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*Unitarian Universalist Sixth Principle:  
“We Covenant to Affirm and Promote the Goal of World  
Community with Peace, Liberty and Justice for All”*

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST UNITED NATIONS OFFICE YOUTH ENVOY PILOT PROJECT

### OVERVIEW

The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office is proud to announce the launch of the Youth Envoy Pilot Project, a new 12 month initiative funded with support from the Unitarian Universalist Funding Program’s Fund for Unitarian Universalist Social Responsibility. By forging relationships with congregations and Directors of Religious Education, and working closely with select Unitarian Universalist Youth in six Metro New York congregations, the Youth Envoy Pilot Project aims to create a solid foundation for UU-UNO outreach efforts that engage Youth in the work of the United Nations and provide lasting opportunities for learning and leadership.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The UU-UNO’s Youth Envoy Pilot Project will be launched at six congregations within the Metro New York District. Working with the Directors of Religious Education, Youth Group leaders and our Adult Envoys, we will recruit one Youth Envoy from each congregation to be a liaison to our Office. These Youth should be passionate about international affairs, willing to work with adults and prepared to exercise leadership skills. Youth Envoys should become familiar with the work of the UU-UNO as well as the history, structure and function of the United Nations.

The responsibilities of the Youth Envoy will include maintaining communication links between the UU-UNO and the Envoy’s Youth Group. Our Office will keep the Youth Envoy abreast of important opportunities for Youth involvement at the United Nations, as well as provide a range of programming for Youth to implement in their congregations. For instance, Youth Envoys should attend the UU-UNO’s Intergenerational Spring Seminar, held annually in April, and should be active in planning their congregation’s UN Sunday. We will encourage Youth Envoys to develop their leadership skills by working with their congregations’ Adult Envoys and religious leaders to ensure the presence of an international voice in the lives of their congregations. Youth Envoys will also be responsible for finding a successor once they graduate from high school.

We are excited by the potential of this project to more strongly link Youth in Unitarian Universalist congregations to the UU-UNO, and to provide Youth with unique opportunities for leadership, learning, social action and community-building. Through this initial pilot project, the UU-UNO hopes to establish a solid foundation from which to expand the Youth Envoy Project into 2012 and beyond.

If you have any questions, please contact our Youth Envoy Coordinator, Kate Smith, at [Kate@uu-uno.org](mailto:Kate@uu-uno.org).

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