



NEW ENGLAND
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Minute on the U.S. Embargo of Cuba

Quakers have been an active presence in the country of Cuba for over a century. New England Yearly Meeting has a formal committee, Puente, in existence for over 30 years, formed to strengthen the spiritual bonds between the Cuban Quaker communities and New England Quakers.

Several monthly meetings in New England have formed sister relationships with Cuban monthly meetings. Many Friends have formed spiritual and personal friendships with Cuban Quakers. New England Quakers have participated in Quaker-inspired trainings with Cuban Quakers. New England Quakers have attended yearly and monthly meetings in Cuba. The bonds of friendship and love between New England Quakers and Cuban Quakers are strong.

Through all of these contacts, New England Quakers have become aware of the hardships to the Cuban people of the Embargo of the United States on the Cuban economy. Cuban Quakers are sensitive to the impacts on all Cubans, Quaker and non-Quaker. Cuban Quakers attempt to soften the effects on the people in their local communities.

New England Yearly Meeting is aware of legislative proposals to end the Embargo and supports such legislation and urges their enactment.

New England Yearly meeting accompanies our Cuban Quaker brothers and sisters and daily hopes and prays for their spiritual and earthly wellbeing.

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