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On December 17, 2014, President Barak Obama announced significant changes in the U.S. policy towards Cuba, the announcement reversed more than 50 years of U.S. policy, completely revamping the basic framework and premises of the relationship. The move to normalize relations with Cuba also offers an unprecedented opportunity for North American Christians to uplift the Cuban people and specifically Cuban Christians in prayer.

The church sees or interprets the announcement made by President Obama as an opportunity to enhance its religious freedoms. The church will specifically work towards the following objectives:
• The dissolving or closing of the office of religious affairs which polices and controls all aspects of religion in Cuba
• The removal of the rule that prohibits the registration of new churches, particularly the rule that prohibits the registration of non-affiliated churches new to Cuba, such as the Free Church of America as an example and others that did not exist in Cuba prior to 1959 can register and function legally
• The removal of the rule that provides the Cuban Council of churches with the monopoly on all imports and distribution of large quantities of Bibles and other religious materials and provides them with the only permit to conduct a broadcast of religious services, among other, and
• The enactment of a law to protect the rights of the religious institutions to practice their ecclesiastical activities without government intervention (Ley de Cultos), a law that would be binding, handcrafted with the guidelines of constitutional text

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