**Indigenous Awareness**

WFJSG’s focus on Maine Indigenous issues has been to raise consciousness within UUCB and in the wider community about Maine’s Wabanaki peoples’ history, ongoing presence and current concerns. A fall 2016 community meeting held at UUCB explored moving Brunswick beyond Columbus Day to a celebration of Indigenous People, and evolved over many months into the *Midcoast Indigenous Awareness Group* (MIAG). In September 2017, MIAG was successful in getting Brunswick Town Council to declare the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples Day. MIAG continues to work with other groups - Native and non-Native - to raise awareness of the issues impacting Maine’s Indigenous peoples. UUCB members and friends participate within this community-wide all volunteer organization now led by a steering group from the larger community. MIAG maintains a website providing links to educational resources, notice of regional events and links to information on relevant legislation. The MIAG steering group offers a weekly book discussion group; plans educational events; provides venues for Indigenous voices and artists and most recently has formed the Pejepscot Portage Mapping Project (PPMP) hoping to give voice to the untold stories of the place we now call Brunswick. For information about how to become involved, contact Cathey Cyrus ([wdclark@gwi.net](about:blank)) or visit miag-group.org.

**Immigrant Justice**

As part of the WFJSG focus on Immigrant Justice, UUCB members and friends continue to participate in the work of the *Mid Coast New Mainers Group (MCNMG).* This interfaith group grew from a WFJSG community meeting in 2016, held to explore the possibility of supporting asylum seekers in search of safe housing. WFJSG joined with *Brunswick Sanctuary* in support of a proposal to the Brunswick Town Council to declare Brunswick a “welcoming town.” That resolution was passed in February 2018. MCNMG has now evolved into a 501©3 with a community board to oversee the work of community mentors partnering with asylum seekers settling in Bath, Brunswick and Topsham area. UUCB members and friends offer energy and resources by volunteering with this larger community organization. For information about how to become involved, see Cathey Cyrus ([wdclark@gwi.net](about:blank)) or visit mcnmg.org.