

Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council



2012

***Louis C. Cornish “Living the Mission” Award***  
*for Outstanding Contributions to International Partnership*

PRESENTED BY THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PARTNER CHURCH COUNCIL TO

*Barbara Kres Beach*

*A founder of the UU Partner Church Council*, present at the initial 1993 organizational meeting in Charlotte, NC, Barbara has made constant, adroit and abundant contributions to the UUPCC and to international awareness among Unitarian Universalists. As a Board member until 2009, Barbara was a shrewd representative to the Czech Unitarian Church, playing a crucial role as negotiator, diplomat and advocate for the integrity of the Czech Unitarian Church.

*With management acumen, good sense and great humor*, Barbara nurtured policies and practices that have strengthened the foundation of the UUPCC. As Secretary, then President of the UUPCC, she smoothed the transition from an all-volunteer organization to one with a vital partnership of engaged volunteers and capable staff. Never parochial in her loyalties, always she has reached out to other international organizations to collaborate in mutually beneficial ways, negotiating memoranda of understanding with the UUA and other collaborators. Valuing work both global and local, she was instrumental in the development of the Greater Washington Area Partner Church Council.

*Barbara’s smile lights up every room.* Whether by dancing in consort with her first husband Kim or with administrative savvy and derring-do, Barbara brings passion, prudence and joy to our common commitments. We are delighted to celebrate all that she brings to the international UU community, to the UUPCC and to Unitarians and Universalists everywhere.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Van Duizend".

Richard Van Duizend, Board Chair • June 2012