

Cuban Mission Trip Report to Milwaukee Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church, Racine Wisconsin 2017

A thirteen member mission team from First Presbyterian Church Racine went to Cuba, July 29, 2017 through August 5, 2017 to connect with our partner Church, Central Presbyterian Church, Matanzas, Cuba. We were greatly pleased with the strengthening of our partner Church relationship.

We did bible study and prayer sessions in member homes throughout Matanzas. We met with the Matanzas Church's Session to discuss common challenges and programming. We made breakfast for the senior citizens group, cooking pancakes and supplying Wisconsin maple syrup. The mission team painted the classroom for the Church student tutor program, created artful miniature boxes, and made jewelry and crafts with their women's craft club. We went with the Matanzas Church youth group to Montserrat Park for soccer and fun. We danced with the congregation:



We are grateful for the Milwaukee Presbytery's support. The total expense of the 2017 Mission Trip and our 2017 support to the Matanzas Church is as follows:

Travel to and from Cuba, with visas:	\$8,187
Transportation, housing, meals and entertainment in Cuba:	\$5,200
Programming support dollars we contributed to Matanzas:	\$2,500

We are thankful for the Milwaukee Presbytery's support of this mission, which supplied a grant of \$8,000. First Presbyterian Racine's budget supported this trip. Separately, the mission trip members and others raised money through Cuban sandwich meals sales to members and guests, and art and jewelry sales, totaling \$1,200. Each mission trip member personally paid a minimum of \$500. The congregation also supported the mission by collection of medicine, school and craft supplies of estimated value of \$500 to \$1,000 dollars, which we delivered to Cuba.

Our plan for the coming year, 2018, is a trip from Cuba of the Matanzas Church youth and leaders to Racine, and a trip from Racine to Cuba, hopefully youth focused. We look forward to deepening our relationship, promoting understanding between our two countries and serving our Lord.