

## **BYLAWS OF THE CONGREGATION**

*Revised as of June 7, 2015*

### **Section 8. COMMITTEES**

(1) **Shared Ministry Committee** – The Shared Ministry Committee (SMC) will serve a reflective and advisory role with regard to the quality of congregational life at the UUC. The SMC shall consist of the Minister and three members serving staggered terms of three years each. Members will be appointed by the Board from a slate proposed by the Minister in collaboration with the Leadership Development Committee. Unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner. The functions and responsibilities of the SMC include serving as an ombudsman for the congregation; periodically advising the Board regarding the health of the shared ministry, for e.g., recommending periodic assessments of the shared ministry of the congregation and its leadership components; modeling healthy and deepening relationships with the Minister and staff; continually educating itself about ministry, including such actions as supporting an Alban membership for the committee Chair; supporting continuing education of the congregation for its growing understanding and skill in shared ministry; and supporting the Minister’s planning for continuing education, sabbaticals, and other professional development.