

Unitarian Universalist **Partner Church Council**



Louis C. Cornish "Living the Mission" Award 2003

for

Distinguished Contribution to International Partnership

Pat Rodgers

At every critical juncture in the development of our organization, Pat has been a bridge-builder, a friend and peacemaker, a link between possibility and hope. With quiet competence, self-effacing devotion, and unfailing helpfulness, Pat pays close attention to the details. She is awake to the infinite details of databases, partnership-matches, and the needs of irrepressible individuals. She set the editorial standard for a thoroughly informative newsletter. She endures the vicissitudes of membership on querulous Boards. She is known as dependable, one to count upon, one who will not disappoint, one who does much more than she says. Her belief that "a candle may be burned at both ends so long as the candle is held horizontally" epitomizes her can-do commitment. Active in choral groups and a lover of singing, Pat knows how to sing her own part, harmonizing with the larger whole. She knows and appreciates relationships. For ten years, Pat has been a self-effacing diligent worker in the global vineyard. We honor, emulate, and celebrate Pat's contribution to the cause of global partnerships. Liberal religion is stronger for Pat's cultivation of the soil from which partnerships flower. She has changed our lives.

David Keyes, President
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