

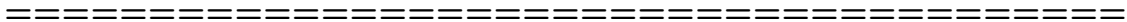


It's time to go to KinderQuOM.....

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A couple notes about the con :

- The conference fee is \$35. \$10 of this will be a travel equalization fee. This means that any youth groups that had to pay a lot of money to come to the con, because of distance or needing to take the bus/plane/train, can be reimbursed some or all of the money they spent getting there. This is to encourage youth and youth groups who would not normally be able to attend such an event to come to the QuOM con.
- If you or your youth group needs financial aid to attend the QuOM con, please email the QuOM YAC (quomyac@yahogroups.com) and they will help you get there!
- One of the activities of free time will be skating on the canal. If this interests you, you may want to bring your skates and warm clothes. (Everyone should bring warm clothes as we WILL be going outside sometime during the conference.)

What is KINDERQuOM all about?

Two years ago, the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) gained autonomy from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and in so doing split the St. Lawrence District (Upstate New York, Southern Ontario, Quebec) and Northeast District (Maine, Atlantic Canada) in half along national boundaries. The new CUC regions of Eastern Canada and Central Canada stretch from Kingston to St. John's and Peterborough to Windsor, respectively. However, youth programming is not strong enough to survive on its own in either region. The solution: QuOM Con. Last year it was called Construct-a-Con, this year it's KinderQuOM.

At this conference (con), we will be building on the bi-regional youth structure we constructed last year, under the name QuOM (Quebec, Ontario, Maritimes; pronounced Qualm). Through large group discussions and meetings and small group workshops, we will work to enhance existing youth groups and develop new ones. We will look at how youth in this region can relate to other UU youth, broader UU initiatives and the world around them. Like any con, though, there will still be opportunities to socialize with some of the greatest youth in the area. Come help build our new youth region and take home a piece of the enthusiasm.

Why should you come?

Because:

- *You want to have a great time! Cons are a great place to meet lots of cool, socially aware, loving, caring youth (and adults, too!)*
- *You want to have a say in the creation of the new QuOM region! This is your opportunity to have an impact on youth programming in this half of the country.*
- *You want to make your youth group more enjoyable and more interesting or just get a youth group started at your church! There will be many workshops relating to individual youth groups and their development.*
- *You want to get involved with the larger UU structure! We will be examining how we can each participate in UU social justice movements; regional, national and continental youth bodies and other great projects.*

Kind(er)Quom

February 27 to February 29

First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa

30 Cleary Ave.

Ottawa, Ontario

Directions:

From the Queensway:

Take the Queensway to Woodroffe, North. Continue north on Woodroffe, crossing Carling Avenue (with a jog to the right then left) and going past Carlingwood Shopping Centre till you reach Richmond Road. Take a right on Richmond Road and go to the next traffic light, Cleary Avenue, and turn left. We are at the end of Cleary Avenue behind Unitarian House. There is ample free parking

From Hwy 401 E or W:

Take the Hwy-416 N exit- exit number 721a- toward Ottawa. **2.0 miles, 3.2 km**

Merge onto Provincial Route 416 N. **44.4 miles, 71 km**

Take the hwy-417 e/rte-417 e exit toward Ottawa. **0.9 miles, 1.5 km**

Merge onto provincial route 417 e. **2.1 miles, 3.3 km**

Take the Woodroffe Ave. exit- exit number 127- toward Nepean. **0.1 mi, 0.2 km**

Turn slight left to take the Woodroffe Ave. North ramp. **0.0 miles/km**

Turn left onto Woodroffe Ave. continue to follow Woodroffe Ave **0.6 miles, 1 km**

Turn right onto Carling Ave **0.1 miles, 0.2 km**

Turn left onto Woodroffe Ave **0.5 miles, 0.9 km**

Turn right onto Richmond Rd. **0.3 miles, 0.5 km**

Turn left onto Cleary Ave **0.0 miles/km**

If you get lost en route to the con, call 613-292-6015 and we'll help you find the church!!

Things to Bring:

- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Clothes (it's winter)
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.)
- Your Brain

- Registration forms and \$ if not mailed in

Other Information

Registration Fee: \$35 CDN for Youth, and Optional but welcome for Adults. All profits go back into youth programming and next year's QuDM con. The Con Registration begins at 6:00pm and Goodbyes must be said 9:30 am

Any Questions? Please Contact:

*Sean (Co-Funkmaster)
kinder_co_funk1@yahoo.ca
(613)-269-3414*

or

*Dara (Registrar)
canagochie637@hotmail.com
(613) 744-6473*

PLEASE RSVP!!

In order to make sure we have enough food for everyone we need to know how many people to expect!! All other registration forms and \$ may be brought to the conference, but we need to know numbers. So please fill in the following information and send it to our registrar, Dara, ASAP by either e-mail canagochic637@hotmail.com , or by snail mail: Dara Stillman

*P.O. Box 866 Sta. B
Ottawa, ON K1P 5T1*

Your Congregation _____

Number of Youth Attending _____

Number of Adults Attending _____

Group Contact Name _____

Group Contact e-mail address? _____

Group Contact phone number? _____

Mode of Transportation _____

Need to be picked up? If so day, time, where _____

Approximate Arrival Time _____

Any specific Dietary Needs? _____

Any Allergies? _____

Any thing else you want to tell us? _____

***If you want to attend the con send this back by
February 13 at the very latest!!***

QuOM YAC Elections!

A YAC is a Youth Adult Committee which will help create and support a UU youth community in this part of Canada. If you are dedicated, and love to be UU, this is a great way to put your faith in action!

This QuOM con, there will be two elected positions open on our QuOM YAC! One will be for an eastern region (Kingston and east) youth, and one for an adult which can come from anywhere within the QuOM region! If you are interested in the Eastern Youth or adult position simply get nominated (sign-up) at the QuOM con. If you can't attend the con, send an e-mail to the QuOM YAC (quomyac@yahoogroups.com) with your intention to run, a speech, and the name of the person who will read your speech.

As a member of the YAC your principle job is attending and participating in meetings. There are three weekend-long meetings a year in addition to teleconferences, meetings at other youth and denominational conferences, and a monthly MSN "check-in" along with some email communication.

Work done outside these meetings (e.g. finding youth event hosts or collaborative authoring of youth program resources) is shared among all YAC members. Personal schedules are worked around with each member of the team contributing as able. It is not a "Youth Committee" or an "Adult Committee" youth and adults work together as peers. Youth who are on YAC should check their email regularly, be organized, dedicated, somewhat connected to youth happenings in QuOM, excited, motivated and be ready to work hard to make this region as AWESOME as it can be!! (And being on YAC is LOTS of fun :)

KinderQuOM Youth Registration Form

One form per person.

Con Fee: \$35

Please contribute to the Save Dara's Eyes Foundation, print **clearly**.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Sex: __Female __Male

E-mail: _____ Birthdate: __/__/__ (mm/dd/yy)

Please circle one: Omnivore Carnivore Vegetarian Vegan

Allergies: _____

Name of UU Congregation: _____

City of UU Congregation: _____

Accompanying adult advisor(s): _____

I have read the Attached RULES FOR KinderQuOM. In case of emergency I authorize the administration of EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Parent or Guardian

(Signature of Parent/Guardian, youth may sign if 18 years or older) (Date)

Medical Conditions: _____
(Please list medications taken, etc.)

In case of emergency contact:

(Name) (____) _____ (Phone #) _____ (Relationship)

(Signature of Minister/ RE Director/ President) (Date)

Please **DO NOT** sign unless the above form is complete.

YOUTH PLEASE SIGN THE KINDERQuOM AND HOUSE RULES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

Rules for KinderQuOM

*The following rules have been adapted from the St Lawrence District's rules. 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 traveling 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 will be 13-20.
- 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 behaviors 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 behavior 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 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 traveled having to leave the conference.

I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them:

Signature of conferee

Date

*** 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***

House Rules for KinderQuOM

- A.** No eating or drinking in worship hall
- B.** Smoking is permitted only in designated areas and no bumming of cigarettes will be tolerated (this is to ensure no one starts smoking at the con). Also cigarette butts must be put in the designated butt cans.
- C.** Conferees must observe quiet time and lock-in. Lock-in is from 1am until breakfast the following morning.
- D.** It is very highly encouraged for all conferees (youth and adults) to participate in all con programming.
- E.** No disturbing Unitarian House.
- F.** No removing of the red cushions from the pews in Worship Hall.
- G.** Respect for advisors' sleeping areas will be adhered to (this is to ensure your advisors are adequately rested to drive you home safely).
- H.** All members of the community must respect others' and their own physical boundaries. Inappropriate behavior (i.e. sexual intercourse or sexual harassment) is not permitted.
- I.** No illegal drugs, alcohol, dangerous materials, or firearms.
- J.** TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
- K.** BE CONSIDERATE AND RESPECTFUL OF YOUR SELF AND OTHERS.
- L.** BE RESPECTFUL OF THE MEETING PLACE. Hosting our conferences at The First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa is a privilege so clean up after yourself.

THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RULES IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature of conferee

Date

***EVERYONE MUST SIGN THESE.**

KinderQuOM Adult Registration Form

One form per person.

Con Fee: \$35 (optional)

Please contribute to the Save Dara's Eyes Foundation, print clearly.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Sex: __Female __Male

E-mail: _____ Birthdate: ___/___/___ (mm/dd/yy)

Please circle one: Omnivore Carnivore Vegetarian Vegan

Allergies: _____

Name of UU Congregation: _____

City of UU Congregation: _____

Mode of Transportation: _____

(Use one form for up to 7 youth per advisor) I am accompanying the following youth whose completed REGISTRATION FORMS, RULES AGREEMENT AND CONFERENCE FEES ARE ATTACHED.

1. _____

4. _____

2. _____

5. _____

3. _____

6. _____

7. _____

TOTAL CONFERENCE FEE
ATTACHED: \$ _____

GIVE THIS FORM TO THE CONFERENCE REGISTRAR WHEN YOU ARRIVE.

**PLEASE SIGN THE CODE OF ETHICS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE AND THE
HOUSE RULES ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE**

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 behavior with youth in the community. Nor shall they sexually harass or engage in behavior 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.

Signature

Date

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