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NEAT Stands for the National Emerging Adult Task Force, and it's a task force that gathers emerging adult and their wisdom, their passion, their efforts towards the development of emerging adult ministries across the United States.

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I am a Latin American woman in their late twenties. I have long brown hair that is also straight. My skin is white and I'm wearing a dark brown cardigan.

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The goal of the National Emerging Adult Task Force is to expand the opportunities of emerging adults for spiritual exploration and growth per those with a shared commitment to love and our UU values.

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Together we can act to Unitarian Universalism.

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We seek to ensure

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that our young leaders are being truly spiritually nourished

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and work to build more inclusive communities of love,

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respect, and justice.

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And how do we do that?

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Through connecting our emerging adults to other

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EU emerging adults

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and young adult centered opportunities that are near 'em

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or online, offering personal professional support

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to emerging adults.

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We so seek to give leaders the tools

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and support to prevent burnout, which is really important

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so they can achieve their dreams meaningful.

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We also provide, um, emerging adult support for

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spiritual enterprises and initiatives

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and worship, social justice opportunities

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and events in general.

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We also partner with congregations, religious professionals,

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and the broader movement to support emerging adults.

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We aim to create a movement supporting emerging adult

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ministry across the Unitarian Universalist.

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Neat in its ministries have been ever evolving.

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Starting in the PWR, we did COVENANTING

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and research that ended in a general assembly workshop in

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Spokane in 2018 that defined emerging adults

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as a select group we were ministering to.

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Over the years, we've looked at programming

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and resources for older youu adults

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to better serve EAs in a playlist we made

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and sent out, as well as a letter to congregations,

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worship in a Box and how to minister to EAs webinar.

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We have stayed connected as a group

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and shared resources in many ways,

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ways including our newsletter, social media database,

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pastoral care network, drop in spaces,

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a small group program,

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game nights in and other side of the bridge.

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Welcome worship, welcoming new

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bridgers into young adulthood.

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We've had a virtual workshop at GA

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and an EA Hugs Con over Zoom.

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We had a pre GA event in Portland 2022, where we decided

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to invite anyone in the age range to join, not just PW EAs.

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In May of 2023 at our retreat, we decided to go national

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and be the resource for emerging adults, not just PWR,

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but for the UUA as a whole.

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The moment we're in is quite critical

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because well, things still happens.

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And what is that cliff thing is when people leave

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and do not come back for whatever reason.

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And that may happen

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because congregations are not well prepared

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to support the needs of emerging adults.

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One very special need is staff people to do the work, people

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who put the effort and make it happen.

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There's also spiritual support,

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transportation needs since emergent adults are often moving

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around childcare

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and many other changes

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that might happen in the state of life.

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And because all of that, some people,

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some emerging adults might leave and never come back.

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Hi, my name is Paige Kup.

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I'm a lifelong Unitarian Universalist and emerging adult.

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I'm a member of NEAT Task Force

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and currently based in Philadelphia.

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I originally contributed to this presentation

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and I'm happy to be with you digitally today.

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I'm excited to share a little bit more about Needs

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three focuses this year.

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First, we have regional support,

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which is helping organize clusters

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of emerging adults nationally using our emerging

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adult database.

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It's growing every day

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and we have support for campus ministries as well.

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Second, we are working on resources that go directly to

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to emerging adults.

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The current one that we're working on is called Stones,

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which is an acronym for Storytelling

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through Online Narrative expressions, it's meant

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to be a successor to becoming a spiritual guide

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for navigating adulthood.

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The book that most you use receive upon Bridging

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that book is about to have its 10th birthday

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and we're hoping to have a more updated version

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that can be accessible.

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It's gonna be a platform like Worship Web

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to support emerging adults staying connected to our faith.

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And finally, we're working on milestones.

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We're hoping to build a new ritual for emerging adults
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between bridging and marriage slash child dedication.

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We were, we found that there was a little bit less direction

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during this critical time from 18 to 25,

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and we're hoping to remedy that

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by collaboratively building a new milestone experience.

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Thank you so much for your time

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and attention to this critical topic.

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We hope to see you at GA and throughout the year.