

Unitarian Universalists Partner Church Council

The [Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council](#) (UUPCC), part of the [Unitarian Universalist Association](#), is a support system for congregations that establish Partner Church relationships. The UUPCC believes that “international engagement is a moral and spiritual principle that enhances Unitarian Universalist congregational life. Global partnerships can be a first step to building world community. Through shared experience, partners become increasingly aware of the interdependency of all people.”

The UUPCC assisted our congregation in selecting a partner church in Transylvania. The UUPCC has a travel office that assists congregations in travels to their partner churches. The travel office is also available to work with congregations to plan itineraries that focus on the historical development of the Unitarian faith along with visits to other important historical and cultural [UNESCO sites in Transylvania](#).

On October 28, 2017, the October 28 the synod of the Hungarian Unitarian Church (HUC) voted to bless only those marriages between a man and a woman. A group of Unitarian Universalist leaders in North America issued [a statement](#) of “categorical support” for marriage equality, expressing “deep concern” about the synod’s vote.

The First Unitarian Church of Providence has held two “Conversation” with the congregation concerning this issue. The feedback from the congregation was to continue the relationship. It was suggested we accept the Szentegyhaza current policy concerning marriage. It was thought that as members of our LGBTQ community visit their congregation, the human interaction between people may allow them consider other thoughts on this issue.