

The Cuba Work Group Statement

Congregations of The Long Island Presbytery and The Havana Presbytery have intended together to participate in formal covenants based on the long standing relationships between the PC(USA) and IPRC, The Presbytery of LI and The Presbytery of Havana by having "sister" churches on Long Island and their counterparts in Havana Province in Cuba agree to a shared mission project. The program, which began in the early 1980s, brings together people of diverse cultures with a common base of faith in the reality of Jesus Christ and His Church in the world. The partnerships have thrived to this day in spite of political differences between the respective countries and because of the guidance of a theology of a "mutuality of mission". A "sister" church partnership between a LI church and a Cuban Church has the intention of strengthening and supporting the partnership at the Presbytery level by involving people at the local level in communication, visitation, projects, study and prayer.

The LI Presbytery relationship is supervised by The Cuba Work Group of the Council on Mission of The Presbytery of LI. The permit to travel to Cuba is granted by The Department of The Treasury, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). All of this is now under The Department of Homeland Security. The Cuba Work Group has a strict policy that church exchange visits will always be made legally with governmental permission and licenses.

Application Procedure:

1. COPY and fill out the form.
2. Submit it to any one of the following:
 - A. Cuba Work Group at LI Presbytery or
 - B. Email at rebelkey@optonline.net or
 - C. Mail to: Cuba Work Group
15 Huyler Ct.
Setauket, NY 11733 AND
- D. Go to the website for the complete application: www.cubaworkgroup.org
3. You will be contacted the first week in March. Please have the complete application ready

APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, State, ZIP _____

PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Church Membership _____

PASTOR: _____

PASTOR'S PHONE _____

AGE: _____ EDUCATION: _____

SCHOOL OR OCCUPATION: _____

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE: _____

PASSPORT _____ YES _____ NO (Circle)

TIMES WHEN YOU CAN BE CONTACTED: _____

TIMES WHEN YOU CAN MEET WITH LEADERS: _____

COUNTRIES VISITED: _____

LI Website: www.Presbyteryofli.org
Havana Website: www.Prccuba.org
Committee: www.Cubaworkgroup.org

**El Liderazgo Cristiano
 Una Conferencia para la Juventud
 July 9-16, 2007**



**Luyano Havana Cuba
 Youth Leadership Conference**

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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 631-499-7171

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YOUTH CONFERENCE DETAILS

July 9-16, 2007
Cuba/USA

Youth Leadership Conference

This conference focuses on international perspectives and global beliefs as key knowledge for 21st Century Church Leadership. This experience will lead to the development of a participants ability to live scripturally, lead within the church by example, and gain a global understanding of the significance of the Presbyterian Church in Cuba thus relating this knowledge to the Presbyterian Church in the US and other Christian Churches in the world.



PLANNED EVENTS OF THE WEEK

May 2007—A series of pre-conference meetings will be held with the participants studying and preparing for both the conference and the events following the conference. The use of the scripture lessons on leadership will emphasize the themes of the week.

June 2007—Meetings will focus on the details of travel and behaviors while in Cuba and the protocols for living in a culture from a previous place in history.

July 8, 2007—Fly from JFK airport to Havana Cuba (Delta Airlines) - Arrive in Jose Marti' Airport and travel by bus to The Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada de Cuba en Luyano.

July 9—12—Attend a conference with other young people from Chicago, Texas, Long Island and Havana Presbytery numbering about 50 students ages 18-25. Field trips will be included to make use of the outdoor opportunities in Havana.

July 12—Travel in the afternoon to your own congregation's sister church in Havana Province who will host you for the next 3 days with worship, study, home prayer groups, and other gatherings of the local congregations. Visits to the churches in Veradero and Cardenas along with the Ecumenical Seminary in Matanzas are usually included allowing you a glimpse of the countryside surrounding Havana.

July 14—Return to the Host Church in Havana for a final meeting and preparation for the return home.



Bridging the divide between two countries through faith and partnership

THE CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

- 8 Participants from 4 churches attended in 2006 representing LI Presbytery
- The 2006 Conference included students, teachers, pastors, youth leaders, young people, middle age people and others. Some women and some men.
- The conferees studied, prayed, worshipped, danced, sung, played sports, ate together, spoke English and Spanish, bonded and left as friends.
- Ages: 16-25 (US Citizens Only)
- Application Deadline—March 1, 2007
- Notification of Acceptance—March 15, 2007
- Estimated Costs—\$1300 (Assistance Available)
- Chaperones—One man and one woman who have experience in travel to and within Cuba—both Presbyterians.
- Current US Passport Required (not needed to submit application)

