



General Assembly 2017 Youth Caucus Form 1 OF 3
YOUTH CAUCUS PARTICIPANT COVENANT for all youth

Print youth name here: _____

I am attending the 2017 General Assembly (GA) in New Orleans, LA.
I understand my behavior at GA will affect the Youth Caucus community.

While attending GA, I will:

- Act in ways that encourage the well being, safety, and best interests of the youth and all those attending GA.
Follow the Policy on Sexuality and Community.
Respect my roommates, the larger GA community, and those in the hotel and the city who are not part of the GA community.
If in a leadership position (delegate, staff, etc.), I have read, understood, and will abide by the Code of Ethics for Youth in Leadership Positions.
Abide by all state and local laws

I understand that:

- The UUA Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries does not provide adult supervision for those under 18 during the week of GA and therefore I will work out a system of communication with my sponsor during the week of GA that is mutually satisfying.
GA is not a youth conference, which means that: youth are responsible for managing their own time; youth are not required to stay on site; sponsors act as legal guardians for youth under 18.
If any rule violation occurs an Energy Committee of youth, UUA staff, my sponsor, my parent(s)/guardian(s) and myself may be called together to decide the consequences for my actions.
Youth who are registered for GA are prohibited from drinking alcohol while at GA. We expect that adult sponsors of youth will also model this behavior for their sponsored youth by refraining from drinking alcohol at GA.
Possession or use of drugs other than those prescribed to me (including illegal or impairing substances) is not tolerated.

Policy on Sexuality and Community

While sexuality is a healthy and important part of young people's lives, there are times and places where sexual behavior is inappropriate. This policy seeks to create a healthy and safe space for all participants. Exclusive relationships detract from the community. All participants must abide by the following policies:
Participants must respect each other's physical boundaries.
Participants shall refrain from sexual, seductive or erotic behavior while at the event.
Sexual behavior between participants at the event and sexual harassment are not permitted and will not be tolerated.
Any harassment regarding race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or disability will not be tolerated. Such harassment includes unsolicited remarks, gestures or physical contact, display or circulation of written materials or derogatory pictures directed at any of these categories. In addition, sexual advances, jokes, explicit or offensive pictures, requests for sexual favors, sext-ing, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment.

The event leadership team is responsible for ensuring this policy is enforced. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are invited to discuss this policy with youth.

Code of Ethics for Youth in Leadership Positions

Youth in leadership positions are uniquely visible and influential in any conference community. They are expected to recognize that power imbalances exist in their interactions with other participants. Sexual behavior with participants during the event is never acceptable; additionally, youth leaders should remain aware of the impact of their actions and behave accordingly. Youth who abuse their roles as leaders, consciously or not, can damage individuals and the community. Youth leaders are expected to use their influence in a positive manner.

I, _____, have read and understand the above policies and covenant. I agree to abide by these guidelines for the duration of 2017 General Assembly. I understand that if I break this agreement, the Energy Committee reserves the right to take action, which may include removing me from Youth Caucus or GA at my own expense and prohibiting me from attending future national youth events.

_____/_____/2017
Youth Signature Today's Date

Submit this form to the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries by faxing to (617) 948-6473, mailing to Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, UUA, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210-1409, or uploading a scan or clear bright photo at: uua.wufoo.com/forms/uua-form-upload-system

If you cannot submit this form by June 5, please contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at (617) 948-4350 or youth@uua.org.