COMMITTEE ON SHARED MINISTRY

Annual Report to the Board and Congregation May 2021

Mission: Ministries of the Fellowship are expected to contribute visibly and sustainably to the spiritual health of the members, friends, staff, and visitors who spend time in the congregation in worship or through specific programs. Worship and programs will be value-laden, accessible, and subject to revision and renewal over time.

Purpose: The Committee on Shared Ministry (CSM) is a standing committee of the board whose purpose is to advance and assess the various ministries of the UUFM in fulfilling this mission. The CSM performs in relationship with the Minister, who has primary responsibility for insuring that the ministries of the Fellowship actualize the Vision and Mission set forth by the Board.

Rev. Rita's first three years with us, including successful assessments of each year, are needed in order for her to be recognized by the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) as a minister in Full Fellowship. Both the Board and the CSM prepare separate reports for her Application for Renewal of Fellowship for each of these years. The CSM spent most of the fall preparing our report on Rita's work with us during her second year. Both the CSM and the UUFM Board rated Rita as 'Strong' in each of the seven areas assessed, from Ministry to Pastoral Care to Social Justice in the Public Square. Rita's application for renewal was approved and she is now completing her third year with us! We are so blessed to have her!

One of the main reasons we meet monthly is to provide a listening ear and emotional support for Rev. Rita. We also provide her with feedback about how we feel the congregation and our ministries are doing. If you have some information for us that you would like us to share with Rita, please contact any one of us listed below.

Your Committee on Shared Ministry:

Deb Fitzloff, Henry Panowitsch, Jane Schostag, and Nancy Cramblit