

Application for Youth Ministry Working Group

The Youth Ministry Working Group (YMWG) is charged to recommend to the UUA Administration and Board of Trustees a framework and strategic imagination for Unitarian Universalist Youth Ministry based on the findings of the Consultation on Ministry To and With Youth and the recommendations of the Summit on Youth Ministry. In order to strengthen the voice of youth in this process, the Working Group will be expanded to include six additional youth and also two youth advisors.

We are now seeking interested youth and youth advisors from a variety of backgrounds and experiences to join the Working Group. Applications for these eight positions will be reviewed by a team including 2007-2008 YRUU Steering Committee members and the current youth members of the YMWG, with the assistance of Office of Youth Ministry staff. In addition to being full members of the Working Group, these new members, along with the four current youth members, will be accountable to larger UU youth community and will be expected to provide regular updates and information as the process unfolds. The YMWG will gather for three weekend-long meetings in the Boston area in the coming academic year: September 2008, February 2009, and May 2009. All expenses will be paid by the UUA. YMWG members will ideally attend all three meetings and must be available between meetings for conference calls, email communication, and other work the group deems necessary.

1. Background Information

Please provide us with your name, date of birth, address, phone, cell phone (if possible), email address, and home congregation (if applicable):

2. Application Letter

Please write us a letter explaining your desire to serve on the Working Group, addressing the issues below. We are most interested in the content of your responses.

- Your experience as a youth/youth advisor in our UU movement (congregational, district, or continental/associational) and how it has affected your life.
- Because diversity among participants is essential to this process, we invite you to share with us the identities you claim (gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, age, and any others).
- Your experience with anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multiculturalism, including how it has and will shape your work in Unitarian Universalism.
- The strengths you will bring and the challenges you might face in joining the Youth Ministry Working Group.
- Your vision of what Unitarian Universalist youth ministry can be.

3. References:

Please provide us with two references (one youth and one adult). Include their name, relationship to you, and the best way to reach them during the summer months.

The deadline for applications has been extended to **5pm on Friday, August 1**. You can email your application to Youth@uua.org, or mail it to The Office of Youth Ministries, 25 Beacon Street, Boston MA 02108. Note: if you send your application via US Mail, please make sure it you send it in time so it is received by the deadline. If you have any questions, please contact Mara Dowdall, incoming Interim Youth Ministry Director at (617) 948-4359. For updates and information about youth ministry, please visit www.uua.org/aboutus/professionalstaff/lifespanfaith/youthministries/implementation/index.shtml

Thank you for your interest and time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours,

The YRUU Steering Committee and Youth Ministry Working Group youth members