



Announcing a new resource for congregations and groups:

# ***Code of Ethics for Peer Leaders in Young Adult and Campus Ministry***

This new resource has been developed by a team of young adult leaders and ethics experts from around the continent for use in congregations, young adult and campus groups and other young adult communities.

Accompanying the Code of Ethics is an educational pamphlet with suggestions for implementing and using the Code.

Copies of the Code of Ethics and the pamphlet are available on-line (in US or Canadian spelling) at our new Young Adult Leadership Ethics website:

[www.uua.org/ya-cm/  
youngadults/Ethics.html](http://www.uua.org/ya-cm/youngadults/Ethics.html)

*For more information on the Code of Ethics or to give us reactions and/or feedback, please contact Michael Tino, Director of Young Adult and Campus Ministry, at [mtino@uua.org](mailto:mtino@uua.org) or 919-949-1158.*

### **Highlights of the new material include:**

#### **From the Preamble to the Code of Ethics:**

*Our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to be in right relationship with people, to respect ourselves and others, and to use our power in responsible and accountable ways. As leaders in our groups and communities, we understand that we have been entrusted with a certain degree of power and authority. Leadership comes with a special responsibility to use our power in a manner consistent with our values and principles as Unitarian Universalists. Thus, we agree to the following code of ethics as part of our leadership role, hoping to serve as a model for others in our group or community.*

#### **Sections of the Code Include:**

- **Self:** *How do I seek to maintain a healthy standard of self-care and faith development?*
- **Interpersonal:** *How do I work to foster healthy relationships where there is mutual growth?*
- **Group:** *How do I work to create a welcoming and safe environment by modeling and encouraging behaviours that support sustainable, growing and healthy faith communities?*
- **Wider Movement:** *How do I seek to keep connected to our larger faith in its diverse manifestations?*
- **Larger Community:** *How am I mindful of how our faith work and practices are connected to our larger community and the world?*

#### **From the educational pamphlet:**

*We intend this to be a resource for groups to discuss how we come together as communities of faith. We hope that this Code will inspire you to discuss what ethics and right relationship mean within the context of your group, community or conference. While we hope that you will ask your leaders (and perhaps even all of your members) to adhere to this Code, the discussions that come from looking at it together can and should be the framework for developing group norms that are founded in ethical behaviour.*

#### **The Code of Ethics addresses topics such as:**

- Self-care
- Sexual ethics
- Anti-racism and anti-oppression
- Healthy conflict engagement
- Appropriate leadership roles
- Diversity and multiple identities
- Working as part of a larger UU movement
- Environmental consciousness
- Time management
- Leadership development and empowerment of others