

SAMPLE CHURCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

The Consultation on Youth Ministry: An Opportunity for Visioning and Growth

Ministry with youth is about listening, empowerment, and spiritual guidance. It is instrumental to the vitality and growth of Unitarian Universalist communities. The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is embarking on a two-year process to revitalize and strengthen youth ministry. Our congregation's engagement in the process is essential to its success. The Consultation on Ministry To and With Youth is designed to be a grassroots process that begins with input from individuals and congregations and progresses to districts and the organizations that provide services and support to the congregations. It is an inclusive and transformative process.

The first step our congregation can take is to ensure that our youth between the ages of 12 and 20 who are, or have been, involved in our congregation receive and complete a survey. This survey will be available in January and February. To receive a copy, contact Beth Dana at bdana@uaa.org or 617-948-4352 or download it at www.uaa.org/TRUS/youth/ymsurvey.html.

Our congregation's next step will be an opportunity for listening, dialogue, visioning and strategizing at our intergenerational Youth Ministry Congregational Conversation on MONTH, DAY, at TIME. Because this conversation is about the life and vitality of our congregation as a whole, everyone is encouraged to attend and actively participate. The effectiveness of this conversation will depend on the participation of our congregation's stakeholders and leaders. The gathering will be co-facilitated by YOUTH NAME and ADULT NAME. Contact CONTACT PERSON for more information about how to become involved in this exciting opportunity for our congregation.