

Minns Lectures At Starr King Focus on Partner Churches

When a local congregation gets involved with another church half a world away, lives of the people and institutions involved change, sometimes in quite unexpected ways. Those changes, how they happen and what they mean, will be the focus of the 1996-97 Minns Lectures this winter at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley. The Rev. David Keyes of the Sunnyvale Fellowship will deliver the lectures and lead follow-up discussions.

A telling of the stories of some successful and not-so-successful partner church programs, with special attention to their impact on those involved will be the focus of *Global Partnerships and the Local Congregation* on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m.

Two lectures with time between for a rally, refreshments and a discussion session for members of PCD partner church committees and representatives of congregations interested in finding out more about becoming global partners will begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2. The presentations are entitled *Issues of Money and Power in the UUA Partner Church Program* and *Future Gifts of Mission and Identity*.

Members of the UU Partner Church Council Executive Board will hold their winter meetings at First Unitarian Church of Berkeley to coincide with the Minns presentations and will be available to share in the discussions following the lectures.

The Minns Lectures were established in memory of Boston philanthropist Thomas Minns and are administrated by a joint committee of First and Second Church of Boston and King's Chapel. Over the past half-century, the lectures have contributed significantly to the advance of liberal religion. Previous lecturers have included A. Powell Davies, James Luther Adams, Fredrick May Eliot, Earl Holt III and F. Forrester Church.

Since graduation from Starr King School and ordination in 1985, David Keyes has served as a parish minister in Massachusetts, Idaho and California. He did post-graduate work at Harvard Divinity School that included studies in the Eastern European roots of Unitarianism. In 1993, David made an extended visit to Unitarians in Hungary and Transylvania and lectured at the Protestant Theological Institute in Cluj (Kolozsvár) Romania where Unitarian ministers are trained. He has made two subsequent visits to Transylvania and is a co-founder of Project Harvest Hope, an economic development project designed to help save Unitarian villages.