

MEMORANDUM

To: UUA Board of Trustees

From: Carey McDonald, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Re: Youth ministry guidelines, reports and updates

Date: April 9, 2013

Following the discussion around youth involvement and the Youth Observer position at the January 2013 Board meeting, I have three updates to share with the Board:

Youth Involvement & Safety Guidelines – Developed for UUA staff who are interacting with youth and minors in multigenerational settings, these guidelines will be used to meet Policy 2.14.10(a): “[The President shall not] Allow situations where youth serve in leadership positions in the UUA (including the Board, committee and task force appointments) where youth safety and protection policies have not been followed.” Key points of the guidelines for all Board members to read include:

- Introduction & Call (pg 1)
- Youth Involvement (pg 3)
- Adults in the Company of Youth (pg 6)

A copy of the guidelines is attached, and also available here online:

http://www.uua.org/documents/yaya/youth_inclusion_guidelines.pdf

How Youth Lead Report – This report was prepared by my office in response to a request from the Board’s Linkage Working Group, and was discussed in a March conference call with Board members. It describes the current state of youth leadership at the local, district/regional and national levels in our association, per Policy 2.14.10: “[The President shall not] Operate without ensuring that youth leadership is integrated within our Association at all levels.” In the past eighteen months, highlights include 100 youth serving in national leadership roles, 100 youth attending summer leadership schools, and 200+ youth serving in district leadership roles. Key points of the report for Board members to review include:

- Introduction, Vision & Leadership overview (pg 3-4)
- Strategies for Participation (pg 9-10)

A copy of the report is attached

Youth Observer – The election for 2013-14 Youth Observer to the Board is already underway, and the three candidates are Rosemary Dodd, Erick Ditmars and Nora Collins. Visit the Youth Observer page to learn more, and please encourage congregations in your district to vote, youth group ballots are due by April 29:

<http://www.uua.org/re/youth/leading/observer/183582.shtml>