

# **CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL YOUTH MINISTRY**

IF YOU DO NOT PASS THIS  
IMPORTANT MESSAGE OF DEMOCRACY  
ALONG TO YOUR CONGREGATION'S  
YOUTH GROUP, DEMOCRACY WILL  
NOT BE FULFILLED.

So, live out our beloved Principles, and  
GIVE THIS TO YOUR  
CONGREGATION'S YOUTH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*“We covenant to affirm and promote...  
the right of conscience  
and the use of the democratic process.”*

So!

You've read all about the election procedure described in this document sent last month:

[http://www.cuc.ca/cal/election\\_Description\\_for\\_youth\\_groups\\_CanUUdle\\_2007.pdf](http://www.cuc.ca/cal/election_Description_for_youth_groups_CanUUdle_2007.pdf)

...So you understand the whole thing back to front!

What?? You still have questions? Email [youth@cuc.ca](mailto:youth@cuc.ca), Hazel Gabe has answers.

Now you're ready to get your democracy on!

What does your youth group need to do to get involved?

- First, assess whether anyone from your group will be attending CanUUdle VII in Vancouver.
- ~ **If yes, *they can be your living, breathing delegate!***  
(If you are sending more than one youth to CanUUdle, you'll have to have a discussion with your group about which one will represent you. Remember, you can only have one delegate per every seven youth!)
- ~ **If you're not sending any youth to CanUUdle, you can still vote by proxy.**
- **In either case, you're going to need to *register to vote* using **the attached form**.**

Remember: up to seven people per form. If you have more than seven, just use more than one form and try to divide the people up evenly.

- Next, keep your eyes peeled for information about the Candidates. This should be arriving around the end of the month. One of your group members should be designated the contact person –email Hazel at [youth@cuc.ca](mailto:youth@cuc.ca) with the email of your contact person, and s/he will receive all the latest info. For updates, you can also check the Youth website at [www.cuc.ca/youth](http://www.cuc.ca/youth), or keep your eye on email list serves like “cuc-youth”.
- Once you know who the candidates are, you can have a discussion about who to support. Use a democratic method –such as secret ballot voting, or, if you feel you can handle it, formal consensus –to choose who to vote for. Indicate this choice to your delegate. If there are three or more candidates for a position, tell them who your second choice would be and who your third choice would be for each position. (During the elections we will be using instant runoff voting, which allows voters to rank candidates by order of preference –first, second, third, etc.).

- Its up to you how much trust or responsibility you give your delegates. If you're sold on a candidate, you can send strict orders. If not, you can allow the delegate more leeway in choosing who to vote for on the spot. If most of your youth group will be at CanUUdle, you can all discuss your vote with your delegate up to the last minute.
- If you're voting by proxy, a ballot will be sent to you. At that point, you must fill it out and arrange for it to be delivered to CanUUdle, in person or by fax to the CUC 1-416-489-9010 before May 13, 2007.

Note: You'll need to send the "Delegate or Proxy Vote Form", which is attached to this letter, along with that when the time comes.

(You'll get some more info about instant runoff voting, how to fill out the ballots, and how to send them in when the time comes. And remember, email us with any questions!)

- Once your vote is set, just sit back and enjoy the feeling of democratic satisfaction. The results should be published on the cuc-youth listserv in late May.
- Whats that? You want to be a candidate yourself! That's awesome. Email [youth@cuc.ca](mailto:youth@cuc.ca) indicating your interest and we'll get back to you. Position descriptions are available at <http://www.cuc.ca/youth/index.htm>.