERING ON YOUTH MINISTRY! This is a chance for a diverse and intergenerational group to think outside the box and inspire one another to imagine stronger youth ministry at the local and district levels. See you there!

**Ballou Channing** – November 18, 2006

**Central Midwest** – April 13, 15, 2007

**Clara Barton** – January 6, 2007

**Florida** – February 10, 2007

**Heartland** – May 11–13, 2007

**Joseph Priestley** – April 27–29, 2007

**Massachusetts Bay** – May 12, 2007

**Metro New York** – February 2–4, 2007

**Mid-South** – May 4–6, 2007

**Mountain Desert** – November 10–12, 2006

**NH/VT/Northeast** – May 19, 2007

**Ohio Meadville** – February 24, 2007

**Pacific Central** – February 10, 2007

**Pacific Northwest** – March 23–25, 2007

**Pacific Southwest** – April 27–29, 2007

**Prairie Star** – April 13–15, 2007

**St. Lawrence** – January 13, 2007

**Southwest** – February 2–4, 2007

**Thomas Jefferson** – November 3–4, 2006

**Questions?** See the website calendar for district contacts.



Youth and adults at the UU Congregation of Atlanta, GA;  
Photo from Ashley Munday, Youth Coordinator

## Successful Congregational Conversations

Over 80 congregations, from Maine to Arizona and Florida to British Columbia, held congregational conversations on youth ministry between April and September! Some congregations followed the process laid out by the Task Force, and others used their own creative visioning structured around the Six Components of a Balanced Youth Program ([www.uua.org/YRUU/resources](http://www.uua.org/YRUU/resources)).

“This was an absolutely amazing process, and quite productive.” – Joseph Priestley District congregation

“Having a formal process for use in our congregation has enabled us to make a great deal of progress in our efforts to transform the culture around our ministry to senior youth as well as positive implications for our ministry to younger children and youth.” – Massachusetts Bay District congregation

## Junior High Programs Survey

Earlier this year, UU Church of Indianapolis Youth Advisor and Chrysalis Trainer Tim Murphy conducted a survey about junior high youth programs. The survey asked district/regional youth and adult leadership about what programs they offer for junior high youth and whether junior high youth are represented in district/regional youth leadership structures. Every UUA district and three CUC regions participated. Read the results of this survey at [www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/ymsurvey.html](http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/ymsurvey.html)!

## Youth Council Outcomes

When Youth Council gathered last summer, they discussed over a dozen proposals for changes in YRUU. Some of these were designated for the Summit on Youth Ministry in July 2007, and others will be implemented immediately. To read these documents, visit [www.uua.org/YRUU/governance](http://www.uua.org/YRUU/governance).

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

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