

A View from My Window

By Rev. Roger Bertschausen, Executive Director

If you missed my initial announcement of John Dale and Csilla Kolcsar's upcoming retirement, you can [find it here](#).

Here are 3 points to amplify:

- The UUPCC and a whole lot of travelers over the last close to 20 years are full of gratitude for Csilla and John's incredible service to the UUPCC and Partnership. Their work has touched and changed a lot of our lives. I shared my own Csilla and John story in the announcement in the hopes it will remind you of your own stories. Many grateful travelers have contacted us in the last few weeks with words of thanks, which we have passed on to John and Csilla. Others have asked about sending cards. We welcome you to send cards to the UUPCC at 483 E. Lockwood Ave. Suite #109, St. Louis, MO 63119. We will pass your cards along to them. This will be especially simple for us to do in the next 6 weeks or so while they are spending time in Florida. The Board and I will also find ways for the UUPCC to say thank you in the coming months.
- Our Pilgrimage Service Committee, Board and I are working hard to find replacement(s) for Csilla and John. Stay tuned for announcements about that process in the coming months. We are committed to our Pilgrimage Service moving forward as seamlessly as possible. Your questions and thoughts are always welcome. I invite you to address them to me; I will share with them with the committee members and the Board as we work our way through the process.
- The 2019 travel season and the early 2020 India trip will go forward full speed with John and Csilla at the helm. We still have capacity to add a few congregational trips for 2019. To see 2 current public travel opportunities and a preview of some great 2020 pilgrimages, [CLICK HERE](#).

Like any organization that has thrived for 25 years, the UUPCC has navigated its share of changes. I am confident that we will work our way through this one well. Our mission of supporting mutual U/U partnerships between US/Canadian and overseas congregations will, as always, be our North Star as we navigate through the transition ahead.



Our UUPCC office window looks out at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis.