



A View from My Window

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The partnership between Beacon UU Congregation in Summit, NJ, and the Unitarian Church in Barót, Transylvania, is one of our model partnerships. The partnership has been kept strong by frequent visits in both directions. They've instituted a three-year travel cycle with an all ages trip from Summit to Barót one year, an all ages trip from Barót to Summit another year, and an adult trip from Summit to Barót another year. An amazingly moving video made by mostly young adults in Barót earlier this year is a powerful testament to this mutual partnership: [Barót - Beacon](#). **I urge you to spend a few minutes watching this moving video.** It captures mutual partnership better than anything I've ever seen.



Eden Seminary

Last month, another group from Summit traveled to see their partners in Barót. This trip was highlighted by Rev. Robin Tanner, the fairly new Minister of Worship and Outreach at Beacon, meeting Rev. Molnár Imola, the new minister of Barót.



Rev. Imola (left) with Rev. Robin & baby

I was thrilled that these two powerhouse ministers had a chance to meet. I've known Rev. Tanner for many years and have watched her ministries at Piedmont UU Church in Charlotte, NC, and now in Summit with great admiration and respect. And I met Rev. Molnár last summer at the first ever joint UU Ministers Association/Hungarian Unitarian Church Ministers Association (ULOSZ) retreat. Rev. Molnár is also a very impressive minister. In addition to being the minister of the largest church in the Hungarian Unitarian Church served by a solo woman minister, she is one of the lead singers of an amazing band of Transylvanian Unitarian ministers and a champion ping-pong player.

The UUPCC has done a lot to support the Beacon/Barót partnership this past year—including my doing a Partnership ReFresh Weekend at Beacon in February and the UUPCC leading the joint ministers retreat that Rev. Molnár attended in July. The ReFresh Weekend was perfectly timed for new ministers on both ends of the partnership and the need for new leaders to help partnership veteran leader Jean Crichton keep things strong at Beacon.

This is what the UUPCC does: it supports and strengthens mutual partnerships. Your generous support through our Annual Appeal helps us do this important work. Your contributions provide a fifth of our operating budget, and without your support, ReFresh Weekends and pilgrimages like the joint minister associations retreats couldn't happen.

I have two homework assignments for everyone reading this:

- Watch the [Barót video](#) again or for the first time.
- Support the work of the UUPCC with a generous donation to our Annual Appeal campaign: <https://uupcc.org/donate>

In peace, partnership and gratitude,
Roger