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Subject: Possible Travel to Cuba by Benigno Sanchez-Eppler, March 13 - 22, 2026

To: NEYM Permanent Board Clerk Susan Davies <pbclerk@neym.org>

Cc: Sara Hubner <office@neym.org>, Carolyn Stone <carolynstone10@gmail.com>

Hello Susan,

Benigno Sanchez-Eppler has felt a strong leading to go to Cuba to support our Cuban Friends at this difficult and disorienting time. He has let his support committee know at his monthly meeting and has let us in Puente know of his leading. He will be meeting with his clearness committee at Northampton Meeting this evening and we are planning to convene a clearness committee within Puente later this week. We anticipate that we will be seeking authorization from Permanent Board for his travel to Cuba between March 13 and 22 which coincides with Amherst College's spring vacation and will be sending you a formal request probably later this week or at the latest early next week. His plans to travel to Cuba are warmly welcomed by the leadership of Cuba Yearly Meeting.

I am alerting you about this now so that you might add this request to your agenda on February 28. I have copied Sara Hubner on this and will do so again when we send the formal request. He will not be taking any cash on the Yearly Meeting's behalf with him; so, we will just need a letter authorizing his travel by the Yearly Meeting.

Thanks very much for your attention to this. It is all a bit rushed; however, the leading is a powerful one for Benigno that has grown as the situation in Cuba and the threats of the current administration have recently worsened.

Richard Lindo, co-clerk, Puente de Amigos Committee