

Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council



Louis C. Cornish "Living the Mission" Award 1999

for

Distinguished Contribution to International Partnership

Dr. Judit "Zizi" Gellérd

To Judit "Zizi" Gellérd. It was you, Zizi, who rang the bells "To Save Transylvanian Unitarianism" and called us forth to Partner Church work. For more than a decade, with unflagging energy you provided the inspiration, vision, and direction to help us make connections with our sisters and brothers of Transylvania. You would not let us forget the pain, cruelty, and numbing fear visited upon our partners under the yoke of repression communism had visited upon them. Untiringly you brought forth publication, provided information for travel, encouraged us to provide for repair of churches and to support the education of a new generation of ministers. From you we learned the art of communication across ethnic, cultural and language barriers. Without you we would not have organized the Partner Church Council and without you we would not have had the energy to continue.

You have played music upon both your violin and our heartstrings. To it we have composed a new song of faith and vitality for North American Unitarian Universalists and Transylvanian Unitarians to sing together. Which we do and for which we thank you.

As you have honored us by being our colleague in the work of the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council, we hope to honor you with the presentation of our first Living the Mission Award.

Richard Beal,

President, UU Partner Church Council

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