



THE DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP

COMPANIONS IN MISSION

Dominican Republic Pilgrimage Mission 2019

April 6-10, 2019 (As of March 23, two spaces remain on this trip)

Have you ever wanted to see more of the Dominican Republic and learn more about the programs supported by the Episcopal Church? Here is your opportunity to visit our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Dominican Republic and see firsthand the social, educational and religious programs administered through the Dominican Episcopal Church. This year we will journey an East-West path. We will visit churches and other ministries located in Santo Domingo, Haina, Santana, Nizao, Baharona, Bani, Azua, Jimani, and Boca De Cachon. The Dominican Episcopal Church has experienced dynamic growth in its ministries over the past 25 years and the impact of these ministries is far reaching and effects hundreds of thousands each year. This year's Spring Pilgrimage is scheduled in conjunction with the 2019 GEMN Conference being held in Boca Chica on May 3-5. Participants are welcome to register and participate in the conference are GEMN.ORG fees for the conference are paid directly to GEMN and are separate from those associated with the Pilgrimage.

This Pilgrimage is designed to minimize the travel time and still allow the group to see many parts of the country, meet the priests and community leaders who run the programs, and the families and communities who benefit from these programs. The trip will be guided Bill Kunkle and Patricia Martin. Bill Kunkle is a DFMS missionary and the Executive Director of the Dominican Development Group and has led more than 100 mission team to the Dominican Republic over the past 20 years. Patricia Martin is the mission team office coordinator who oversees organizing the many mission teams who come to the DR each year.

The cost for the pilgrimage including hotel, meals, and local transportation is US\$450.00. This **does not** include your airfare. The cost for the airfare varies from your departure city but it is generally inexpensive this time of year to travel to the Dominican Republic. We will fly into Santo Domingo (SDQ) on April 5th (April 2nd if you are also participating in the GEMN conference) and return flights on April 10th From Santo Domingo (SDQ). Participants may choose to extend their visit to the island if you would like to stay a few extra days and enjoy some R&R in Punta Cana or La Romana, please speak to Bill Kunkle **BEFORE** you book your flight. Checks should be made out to The Dominican Development Group and can be mailed to PO Box 272261 Tampa, FL 33688. You may also pay by Credit Card with our PayPal link on the "Donation" page of our website: www.dominicandevlopmentgroup.org/donate

To reserve your spot please contact Bill Kunkle at 813-400-2722 or 813-310-0267 or by email to:

bkunkle@dominicandevlopmentgroup.org

Space is limited and deadline for registration is March 14, 2019 (Note, as of March 23, 2 spaces remain. Rregistration will remain open until those spaces are filled. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Bill Kunkle as soon as possible.)

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Friday April 5th Arrivals in Santo Domingo:
Lodging at the Hampton, by Hilton Boca Chica

Saturday April 6th-

Breakfast at the Hotel

8am Departure-

1st stop Santo Domingo- Visit local historic sites and shopping.

11:30 Lunch in the City

2nd stop: Dona Ana- Visit Iglesia San Miguel

3rd stop: Catalina 4pm Holy Eucharist at El Santo Nombre de Jesus Church

4th stop: Nizao 6pm Holy Eucharist at San Timoteo Church and visit future site of Agricultural Co-op

5th Stop: Santana- Visit San Matias Church, School, and Retreat Center

Dinner and Lodging at the Morrow Center

After Dinner Group Reflection and discussion of Sundays Schedule. - Invited Guests Fr. Luis Garcia, Fr. Vicente Pina

Sunday April 7th-

730am Breakfast at the Morrow Center

1st stop: Santana Holy eucharist at San Matias Church

2nd stop: Carreton- Visit San Antonio de Padua church and school

3rd stop: Bani- Holy Eucharist and visit La Transfiguration church and school

Lunch in Azua

4th stop: Azua Visit La Espiritu Santo Church

Dinner and lodging at the Hotel Montemar

After Dinner Group Reflection and discussion of Monday's Schedule. Invited Guest Fr. Manuel Estevez

Monday April 8- Azua → Jimani

7am Breakfast at Hotel

1st stop: Jimani- Visit La Iglesia San Pablo and Laura Morrow School

2nd stop: Boca de Cachon- Visit future site of the Iglesia San Tito and racial reconciliation program.

3rd stop: Tierra Nueva- Visit San Ignacio Church

Lunch and Discussion with Fr. Samuel and community leadership about Haitian- Dominican relations and the efforts of the Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana in cultural integration.

230pm Depart for Barahona-

Dinner and Lodging at the Costal Larimar Hotel

After Dinner Group Reflection and discussion of Tuesday's Schedule. Invited Guest Fr. Carlos Santana

Tuesday April 9- Barahona → Santo Domingo

730am Breakfast at Hotel

1st stop Baharona- Visit Jesus Peregrino Church and School

2nd stop Baharona- Visit La Redencion Church and School

1030- Depart for Azua

3rd stop Azua Visit the San Jorge Church and School.

4th stop Haina Visit San Marcos and school.

Lodging at the Hostel San Francisco

Dinner at Local Restaurant TBD.

After Dinner Group Reflection

Wednesday April 10- Departures-

Various Times