

Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council



Louis C. Cornish “Living the Mission” Award 2008

for
Outstanding Contributions to International Partnership

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lavan

*F*or half a century you have been an ardent scholar, professor, advocate and facilitator of global religious exchange and engagement. By your teaching at Tufts; by bringing international students to Meadville Lombard Theological School where you were President and Chief Executive Officer from 1988 to 1996; by illuminating the work of Unitarians in India; and by traveling extensively in the interest of liberal religious discourse, you have worked tirelessly and unselfishly to build enduring relationships among Unitarian Universalists and our liberal co-religionists around the world. You made a vital contribution to the partner church movement by seizing upon the request to establish an English teaching program for Unitarian students at the Protestant Theological Seminary in Kolozsvár, Transylvania and institutionalizing sponsorship for that program at Meadville. Truly, you personify the Partner Church Council’s proclamation that “We envision a commitment to international engagement as a moral and spiritual principle that is integral to Unitarian Universalist congregational life.” ♦♦ In recognition of your manifold contributions of time, talent and treasure, and with great pleasure, we present this award to you with our utmost respect, admiration and affection.

By the Board of Directors, February, 2008

Harold E. Babcock, Chair