

# *Pastors for Peace Humanitarian Caravan Arrives in Cuba*

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Havana, July 25 (RHC) -- In another gesture of solidarity with the Cuban people, the 25th U.S.-Cuba Pastors for Peace Friendship Caravan arrived in Cuba on Thursday, where its 40 activists will carry out different activities until August 3rd.

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 a news conference upon their arrival, caravanistas recalled the life and work of the founder of the U.S.-Cuba caravans, the Reverend Lucius Walker. Kenia Serrano also pointed to the efforts of the activists who toured 65 Canadian and U.S. 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 Washington'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 U.S. Inter-religious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), Thomas Smith, condemned 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, the Malecon, and will attend the national celebrations for July 26th in Artemisa.

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