

DDG MEETING IN BISHOP HOLLY CENTER, 02-15-2016
REPORT OF THE BISHOP JULIO C. HOLGUIN

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 2 Timothy 4:1-2

My dear brothers and sisters in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are very glad to have you with us at this meeting in the beginning of the year, after having lived from 11 to 13 February the historical experience of the celebration of our Diocesan Convention No. 58, with the privilege and satisfaction to participate in the conclusion of the ordination and consecration as bishop, of our brother Moisés Quezada, who today is serving his third day as Bishop Coadjutor of the Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana. We congratulate him and ask the Holy Spirit to give him wisdom, strength and the necessary guidance in this new ministry.

As you will recall, those who participated in our last meeting on the Companion Diocese of Western Louisiana, I presented a report which covered the period from inception to October of the 2015, so this one that today I present, will try to focus on developments we lived from that meeting, after reviewing some data from our financial sustainability process.

1. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PROCESS.

In our October report that we share the diocesan budget for 1990, we received from TEC the equivalent of 85.6 %, while the diocesan contribution was 14.4 %. Also we note that by 2016, we were projecting that the contribution of TEC would represent the equivalent of 8.3 %, while from the diocese would be contributing 91.7.

The submission and approval during the recent convention of the budget for 2016 remain the percentage proportions as we projected for that year.

Recall that, in the half of the last year, TEC gave us the amount of US \$ 950,000, to support our Self-Reliance Capital Fund (FOCA), but at the same time reduced the allocation for the 2016-2018 trienniums, which was of US \$ 227,000 per year, for a total of US \$ 100,000 a year. This means a drastic reduction of almost 56%.

Similarly it is projected that by the three years end on 2019, the Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana will receive only US \$ 33,000 per year and for the next three years a total of US \$ 16.666 per year, and from then and on, there will be no more assignments from TEC.

2. THE FOCA

During dinner-meeting last night, you have received from the administrative of the FOCA Committee, the report corresponding to 2015, which was increased significantly after was invested the contribution received from TEC. That, at the same time, will allow us to recover a large proportion of cutting we received of US \$ 127, 000 per year.

3. DEDICATION AND CONSEGRATION OF CHURCHES.

In our report of October we informed that we presided all the dedication and consecration of the Churches of the missions: San Simón, in San Marcos Puerto Plata, on July 18, and the Santa Ana in Mendoza, Santo Domingo East, on October 01. San Bernabé in Pizarrete on November 7, it was built with funds from the DDG and the Bishop Missionary Fund. There were several working groups led by Bill Kunkle. November 21, Mission San Jorge, thanks to a grant from the UTO. Also, on December 12, Mission Santa Cruz in Santa Fe , San Pedro de Macorís, thanks to the generosity and teamwork Deanery of Tampa, who managed to gather the most of the funds were used for construction, which was also very involved Bill Kunkle.

Was planned to dedicate and consecrate the temple of the mission Espíritu Santo in Dajabón, but was postponed because of missing details for termination. We are confident that this year we will have the resources for the completion and thus can perform the dedication and consecration of this Church.

4. CENTRO PAUL y LUKE MORROW.

Thank God we were able to finish the center bearing the name of Paul and Luke Morrow, which is similar to the design of Bishop Kellogg Center, which consists of 13 bedrooms, dining room and meeting room. The same could build thanks to the generous donations received via the DDG, from David Morrow and his family. A mission group of the Diocese of Georgia, was the first to use the center, which made a positive evaluation of the place and the attention received by the staff of the Center, headed by Leonel D. Polanco, with the only exception that water heaters in the bathrooms did not have the necessary capacity, so they proceeded to give instructions so that they are replaced by others who have the required capacity..

5. PRIORITY LIST.

At the request of Bill Kunkle, here is a list of top priorities we have in the diocese, which has been adding others. We hope that in the course of the next three years, we see achieved much of those tasks.

Meanwhile, in this year we are confident to see completed or well underway, construction of Churches Espiritu Consolador in Dajabon and Espiritu Santo in Las Carreras; and start the temple of San Timoteo in Nizao, if the UTO approves the application it has been made; We also hope to start the Temple Monte Sión in La Altagracia neighborhood, Andrés Boca Chica. Similarly wish to see completed and equipped, the first level of the building school in the Mission Santa Ana de Mendoza and the Vocacional School in Santa Fe and the first of the three bedrooms in Bishop Skilton Center.

6. DEVELOPMENT GROUP OF THE IX PROVINCE.

Seeing as how successful has been the DDG, the Council of Province IX of the Episcopal Church passed a resolution, with the aim of organizing a Provincial Development Group, which will work with each of the dioceses of Province IX who decide to take the step to establish a group of diocesan development. To this end, has been asked Bob Stevens to advise and serve as Director of the GDP, who voluntary accepted to contribute to the organization and management of the same. In that sense, he has been working. It is expected that Bishop Bill Skilton and Bill Kunkle, indeed us, work together as part of the Board of the GDP. In my capacity as president of Province IX, I am also working with the creation of the group.

7. TRANSITION PROCESS IN LA IGLESIA EPISCOPAL DOMINICANA.

As we know, the Rt. Rev. Moisés Quezada was elected as Bishop Coadjutor of our diocese. According to the Constitution and General Canons of the Episcopal Church, when a bishop is ordained to serve as coadjutor, the current diocesan bishop should benefit retirement no later than 36 months after. That means that Bishop Moisés and myself will share a period of transition for a while, after of which, he will have to take all the weight and responsibility of being the senior pastor and administrator of the affairs of the Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana.

However, when it comes my time to retire, I will henceforth available to the Bishop Moisés, to serve him and to the diocese, in all that he needed me and that I can serve.

Thank you very much and God bless you.