

Executive Director Report

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2016 was another remarkable year for the Dominican Development Group. We continue to successfully facilitate the mission and purpose of our organization by supporting the many ministries of the Dominican Episcopal Church. Mission teams continue to be the life blood of the program and infrastructure support of the many initiatives underway across the country. The DDG assisted every mission team in some capacity. Some of the teams are more reliant on the assistance of the DDG and require significant amounts of my time to continue their participation. It is always my goal to help these teams develop internal leadership structures so my time can be used effectively for expansion and development of additional mission team's and groups.

The DDG received and transferred some \$631,808.93 in support of the development and self-sustainability of the Dominican Episcopal Church. The DDG has received over 900 individual donations from just under 400 individual persons and organizations. The donations from many of the churches, Dioceses, and organizations are combined donations from hundreds of individuals. In total this represents thousands of individual donations in support the programs of the DDG and IED. It is important to note significant portions of the funds transferred to the IED are designated for mission team support.

The Endowment campaign had a fundraising trip to Texas over the summer. Additionally, Bishop Ousley requested any gifts honoring his 10 year Anniversary as diocesan Bishop be directed to the Endowment. The final amount of funds received by the DDG for the Endowment in 2016 was \$ 86,350.00. We continue to develop the strategy for increasing donations for the endowment. We have engaged the services of the Episcopal Church Foundation on a limited basis to develop a budget for an assisted campaign, you will hear more about this in the Endowment Report/Discussion. My time is limited and I am spread quite thin and do have significant concerns for the workload generated by this campaign.

In 2016 We received \$ 110,612.38 for DDG support including interest generated by the DDG investment account held in the Dominican Republic. The 2016 approved budget was \$ 139,007.40, which included a 6,619.40 reserve. We finished the year approximately \$ 1,805.85 over budget in expenditures. The single biggest overage was in travel expenses. When the reserve is removed, we finished the year with a \$ 23,581.47 shortfall. Revenue is a significant concern, we as a board need to address the shortfall and how to increase support to keep our organization financially healthy. We continue to be very efficient as an organization, and make every effort to balance program development and keep operating cost down. It is very difficult to facilitate programing which requires fundraising and then ask the groups to support the DDG as well. The system we have in place works well if we can meet the DDG financial needs. I ask the board to help in this area. I do solicit DDG support whenever possible and can shift more of my time to fundraising for our origination, however this would limit my time with my many other duties. There is little doubt of the organizations proven successes.

For 2016 I was out of the office 86 days for DDG business travel. In 2017 I have to date scheduled 73 days. Travel is a requirement to continue development and expansion work with the IED. I have reduced my work with mission teams and maximize my time while with these teams by working on program/ project development and site/building evaluations.

Programs:

Mission Teams, I continue to work with the many mission teams from numerous dioceses to assist them with their programs and projects. Karen and I are developing a new “Mission project Summary” which we hope will better define responsibilities, leadership, Timeframes both for facilitation and financial aspects of the individual projects and programs. We hope to use this forms with a limited number of teams in 2017 while refining the forms for expanded use in 2018.

Solar energy projects:

Consuelo Has installed the solar equipment and Battery system and is currently generating power, the system at last report is fully functional.

Jalonga has a complete design and budget, the diocese of Delaware submitted an international partnership UTO grant which will partially fund this project. The goal of this project is to provide 24-hour electricity and potable water for the community center, church and bakery. We are in the design and construction stage for this project and hope to have the system installed and fulling functioning in the mid-summer 2017. A team from Delaware will install the system in June 2017.

San Simon We have purchased solar panels for use at San Simon (passive system). The panels are stored in Santo Domingo. We hope to install the panels in the late spring 2017.

Mosovi We have purchased solar panels for use at Divina Gracia (passive system). The panels are in Santo Domingo. We hope to install the panels early spring 2017. The primary purpose for these panels is to power the community water well/system. The pumps and associated gear are also in storage in Santo Domingo.

Exploration teams- These trips have been very popular and serve our mission. The 2017 Spring team is April 27-May 3 and will travel east/west. The specific locations visited vary based on diocesan priorities provided by Bishop Holguin.

Clinic Esperanza has had major financial challenges. Offering health services for the underserved population in San Pedro is difficult. Bishop Holguin has informed me that we will need 20,000 US\$ in outside support to cover the deficit created in 2016. We have groups from SWFL, Nebraska, Georgia, and Western Louisiana who are currently supporting the clinic and are actively searching for funds for infrastructure improvement and equipment in an effort to help the clinic continue its mission, become more sustainable, and expand services.

The Housing Program: This program is awaiting the purchase of the necessary parcels of land and additional funding to continue.

“Dominican Wave” Micro business program- I was approached by the Enactus program at Flagler college to partner in a program to provide job creation, and provide funds for the church and community for educational programs. Flagler college sent 2 students to help set up the soap program which has had moderate success, the program is in jeopardy of failure if new funding sources are not found to fortify the program until it is fully operational. Chelsea Rippen has returned to San Marcos for 30 days to train the local workers on the manufacturing of the soap. This program has more local support with Deacon Lourdes in charge.

Vocational schools- I have been promoting the new vocational school programs. The DDG is working with the IED, and companion dioceses to complete the school in Santa Fe and launch programs. Currently there is no funding available for the Santa Fe program. The school in Consuelo continues with salon training and language programs with hopes of expanding those programs in 2017. Working with the Diocese of Connecticut we were able to obtain over 11,000 for use at the vocational school in Consuelo. I will continue to seek resources for these programs. The bakery In Jalonga had a mission team and they were able to set up much of the equipment which was donated and additional equipment was purchased by the team and they were actually able to bake a limited amount of bread, I had the pleasure of celebrating Eucharist with the team which used the bread for the communion.

Grants:

2016 UTO Companion Dioceses Grant- The 2016 UTO Companion grant request was submitted by The Diocese of Delaware requesting the Diocesan grant to fund approximately 30% of the cost of the Solar Electric and water program in Jalonga. The grant was successful, and the work is underway in anticipation of an early summer completion.

SMAA Sanibel Island(SWFL)- The 2016 Outreach grant request for Santo Tomas Children’s Nutritional Program was successful in the amount of \$1,000 for the continuation of this important program.

2017 UTO Grant- in 2017 the UTO Diocesan grant is due in early March, Bob Stevens has agreed once again to help with the preparation of this grant should we determine there is a suitable project which meets the criteria.

Note: we submitted the San Timoteo Church/School/ and agricultural project each of the past 2 years and both were deemed by the UTO to not fit within the grant eligibility requirements.

I am continue looking for grant opportunities, should any of the board members know of grant opportunities please let me know.

GEMN-I have been the SW Florida representative to the **Global Episcopal Mission Network** for 6 years. In 2015 I was elected to the board at the annual conference in Atlanta in May. My trips to the annual conferences have been mostly funded by the Diocese of SW Florida. Expenses more than what is covered by the Diocese of Southwest Florida are covered by the DDG. GEMN is an excellent organization and there are real benefits to being on their board. GEMN held its

2016 annual mission conference in Ponce, PR in May this conference included the new Presiding Bishop among many other speakers. Many of the leaders of the various ministries of the Episcopal Church were there to network and learn. We had good DDG representation at the conference with Julius, Julia, Tar and myself there to learn about the many mission programs of the Episcopal church and network with their respective leaders. The 2017 GEMN Conference is planned for May 23-26 and will be held in Alabama, the theme of this year's conference is Reconciliation- God's Mission and Ours.

I continue to be very thankful to the entire board for your support and for allowing me to participate in this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kunkle