

UUPCC Travel Grant Strengthens Richmond/Kökös Partnership

By Rev. Sue Sinnamon

Last year, my husband and I traveled to Transylvania to visit our Kökös partners. It was a wonderful visit, and this August First UU Richmond was blessed with a visit from our partner minister Rev. Alpár Bartha and his wife Éva.

With the help of the Partnership Council's Travel Grant program, Alpár and Éva participated in our Sunday Worship sharing a traditional Transylvanian Prayer and Mediation. Ava shared the portrait of the Edict of Torda and the meaning of the 450th Anniversary.



Alpár and Éva outside First UU RVA

We had the opportunity to share meals with the church leadership, fellow religious professionals, and our church staff. Together we toured Richmond and shared some of our historical sites. We packed a lot in for a short visit! We are looking forward to getting to know one another better by exchanging monthly emails and visiting each other alternately every year.



Rev. Alpár, wife Eva, Rev. Sue and Rev. Sherman at Sunday Reception

In addition, some of our members are very interested in the [Cross-cultural Pilgrimage](#) offered by the UUPCC. this summer. We are grateful for this way of deepening our understanding of our Unitarian faith.



Lunch with VA area Religious Professionals. Fried Chicken and Mac and Cheese, a Richmond gourmet feast.



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