

# Congregations Seeking Partners

## Nagyszeben (Sibiu), Transylvania

The Unitarian Congregation from Sibiu is small – similar to a fellowship. The congregation was formed in the early 20th century, and shared a minister from the neighboring city of Fogaras. These two congregations remained together 2011, when it was decided that they should split and reorganize, at which time the Unitarian congregation of Sibiu city became the sister church of the Medgyesi Unitarian Church.



The members of the Sibiu congregation are described by their minister as *“kind hearted, soulful people who are dedicated to their Unitarian roots and beliefs. Most of them came to Sibiu from other Unitarian congregations, and built from the ground up the Unitarian community.”*

The Unitarians in Sibiu represent a double minority:

they are in minority by their beliefs, and they are also in minority by being Hungarians. There is neither a church, nor a congregational house. The Sibiu Unitarians maintain a good relationship with the Reformed Church, where the Unitarians hold their sermons ever second Sunday.



*“Our biggest expectation from a partner church is commitment, mutual understanding, dynamical relationship in which we both cherish in cultural and spiritual way. We want to find a congregation whose members are interested in the traditional Transylvanian Unitarianism, in the lives of those Unitarians who live in Sibiu city and its surroundings, in the traditionally Saxon settlements. We would like a partner congregation with whom we can exchange ideas,*

*thoughts and experiences. We want to build a long distance partnership in which our children would find a place. We want to find friends with whom we can achieve greatness. We believe that with mutual understanding, convergence, respect, peacefulness, and love we can achieve much more than with share numbers. We proved this belief in the summer of 2011 when we organized for more than 400 women the General Meeting of the Unitarian Women’s Association. Never before had a so small congregation (67 members) organized such a big event. We are looking forward to meet a congregation whom would like to know us, and who would like to meet us.”*

