

Pre-Summit Recommendations

(1) YRUU Encouraging the UUMA to Participate in the Consultation on Youth Ministry – Resolution Passed by Youth Council 2006

Sponsor: Julian Sharp

Aides: Beth Dana, Jova Vargas, Ian Moore

Whereas the importance of the outcomes of the Consultation on Ministry to and with Youth is very high, and

Whereas, some key stakeholders (including the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association) have not yet fully engaged in the process, and

Whereas, youths' ministerial needs are not currently being met in many Unitarian Universalist congregations

Be it resolved that Youth Council, the governing body of the Young Religious Unitarian Universalist movement authorize the YRUU Steering Committee to urge the UUMA and other key stakeholders as they see fit to partner with YRUU and the Task Force on Youth Ministry to fully engage in the transformation of our faith community.

We have much to learn from one another and much intergenerational work to do for the betterment of our movement.

Suggested Actions:

- Steering Committee write a letter to the UUMA encouraging them to engage in the Consultation process and to reach out to their members to get them involved.
- Encourage Youth Council Representatives and other youth leaders to write to their district's UUMA chapter – request to visit or speak with them about the Consultation and youth ministry.
- Create a general letter that congregational youth can give to their ministers.

(2) A Ratio of Empowerment – Resolution Passed by Youth Council 2006

Sponsors: Paul Hunt and Charlie Burke

Point Person: Jova Vargas

Primary Aid:

UU Principles: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning; The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large

YRUU Principles: Radical Inclusivity, Youth Empowerment

Problem: Proposed Youth: Adult ratio for Summit is smaller than the suggested ratio for youth-adult committees. This can lead to adult dominance at an event that needs to be very youth empowering.

Hope to Achieve: A youth: adult ratio larger than 1:1 for the 2007 Summit. Adequate representation of individuals in the 18-25 age range.

Short Term Goals: Empower Jova Vargas and Ian Moore (YRUU representatives to the Task Force on Ministry To and With Youth) to work with the Task Force and the Summit planning group to increase the youth: adult ratio with particular attention to representation of bridgers.

Long Term Goals: Have this enacted at the summit

How this furthers the purpose and vision: Creates a youth empowering environment

Fiscal Impact: Possibility of needing more people at summit to meet requirement