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## TXUUJM Accomplishments 2014-2015

### General Good Stuff

- \* Rev Freeman was one of only ten religious leaders invited to the Marriage Equality Celebration with Supreme Court Plaintiff Jim Obergefell on the steps of the Texas Capitol.
- \* Over 100 UU's from 21 congregations across Texas gathered at the Capitol for our first ever TXUUJM Legislative Action Day February 17, 2015. It was a historic and empowering event!
- \* TXUUJM was granted our 501c4 status from the IRS which we now add to our 5013c designation.
- \* TXUUJM currently has 28 congregations in our coalition representing over 5,000 UU's in Texas.
- \* Rev. Freeman serves on the Executive of the Council of UU State Action Networks (CUUSAN).
- \* Rev. Freeman serves as the only UU on the Texas Impact Board. He helped chart and implement their legislative agenda.
- \* 24 UU's from 12 congregations gathered in Austin to chart a 3 year mission and financial plan for TXUUJM.
- \* TXUUJM members from 1<sup>st</sup> UU Austin registered testimony over a dozen times against anti-abortion legislation, assaults on health care, immigrants and LGBTQ issues. They supported bills to increase the minimum wage, Adult Career Education (ACE) funding and health care.

### Reproductive Justice

- \* Rev. Freeman is one of the founders of Texas Faith Voices for Reproductive Justice and serves on its Advisory Board with Rev. Marisol Caballero from 1st UU Austin. This is the first interfaith organization of its kind in our state.
- \* TXUUJM was part of the Texas Woman's Healthcare Coalition that worked for the passage of \$50 million in new funding for women's preventive healthcare.
- \* TXUUJM Board member Peggy Morton testified in favor of 15 year-old parents that have complete medical power over their babies to have the right to request medically safe contraceptives from doctors. This bill didn't make it out of committee.
- \* TXUUJM along with great partners like NARAL Pro-Choice Texas and Planned Parenthood Texas kept more than 20 anti-choice bills from becoming law.
- \* TXUUJM helped defeat a bill to ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy in the case of fetal abnormality.
- \* TXUUJM helped defeat a bill that would have prohibited health insurance coverage for abortion.