

## UUPCC Events at General Assembly—All Are Welcome!



### Thursday, June 22

#### 5:00-6:15 pm UUPCC/ICUU/UUA International Worship Service—Convention Center 206-207

UUPCC Board member Rev. Diane Rollert is again coordinating and masterminding this service. Overseas participants will include Rev. Tet Gallardo from the Philippines, Rev. Gyerö Dávid from Transylvania and Rev. Darihun Khriam from Northeast India. The theme of the service is “Walk Justly and Humbly: Honoring International Partnerships.” Come join us in worship!

#### 6:15-8:00 pm UUA International Office/UUPCC/ICUU reception—Hampton Inn and Suites Pre-Function Area (by courtyard)

All are welcome to join us for this reception. We’ll hear updates on UUA International Office, UUPCC, ICUU activities and some of our exciting collaborations. Light food and refreshments will be served. It will also be a great chance to mingle with others dedicated to our global U/U faith. If you plan to come, please RSVP for this free event and get more details at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/global-connections-rejoice-tickets-34301329199>.

### Friday, June 23

#### 12:00-1:30 pm UUPCC Luncheon and Annual Meeting—Hampton Inn & Suites Fulton Room

These two events have three important purposes: conducting the business of the UUPCC (including

electing Board and Nominating Committee members), honoring 2017 Cornish Award recipient Cathy Cordes as well as the recipients of the Steward of Partnership Awards, and providing lunch time opportunities to talk with other UUPCC members. Note that lunch tickets are not required to attend the Annual Meeting which starts at 12:45 pm.

Lunch is \$39/person for a New Orleans Farmers' Market Buffet with vegetarian, gluten-free, and vegan options **The deadline for signing up is this Friday, June 9.**

To sign up for lunch tickets online, click this link: <http://www.uupcc.org/get-involved/online-store>:

Click the blue "Go To Store" button.

Either create an account or log-in to your existing UUPCC account

Check the box next to "Purchase This Item," and enter how many tickets you'd like

Click "Check Out"

NOTE: If you are buying more than one ticket, please notify our office with the names of all who will be attending at [office@uupcc.org](mailto:office@uupcc.org). Or notify us by phone: 314-918-2618)

Questions? Email the UUPCC office at [office@uupcc.org](mailto:office@uupcc.org) or call (314) 918-2618. If you miss the deadline and want to attend, please stop by the UUPCC booth in the exhibit hall or come a bit early to the lunch. If we have extra tickets, we'll happily sell you one.

#### Other international events at GA:

- Thursday June 22nd 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM | Convention Center Room 228-229 | Workshop: "Advocating Equity & Human Rights for Climate Justice" Featured Speakers: Bruce Knotts (UU-UNO) and Salote Soqo (UUSC)
- Thursday June 22nd 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM | Convention Center Room 206-207 | Workshop: "Voices of Unitarian Universalist Refugees" Featured Speakers: Rev. Fulgence Ndagijimana (Burundi/Canada), Samer Khaldi (Syria/Canada), Rev. Sara Ascher (ICUU), & Rev. Eric Cherry (UUA International Office)
- Friday June 23rd 9:35 AM | General Session III | Plenary Hall | Welcoming International Guests
- Friday June 23rd 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM | Bienville Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites (1201 Convention Blvd) | Workshop: "[Scrolling Through Time: An Exploration of Engaging Together in Prophetic Work](#)" Featured Speaker: Rev. Tet Gallardo, [2016-2017 Balázs Scholar](#) & Minister of UU Church of Bicutan in Manila, Philippines
- Saturday June 24th 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM | Bienville Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites (1201 Convention Blvd) | International Women's Convocation Annual Breakfast: Launching Global Initiative for Women's Leadership Honoring Barbara Kres Beach - Founding President, IWC | [Purchase Tickets online](#).

# A Mindful Walk: Transylvania Pilgrimage on Foot

July 14 – 27, 2018 (14 days/13 nights)

Registration opens  
June 21, 2017 and runs  
through April 10.

1. Click to register at:

[www.uupcc.org/pilgrimages/pilgrimage-opportunities](http://www.uupcc.org/pilgrimages/pilgrimage-opportunities)

2. Scroll down and select  
“A Mindful Walk: A  
Pilgrimage on Foot”.

3. Click “Register” and  
follow the prompts.

**COST:** \$1,095 + registration  
fee (\$50 theological students  
/\$150 for others) *Airfare is not  
included.*

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Walk the beautiful rolling hills and pastoral river valleys of central Transylvania. This pilgrimage is a collaboration between the UUPCC and Starr King School for the Ministry (SKSM). Students at SKSM, Meadville Lombard Theological School will have the option of earning credit for participation. If pilgrimage is over-subscribed, theological students will have priority.

Not for the casual walker! Daily walking distances will range from 10 - 28 km (6-17 miles) on secondary and tertiary roads of dirt, gravel & pavement, along with horse-cart paths and hiking trails.

Accommodations provided in Unitarian towns and villages utilizing congregational and municipal guest houses with home stays where necessary. Homemade, nourishing meals will be provided by local Unitarian congregations. Luggage vans will carry extra gear from destination to destination, and sag wagons will pick up those walkers who wish to end their day early. Evening programs will include lectures, discussions, worship and meditation, along with music, and local folklore.



**Picturesque Homorod Valley**

During the walk, pilgrims will engage in short didactic sessions on religious history, Transylvanian community life, as well as personal spiritual practices. Our walking will culminate in a climb to the mountain-top fortress above Deva where we will gather for an evening vesper service outside the prison cell where Francis David. On the final day of the trip we will again board buses for the return to Cluj (Kolosvár) for our farewell dinner and folklore show.

The UUPCC and Starr King are exploring ways to fundraise so that we can reduce the cost of the pilgrimage for theological students. If you'd like to support this effort with a gift, please visit the UUPCC's homepage ([www.uupcc.org](http://www.uupcc.org)) and hit the Donate button in the upper right corner. Your donation will be gratefully received.

# UU Pilgrimage to NE India & Khasi Hills

February 24 – March 6, 2018

Registration opens  
June 21, 2017 and runs  
through Oct 31.

1. Visit our website

[www.uupcc.org/pilgrimages/pilgrimage-opportunities](http://www.uupcc.org/pilgrimages/pilgrimage-opportunities)

2. Scroll down and select  
“NE India & Khasi Hills  
Pilgrimage 2018”

3. Click “Register” and  
follow the prompts.

**COST:** \$1739 per person +  
\$150 registration fee

International airfare is *not*  
included.

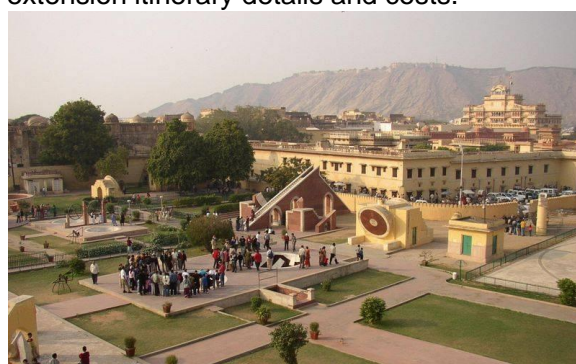
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Experience first-hand this unique outpost of Unitarianism and enjoy the gracious hospitality of the Khasi people. Based mainly in the city of Shillong, the trip will feature visits to many of the significant Unitarian sites of North East India such as the Annie Margaret Barr “Children’s Village” in Kharang, and the historic Jowai church.

There will also be time in places of general interest like a working tea plantation, Monolith Park, and two nights in the spectacular Cheeripungee Gorge with guided hikes to the Khasi “Living Bridges.” The trip will culminate with worship services on Sunday, March 19th, before flying back to Delhi on Monday. Those participants with partner churches in NE India will have the opportunity to visit their respective villages for services and home stays where feasible.

PRE-TRIPS First time to India, or just want to explore? Try these two optional pre-trips. The first extension runs from Feb 16 – 18 with a pre-trip to ‘VARANASI’, followed by a “Golden Triangle” extension in Delhi, Agra and Jaipur that runs Feb 18 – 23. Both extensions will join the base trip in Delhi on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see website for extension itinerary details and costs.



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## First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh hosts Month-Long Fundraiser and Celebration

**An idea for a one Sunday “close the gap” Share the Plate fundraising appeal turned into a month-long celebration featuring a Social Hour celebration of Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colors.**

The congregation had already surpassed their goal of raising \$4800 for a teacher’s salary at the Annie Margaret Barr Higher Secondary School in Kharang that they supported building the year before. So when their minister suggested doing a Share the Plate Month rather than a Share the Plate Sunday, they were excited to be able to help fund the second teacher that had been more recently requested.



The team planned an activity to support the Khasi Hills Partnership each Sunday in March including:

- Participation during the Sunday services through two brief talks, singing Spirit of Life in Khasi, and a collaboration with the Dance Choir on a poem by Rabindranath Tagore.
- Indian Cooking Class led by a culinary committee member featuring Sabzi Pakora, Vegetable Curry, Banana Raita, and Oranges with Spiced Yogurt Dressing. Even though it wasn’t Khasi fare, they considered it still a good cultural event and additional fundraiser



- India Coming Alive: Khasi Hills Slides and Videos program that featured the visit and church dinner in June 2016 when they hosted their India contact Barri Mukhim following General Assembly.

- Holi Festival of Color Social Hour which featured festive decorations, colorful food and a running slide show to celebrate this Hindu holiday of spring which is also celebrated in the Khasi Hills.



The month-long activities generated high visibility, created a model for an annual tradition and raised almost \$3,000 of the \$4,800 needed for the second teacher’s salary.

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