

Dr. Steven M. Voth to Receive Founders' Medallion at HUC-JIR Graduation Ceremony in Cincinnati

Dr. Steven M. Voth, Director of Translation Department for the Americas at **United Bible Societies**, will receive the Founders' Medallion from the **Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR)**. The degree will be granted at HUC-JIR's Cincinnati Graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at Isaac M. Wise Temple.

Rabbi David Ellenson, Ph.D., announced HUC-JIR alumni recipients who will be awarded honorary Doctorates of Divinity, Music, Jewish Religious Education, and Jewish Communal Service, as well as the Founders' Medallion, in recognition of their 25 years of distinguished professional service.

Dr. Voth received his Ph.D. at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati in 1982, his MATS in 1976 from Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, and his BA in 1974 from Bethel College, St. Paul.

The United Bible Societies (UBS) is the collective name for a fellowship of 145 individual Bible Societies working in over 200 countries and territories. Bible Societies are not affiliated to any one Christian denomination. They work to serve all Christian churches and develop products and services appropriate to local needs. This includes Scripture distribution to church-goers, literacy programs for those who cannot read, audio products for those who are visually impaired, and Bible-based HIV/AIDS resources for those who are suffering and their carers. This work is often conducted through partnerships with other Christian NGOs. Special programs are developed for those with challenges such as women facing abuse, children living without parents and people in prison.

For more information on the HUC-JIR Graduation, Investiture, and Ordination ceremonies in New York, Los Angeles, and Cincinnati, please visit <http://www.huc.edu/newspubs/pressroom/article.php?pressroomid=271>.

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