

Dominican Development Group  
President's Report - October 2018  
The Reverend Edward O. Miller, Jr.

The DDG continues to build on its twenty-year heritage of linking Dominicans and Americans as friends in Christ on a common mission. As always, we stretch to exceed our apparent capacity by keeping in mind expansive opportunities not yet realized.

We are grateful for mission teams and their hosts, for the results of the La Polama campaign and the entire Endowment, for Karen Carroll on her retirement, for Bishop Moises, Patricia Martin, and the rest of the Diocesan staff, for all involved in the DDG, and for Bill Kunkle whose commitment is unwavering.

Since the Annual Meeting last February, Bill and I have spoken on the phone regularly. From those conversations, I have gained a greater appreciation for the multi-tasking that is necessary and for the limitations from our reliance on Bill to do several jobs at once.

Sometimes tasks that are pressing have made it necessary to push aside tasks that are important. We worked with Leslie Pendleton of the Episcopal Church Foundation into the summer, for example, but has to suspend planning because of work that still needs to be done on potential donor lists and because of the need to spend more time on a cohesive strategy for fund-raising.

We need to make sure that Bill has the time to travel to companion dioceses in the United States without leaving support work for mission teams unfinished. We have to improve our coordination and accounting for mission teams. In short, we have to find ways for Bill to be able to fulfill his Executive Director duties and have others provide the necessary support.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be involved in the DDG as President, and value immensely the friendships we have developed.