

Dominican Development Group

President's Report
February 11, 2019

2018 was a year of milestones for the Dominican Development Group.

Bill Kunkle's report as the Executive Director describes in detail the great accomplishments this year. I simply accent the 20th anniversary celebration in Tampa, the 2018 year-end financial report with income exceeding expenses for the first time in the history of the DDG, and the remarkable success of FOCA. Money given to the Diocesan budget was less than the maximum allowed leaving more for growth of the fund for use in future years.

In 2018, Karen Carroll retired after a distinguished and effective ministry which brought so many people to the Dominican Republic. Her dedication to helping mission teams plan, her hospitality to all when in the Dominican Republic, and her willingness to take on so many tasks was so important to the ministries we share.

This year was also the first full year with Bishop Moises Quezada as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic. His leadership has helped us all move forward with appreciation for the past and new ideas for the continued strength of the Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic. We are grateful for the chance to be part of his ministry and for his grace in these early years of his episcopate.

Challenges continue as well. The most important is familiar. The opportunities for the DDG exceed our capacity to be as effective as we would like. Support staffing remains a priority to free Bill for the primary responsibilities of his role as Executive Director. We need to address this challenge in our planning and in our budget for 2019.

The Dominican Development Group continues in its purpose: to engage people from the United States and the Dominican Republic as friends in Christ for worship, companionship, and projects. As we serve and share together, we give thanks to God for the blessings we receive.

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