

MISSION MINUTES 2017

October 8, 2017

Global Mission & Service

Dr. Reinerio Arce

Celebrates Decades of Solidarity

Our gifts for Mission & Service offer long-term support and solidarity around the world. Let us hear a story about decades of solidarity with Cuba.

In May 2016 United Theological College in Montreal, Quebec, presented Dr. Reinerio Arce with an honorary doctorate. Dr. Arce took the opportunity to thank The United Church of Canada for its decades of solidarity. “We will not forget your friendship,” he said. “Even as it becomes easier to relate directly with the U.S. churches, we need you to be with us.”

He recalled shipments of food in the late 1990s through 2001 organized by the United Church through its membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank during a time of drought in eastern Cuba.

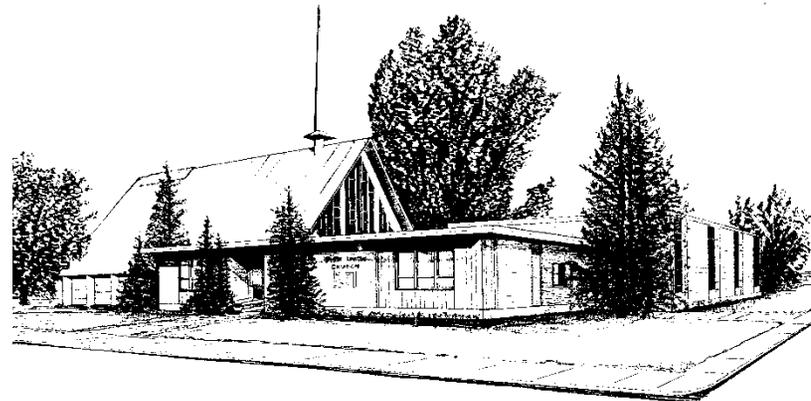
As Cuba renews its relationship with the United States, Cuban church leaders are saying thanks to Canadian churches that have accompanied them through nearly six decades of a U.S. embargo.

Reinerio Arce is a past-president of the Cuban Council of Churches and former rector of the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas— both Mission & Service partners.

We sing thanksgiving for Mission & Service support of the church in Cuba!

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

Covenant United Church



“We are Covenant United Church; an inviting Christian community who embrace change and reach out to make a local and a global difference.”

PASTORAL TEAM

Minister: Rev. Cindy Désilets

Music: Tim Tonkin

Secretary: Jacqueline Girard

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

CHURCH

230 Eighth Avenue

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WORSHIP

Sunday: 10:30 am

Sunday School: Sept-May

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

Welcome newcomers and visitors to the care and fellowship of Covenant United Church. Please introduce yourself to the minister or one of the ushers so that we may help you feel at home.

MANITOU PRAYER LIST

All People's United Church – Sudbury

Presently vacant

Sudbury Presbytery

Covenant United – Timmins

Cindy Désilets (OM)

Spirit Dancing Presbytery

Retired/Retained/in Special Ministries

Peter Wyatt (OM); Retired,

North Bay Presbytery



COUNCIL MEETING

Our next scheduled Council Meeting is
Wednesday, October 18th, at 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

Our annual Christmas Craft Sale will be held on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

If you are interested in renting a table, please call 705-264-5518.



Coffee this morning is brought to you by:

Sunday School's Group

Please stay and enjoy!

Stewardship seconds

Everything comes from God and belongs to God; we give, not in tribute to God's power, but in gratitude for what we have been given.

M&S SNIPPETS

Through *Mission & Service* we offer long-term support and solidarity to partners the Cuban Council of Churches and the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas, Cuba.

REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

18th Sunday after Pentecost • *Matthew 20:1-16*

"I'll pay you whatever is fair," says the owner of the vineyard to those he hires. However, by the end of the day, the payment hardly seems fair to those who have worked under the hot sun all day long. God's generosity knows no bounds. How many times do you think to yourself: "God's not being fair to me"? Think again!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There is **no Sunday School** this morning, for Thanksgiving. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, October 15.



SOUPER LUNCHEON
Wednesday, October 18

11:45 am - 1 pm

Pay \$10 at the door

All you can eat Soup, homemade breads and buns, desserts & beverages. Funds are for Covenant Outreach.

Please Sign-up sheet on bulletin board if you can help in any way with donations or set-up, clean-up.