

Dear Friends,

It is with a very heavy heart that I write to tell you some tragic news from Medgyes in Transylvania. Saturday evening, the young minister - Dénes Cseh - killed his two children - boys ages 5 and 7 years old - at the church and then killed himself. His wife, Jolán, has cancer and has been very ill. This tragedy has affected all the Unitarians of Transylvania, and I know that we share that grief and pain.

Dénes and Jolán are both from Marosvasarhely and their parents are members of the congregation there. Dénes also recently served the congregation in Gagy. Every congregation will of course be mourning these tragic deaths.

I have just returned from General Assembly. Rev. Róbert and Réka Bálint, Rev. Kinga Székely, Rev. Dávid Gyerő and Rev. József Kászoni were all attending GA as well. Loving and personal support was given to all by the partner church ministers and friends who were there. We all struggle to find a way to be helpful in the face of such shocking news.

We ask Rev. Balint what would be helpful. He has asked that partner church ministers reach out to their partner ministers with a personal letter or phone call. We encourage you to let your ministers here know and ask them to contact their colleagues in Transylvania. If you need phone numbers please drop me an email or call the office on Tuesday.

We also suggest that each of our congregations (either individuals or collectively) send a short note of condolence to the congregations he served and where his and Jolán's parents are members. I have posted the addresses below. It is a small comfort but it will be helpful for the congregations to know that we are reaching out to help them - to mourn, and one day to heal.

Please forward this email to your minister(s) and those on your partner church committees who might not read PCC Chat. Notes, cards and letters will be a small gesture but a comforting one.

In partnership and faith.

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