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**THE DOMINICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**DDG INFORM**  
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Once again we welcome you to our diocese. We have said this repeatedly, that you are a very important part of this great Episcopal family that is increasingly excited to continue carrying out the mission entrusted by Christ to his Church to proclaim his Kingdom and to serve the communities in need of our country. Thank you for all you have done during these 20 years. Thank you for your contributions and your presence among us.

**CONTINUING THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE DIOCESE**

As a report at the last meeting, we are in the process of restructuring both ecclesial and administratively. For the ecclesial restructuring we have formed the Congregational Development Committee, whose objective is to coordinate the work of the main diocesan committees, ministries and groups in order to achieve better results.

**THIS RESTRUCTURING INCLUDES:**

- 1) A study of the reality of our congregations. This study is being carried out by the State Committee of the Church
- 2) Coordinate and unify the work of the different ministries to follow the vision that the Church has at this time.
- 3) Follow the training programs for Lay Leaders and Congregations.

We currently have four programs for the formation of the laity; one in the Seminary, another in San Pedro de Macorís, two in the North and one in the South. Through these programs we are preparing our Lay people in different ministries. Each participant is given a License to exercise their ministry in the Local Church

Our Evangelism Committee has currently designed an evangelism plan for the entire Diocese. Within this plan is the Evangelism program known as "One plus One" that teaches each member to Conquer new people to bring them to the church to be part of the Community. The Committee promotes the formation of cells or home groups. We hope that with these activities we can have a greater numerical growth in our missions.



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For its part, the Christian Education Committee is also doing a Christian Education project for all ages. It has been divided into two areas: Children's Area and the Adult Area. They are working for Christian Education for all ages.

Surely all these programs, plus the work of the different ministries and groups will allow our missions to grow spiritually and numerically. Likewise they can have a greater religious and social influence in the community where they are located.

### **CONSECRATION OF TEMPLES, PURCHASE OF LAND AND REPAIRS.**

In this year we consecrated the following temples.

- 1) On June 30, I consecrated and dedicated the San Timoteo Temple, in Nizao, Bani.
- 2) On October 29 was the Dedication and Consecration of the Temple of the Holy Spirit Church, in the Carrera en Azua.
- 3) November 10th was also the consecration of the Temple Monte de Sión, in Boca Chica.
- 4) On December 16 was the Dedication and Consecration of the Divine Word Temple in Dajabon.30 January, 2019.

### **REPAIRS AND LANDS.**

We have made some repairs and the purchase of a land.

The house where the Cristo Salvador Mission works, in Hato Mayor, was repaired and conditioned so that it would look better. The plan is to create a nursery school in this house, which we want to start operating in August of the next school year.

The same was done at the Maternal in Puerto Plata where we hope to build a building with classrooms to house more students. This building could be built on the land next to the house where the Maternal is currently located.

The San José School has been expanded with 4 more classrooms due to the demand that this institution has in the community. In these measures approximately 450 students

We have bought a piece of land in the cove, in Boca Chica, to build the temple of La Gracia. For the next year the R.D. Divina Providencia will take care of the missions La Gracia, Monte de Sión and Santo Tomas. Father Augusto Sandino will continue in charge of the entire complex of San José



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want to tell you that it is our desire to buy more land in order to build new temples, especially in Dajabón, in La Vega, in Santiago, in San Cristóbal, El Seibo and in Haina. In some of these places the churches have been functioning for more than ten or fifteen years, some in rented houses, or family houses or under an albor. We pray for this and we know that God provides. Soon a catalog with our priorities will be published. It will include in some cases the amount we need for each project.

### **ORDINATIONS**

In a Great Renewal activity carried out November 26, 2018, 4 Deacons and One Priest were ordained. Ordained to the Diaconate. Bileysi Díaz, Divina Providencia Matos, Marcos Castellanos and Isaac Emilio Pringle. Currently they are all assigned in different missions.

### **THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DIOCESE**

As a report in the past we are working in the Administration Organization of the Diocese. In the administrative area, we hired a company last year to visit our institutions and give us a report and offer some recommendations on the administrative management we must have at the Diocesan level. This report was delivered to me and to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee has begun to take steps to organize the system

Administration of the Diocese. A computerized accounting system of the Diocesan Office and our institutions will be installed. A manual of accounting procedures. A company will be contracted to supervise and audit the accounts of the Diocese and the institutions. Also this year we will have in our office the Department of Episcopal Colleges. It will be directed by Lic. Miguelina Jorge, current director of the San Andrés Episcopal College.

The Board of Education continues to work with Tom McGowan and a Missionary team in the formation and training of the Rectors, Directors and Administrators. These courses have been important and have served to improve the quality of our schools.

We are negotiating with Estancia Infantil = CONDEI and the Ministry of Education so that some of our Colleges have a Residence on the one hand and others pass to the Public Sector. These negotiations with both institutions are very advanced



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**MISSION OFFICE**

Our Mission Office has a new member who is with us in this meeting, Mr. Miquea Santavil Luis, a young man who has accompanied missionary groups in his Church and in other places. He is a member of the San José Church in Boca Chica. He will receive and accompany the missionary groups, help in the work of the Mission office and the other works of the Diocese. It is a great honor for us to have him with us. He will also represent the Diocese in the DDG

**SELF-SUSTAINABILITY**

This is a topic that cannot be missed due to the implications it has on the Development of our Church. As reported earlier in our report offered at the DDG meeting last year, we plan to make the missions grow more in number and more in the budget of the diocese. We have made some churches increase their quota. Two increased their contribution to the salary of the clergy in this year 2019.

We continue to plan some self-sustainability projects. These projects will be presented at the time to the Finance Committee and the Planning and Development Committee for their support and follow-up, then we will present it to the

It is our hope that the DDG will continue to support us as it has been doing for many years. On the other hand we have institutions like Trinity that want to support us to achieve this sustainability. We also want to manage some aid offered by the city councils and the State that can be used for the development of our institutions and churches.

**CONTRIBUTION TO TEC**

In the General Convention it was approved that each diocese pays a quota of 15% of its budget. Because we cannot make this contribution, we ask the Treasurer of the TEC Office to exonerate us of this contribution and allow us to make a proposal which was accepted by the Treasury of the Church. It consisted in increasing our quota of the last year from 12,000.00 to 15,000.00 dollars with the possibility of periodically reviewing our budget every year and the disposition that we have to increase our quota to TEC.



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Finally, we are very sad to know that Julius and Julia and David Morrow will not be with us in this important organization. I hope that even if they are not with us at the DDG they can continue to visit us and help us as they have for many years. To them, thank you very much.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Moisés Quezada Mota  
Diocesan Bishop