



# CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL

## Central Region's Youth Social Action Conference

For youth 14-20 years/or Grade 9 – 12

*Some integration with Jr. Youth on Saturday*

**DATE:** Friday, Nov 12, 2004 beginning at 6:00 PM for registration through Sunday, Nov 14, 2004 noon

**PLACE:** Unitarian Fellowship of London (UFL) 557 Clarke Road. Youth and their advisors will stay at the UFL.

**COST:** \$35 each for youth and advisor

Please complete form (one form per person) and arrange appropriate payment payable to 'Central Regional Fall Gathering'

Mail registration to Sarah Ohl c/o UFL 557 Clarke Road London, ON N5V 2E1 by October 15th, 2004.

This will be a great Social Action Conference with opportunities to volunteer at the London Area Food Bank, make quilts for Women's Community House, and volunteer with other community service projects. We will also have speakers on anti-oppression and other social justice topics.

There will be time for just hanging out and also a regional QuOM YAC planning discussion.

We will be leading a Youth Worship service Saturday evening at 8 pm

### **CENTRAL REGION SOCIAL ACTION CON YRUU AND ADVISOR REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

I am attending as a: Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Advisor (must be 25 years old) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(street address, city, province and postal code)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY): \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth – please list the adult(s) attending with you/your group (adults must be 25 years old and required adult to youth ratio is 1:7)

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Provincial Health care number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Other medical coverage/insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/medical conditions we need to know about: \_\_\_\_\_

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Medications I will be taking during the weekend: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of last tetanus shot: \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_\_

Other Diet restrictions/food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner Food Choice (please check one):

Pizza \_\_\_\_\_ Lasagne \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person:

In case of emergency during the weekend of Nov. 12-14, 2004, call these numbers

Mother at home \_\_\_\_\_ at work \_\_\_\_\_

Father at home \_\_\_\_\_ at work \_\_\_\_\_

Other than parent

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #'s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Rules for QuOM Sponsored Youth Events

Foreword: Over the next couple years, QuOM intends to go through a rules process as part of holistic approach for a strong UU youth movement in our region. In the meantime, QuOM YAC has based the interim rules on St Lawrence District's rules for Youth Activities with two hopes: 1) That this will permit our UU family from across the border to feel comfortable participating at QuOM events and 2) be acceptable to QuOM youth and adults who are already familiar with SLUUD rules. QuOM YAC has approved the following and is currently seeking CUC board approval. They are consistent with our Unitarian Universalist belief in freedom and responsibility and are designed to promote the well being of all the people involved in youth activities.

These rules apply while travelling to and from the event as well.

- A. All participants must sign indicating their agreement to these rules.
- B. The Youth Adult Committee of the QuOM (Central and Eastern CUC Regions), in cooperation with the host group and congregation, assume responsibility and have final authority for the conduct of youth conferences and other youth events.
- C. The age range for youth activities in QuOM at CUC sponsored events will be 14-20.
- D. The adult/youth ratio at all QuOM sponsored youth activities will be 1:7.
- E. No alcohol, dangerous materials, weapons, or illegal drugs.
- F. Specific areas, and times, will be provided for smoking along with other restrictions to discourage any non-smoker from starting to do so at an event.
- G. Sexuality is an important part of life but also an area for caution and care and should be matched with respect for others, oneself, and the community. All members of the conference community must respect others' physical boundaries. Inappropriate sexual behaviours such as intercourse or harassment will not be tolerated. Exclusive and/or overtly sexual relationships detract from the community and are strongly discouraged during the conference. The community reserves the right to deem any behaviour inappropriate.
- H. Gender segregated and mixed gender sleeping areas will be provided wherever possible.
- I. No leaving or arriving at the designated conference area without permission from the registrar. The Conference site may be restricted and will be closed to entrance or exit (except for emergencies and overnight volunteers) during night time hours (usually 2am-7am).
- J. It is expected that all conferees (youth and adults) will participate in the program.
- K. Hosts may add to these rules and such additions are considered part of these rules.
- L. Violation of these rules will result in a meeting of the Spirit Committee. This committee will determine appropriate action which could include the conferee and the entire group with whom he/she travelled having to leave the conference.

\* Note all Adults, youth of the age of majority, con staff, YAC, and others who consider themselves in leadership roles must also sign the Code of Ethics that follows. I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them.

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^Signature of conferee

^Date

CODE OF ETHICS for Adults and Youth in Leadership Roles:

Adults and youth in leadership roles 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 those in leadership positions be well qualified to provide the special nurture, care, and support that enable youth to develop a positive sense of self and a spirit of independence and responsibility. The relationship between young people and their leaders must be one of mutual respect if their potential 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. Leaders play a key role in assisting youth in these areas of growth. Wisdom dictates that all those involved suffer damaging effects when leaders become sexually involved with those they are leading; therefore, leaders will refrain from engaging in sexual,

seductive, or erotic behaviour with youth in the community. Nor shall they sexually harass or engage in behaviour with youth that constitutes verbal, emotional, or physical abuse.

Leaders shall be informed of this code of ethics and agree to it before assuming their role. If this code is violated, appropriate action will be taken.

As an adult or youth in a leadership role at this conference, I certify that I have read and understood the above and I agree to abide by the Conference Code of Ethics.

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^Signature

^Date

### Spirit Committee

The Spirit Committee consists of representatives from each Touch Group. A Touch Group is a smaller group within the conference made up of advisors, youth leaders and youth of various ages, where you “touch base” with one another throughout the conference. Touch groups help the participants bond through small group activities and discussion.

### Medical Release

Parent or Guardian must sign:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who will be attending the YRUU Conference in London Nov 12-14 2004. 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 child will be required to follow the QuOM rules and of the London Fellowship and any other site used and that a breach of those rules may result in my child being sent home at my expense, if I am not in attendance at the fall gathering as well.

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^Signature

^Date