

## UU Legislative Ministry of New Jersey Holds Annual Meeting February 7

The UU Legislative Ministry of New Jersey (UULMNJ) held its annual meeting February 7 at the UU Congregation at Montclair (NJ). The meeting was attended by about 70 NJ UUs, representing 15 congregations. The group elected its first Board of Directors, adopted bylaws, and passed its first budget. Caucuses focused on UULMNJ's economic justice, healthcare, and the environment, three priority issue areas; also one on emerging issues, and a fifth one concerned with developing congregational action models.

To date, twelve New Jersey congregations have officially affiliated with UULMNJ. We look forward to working with all 21 NJ UU congregations to empower the moral voice and actions of our Unitarian Universalist principles and values in the public arena. The purpose of the group is to facilitate communication among all NJ congregations, support their social justice programs, and directly engage in impacting social justice and public policy issues important to our state through education, research, advocacy, witness, and service. UULMNJ is currently conducting its Chalice Lighter campaign by visiting congregations throughout the Metro district.

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