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Mission Action Profile (MAP) in Cuba

- Population of Cuba is 11 million.
- Protestant churches are growing very rapidly, some up to 40% per year.
- Main strategy for church growth is the development of "house-churches."
- Bible studies and gatherings for worship can be held in homes until there are 15 persons attending. Above that churches have to register with the government as "house-churches."
- Some are as large as 200 members, meeting outside in the patio of the house under a make-shift roof.
- One pastor commented, "when communist party members come to explore the Christian faith, they are not satisfied with superficial answers."
- One new, rapidly growing denomination, called the Evangelical Missionary Church of Cuba has requested leadership education from Mennonite Church Canada Witness. We respond with one week-long workshop per year, plus some key resources for study and further reflection.
- The denomination has applied for legal status with the Cuban government.
- Mennonite Confession of Faith is their base document because "after studying other Confessions from the Baptists, Pentecostals, and others, it is clear that the Mennonite one best describes who we want to become."

Mennonite Church Canada Witness has committed \$6,000 to work with the Cuban churches in Anabaptist leadership development. Your support will provide much needed leadership training and resources.

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