**MUUSAN (Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network)**

This year (2022) we broadened our collaboration with a member of the WFJSG representing each of the four areas of focus that MUUSAN embraces. These areas are: **Climate Change** , **Democracy in Action** , **HealthCare and** **Racial, Native and Immigrant Justice**

Maine’s legislative ministry group is actively working to educate, mobilize, and coordinate UUs on specific issues and bills going to the Maine Legislature – 130th Session. Working in coalition with established state and national organizations, we as UUs model a reverence for the interdependent web of all existence which fosters justice, health and equity in society.  We engage in this effort by choosing bills that affect policy in Maine laws that protect and enhance the lives of all of us in Maine.

*Unitarian Universalism calls us to change oppressive policies and structures to those that*

*promote human development, protect the environment, and support communities.*

* Our work is grounded in the belief that everyone should be able to exercise their basic human rights to achieve their fullest potential and to live in a clean, sustainable environment. In the last ten years, MUUSAN has played a significant role in statewide education about and advocacy for protecting voting rights, instituting Ranked-Choice Voting, supporting Clean Election laws and reducing the importance of money in campaigns ​​as well as advocacy for universal health care, promoting public health interventions and common-sense gun legislation. Other areas of focusinclude support for fossil energy conservation, , and educating legislators and the public about the urgent call to slow climate change and addressing systemic oppression by advocating with and on behalf of racial, ethnic and indigenous populations and responding to the need to interrupt disparities in Maine's legal and economic systems.

We strive for collaborative relationships with statewide healthcare and health policy-oriented organizations and interest groups. Each helps to educate us and to magnify our impact by directing us toward legislative and public policy areas where our voice as a faith-based organization can make the greatest difference.