



*Louis C. Cornish "Living the Mission" Award – 2014*  
*for Outstanding Contributions to International Partnership*

PRESENTED BY THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PARTNER CHURCH COUNCIL TO

*Lee Boeke Burke*

*Lee is a pioneer* in developing, nurturing, and sustaining partnerships between North American UUs and UUs in the Philippines and in Transylvania. A visionary leader with enthusiasm, passion and stamina, she puts heart and soul into partnership, whether working on behalf of her own Appleton, Wisconsin partnerships with Banay Banay and with Déva or by reaching out to encourage and assist other congregations.

Her zeal and skill led her to become UUPCC's Outreach Coordinator for Partnerships.

Lee's deep devotion was evident in 2011 when she raised more than \$10,000 for the Philippines BUILD project by putting her body in the Bay, swimming from Alcatraz to San Francisco.

She also led fund-raising for the chapel in Déva that serves pilgrims to that sacred place.

As the poet says, Lee demonstrates her willingness *"to be of use,"* ever eager to *"jump into work head first / without dallying in the shallows / and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight."*

Over and over, Lee has done the hard, slow, arduous, and beautiful work of building relationships one person and one congregation at a time.

Forceful and resourceful, passionate and compassionate, devoted and dedicated, Lee is ever impatient for the success of this good work. Lee has not grown weary in well-doing but is in for the long haul.

Open-hearted and drawing from an enormous well of faith, good-will, and love for others,  
Lee is a model of partnership who inspires us all .