

Share the Plate Recipients for the 2018-19 Church Year

Window Dressers – Environmental conservation. Begun at the Rockland UU Church about 9 years ago, it now has 2 paid employees. Participants make their own inserts, covering only materials costs. Last year the Portland area produced 500 inserts, saving 71 tons of CO₂ from the atmosphere every year.

MUUSAN – Maine UU State Advocacy Network. MUUSAN gives voice to our UU values in the public arena. MUUSAN amplifies individual and congregational efforts by joining together at the state level to influence policy development and to promote a more just society.

Theater Ensemble of Color – A performance and community outreach group seeking to improve racial relations in Portland, and beyond, through the use of art, culture, education and social activism.

Boys to Men – Engages communities to shift attitudes and actions to end male violence against women and girls through experiential workshops.

Hair Matters – Hair Matters' Mission is to validate, celebrate and revitalize participants' sense of self/identity by offering free professional salon services and resources, in a non-medical setting, to those affected by cancer treatment related hair, skin and nail changes.

Sea Change Yoga – Immigrants/prisoners and health care. Provides free trauma-based yoga classes to prisoners, immigrants, those recovering from addiction and others who otherwise wouldn't have access.

Furniture Friends – Provides donated furniture to people in need throughout Greater Portland. With ongoing support from the community, we are able to fulfill our mission of "Creating Homes. Rebuilding Lives."

Preble Street Resource Center – Programs that assist the homeless.

Maine Council of Churches – Building a compassionate and sustainable society through public dialogue, education and advocacy.

The Youth and Family Outreach Program – Provides a community-based early childhood care and education for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years. In line with its mission, 60-70% of the approximately 60 families YFO serves are low-income families. YFO is First Parish's oldest social action endeavor.

Maine Poor People's Campaign – Focuses on racial equality, ending poverty, stopping militarism, and protecting the environment.