ARTICLE I – NAME
The name of this organization shall be WOMEN’S ALLIANCE OF FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES
The purpose of this organization shall be to advance the interests of the women of our church, to stimulate cooperation and fellowship, and to provide a service to our church, our community and ourselves.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP
All women of our church, as well as members or friends, who subscribe to the purposes of this organization may join upon payment of annual dues.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS
Officers shall consist of: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Alliance. Officers shall have all the duties usually pertaining to their office. In the absence of the president the Vice President should take the chair; in the absence of both the President and Vice President the Secretary/Treasurer should take the chair.

The President shall be a member of First Unitarian Universalist Church. The President, with the approval of the membership, shall fill vacancies on the Board during the fiscal year.

The term of office for each officer shall be one year from date duties are assumed or until her successor shall have been elected and duties are assumed. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same position.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES
Special committees shall be formulated and dissolved on an as-needed basis upon direction of the president and approval of membership, or at the request of three members of the group. Committees may deal with communications, budget, fundraising events, finances, and other issues of interest to the group.

ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS
The election of Officers shall be held annually at the November meeting. The newly elected Officers shall assume their duties in January, at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Nominations shall be made from the floor. If the nominee is not present written permission must be provided. No proxy votes are permitted.

All current dues-paid members may vote in any election. Election shall be by paper ballot or by voice acclamation if there are no contested offices.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS
The regular meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month during January - May and September -
December. Meetings are generally luncheon gatherings; the location of the meeting is announced in the church newsletter and in the Weekly updates. Special meetings will be announced at least seven days in advance.

**ARTICLE IX - FINANCES**

Monies for dues and from any fundraising events will be handled by the Secretary/Treasurer and dispensed at the direction of the membership in accordance with the UUYO Financial Controls Policy. Projects will be decided upon at any meeting by a majority vote.

The fiscal year shall run from January 1st through December 31.

A month before the annual meeting of the Alliance a financial review shall be conducted by two people appointed by the president.

**ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

The By-laws may be amended by the vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at any regular, annual, or special meeting, provided that the amendments shall have first come before the membership at least ten days before the regular meeting. A quorum shall be one-third of the dues-paid membership.

Bylaws should be examined and revised, if necessary, every two years and need a two-thirds majority to be amended.

**ARTICLE XI – DISSOLVEMENT OF GROUP**

If this organization dissolves any monies in the Women’s Alliance Account shall be given to the church for the children’s educational program.

**ARTICLE XI - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

Roberts Rules of Order shall be the procedures used except where such rules may conflict with these by-laws.

**WOMEN/S ALLIANCE STANDING RULES**

1. Dues are $5.00 per year as voted by the members at the organizational meeting. They may be increased or decreased by a majority vote at any meeting previous to the annual meeting, to take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal period.

2. If a member is financially unable to pay dues at the time of collection, a quiet request to the Secretary/Treasurer to delay such payment will be honored and full membership accorded.

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