

In Covenant...God is Still Speaking,



Youth & Young Adult Leadership Program

Northern California Nevada Conference

United Church of Christ

May 18-21, 2006

Asilomar Conference Center

Program Description

At the beginning of the annual meeting this year, delegates will vote on a Bylaw change which will allow one additional youth or young adult delegate from each church, beginning with THIS YEAR'S Asilomar meeting. That means that churches are encouraged to send a youth or young adult delegate-elect who, pending the outcome of the vote, can assume the responsibilities as a delegate right away!

In support of this initiative, there is a new youth and young adult program that will energize them for leadership at all levels of the church. Through interactive and participative experiences and trainings led by local UCC youth ministers and experienced youth leaders, youth and young adults will discover and claim their own voice and grow as leaders. The program will orient them to participating effectively as delegates at Asilomar. The schedule weaves in and out of the regular meeting schedule, offering time for training, reflection and fun. Through mentoring, intergenerational support and contact with the key leaders of the conference and annual meeting, youth will start making connections to the larger church and see themselves as leaders in it. The goal is to integrate them more fully into this year's meeting and prepare youth and young adults to participate as equals in decision making in congregations and the life of the conference. Youth and young adults who are NOT chosen to be delegates by their church are also welcome to participate in the program (perhaps in preparation to be delegates in the future!). Other youth attending Asilomar who do not wish to participate in this program are the responsibility of their parents or guardians during the entire time. If you have more questions, please call the director of the Youth and Young Adult Program Planning Team, Rev. Adam Blons at First Congregational Church of Berkeley at 510-848-3696.

Program Elements

- Interactive workshops on:
 - Discovering your own leadership style and leadership voice
 - How issues are raised and decisions made at annual meeting and in congregations
 - Turning your passion into action in a faith community
- Exploring the conference theme of "In Covenant...God is Still Speaking," through youth-friendly worship, prayer, bible study and even a special walking meditation
- Sitting together and participating in the annual meeting activities such as worship, keynote addresses, and community building celebrations
- Fun!! Games, singing, and celebrating as separate groups of youth and young adults
- Opportunity to lead part of the closing worship service