

Statement from the Executive Committee of the Consistory of the Unitarian Church in Transylvania

The Executive Committee of the Consistory of the Unitarian Church in Transylvania learned with astonishment about the terrible tragedy in the family of the Unitarian minister in Medgyes (Medias). In the evening of June 26, the Reverend Denes Cseh murdered his two children, aged 7 and 5, and then committed suicide.

Unconditioned respect for life is a core principle of our Unitarian faith. Human life is a gift of God, which demands protection in all circumstances, and cannot be crushed with deadly irresponsibility.

Over the past months, our religious and ministerial community followed with compassionate attention the severe illness of the wife of our minister in Medgyes, and tried to be of help. We are sorry to see that the family burden caused a nervous breakdown of the husband and father, and likely was the cause of the murders and the suicide. Preventing and treating these inconceivable conditions of the mind are challenges that ask for increased attention on behalf of our church community, as well as the specialized medical institutions.

Our spiritual support and love is now with the widow, and the Unitarian community in Medgyes. Our church will do its best to avoid similar tragedies in the future. May God rest those deceased in peace, and protect those alive!

Kolozsvár, June 27, 2010.

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