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Cuba Study Tour Covenant

On this study tour experience you will join others to form a community of learning. Christian community is based on love and mutual support. Each of us, as a member of the community, is important. We believe that working and learning together will strengthen each other and our collective witness as followers of Christ.

I acknowledge that:

- Each member of the community is deserving of equal support and respect.
- Support through prayer and communication is a responsibility of each participant.
- My words and actions will serve as a witness to others in the study group, the Montreal School of Theology, and the communities and organizations we will visit.

I agree to:

- Travel with a genuine desire to learn more about and from the people and places visited.
- Travel lightly, knowing that we will travel from place to place and that over-packing may make this challenging for myself and others.
- A zero-tolerance policy on the use of illegal drugs
- Use discretion with regards to the consumption of alcohol and will always do so in a responsible manner. I understand that in some contexts the consumption of alcohol may not be appropriate and I will abide by directions given by trip leaders.
- Refrain from taking photos of people without their permission and, when requested by the leader, in sensitive situations. In some circumstances photos may not be permitted, or one person may be assigned to take a few photos to share with the group later.
- Experience a different way of life and stretching myself by experiencing new realities.
- Ask questions respectfully. Talk less and listen more, knowing that sometimes there are not simple answers or explanations. Cultivate habits of listening and observing, rather than merely hearing and seeing.
- Participate in all regularly scheduled activities and honour all meeting times unless I am ill, at which time I will inform the group leader of my illness.
- Not to promise financial support or enter into any agreements directly with any person, organization or congregation while present on the study tour. Ideas for support can be discussed with the group leaders for appropriate action.
- Listen and respect the group leaders, addressing any concerns to the leaders.
- Remain with the group at all times, unless other arrangements have been made with the leaders.
- Sleep in my assigned room so that I may be reached in case of an emergency. If there is a problem with the room, inform the group leader who will try to resolve it.

I hereby agree to follow this covenant and fully understand that should I not uphold it, that it may result in my removal from this experience at my own cost.