

More than a Century of Presbyterianism in Cuba

The Presbyterian Church in Cuba was founded in 1890 as a Presbytery attached to the Synod of New Jersey. It remained so until 1967 when it petitioned the General Assembly of the PC(USA) for autonomy. It was granted.



While Cuban Socialism was never wholly atheistic, it discouraged Christians from practicing their faith. Christians were not allowed positions where they might influence party ideology. This lasted until Pope John Paul II's 1988 visit. Currently there are clergy serving on the Cuban Parliament and advising the State.

Today the IPRC, the Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Cuba, is divided into three presbyteries: Havana Matanzas, and El Centro. It has one Synod and no General Assembly.

Since 2004, Presbytery of Baltimore has had a presbytery to presbytery partnership with El Centro as well as church to church partnerships.



The Cuba Partnership

Presbyterian Churches of El Centro
and Baltimore Presbyteries



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The Baltimore Cuba Partnership



The Baltimore-Cuba Partnership Opens Doors

The Partnership

The Baltimore – Cuba Partnership is supported by the Commission on Reconciliation of the Presbytery of Baltimore. Acknowledging that we share our faith in Jesus Christ as Presbyterians in Cuba and the US, our mission is to join in solidarity with members of the El Centro Presbytery. We do this through prayer, worship, celebration and mutual exchange of visits and cultures.



Current Church Partnerships

Light Street – Cabaiguan & Paraiso
Obrero 2005

Faith – Menesses and Iguara 2009

Hunting Ridge – Sagua la Grande 2014

First and Franklin – Taguasco 2015

Woods Memorial – Sancti Spiritus 2016

First of Annapolis – Caibarien 2018

Brown Memorial – Camajuani

Experience Cuba and its Churches Through Visits and Partnerships

The Presbyterian Church has been in Cuba for over a century. The church has played an active role until the present, with both faith practice and mission work.

During a typical visit, you will participate in worship services at your host church and other activities of the church community. These can include visits to the home-bound, bible study classes, the music of the church and Cuba, and plenty of native Cuban meals.

Often, after visits, Baltimore churches are moved to form partnerships with a local church in the El Centro Presbytery. One of our goals is to have a church to church partnership for each of the 13 churches in El Centro Presbytery. All of the churches are active in their communities. Many churches provide regular meals for their elderly as well as assistance in washing clothes and obtaining medicines.



How Can We Participate?

There are many levels of participation:

Pray for our sisters and brothers in Cuba
We are building relationships and helping the churches to build sustainable systems of self- support.

Meet our partners when they visit us.

A visit to Cuba

Send members of your church on one of the bi-annual trips to experience the culture and resilience of the Cuban people.

Support the Baltimore-Cuba Partnership

Your congregation can provide much needed medicines, craft, and Christian education materials or financial support for the pastors and mission projects of the individual churches. Every time we send delegations, we try to take resources and supplies that are unusually difficult for Cuban people to obtain.

Support Building Projects

We are helping to build or restore aging church buildings.

Make a donation

The Presbytery of Baltimore accepts financial contributions earmarked for the Baltimore-Cuba Partnership. You may donate online, or mail a check to the Presbytery office.

\$200 Feeds elderly at a church for a year

\$300 Supports a Pastor for a year

\$500 Buys 2 boxes of medicine

All donations support our efforts to keep the combined doors open.