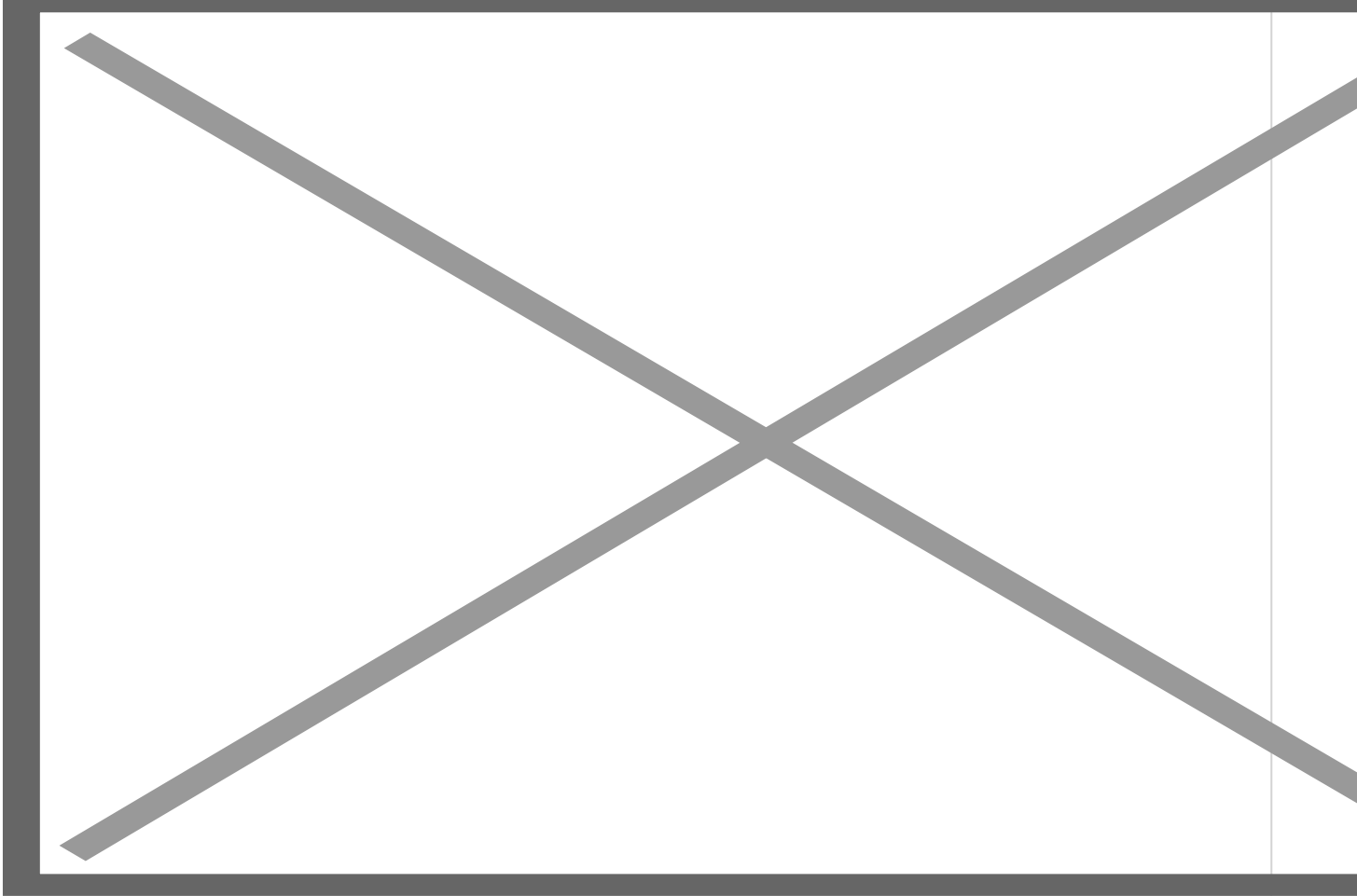


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Havana, December 18 (RHC) The general secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), Reverend Jerry Pillay, is in Cuba on official visit, which started this Sunday and will last until December 19.

On the first day of work, Pillay officiated the sermon for the service of the Third Sunday of Advent at the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Havana, the temple where the Council of Churches of Cuba was founded.

Representatives of Cuban Christian churches and the ecumenical movement participated in the meeting.

The general secretary of the WCC stated that he met with religious leaders of many denominations, such as the president of the Council of Churches in Cuba (CIC), Yoel Ortega, and was impressed by the freedom with which Cuban believers express their faith.

He highlighted the historical ties that unite the international religious organization and its Cuban counterparts that allow them to work for the good of the Cuban people.

The religious leader also advocated for the removal of Cuba from the US list of countries sponsoring terrorism, while expressing his commitment to peace as an essential part of WCC's work in transforming the world.

Pillay will hold meetings with the leadership of the CIC, the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cuba, representatives of ecumenical movements and religious leaders. Likewise, he will speak with authorities of the country and will give a conference at the San Gerónimo university college in Havana.

The international religious organization has 352 member churches and almost 600 million Christians in 120 countries around the world. For 75 years, the WCC has promoted unity and justice, according to its highest representative. (Source: PL)

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