

### **Mission Office report Fall 2018- Karen**

Since my departure from the Dominican Republic in August there has not been a day go by that I don't think of and wonder about friends left behind. My 13 years were a blessing in so many ways, and my life was certainly changed because of it.

Now that the reins are turned over to Patricia Martin things may work out in different ways, but I have all the confidence that she can cover affairs of the office. She is creative, positive and truly has a heart for the Dominican Diocese. There is no doubt that with her other responsibilities that she will need help in the months of June and July. She has the ability to call on others to assist and that will be necessary. She will need to draw on help from Charlie Nakash and hopefully he will be able to take direction from her and stay in close communication. I see her creating a team to help with arrivals at the airport and also help with the scholarship program. Financially, with the extra duties, her salary in the DR will need supplementing.

I am available for consulting when needed, and will remain to help in any way.

### **Mission Office report Fall 2018- Patricia**

Dear Sisters and brothers in Christ, members of the Board of Directors of the Dominican Development Group.

For me it is an honor to greet you through this note, read by my dear friend Karen Carroll. I inform you that by December of this current 2018, we will have received a total of 45 Mission Teams in our Diocese. The GEMN Planning Team will come in November for the GEMN 2019 arrangements since will be held in the DR, Bill Kunkle has more details about it.

In April, we received a team of facilitators from the Latino Ministries office of TEC conducting a workshop on Leadership, to strengthen the training of our leaders in their Local Churches.

In the 2019 Mission Teams schedule, we have registered 14 groups. In addition to GEMN, we also have listed the II Encounter of Episcopal Missionaries in the DR.

We have precise instructions from the Diocesan Bishop Moises Quezada to assure the quality of the hospitality and the good development of the work in the missions that our brothers and sisters missionaries come to perform, blessing us with their gifts and talents meanwhile are contributing to the expansion of the Missionary Work of our Church. And this, together with the Companion Committee of our diocese and other collaborators, we will be achieving it.

We appreciate the support we have been receiving from Bishop Quezada, Karen, Julia and Julius for this new challenge.

We appreciate the favor of your prayers and if you have suggestions, you are welcome.

Faithfully,

Patricia Martin

(Spanish)

Apreciados hermanos /as en Cristo, miembros de la Direccion del Grupo de Desarrollo Dominicano.

Para mi es un honor saludarles a través de esta nota, leída por mi estimada amiga Karen Carroll. Y paso a informarles que a Diciembre habremos recibido un total de 45 Equipos Misioneros en nuestra Diócesis. El Equipo de planificación vendrá en Noviembre para los arreglos del GEMN 2019 del cual somos sede, Bill Kunkle tiene más detalles al respecto. En Abril recibimos a un equipo de facilitadores de la oficina de Ministerios Latinos del TEC dirigiendo un taller sobre Academia de Liderazgo, para el fortalecimiento de la capacitación de nuestros líderes en sus Iglesias Locales. En el calendario de Equipos Misioneros 2019 tenemos 14 grupos registrados. Además de GEMN, también tenemos el II Encuentro de Misioneros Episcopales en RD.

Tenemos instrucciones precisas del Obispo Diocesano Moisés Quezada de asegurar la calidad de la hospitalidad y el buen desenvolvimiento de los trabajos en las misiones que nuestros hermanos misioneros vienen a realizar para bendecirnos con sus dones y talentos contribuyendo con la expansión de la Obra misionera de nuestra Iglesia. Y esto, junto al Comité de Companerismo de nuestra diócesis y otros colaboradores lo estaremos logrando.

Agradecemos el apoyo que hemos estado recibiendo del Obispo Quezada, Karen, Julia y Julius para este nuevo reto.

Agradecemos el favor de sus oraciones y si tienen sugerencias, son bienvenidas.