

# SIGNISCUBA

in English

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## Gifts from the island

Promised land or daily sadness, more than a country, Cuba is a state of mind. We carry it everywhere we go, we speak through its language, we feel its essence and worship its symbols —the hurricanes, the music, the magic of the tropics. It is said that Cuba saves, protects, hurts. All that is true. When it comes to our island, contradictions emerge. Cuba is something to love, but also a reason for pain.

In a confusing time, scarcity and repression, SIGNIS-Cuba dedicated its fourth issue to the beauty and meaning of being Cuban, to the spirituality of this island that gives us our passion for communication.

The eyes of the world will be looking at Cuba this November 15th, with the announcement of new pacific protests and the possibility of a violent answer from the government. Inside SIGNIS, we pray for the outcome of this day, and hope for the best: democracy, tolerance and dialogue.

We take our stand for the truth, and we will always be concerned for the communication of a new future for Cuba, where no-one raises his hand against his brother. A nation of peace and concord. This is the Cuba we want.

During these days, the Cuban Conference of Bishops, the Conference of Religious and a group of priests and laity, have spoken against the repression that the Cuban people has witnessed against activists and leaders of the opposition. They also have asked the liberation of over 500 political prisoners, in Cuban jails since the protests of July 11th.

SIGNIS now joins their effort and denounce, and asks for tolerance and peace this November 15th. We offer our support and solidarity to those members of our organization arrested for their ideas, as well as the rest of Cubans of good faith, suffering prison or repression. We all dream and work for a better nation, one that we can call home.

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### CUBA STARTS THE PATH TO THE SYNOD

The Cuban Church has convoked the Listening Process to begin the path to the Synod called by Pope Francis. The Cuban Conference of Religious and other associations have organized the work for the Synod in several encounters, in order to be prepared to answer this challenge to the Church's structure and spirit. SIGNIS is covering the event in the regional, global and local level.

### VIDA CRISTIANA DENOUNCED FAKE PROFILE

In a recent statement to its readers, the Editorial Team of *Vida Cristiana* has denounce the existence of a fake Facebook profile with the username 'Vida Cristiana - Parodia'. This profile clones authentic information from the VC page and combines it with their own prejudicial content. This represents a great risk of confusion for the publication, therefore VC asks its readers to use the procedures to denounce this profile to the Facebook authorities. Few days ago, the Editorial Team also spoke about the Security of the State repression against Julio Pernús, young communicator and SIGNIS member, who is also part of *SIGNIS-Cuba* team. We give our support to Julio and *Vida Cristiana* in this moment of extreme difficulty for Cuba.

### SECOND SEMESTER OF LAUDATO SI' AMBASSADORS

The Academic Program Laudato Si' Ambassador, organized by SIGNIS ALC and the Andrés Bello Catholic University, has begun its second semester. In this new phase, the participants will focus their attention in subjects like Pastoral Communication and Promotion, under the supervision of professor Desirée Lozano. Two members of SIGNIS-Cuba are part of this communication program: Elena Fernández and Elena Nazco, from the Dioceses of Pinar del Río and Santa Clara.