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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.

## Congregational Conversation Results

The **complete report** of congregational conversations held before September 30 and a list of participating congregations are now available online at:

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

Reports focus on **five key areas** in which results were significant, some of which correlate with areas of significance in the youth survey results:

- ❖ Intergenerational Community Relations
- ❖ Mission, Vision and Priorities
- ❖ Curriculum, Resources, and Transitional Age Youth
- ❖ Leadership Development and Opportunities for Practice
- ❖ Serving the Spiritual Needs of Youth

Reports for each district, which will serve as a foundation for discussion at district gatherings on youth ministry this year, will be posted in stages over the next few months at:

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

## Summit on Youth Ministry

The date and location have been finalized! The Summit on Youth Ministry, which will bring together movers and shakers from many youth ministry stakeholders, will take place July 16–20, 2007 at Simmons College in Boston, MA. The objective of the Summit is to develop recommendations for change in Unitarian Universalist youth ministry based on the information gathered during the Consultation process. Stay tuned for more details.

## District Survey Reports

Survey reports for each district, which will serve as a foundation for discussion at district gatherings on youth ministry this year, are available at:

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

## Stakeholders Are Talking!

The results of the Youth Ministry Survey and Congregational Conversations on Youth Ministry are stirring up quite a bit of discussion.

For a list of many of the stakeholders participating in this process, as well as notes and reports from conversations that have already happened, visit:

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

**Religious educators** gathered in late October at the **LREDA** Fall Conference to discuss with each other the role of religious educators in creating strong and vibrant youth ministry.

Leaders of **UU Camps and Conferences (CU2C2)** all over the continent gathered in late October and had a lively discussion about the survey and congregational results, resulting in a variety of ideas and strategies for the organization to consider. They will encourage individual camps and conferences to participate in the process, using the stakeholder process guide, throughout the course of the next year.

## “I’m Confused!”

This may be your first reaction when you open up the Youth Ministry Survey data files on our website. Don’t worry – we had the same reaction at first! This is why we created “A Guide to Understanding the Banner” at the beginning of each survey data table. A banner is a data table in which numbers are organized into columns, each with a specific category. The banner reading guides explain how to find the information you want and provide examples from that specific banner.

Looking at these tables is a great way to find specifics about how respondents in your district or respondents with different identities and involvements answered questions on the survey.

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

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