

U.S. Pastors for Peace Pledge Solidarity with Cuban People



Havana, August 6 (PL-RHC) -- The U.S. interfaith group Pastors for Peace maintains its commitment to solidarity with the Cuban people, in defiance of the economic, financial and commercial blockade imposed by the United States for more than half a century.

In an interview with Prensa Latina, the co-director of Pastors for Peace, Gail Walker, said of the growing support for this cause: "We've been hearing voices from different sectors of American society, from political and religious groups, and we note that this desire is getting stronger."

Internationally, the United States government has been in total isolation in relation to this outdated policy, noted Walker, referring to the annual vote that takes place at the United Nations General Assembly, where rejection of the blockade against Cuba is consistent.

She also recalled that since the start in 1992 of these caravans, the U.S. government has stonewalled and pressured them in various ways in order to prevent the humanitarian aid that this solidarity group brings from reaching the island.

Pastors for Peace is a project of solid Christian and evangelical inspiration, but includes people of goodwill, regardless of their religious beliefs, and its principles: helping others and solidarity beyond any human barrier.

The group was born in 1988 as a project of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) in response to aggressions expressed toward Latin America by the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

When Reverend Lucius Walker began the caravans to Cuba in 1992, its purpose was to break the blockade, an aggressive policy with a severe social impact on the island.

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