



The future is marching on, and we want youth marching with us!

Dear Youth and Parents,

What makes our youth stay? Why is our congregation some youth's spiritual home, and not others'? How might the congregation change in order to better minister to youth like you and your children? These are questions that our whole congregation will dialogue about at our intergenerational Youth Ministry Congregational Conversation this spring. We invite you – youth who have left our congregation and parents of these youth – to take part in this conversation.

You may not be interested in resuming involvement with our congregation at this time, but your voice, experiences, and insight on how to better engage youth would be an invaluable contribution to the improvement of our ministry.

On April/May \_\_\_\_, 2006 our congregation will invite youth, congregational staff and lay leaders, and parents to participate in a Youth Ministry Congregational Conversation. This conversation will not only benefit us directly, but it will also be a source of feedback for the Unitarian Universalist Association's two-year Consultation on Ministry To and With Youth. This consultation invites youth and adults into conversations about how to strengthen our commitment to youth ministry and what congregations and youth need in order to nurture involvement.

The future is marching on! Youth like you and your children are the future *and* the present of our Unitarian Universalist movement. We would greatly benefit from your contributions to this conversation, so that youth can continue being a powerful force shaping our faith.

In community,