

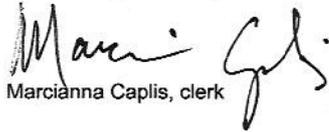
Benigno Sanchez-Eppler is a beloved member of Northampton Friends Meeting. He has expressed a strong leading to visit Cuban Friends in this time of privation and desperation. He sees this leading as a call to a kind of communion, to acknowledge their affliction and share in it, and to witness God's working through them as they struggle together. His presence will also remind our Cuban Friends that New England Friends are praying for them and working to relieve their suffering as much as we can.

While Benigno has no specific task in mind, he hopes to provide spiritual fellowship, to support the leadership of Cuba Yearly Meeting and the monthly meetings, and, if asked, to work with young Friends. Cuban Friends have urged Benigno to visit them again when he is able. For the past few years, he has been caring for his mother, who died this past summer, and tending to some health concerns of his own, which are now much less pressing.

He told his committee that "all urgency has yielded to a deep and strengthening ripeness of purpose and resolve." He has spoken with the leadership of Cuba Yearly Meeting, and they told him to come, that his visit at this time would be an important reminder that the Bridge of Love still connects us. The Secretario of Cuba Yearly Meeting wrote to the Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting assuring us that Benigno would be very welcome and cared for, despite the difficult circumstances there.

His anchor committee has found him clear to take this journey and asked him to carry our love to Cuba.

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Marcianna Caplis, clerk