
Pastors for Peace Humanitarian Caravan Arrives in Cuba

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In a further gesture of solidarity with the Cuban people, the 25th US-Cuba Pastors for Peace Friendship Caravan arrived in Cuba on Thursday, where its 40 activists will carry out different activities until August 3. The Caravan members were welcomed at Havana's Jose Marti international airport by Cuban Friendship Institute president Kenia Serrano and by the head of the Communist Party Religious Affairs Office Caridad Diego as well as by religious authorities.

During the ceremony, which recalled the life and work of the founder of the US-Cuba caravans Lucius Walker, Serrano stressed the efforts of the activists who toured 65 North American cities before reaching Cuba in open defiance of Washington's blockade of the island.

Serrano also appreciated the humanitarian aid to soon reach the island, including items for health and education, two sectors hard hit by the US's anti-Cuba measures.

Pastors for Peace co-director Gail Walker expressed her happiness to be in Cuba to share activities in solidarity with the Cuban people, in tune with the legacy of friendship of her father Lucius Walker.

The president of the US Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), Thomas Smith rejected the blockade of Cuba and reiterated the Caravan's message of love and solidarity to the people of Cuba.

The Caravanistas will pay tribute to Lucius Walker at the Anti-imperialist plaza on Havana's sea front drive and will take part at national celebrations for July 26 in the western city of Artemisa.