

## Your Voice in Trenton December 2013

UULMNJ has had a good year. Our long fight for marriage equality finally succeeded. Our lobbying for an increase in the minimum wage saw success as the recent referendum overwhelmingly passed. Our work in the area of immigration rights may have success with tuition equity this year. Many common sense laws addressing gun violence prevention were passed. And, We joined as plaintiff in a lawsuit to protect the separation of church and state in NJ. Our voice in Trenton is being heard.

UULMNJ recently received a new grant from the Unitarian Universalist Funding Program for over \$18,000. Part of the grant is a matching challenge grant. If you are pleased with the progress UULMNJ has made this year and would like to support our work, please consider making a sustaining donation at [Donate to UULMNJ](#). All donations to UULMNJ are tax deductible and your contribution will help us match our new grant.

UULMNJ's Christmas present is the addition of electronic advocacy. Our first electronically generated advocacy letter was sent to our mailing list this week. By simply electronically inserting a zip code, name and address, an advocacy email will be sent directly to your legislator. In just the first few hours, we logged 67 letters sent to 38 legislators.

If you did not receive the electronic ACTION ALERT: Tuition Equity email, it means that you are not in our UULMNJ database. If you would like to be included in future electronic alerts, letters and petitions, please email your name and email address and congregation affiliation to [director@UULMNJ.org](mailto:director@UULMNJ.org) We will make sure you get on the list. While you are at it, we have done significant upgrading to our website. Check out <http://www.uulmnj.org> and [www.uulmnjppn.org](http://www.uulmnjppn.org) our public policy and action websites.

We are happy to announce that Rev. Kathleen Green, minister at Ridgewood and a UULMNJ board member, has been selected as one of 12 participants in the 2014 Faith and Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute. Rev. Kathleen, chair of our Reproductive Justice subcommittee will be developing a plan for UULMNJ's response to reproductive justice. Congratulations Rev. Kathleen.

Best Wishes for the New Year. UULMNJ looks forward to working together with you toward a more compassionate and just New Jersey.

In faith,  
Rev. Craig Hirshberg, Executive Director