

Some MUUSJA Key Accomplishments for 2012

On marriage equality, MUUSJA staff helped train and coordinate hundreds of UU volunteers across the state who had thousands of conversations on marriage. This work helped defeat the hurtful anti-marriage amendment and has built understanding that will help promote true marriage equality in the future.



On voting rights, the report MUUSJA volunteers co-authored in late 2010 was cited numerous times at the legislature, in the media and in conversations throughout the state because it documented that there was no fraud in MN that a photo ID could prevent. We hosted numerous educational events across the state to help educate voters who defeated the voter restriction amendment because it was too costly, complicated and



had serious unexpected consequences.

On reproductive justice, MUUSJA supported the event that brought a full bus and carloads of UUs to the annual Good Friday prochoice rally at Planned Parenthood in St. Paul. In our best turnout ever, UUs from across the metro were inspired by UU ministers speaking powerfully for reproductive justice from our faith perspective.



On climate change, MUUSJA staff and volunteers organized a general meeting that featured progress and opportunities in solar energy use in Minnesota. Watch for more legislative emphasis in the critical area of environmental sustainability as the new year unfolds.



On racial equity, our critical staff work continues in our partnership with HIRE MN to improve equitable employment in government contracts, including light rail and the new stadium. We've seen real progress thanks to community demands for accountability and transparency. MUUSJA volunteers in Northern Minnesota have organized their community, and were featured in a workshop at the Prairie Star District meeting in April, bringing new awareness and understanding to issues of Native American rights and the Doctrine of Discovery.

The MUUSJA organization is poised for more success. Our email list of volunteers, members and friends is at an all-time high. We're learning to use web-conferencing to really connect statewide. The campaigns this year brought forward new leadership talent building for our future. We have the most board members and geographic diversity in our history. We have the best imaginable staff in Ralph Wyman.



With your help, we will continue to unleash the courageous leadership and the collective power of Minnesota Unitarian Universalists to realize a just and loving world!