

# *27th Pastors for Peace Friendshipment Caravan Arrives Monday in Havana*

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Mexico City, July 18 (RHC)-- The 27th Pastors for Peace U.S.-Cuba Friendshipment Caravan arrived in Mexico City over the weekend en route to Cuba. The group is made up of solidarity activists from all across the U.S. They arrive in Havana on Monday, July 18th.

Gabriela Juárez, Executive Secretary of the U.S. Ecclesiastical Observatory, told reporters in Mexico City that during their 24-hour stay, the caravanistas carried out activities demanding the lifting of the U.S. blockade against Cuba, and the return to Cuba of the territory illegally occupied by the U.S. Naval Base in Guantánamo.

Since 1992 IFCO/Pastors for Peace has organized annual friendshipment caravans to Cuba as an active non-violent civil disobedience action to protest Washington's nearly six-decades old blockade policy towards Cuba. The caravanistas bring in humanitarian aid for the Cuban people.

About the caravans, the founder of IFCO/Pastors for Peace, the late U.S. Reverend Lucius Walker, repeatedly said: "We act not just in defiance of our government, but in obedience to our conscience."

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