

Berlin, Germany

In the heart of Europe, the Rev. David and Patricia Ayres are planting a Reformed Episcopal Church. Christ Church Anglican is an international mission parish offering liturgical worship in English and German and engaging in a variety of hospitality ministries aimed at transforming the city of Berlin through the love of God in Christ Jesus.



Now the most populated nation in the European Union, Germany once produced the great reformer Martin Luther. Yet 60% of its capital city's population say that they have no religion. Berlin greatly needs the light of the Gospel.



In this year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Advent offering will assist Christ Church to establish a more visible presence in the city of Berlin and spread the Word of Christ.

From Bishop Sutton

God has graciously provided a **generous new matching gift of \$10,000** for developing the Reformed Episcopal Church overseas. By raising the additional \$10,000 needed to match this gift, we will be able to give \$20,000 to be used as follows:

- \$5,000 for Cuba hurricane relief
- \$10,000 for Cuba development:
 - ✓ \$5,500 Diocesan Ministry Center
 - ✓ \$2,000 San Lucas Church addition
 - ✓ \$2,500 REC training for clergy
- \$5,000 to support Berlin church plant

Thank you in Christ,
The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Ph.D.



How to Support

1. Offer your help to your Rector and Wardens to publicize the Advent Offering in YOUR parish.
2. Make a secure online donation at:
recbfm.org/missions/Advent2017.html

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REC Advent Offering

Hurricane Relief for Cuba



and Equipping the Church for Growth



Cuba

The Island of Cuba has had a unique history and today presents an open door for the spreading of the Gospel.



Did you know that the Reformed Episcopal Church has had a Mission in Cuba for the last 15 years? It began thanks to the pioneering work of Bishop Charles Dorrington and his wife Claudia helping to plant the seed. Today, Bishop Williams Mendez oversees Cuba's 46 parishes and mission churches.

Hurricane Irma Relief Efforts

In September 2017, Hurricane Irma swept along the Northern coast of Cuba causing severe flooding and wind damage in many areas. Several REC clergy and lay church leaders opened their homes as local evacuation centers.

The REC Church in Cuba is a source of help for both church members and the communities affected. Mission Teams, mainly from the REC and other ACNA parishes in Canada, have helped make this response possible.

Medicines

Mission teams bring in medicines, which are distributed through a system established by doctors and other health workers in the Cuban Church, with the aid of local clergy.



Water

Water filtration systems brought by mission teams provide clean water to places where it is not readily available. The local parish becomes a center of help for the community, which also helps in its evangelistic mission.



Equipping the Church to Grow

Diocesan Ministry Center in Florida, Cuba



This house will include Diocesan offices and publishing center, classrooms, and a dormitory for the training program, and will host the Santisima Trinidad (Holy Trinity) parish. The grounds are already used for united celebrations by 4 area parishes, and there is a small pig farm. \$5,500 is needed to complete the purchase cost.

Material to Build an Extension in Venezuela, Cuba

San Lucas Church, with an average Sunday attendance of almost 100, is outgrowing the home of the Rev. Pablo Uiloa Caballero. \$2,000 will buy material for an addition. Cuban Reformed Episcopalians will do the work.

Training Cuban Clergy

The Advent goal will help cover costs to send an REC professor and training materials for classes with clergy and analyze future training needs.