

Journey of Reconciliation trip to Cuba May 10-19, 2016

The newly opened US Embassy in Havana and the raising of the American flag signaled a move towards reconciliation and normalization of relations that the two countries had not seen in 54 years. The official restoration of diplomatic relations occurred on July 20, 2015. This new detente offers a valuable opportunity for US colleges and universities to explore the many layers of Cuba.

The Journeys of Reconciliation program has traveled to Cuba on three occasions and the purposes of each trip was to learn about the historical tensions and complicated relations between the two countries, Cuba's rich and surprising religious diversity which includes the active role of religion in social change in the country and of course to learn about the people and the culture.

Places we will visit and conversations we will have:

- Martin Luther King Center in Havana
- Callejon de Hammel (Hammel's Alley) a community project promoting art, music and the culture of the island.
- Centro Hebreo Serphardi de Cuba. Attend Friday evening Shabbat service.
- Jumma prayers at a local Muslim home
- Our Lady of Kazan Cathedral-Russian Orthodox
- St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox church
- San Cristobal Cathedral in Old Havana
- Conversation with former Cuban diplomat Dr. Carlos Alzugaray Treto on US/Cuban relations in the 21st century.
- City of Matanzas where the Museum of Slavery is located.



Deadline for applications is Thursday, October 29th

Applications are available online on our website
<http://www.religiouslife.emory.edu/life/journeys.cfm>
and in the office of Religious Life, Room 226, Dobbs University Center