



Highlights of 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS MICHIGAN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK

- Celebrated MUUSJN's 15th anniversary, honoring Michigan UU congregational justice leaders at an anniversary celebration;
- Through its Interfaith Reproductive Justice Coalition, organized a conference, took action on issues and educated the public at various women's rights events, including the Women's March in Michigan and Washington DC, the National Women's Convention in Detroit and an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast at Planned Parenthood of Michigan's Day of Action;
- In coalition, pressured Governor Snyder to veto a bill to fund anti-abortion clinics through a "Choose Life" license plate program;
- Advocated for abortion rights legislation with the Michigan Women's Progressive Caucus;
- Published an Interfaith Challenging Racism Toolkit and organized a workshop to promote its use in UU congregations, networked with local racial justice organizations, and participated in meetings, events and actions;
- Issued a MUUSJN Board position encouraging UUs to challenge President Trump's blaming anti-racism demonstrators as being part of the problem at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia and shared hate crime information and anti-racism training opportunities;
- Worked with the Peoples Water Board and other faith groups to fight for water as a human right and to promote legislation to protect vulnerable people from water shutoffs;
- Organized legislative visits at two lobby days on behalf of water rights legislation;
- Organized a UU Environmental Justice Task Force and shared information with our congregations about Line 5 pipeline and the Nestle water grab;
- Published "Water Justice Congregational Resources" and distributed it to all UU congregations;
- Secured funding from the Economic Justice Alliance of Michigan to sustain MUUSJN work on several of its issues, mobilizing UU's and others to collect signatures on two ballot campaigns: raising the minimum wage and earned paid sick time;
- Promoted transgender rights in partnership with national, state and local organizations, promoted attendance at Equality Michigan's lobby day, and supported a new LGBTQ rights policy with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission;
- Through intensive advocacy, helped block repeal of the Affordable Care Act in Congress;
- Blocked state legislation (in 2017) that would allow concealed weapons to be brought into schools, places of worship and other safe zones;
- Advocated for legislation to restore DACA protections for immigrant youth; and
- Published e-newsletters and maintained three Facebook pages and a website: www.uujustice.org.

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