

Messages From The Unitarian Churches in Transylvania to Unitarian Universalists in  
the United States  
(14 September, 2001)

Dear Unitarian Universalist Sisters and brothers in the United States of America,

Time has come that it is we, ministers and members of the Unitarian Church in Transylvania, who address to you words of compassion and support now that destructive terrorist forces have hit the democratic society of the United States.

We never thought that we would have to live up this day. During the almost 200 years of our relationship and cooperation it was always you, citizens of the free and safe America, that intervened for us when nationalist or communist forces attempted to destroy the very existence of our Unitarian communities.

Today, it is with shock and sympathy that we are taking part in your losses, especially the lives of thousands of innocent people. It is also embittering to see how a country, built by the ideals of freedom and justice, is suffering for speaking up for these ideals all over the Earth.

We trust that the United States will respond to these attacks by searching for justice, with the conviction that no political or social ideals can be served or corrected by violence. We also believe that it is our duty as witnesses of this horrifying crime to make sure that neither the United States, nor any other democratic society in the world would ever have to live through events like these again.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you in these hard days of trial. My God bless America and humankind with a safer future.

In our shared faith,

Rev. Dr. Árpád Szabó  
Bishop of the Unitarian Church in Transylvania

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Dear Friends,  
We are shocked what has happened in your Country.

I would like to express my and our great sympathy to our friends and to All American people. We mourn with you and I am convinced that the time of justice will come up.

YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS, MAY GOD BE WITH YOU IN THIS TIME OF SORROW  
AND MOURNING!

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Vice Bishop,  
Unitarian Churches in Transylvania