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Dear Reformed Episcopal Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

I write regarding a special Advent Offering primarily for our Reformed Episcopal mission work in Cuba, and also a new parish recently planted in Berlin, Germany. We have a \$10,000 matching opportunity. The generous giving opens a way to provide financial help to other RE missions, whom we want to encourage in their important work.

As you may know, we have been doing mission work in Cuba for over fifteen years. We have twelve congregations and another twenty-four small groups and missions at various points of development. Bishop Charles and Claudia Dorrington have been the key missionaries who have spearheaded this wonderfully blessed mission effort. Many others have also joined them over the years in support and visits.

If we are able to match the \$10,000 gift bringing our total offering to \$20,000, we have some wonderful opportunities to help in Cuba and Berlin. Thankfully the recent Hurricane Irma did not do much damage to our parishes in Cuba. Only a few of the parishioners lost portions of their roofs. Nevertheless, we have included a portion of our budget to help those who need to repair their homes. Below is a complete summary of what we want to do with our contributions:

- \$5,000 for hurricane relief in Cuba
- \$10,000 for Cuba development:
  - \$5,500 to complete payment on Diocesan Ministry Center
  - \$2,000 for material to build an addition for the growing San Lucas (St Luke's) Parish
  - \$2,500 to send an REC Professor to Cuba in the coming year for classes with the clergy
- \$5,000 "seed money" for the REC Church Plant in Berlin Germany

As you can see, we have an extraordinary opportunity to help our Reformed Episcopal brothers and sisters in Cuba and Berlin. Please plan on a special Advent Offering in your parish. Ask each member to consider making a donation toward matching the generous gift of \$10,000. May the Lord bless you all as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ to redeem the world from sin.

In Christ,

+Ray Sutton