



THE DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP

COMPANIONS IN MISSION

Presidents Report

Greetings DDG Board Members and Guests!

2017 truly has been a momentous year for the Dominican Development Group. The change in leadership to the Dominican Episcopal Church has been accomplished and a renewed vision is being put into action. I look forward to seeing all that is to come!

The La Paloma Campaign was successful in raising approximately US\$290,000.00 for the endowment fund which leaves less than US\$250,000.00 to go to enable the diocese to self-fund for the first time in it's more than 100 year history. A tremendous thank-you to all who contributed to the success of this campaign.

We continue to face challenges in the coming year to sustain the budget of the DDG, but with prayer and ingenuity, I am confident that we will succeed in this endeavor.

As President, I conducted two board meetings in 2017, gave numerous presentations in Michigan to support the DDG ministries, and traveled to the north of the island to work in Puerta Plata and Mosovi with the Michigan DREAM mission team. We hope to work again this year in Mosovi to bring much needed potable water to that community.

And lastly, it is with a saddened heart, that I must step down from the position of president. I am fortunate to have three living octogenarian parents, but with that, comes increased responsibilities for their care as they age. I have been forced to re-prioritize my life in an effort to keep them healthy and in their homes as they face this very challenging stage of life. It has been an honor to serve in the capacity of president, and I will continue to represent Bishop Houglund, and, the Diocese of Western Michigan on the Board.

Heartfelt regards,

The Reverend Deacon Beth Drew