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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.

District Gatherings

As district gatherings on youth ministry continue to take place around the continent, we are learning and building on the processes for having these conversations. Visit <http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/districts.html> for updated materials for use at district gatherings, sample flyers, and reports from the gatherings that have already taken place. Mark your calendars for YOUR district's conversation on youth ministry!

Upcoming Gatherings:

Feb 3: Southwest District (Dallas, TX), www.swuuc.org
Feb 3: Metro NY District (NY, NY), www.uumetro.org
Feb 9-10: Florida District (Tampa, FL), www.floridadistrict.org
Feb 10: Pacific Central District, yvonne@pcd-uua.org
Feb 24: Ohio-Meadville (Columbus, OH), klapidus@uua.org

Discussion Resource

There is a new discussion guide designed for gatherings of religious professionals. The guide provides questions for theological reflection and dialogue around ministry with youth and congregational life.

http://www.uua.org/TRUS/youth/pdf/UUMA_guide.pdf

What are we learning?

Reports from each stakeholder conversation are posted as they become available at

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

Check out the latest – UU camps/retreats (CU2C2), LREDA, the Commission on Social Witness, and UUA Staff Groups.

YOUTH MINISTRY IS...
REAL
RELEVANT
RELATIONAL

REMINDER! REMINDER!

Don't forget to take the...

YOUTH ADVISOR SURVEY

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

Available through February 28, 2007

Synapse: By Youth, For Everyone!

Synapse: A point of contact where information and energy are exchanged. (www.uua.org/yruu/synapse)

Become part of this amazing info and energy exchange by submitting original pieces to *Synapse*, the magazine by youth and for everyone! The upcoming issue of *Synapse* will include a section called "Community in Times of Change" – a space to reflect on and share hopes for the future of the UU youth community. Let's continue the dialogue! Send in your original art, poetry, and writing to yruu@uua.org or:

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Summit on Youth Ministry

Where do we come from?

What are we?

Where are we going?

A group of sixty youth and adults, representing a variety of UU constituencies, will gather in July to work with the input gathered over the course of the consultation process and develop recommendations for change in the following areas: Meeting the Spiritual Needs of Youth; Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, and Identity Development; Youth-Adult Relations (Intergenerational Community, Youth Empowerment); Structures; Youth Ministry Enrichment and Integration; and Preparing Adults for Ministry with Youth.

For more information and periodic updates, visit:

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

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

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