



THE DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP

COMPANIONS IN MISSION

Spring Exploration Trip 2014

April 24-29, 2014

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 take a long weekend 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. Many of those programs are supported by our companion dioceses.

This trip 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 by Karen Carroll and Bill Kunkle. Karen Carroll is a missionary who lives in Santo Domingo and is in charge of organizing the many mission teams who come to the DR each year. Bill Kunkle is the Executive Director of the Dominican Development Group and has been leading mission teams to the Dominican Republic for 15 years.

We will visit Santo Domingo, San Pedro de Marcorís, Santa Fe, and Boca Chica on the southern coast, and Montellano, San Marcos, Puerto Plata and Mosovi on the northern coast. We will also visit Jarabacoa and Santiago in the middle area of the country.

The cost for the trip including hotel, meals, and local transportation is US\$700.00. This **does not** include your airfare. The cost for the airfare varies from your departure city but this is generally an inexpensive time of year to travel to the Dominican Republic. We will fly into Santo Domingo on April 24th. Participants should book return flights for Tuesday April 29th in the afternoon. You have the option to fly out on Wednesday which would allow for a tour of Santo Domingo on Tuesday afternoon. 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 April 7, 2014

Exploratory trip April 2014

Participants:

Rev. Melinda Hall – Diocese of NW Pennsylvania
Deb Cavagnaro – Diocese of NW Pennsylvania
Kathy Gosselin – Diocese of SW Florida
Nancy Campbell – Diocese of SW Florida
Bill Kunkle – Diocese of SW Florida
Mary Houston Wright - Diocese of Virginia
Karen Carroll – Diocese of Dominican Republic/ SW Florida

We will have plenty of room in the van as it seats 8 very comfortably with luggage.

Thursday April 24th- Arrive in Santo Domingo:

Melinda and Deb arrive at **6:58 pm Delta Flt 487**
Bill, Nancy, Kathy and Mary arrive at **8:55 pm AA Flt 2401**

Friday April 25th- Visit San Pedro de Marcoris area:

Breakfast at the Hotel

1st Stop: Santa Fe- Santa Cruz church, school and vocational school
2nd Stop: Consuelo- Consuelo tech. school
3rd stop: San Pedro de Marcoris- Clinic Esperanza, San Esteban Church and school.

Lunch at the Bishop Kellogg center.

4th Stop: Gautier- Santo Tomas church community center
5th stop: Boca Chica- Hogar, San Jose Church and School, and Bishop Skilton Center.

Reception and Dinner at the home of Bishop Holguin and Milagros.

Saturday April 26th- Jarabacoa and Santiago

Breakfast at hotel

1st Stop: Jarabacoa- Visit Monte Transfiguration church, school and greenhouses.

Lunch at the Camp.

2nd Stop: Santiago- Check into Hotel Colonial 809-247-3122
3rd stop: Santiago- La Annunciacion church and school

Dinner at the Hotel

Sunday April 27th- Santiago and Puerto Plata

Breakfast at the Hotel

1st Stop Santiago- Eucharist at Cristo Salvadore - visit preschool

Lunch at the hotel

2st Stop Puerto Plata- Check into Hotel Portofino.
3rd Stop: Puerto Plata- Iglesia San Simon – Bible study
4th stop: Puerto Plata- Visit Local sites and Telefarico (cable car)

Dinner at the hotel

Monday April 28th- Puerta Plata

Breakfast at the Hotel

1st stop Mosovi- Visit the Divina Gracia Church.
2nd stop Montellano- Visit the Nino Jesus church and School

Lunch at hotel

3rd stop Puerto Plata- Cristo Rey church and Nino de Amor preschool

Return to Santo Domingo check into Hostel San Francisco

Dinner at local Restaurant

Tuesday April 29th- Santo Domingo:

Breakfast at the Hotel

1st Stop 7:30 Eucharist at Epiphany Cathedral
Canasta de Lazaro feeding program

Departures- Various times

Wednesday April 30th- Santo Domingo:

Breakfast at the Hotel

Departures-

Deb, Melinda, and Mary Depart at **739am Delta Flt 496(Deb and Melinda) 700am AA Flight 1026**
Bill, Nancy and Kathy Depart at **125pm AA Flight 987**