

# *Courageous displays of solidarity from the American people towards Cuba*

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The various administrations of the United States have carried out all kinds of actions and smear campaigns against Cuba, in addition to maintaining a cruel blockade, but from the American people, countless and beautiful displays of solidarity have reached us over the decades.

This is the case of the emotional meeting held in recent days in Havana by the Cuban president, Miguel Díaz Canel, with the American Youth Brigade "Let Cuba Live", of the International People's Assembly, made up of more than 200 movements, popular groups, political parties and unions that fight against imperialism, colonialism, racism and wars.

It was an open and frank dialogue, which began with the youthful clamor from below the blockade. For two hours, they talked about different topics such as the economic difficulties that the nation faces today due to a tightened blockade and its inclusion by the United States in the arbitrary list of countries supposedly sponsoring terrorism.

It has been one more example of the constant and courageous gestures of support for Cubans from the American people, which have been expressed in various actions to denounce to the world the damage caused to the families of the archipelago by Washington's hostile policy.

And in its heroic history of resistance, Cuba has always had the support of a large part of American society. The more than thirty Caravans of Pastors for Peace that since 1992 have traveled to Cuban territory with invaluable help, defying the framework of economic blockade laws, attest to this.

Founded by the late Reverend Lucius Walker, the members of these caravans travel across the United States to collect donations of medicines and other supplies, as well as to publicize the reality of the Caribbean nation.

Gail Walker, executive director of the Interfaith Foundation for Community Organization-Pastors for Peace, once said that the caravans are an illustration of true people-to-people politics.

Added to them are other projects such as Bridges of Love, an initiative by Cuban-American professor Carlos Lazo that defends rapprochement between the two countries and demands the lifting of the blockade.

There are also the numerous letters sent by representatives of various sectors to the U.S. President Joe Biden, to fulfill his electoral campaign promise of a change in policy towards Cuba.

And the support for years from the agricultural sector of the U.S., which defends a greater rapprochement with Cuba and the cessation of the economic blockade.

The determined and courageous support of a large part of American society has always been present in all these decades, because as President Díaz Canel stated, solidarity cannot be blocked or silenced.

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