



INTRODUCING ROOTS PILGRIMAGE

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The UUPCC will be offering some exciting new pilgrimages in 2018: a collaboration with Starr King School for the Ministry called 'A Mindful Walk'—a pilgrimage on foot through the Transylvanian Unitarian heartland (look for information elsewhere in this newsletter); a pilgrimage that will bring together ministers from North America and Transylvania; a grandparents/grandchildren pilgrimage (information available in September); and Roots Pilgrimage.



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Roots Pilgrimage, a collaboration of the Hungarian Unitarian Church and the UUPCC, will bring together Unitarians from Transylvania's Kolozsvár/Torda/Aranyosszék region and their North American partners to explore their shared Unitarian religious heritage and their spiritual, cultural, and theological beliefs, values and traditions. No doubt Roots pilgrims will discover both areas of commonality and areas of noteworthy differences in their individual Unitarian/Universalist faiths. Lectures, panel discussions, small group conversations and spiritual practices will help Transylvanian and North American participants explore large spiritual themes: birth/origin, development through relationship, finding fulfillment in life, and death/grief. This inaugural Roots Pilgrimage is part of the year-long celebration of the 450th anniversary of the Edict of Torda and our Unitarian heritage of religious freedom.

Roots Pilgrimage registration for lay and ordained folks is OPEN for these North American congregations who are partnered with Unitarian churches in the Kolozsvár, Torda, and the Aranyosszék region of Transylvania:

Boise UU Fellowship, Boise, ID
East Shore Unitarian Church, Bellevue, WA
First Church-Boston in Boston, MA
First Parish Church in Weston, MA
First Unitarian Church, Lynchburg, VA
First Unitarian Church, Toledo, OH
First Unitarian Universalist Society, San Francisco, CA
First Universalist Church, Denver, CO
Follen Church Society, Lexington, MA
King's Chapel, Boston, MA
Main Line Unitarian Church, Devon, PA
Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, Morristown, NJ
Unitarian Universalist Society of Wellesley Hills, MA
Unitarian Universalists of Southern Delaware in Lewes, DE

West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, Rocky River, OH
Westside Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Seattle, WA

If you are part of one of these congregations and are interested in learning more and getting registration information, please contact UUPCC Office Manager Trina Priese at trina@uupcc.org. Questions? Email Rev. Roger Bertschausen at roger@uupcc.org.

If spots are still available in Roots Pilgrimage later in the fall, we'll open up registration beyond people of the congregations listed above or their Transylvanian partners.

The Hungarian Unitarian Church and the UUPCC look forward to offering more Roots pilgrimages in other regions during the coming years.

