Greetings Conference Ministers!

With excitement we want to share that on February 7-8th, 2022 the National Setting of the United Church of Christ, under the leadership of Faith INFO, will host a Reimagining Conference entitled Building the Future for Our Youth. We will spend two days virtually gathering to gain insight into the changes that youth ministry and the wider church are going through due to advances in technology, competing priorities and a long-lasting pandemic while simultaneously imagining ways to build a comprehensive youth ministry that encompasses local, conference, regional and national ministries of the United Church of Christ.

The Reverend Jill Olds will serve as our moderator and conference facilitator. Additionally, we will offer several workshops for participants, worship and small group gathering times.

Registration will be limited to 100 individuals/youth ministers across all settings of the United Church of Christ. Special attention will be made to ensure diversity which truly reflects our church. Therefore, we are aiming for the following benchmarks

- Network of Wider Church Youth Ministry -20
- Outdoor Ministry -10
- Local Churches -70 with at least 25 from COREM affiliated congregations

To be intentional about gathering information from a wider demographic we will also be preparing a survey that will be available to all churches/youth ministers to gauge the state of their youth ministries, what needs exist and what future youth gatherings can look like.

Both registration for the virtual conference and survey are currently active.

For questions or additional information please reach out to Rev. Trayce Potter at pottert@ucc.org. Please share the information below in your newsletters and communications with your congregations.

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(Churches may share the following by copy and pasting as needed)

On February 7-8th, the national setting will offer a virtual conference for 100 youth ministers and leaders to reimagine youth ministry, National Youth Event and other events for the future. Registration can be completed here: https://cvent.me/Vy8PPK

Additionally, we are asking anyone who has regular contact with youth in the United Church of Christ to complete a short survey to provide additional insight to the Faith INFO team and national setting. You may access the survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Youth_Min2022

Your responses and presence are greatly appreciated.

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