

Leadership Development Conference

Friday, March 5th from 5:00 pm through to
Sunday, March 7th after the service
(approximately noon), 2010

North Shore Unitarian Church
370 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver

Registration Form for Youth and Adults

Leadership Development Conferences (LDC) are small working conferences designed for youth and adult leaders. A leadership development conference focuses on helping the participants learn how to be leaders.

At an LDC, youth and adults learn concrete leadership skills within a structure that helps them reflect on why they are involved in youth ministry, what roles they play in their youth group (local or district/regional), and what they think it means to be a youth leader. Leadership training is a process of empowerment: giving the members of the group the skills they need to have power in their group.

An LDC can also provide benefits to local youth groups and congregations; the youth and adults returning from LDC conferences often bring their congregations new skills and energy. Most importantly, an LDC is about personal empowerment, offering each participant a chance to grow in terms of actual skills, self-confidence as a leader, and enthusiasm and commitment.

Who should attend an LDC? This Leadership Development Conference is being designed for **youth** and **lay leaders from congregations**. Send along your youth who want to learn to be leaders; **heads of committees** or **advisors** who want to learn to be empowering; **Directors of Religious Education** (DRE's) and **ministers** who want to learn to support youth programming. **The recommended ratio of youth to adult participants is 3:1.**

Adult Advisors or Sponsors must be at least 25 years of age and must have been attending their local congregation for at least six months in order to serve as an advisor at a regional or national event. All advisors or sponsors must have had a Criminal Record Check / Police Record Check completed and on file with their local congregation to serve at a CUC sponsored Youth Conference as an advisor.

Cost

Early Bird fee – \$ 70 Mailed By February 1;

Regular fee - \$ 75 Mailed by February 15

No registration/payments will be accepted after February 15th and may not be paid on site unless previously arranged BEFORE February 15th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email

Alexandra Okrainetz at

alex_okrainetz@hotmail.com

or call her at 604-924-5514.

Please mail completed form and payment,

payable to the **Canadian Unitarian Council** and

mailed to **Alexandra Okrainetz,**

932 Riverside Drive,

North Vancouver, BC V7H 1V5

First and Last Name _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Age _____

I am attending as a: Youth _____ Adult _____

Congregation

Youth – please list the adult sponsor(s) attending with you/your group:

Adult advisors in YRUU are 25 years old. Expected adult to youth ratio is 1 adult for every 8 youth.

Address (street address, city, province and postal code):

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Email for contact (print neatly): _____

___ Yes, I do want my email address included in the contact list, which will be handed out at the end of Con.

Provincial Health Care Number: _____

Other Medical Coverage/Insurance: _____

Allergies/medical conditions we need to know about:

Medications I will be taking during the weekend:

Date of last tetanus shot:

Vegetarian _____ or Vegan _____

Other Diet restrictions/food allergies:

Emergency Contact Person:

In case of emergency during the weekend of March 5th through to the 7th , call these numbers:

Contact 1:

Name _____

Phone #'s (home, work, and/or cell)

Address _____

Relationship: _____

Contact 2:

Name _____

Phone #'s (home, work, and/or cell)

Address _____

Relationship: _____

**PLEASE SEND THIS REGISTRATION AND THE FOLLOWING
SIGNATURES IN BY FEBRUARY 15TH AT THE LATEST**

CUC Youth Program Rules:

RULES, CONSEQUENCES AND COMMUNITY

These rules were approved by the CUC Board in 2001 and ratified in January, 2002 and amended in February 2005.

- No drugs or alcohol
- Adults must remain in the role of advisor at all times
- All conferees/parents must sign the medical release
- No weapons, violence or threats of violence
- NO LEAVING THE SITE EXCEPT AS PART OF AN ACTIVITY
- All participants must follow site rules
- NO DROP-INS
- Code of Ethics must be signed
- No violating the policy on sexual behaviour
- Must be between 14 to 20 years of age
- No sharing of sleeping bags
- Nudity in CUC youth con or training community is not permitted.
- Participants must have a completed registration form submitted before the weekend begins.

Note that CUC Guidelines require youth to be associated with a U*U Youth Group or youth age program to be permitted to participate in regional or national events. By signing this form, I hereby acknowledge that this youth has attended at least 3 Youth Group or program meetings at our Congregation within the last six months or is involved in YRUU or UU community in other ways.

Signature

Position

Date

Authorized signatures include but are not limited to a Minister, DRE, youth advisor or congregational leader. Please sign, date and include your title with your congregation.

BREACH OF THE RULES CONTAINED IN THIS REGISTRATION FORM MAY RESULT IN PARTICIPANTS BEING DISALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REMAINDER OF THE CONFERENCE/TRAINING.

All youth must sign:

I, _____ have read, understood and agree to abide by all rules of this conference/training. I agree that if I break the rules I may be sent home at my parent's/ guardian's expense.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Medical Release

Parent or Guardian must sign (or youth, if over 18):

I, _____, am the parent/guardian of _____, who will be attending the Regional Fall Gathering, November 13th -15th, 2009. I hereby give my consent and authority for the staff of the program to take any reasonable action to ensure the safety, health and welfare of this youth. I also give my consent for any necessary medical treatment, including surgical care if needed. I understand that my youth will be required to follow the rules of the CUC youth program and of the North Shore Unitarian Church and that a breach of those rules may result in my youth being sent home at my expense. I expect to be contacted to arrange travel home if it becomes necessary.

Signed _____ Date _____

Policy On Sexual Behaviour

Sexuality is a healthy and important part of young people's lives. Youth programs are an opportunity for youth to express themselves in healthy ways. Exclusive relationships detract from the community. All members of the community must respect each others physical boundaries. Inappropriate sexual behaviour (i.e. sexual intercourse, oral sex, heavy petting or sexual harassment) is not permitted. Nudity in CUC youth conference community is not permitted. The Conference Affairs Committee (or designated group) reserves the right to deem any behaviour inappropriate. Parents/guardians are invited to discuss this policy with youth.

All youth must sign:

I, _____ have read, understood and agree to abide by all rules of this conference. I agree that if I break the rules I may be sent home at my parent's/guardian's expense.

Signed _____ Date _____

BC YAC Smoking Policy for Youth Events
Amended August 2006

All youth must agree to the following terms:

- Youth are not permitted to smoke if not of legal age in BC (19 years).
- Youth must bring their own cigarettes to last the entire weekend.
- Youth will not be permitted to leave the conference site to purchase cigarettes.
- No bumming cigarettes under any circumstances.
- Smoking is not a social event, and smoke breaks will be kept as short as possible.
- Smoke breaks should be taken only as necessary.
- There will be a designated smoking area.
- Non-smokers are not permitted to “hang out” with smokers during smoke breaks.

Please note that smoke breaks should **not** be taken during scheduled conference events.

Please only smoke if it is **necessary**. We recognize that smoking is an addiction, but we want all participants to be as fully present in the conference as possible in order to keep our community as safe and as healthy as possible.

If you have a problem with the above terms, please contact the co-dean, NAME at [E-MAIL](#) ADDRESS and we will do our best to cater to your needs and the needs of the community.

Signed

Date

Code of Ethics:

Adult advisors and youth leaders and planning team members must review the Code of Ethics below and sign the appropriate space on their registration form.

Adults

Adults are in a position of stewardship and play a key role in fostering the spiritual development of both individuals and the community. It is, therefore, especially important that adults be qualified to nurture and provide the special care and support that will enable youth to develop a positive sense of self and responsibility. The relationship between young people and adults must be one of mutual respect if the positive potential of their relationship is to be realized.

There are no more important areas of growth than those of self-worth and the development of a healthy identity as a sexual being. Adults play a key role in assisting youth in these areas of growth. Wisdom dictates that youth and adults suffer damaging effects when leaders become sexually involved with a person in their care; therefore, adults will refrain from engaging in sexual, seductive or erotic behaviour with youth. Neither shall they sexually harass or engage in behaviour with youth which constitutes verbal, emotional or physical abuse. Adults shall be informed of the Code of Ethics and agree to it before assuming their roles. In cases of violation, appropriate pastoral and legal action will be taken.

Youth in Leadership Roles

Youth in leadership positions are uniquely visible and influential in any youth program community. They should recognize that power imbalances exist in their interactions with other participants. Inappropriate sexual behaviour 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 in the community. Youth leaders are expected to use their influence in a positive manner.

All adults involved in the program and youth in leadership roles (including, but not limited to, staff, BC YAC members and Youth Advisory Group members) must sign:

I, _____, have read the Code of Ethics and understand them. I agree to follow the Code of Ethics and understand that violation will result in appropriate action.

Signed _____ Date _____