

# Congregational Polity Syllabus and Booklist Spring 2007

## Syllabus

**Unit 1:** Jan 29 - Feb 4— **Forms of Church Government.**

**Unit 2:** Feb 5-11— **Covenant/Mission.**

**Unit 3:** Feb 12-18— **Unitarians and Church Governance.**

**Unit 4:** Feb 19-25— **Universalists and Church Governance.**

**Unit 5:** Feb 26-Mar 4— **Unitarian Universalist Association.**

**Unit 6:** Mar 5-11— **Church Membership.**

**Unit 7:** Mar 12-18— **Sacraments— Baptism and Communion.**

**Unit 8:** Mar 19-25— **Ordination.**

**Reading Week:** Mar 26-Apr 1

**Unit 9:** Apr 2-8— **Leadership— Who's in Charge?**

**Unit 10:** Apr 9-15— **Congregational Worship— Whose Service Is It?**

**Unit 11:** Apr 16-22— **Rites of Passage.**

**Unit 12:** Apr 23-29— **Sources of Authority.**

**Unit 13:** Apr 30-May 6— **Practice and Ethics of Ministry.**

**Unit 14:** May 8-14— **Final Questions, Concerns, etc.**

## Booklist

The only required text for this course is *Walking Together: Polity and Participation in Unitarian Universalist Churches* by Conrad Wright (UU Historical Society). Available from UUA Bookstore (item #6071), 800 215-9076.

You may read the following texts online at [www.uua.org/coa](http://www.uua.org/coa).

- The Commission on Appraisal, *Interdependence: Renewing Congregational Polity*. Boston: UUA, 1997.
- The Commission on Appraisal, *Belonging: The Meaning of Membership*. Boston: UUA, 2001.

## **Additional Recommended Reading**

- Conrad Wright, *Congregational Polity: A Historical Survey of Unitarian and Universalist Practices*. Boston: Skinner House Books, 1997.