

# Friendshipment to Cuba Sunday, July 8th

EVERYONE INVITED!

On **Sunday, July 8th**, the 23rd annual Pastors for Peace FRIENDSHIPMENT Cuba Caravan will arrive in Rochester to receive and then transport humanitarian aid donations to Cuba, thus challenging the 50-year old US embargo of Cuba. **At 4:00 PM** volunteers and supporters will gather at **57 South Main Street in Pittsford** to pack the truck. **At 5:30 PM, Fr. Luis Barrios, Ph.D.**, who is traveling with the Caravan, will speak to volunteers and we will celebrate with a potluck supper (please bring a dish to pass). The donations are made possible by contributions collected by the Rochester Committee on Latin America. Included are \$2000 worth of children's asthma medicine plus orthopedic equipment and special pediatric wheelchairs. We appreciate your contribution - either at the event or by sending a check made out to ROCLA/Metro Justice with the notation "Cuba Friendshipment" and mailing to: **Vic Vinkey, 18 Rowley St. Rochester NY 14607.**

Caravan trucks will cover North America, merging at the US-Mexico border. Eventually, the FRIENDSHIPMENT will deliver the aid to the Ecumenical Council of Cuba. Since 1992, Rochester-area residents have challenged the US embargo on trade and travel to Cuba by collecting medical and educational materials and shipping them to Cuba in violation of our government's policy. Pastors for Peace does not apply for, and will not accept, a license for either humanitarian aid or travel to Cuba. The Caravan's goal is to educate people about conditions in Cuba and the effects of the 50-year-old US embargo, and to help overturn the embargo. Father Luis Barrios is the associate priest at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in West Harlem. He is a passionate exponent of the use of nonviolent civil disobedience to challenge unjust laws and policies. He is a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice/City University of New York. He is also a journalist and published author. Rochester is extremely fortunate to have Fr. Luis traveling with the Friendshipment truck. Do not miss this opportunity to meet and listen to Fr. Luis!

**For more information please contact:**

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