

Opening Words

– Kenneth Patton

ONE This house is for the ingathering of nature and human nature

ALL It is a house of friendships, a haven in trouble, an open room for the encouragement of our struggle.

ONE It is a house of freedom, of free religion, guarding the dignity worth of every person

ALL It offers a platform for the free voice, for declaring, both in times of security and danger, the full and undivided conflict of opinion.

ONE It is a house for truth-seeking, where scientists can encourage devotion to their quest, where mystics can abide in a community of searchers.

ALL It is a house of art, adorning its celebrations with melodies of handiworks

ONE It is a house of prophecy, outrunning times past and times present in visions of growth and progress.

ALL This house is a cradle for our dreams, the workshop of a common endeavor, a haven for our sacred community.

Lighting of the Chalice

We light our chalice remembering that all paths are welcomed as we form community in search of truth.

We light our chalice remembering the pioneers of these traditions who had the courage to join the communities together in a common path of free religion.

We light our chalice remembering there is more truth and light to break free

We light our chalice to shine a light on what we have yet to become

Share the Plate

This month's plate offering will be split with the National Resources Council of Maine. Acting boldly on climate change has become deeply entwined with Maine's identity - whether it's coastal communities planning for sea-level rise or homeowners embracing heat pumps as a way to lower pollution and lower energy costs. The Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) has long advocated for ambitious climate action in line with what the science says is necessary to avert the worst impacts of climate change. Today, we partner with people across the state to accelerate the transition to a clean energy future that works for all Mainers. We do this by advocating for stronger clean energy and climate laws in the State House and envisioning a stronger, more flexible electric grid to support electrification of our homes, businesses, and transportation sectors.

NRCM advocated for a strong, statewide Climate Action Plan that provides a framework for action and helped pass ambitious new laws to invest in renewable energy, especially solar, and hold utilities accountable for acting on climate. With your help, we will continue to work directly with Mainers in all 16 counties to push for clean energy solutions that build a healthier Maine, strengthen our economy, and protect the way of life we all cherish. Learn more about NRCM and our work to address climate change at our website at nrcm.org.

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