

## **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, over a hundred friends gathered at the Hope Davey Pavillion in Waterbury, Vermont, to celebrate 10 years of learning and successes at three Global Campuses – GC Randolph, GC Bradford, and GC Moretown.

The celebration began with the traditional sounding of the gong. Participants from all nine New England Global Campuses, proudly displaying their respective campus flags, then processed into the pavilion and hung their flags for display. Jim and Sheryl Tewksbury, the founders of Global Campuses Foundation, and Matthew DeGroot, the Executive Director, welcomed everyone with touching speeches and memories, and congratulated the participants on this milestone event. A brief statement of congratulations from Global Campus participants in Thailand was shared. Bill Ashe, the Executive Director of long-time GCF partner Upper Valley Services, offered his observations of the impact of Global Campus on UVS consumers who participate.

A representative from each of the three honored campuses - Ryland, Robert and Lisa - gave heartfelt speeches about what their Global Campus experience has meant in their lives. Robert emphasized how the experience of teaching motivates participants, instilling confidence and helping them move forward in all aspects of their lives.

After a short downpour threatened the grill on an otherwise beautiful day, everyone enjoyed a BBQ lunch together with cake and ice cream. Three wonderful local musicians – Ted Lambert, Sergio Torres, and Debbie Yacavone – generously shared their talent to make the day extra special. Dancing, frisbee, and fellowship rounded out a terrific event.