

The REC/ANiC Cuba Mission

How you and your church can get involved

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Brief History

The Cuba Mission work began 15 years ago when Bishop Charles Dorrington of the Reformed Episcopal Church and his wife, Claudia, were asked by a church planter in Havana to help him begin a ministry in that country. Over the last 15 years, this work has grown into 12 Churches and numerous satellite Mission and Preaching Stations.

Mission teams from Canada and the US have made at least one, and sometimes two, annual trips – of up to a month in length – to visit and support this growing cluster of churches. Two years ago, we were privileged to be in Holguin, Cuba for the consecration of the first REC Suffragan Bishop for Cuba – the Rt Rev William Suarez. As of December 2016, Bishop William Suarez was reporting that average Sunday attendance of the Cuban Mission Diocese was 857 souls and growing.

How you can participate in this work of God

There are three components to our partnerships with this work:

1. **Partnering with a specific parish and clergy** to provide annual living for the clergy member and his family. Priests are paid \$120USD/mo. Deacons \$80, Lay Readers/Missionaries \$30 and the Bishop \$225, plus expenses for travel and oversight duties for. At present we have 17 of the 21 clergy/leaders in charge of congregations who are sponsored by Canadian and US Churches. One of the Canadian churches also covers the annual budget for the Cuba Seminary (\$6000). Other churches cover travel and expenses so that the Bishop and his assistant can attend conferences and Synod in the US and South America.

However, we currently need sponsorship for:

- 1 Priest at \$120 USD/month;
 - 1 Deacon at \$80 USD/month;
 - 1 Missionary at \$30 USD/month;
 - 2 Lay Readers at \$30 USD each/month; and
 - for part of the Bishop's salary and expenses, approximately \$120USD/Month.
2. The second way you can partner is by **financing a couple of items that are greatly needed and difficult to get in Cuba**:
 - Individual family water filter systems (21,000 ltr) – \$80-120 USD
 - Community water filter systems (100,000 ltr) –\$ 450-500 USD
 - Pharmaceutical kits containing medicines – \$500-700 USD
 - Donations towards the purchase of a Van for the churches' needs – \$60,000 CAN (For more info on this see <http://www.ardfc.ca/projects.htm>)

3. The third way you can become involved is to come with us on a **mission trip to Cuba**. The 2017 trip – which is already full! – is scheduled from May 26 to June 5 (10 days). We will start in Havana and travel down the Island to Holguin where we will be with the clergy and some of their families for Synod. The cost for this trip is approximately \$2500/person including air, accommodation food and transportation in country. If you are interested in a future trip, please let me.

Partnership donations need to be sent, before **April 15, 2017**, to
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Thank you,

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