

# **HUUGS**

## **Hearty Unitarian Universalist Greetings**

The HUUGS program is a simple, inexpensive, low energy way for congregations to reach out in hospitality to Unitarian Universalist students at the local college/university and new to their community, as well as to those college students who are away. Its also a great way to get the congregation involved with campus ministry!

A HUUGS basket could comprise three areas: denominational gifts (which can be supplied by the Unitarian Universalist Association Young Adult/Campus Ministries Office), gifts related to the congregation, and "comfort" gifts to ease the inevitable transition woes. Below are some suggestions. USE YOUR IMAGINATION & CREATIVITY!

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### **Unitarian Universalist Association**

- A copy of the Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes
- The latest issue of FERMENT\* (the Young Adult/Campus Ministry Office newsletter for and by Young Adults)
- An application form for the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)
- Instructions on how to connect to UUYAN-L (the young adult email list) and UUYAN.org (the Continental Unitarian Universalist Young Adult Network (C\*UUYAN) website)
- Anything else related to Unitarian Universalism...

### **Congregation**

- A letter of welcome from the Minister, Director/Minister of Religious Education, and/or the Board President
- The name, telephone number, and email address of a contact person for rides to church
- The names, telephone numbers, and email addresses of emergency people
- Information about CampUUs and the names, telephone numbers, and email addresses for CampUUs contact and support staff
- Information and the name, telephone number, and email address a contact person for the Campus Ministry Committee and/or Young Adult Group in the congregation (if applicable)
- A copy of the church newsletter...and DO put their names has been put on the mailing list!
- A copy of the program book, directory of members and friends
- An invitation to dinner
- A small chalice with candle
- Something with the church logo (if available)—e.g., mug, t-shirt, postcard, etc.
- Anything else related to the congregation...
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### **Comfort**

- A box of "home-baked" goodies
- A street map with congregation and young adult residences clearly marked
- A map of the public transportation system (if applicable) and a roll of tokens (if applicable)
- Two movie passes
- Laundry detergent
- Anything else of comfort...
- Small plant
- Aspirin
- Gold star stickers for when they pass their first exam
- Hard candies
- Anything else of comfort...

You get the idea. Form a YA Outreach Committee, use your imagination to give Hearty Unitarian Universalist GreetingS to a Young Adult, probably away from home for the first time. Invite them into your congregation, your homes, and your hearts. Help a Young Adult stay connected to our Unitarian Universalist faith.

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