

Unitarian Universalist **Partner Church Council**



Louis C. Cornish “Living the Mission” Award 2005

for

Outstanding Contribution to International Partnership

The Reverend Dr. Richard Boeke

Dr. Boeke has been a central figure in the creation of the partner church movement, and a champion of liberal religion’s international engagement. As minister in Berkeley, he kept alive the memory of a 1920s sister church relationship, and in 1990 renewed that linkage by leading the first partner church pilgrimage to Transylvania.

Dr. Boeke was instrumental in starting what became the Bálazs Scholars Program at Starr King School for the Ministry, which for more than a decade has annually brought a Transylvanian minister to study in the United States. A founder of the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council, he served on its Executive Committee, where he was persistent and persuasive in urging an expanded vision that would extend partnerships beyond Eastern Europe, especially to India and the Philippines. He has continued his generous and effective support of global partnership in Great Britain, where he was a founder of the British Unitarian Partner Church Committee. Beyond his practical service, Richard Boeke has been our visionary, challenging us to larger thought and action ever more bold. We honor him and celebrate his achievements, which have strengthened us all.

By the Executive Committee, February, 2005

Barbara Beach, President