

LFE Newsletter

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BIPOC YAYA Focused:

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[Sign up for monthly Thrive Newsletter](#) -- for BIPOC youth, EAs, YAs, and RPs to sign up for. White RPs can send this to the people they know (and help BIPOC youth sign up for it as appropriate)

A resource REPs can/should pass along to BIPOC UUs in their lives: [Support, Connections, and Other Resources for BIPOC UUs](#)

A resource that REPs might find useful for their own planning, especially to center BIPOC YaYA [BIPOC Youth and Young Adult Ministry Reports](#)

GA

Celebrate Your Youth Group at GA

Our Lifespan Faith Engagement Office is creating a video celebrating youth groups for our 2025 Synergy Service! Our ask- can your youth groups draw, build, or creatively create a chalice that symbolizes the group? We need your photos by **May 10**, submit your photos [here](#).

So You Want to Attend GA PDF- [You can download the PDF here](#)

Safety

We welcome you to provide feedback on the old safety guidelines via a survey. [Take the survey here](#).

Emerging Adults

The National Emerging Adult Taskforce (NEAT) formed in August of 2018 in the Pacific Western Region.

Since then, the group has worked tirelessly to connect Emerging Adults to one another and to their UU faith. In 2022, the group decided to fully nationalize and to expand its ministry to the entirety of the Association. Learn more about NEAT, the National Emerging Adult Taskforce, [on the UUA website](#).

General Opportunities

Supportive Adults: A Training for Adults Who Care About Youth

Are you seeking to develop a group of spiritually grounded and safe adults who want to show up for the young people in your congregation? Lifespan Faith Engagement wants to partner with you on an immersive one-day gathering for adults who are curious about being a youth advisor someday and those who simply want to be a safer, more supportive adult in your congregation.

Together, we'll explore what it means to foster trust, community, and spiritual depth with youth through inclusive facilitation, meaningful conversations, and hands-on experiences. Participants will leave with tools to plan and lead youth group gatherings, a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalist youth ministry, and inspiration for building intergenerational community.

This event includes optional reflective pre-work, an engaging in-person training full of interactive activities, led by UUA and local leaders and a follow-up opportunity to integrate what you've learned during a worship service.

Snacks, supplies, and plenty of encouragement provided.

Email youth@uua.org to schedule a chat about bringing this to your congregation

Youth Worship Services

We would love links to recent (past 2-3 years) youth worship services. Send the links via email to mway@uua.org - this is part of our Youth Ministry Wave Cohort work.

JUUst Breathe

JUUst Breathe is a Unitarian Universalist podcast exploring whole church and lifespan ministries! Hosts Joy Berry and Ember Kelley interview UUs across the spectrum who hold a vision of liberal religious education that is both life saving and spirit lifting. Check out JUUst Breathe on Buzzsprout and other popular podcast streaming services. [Find us on Buzzsprout here](#)

Deeper Joy

[Check out Deeper Joy](#)- Games, Songs, Activities and Practices for Community-Builders! The Map to Deeper Joy is an evolving compilation of games, songs, activities and practices designed for community builders, activists, educators, and anyone interested in fostering inclusive, multigenerational communities.

Reimagining Bridging Framework Free Course:

Reimagining Bridging: A Framework for Youth Ministry is a non-linear framework with accompanying tools and resources to explore ideas around bridging. This free course can be [found at the UU Institute.](#)

Camps

Immersion experiences like UU camps are life saving and faith affirming. Eric Bliss is our Camps and Conferences liaison, you can contact him at ebliss@uua.org Learn more about our camps at the [UUA Website.](#)

Ember's Leadership Pipeline Blog

[Head to the UUA website to read more about Ember's experience.](#)

Deeper Joy Roleplaying Game - Curriculum Reviewers Needed!

We are excited to announce a beta-test for a new curriculum based on [Deeper Joy](#), role playing games, group storytelling, and community building. Deeper Joy RPG is modular and flexible for age ranges and teaching styles. It is designed with Youth and Emerging Adults in mind. No Roleplaying Game experience required!

We are looking for 10 Congregations to test and provide feedback before **August 1st.** [You can apply here.](#)

[A preview containing the first 5 lessons](#) is available to all. The full offering is planned for release by September 2025. Contact Ember at ekelley@uua.org if you'd like to learn more.