

Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council



*The 2009 Louis C. Cornish "Living the Mission" Award*  
for Outstanding Contributions to International Partnership

Presented by the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council to

*The Reverend John Eric Gibbons*

*Visionary internationalist, gifted orator, loving and beloved friend  
of bishops and village ministers, presidents and farmers.*

Never one to take the easy way out, you have truly been not only a far-sighted leader of the global partnership movement, but also an inspirational model for how to "do it right." Whether through your commitment to learn the Hungarian language, or your pioneering trips to the far-off Khasi Hills of India, or modeling partnership with your beloved partner church in Abásfalva, you boldly venture forth to unite us North Americans with our brothers and sisters in faith around the world.

Ever the sympathetic listener, you invest your hard-earned experience in maximizing what our diverse cultures can share with one another, and you do so with grace, compassion and humor.

We have learned much from you and through you, and we fondly hope we shall continue to do so for many years to come.

It is with the utmost respect, pleasure, and with our deepest gratitude that we present this award to you.

By the Board of Directors,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold Babcock".

Harold E. Babcock, President • June 2009