

Young Adult Steering Committee Drafts Vision Statement; Plans Winter Retreat

The District's Young Adult Steering Committee (YASC) is actively working to redefine its vision and mission to remain relevant to young adults and actively contribute to the vitality of Unitarian Universalism in the District. On October 13, the YASC organized a one-day vision conference at Community Church of New York UU (Manhattan). Vision Con 2007 was attended by 12 members of the young adult community from congregations in New York City and throughout the metropolitan area. The goal of the conference was to develop a Vision and Mission Statement for the YASC to implement during the next two years. The conference was presided over by the committee co-chairs, Daniel Gregoire and Samantha Garland. Claire Sexton, the District's Young Adult and Campus Ministry Consultant, provided technical assistance and support. YASC members also led workshops and discussion groups. The goal of the conference was met. A preliminary draft vision statement was developed and a mission was outlined. The final Vision and Mission Statement will be published in early December. The YASC is currently engaged in planning for the annual Winter Retreat at the YMCA Retreat Center at Frost Valley NY taking place President's Day Weekend 2008. YASC is also exploring new ways of interfacing with congregations to effectively promote young adult events and activities.