



THE DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP

COMPANIONS IN MISSION

Spring Exploration Trip 2015

April 23-29, 2015

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 16 years.

We year the trip will travel an East-West path. We will visit Santo Domingo, San Pedro de Marcorís, Santa Fe, and Boca Chica, and Jimani, Baharona, Bani, Azua, La Romana, and Higüey.

The cost for the trip including hotel, meals, and local transportation is US\$800.00. 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 23rd and return flights on Wednesday April 29th 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.dominicandevdevelopmentgroup.org/donate

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

bkunkle@dominicandevdevelopmentgroup.org

Space is limited and deadline for registration is March 15, 2015

Exploratory trip April 2015

Participants:

- 1) Bill Kunkle -Diocese of SW Florida
- 2) Karen Carroll -Diocese of Dominican Republic/ SW Florida
- 3) St John's Plymouth -Diocese of Michigan
- 4) St John's Plymouth -Diocese of Michigan
- 5) St John's Plymouth -Diocese of Michigan
- 6) St John's Plymouth -Diocese of Michigan
- 7) St John's Plymouth -Diocese of Michigan
- 8) Julius Ariail -Diocese of Georgia
- 9) Emily Gibson -Diocese of SC

3 Spaces still available

Thursday April 23rd- Arrivals in Santo Domingo:

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

Lodging at the Hostel San Francisco

Friday April 24th- **Jimani**

Breakfast at the Hotel

- 1st Stop: Carreton Visit San Antonio de Padua church and school
2nd Stop: Nizao- Visit San Timoteo Church and Shelter (future site)
3rd stop: Santana- Visit San Matias Church, School, and Retreat Center (under construction)

Lunch in Bani

- 4th Stop: Azua Visit La Reconciliacion Church
5th stop: Jimani- Visit La Iglesia San Pablo and Laura Morrow School

Dinner and lodging at the Dormitory in Jimani

Saturday April 25th- **Baharona**

Breakfast at Dormitory

- 1st Stop: Boca de Cachon- Visit future site of the Iglesia San Tito.

Lunch in Baharona

- 2nd Stop: Baharona- Visit La Redencion Church and School
3rd stop: Baharona- Visit Jesus Perigrino Church and School

Dinner and Lodging at the Costal Larimar Hotel

Sunday April 26th- **Santo Domingo**

Breakfast at the Hotel

- 1st Stop Azua - Eucharist at Iglesia San Jorge.
2st Stop Las Carreras- Visit Espiritu Santo church (under construction).

Lunch in Bani

- 3rd Stop: Dona Ana- Visit Iglesia San Miguel
4th stop: Santo Domingo- Visit local historic sites
5th stop: Santo Domingo- Evening Prayer at Epiphany Cathedral (5pm)

Dinner at local restaurant. Lodging at the Hostel San Francisco.

Monday April 27th- **La Romana**

Breakfast at the Hotel

- 1st stop Santo Domingo- Visit local historic sites and shopping.
2nd stop Andres- Visit the future site of the Mount Zion Church and school.
3rd stop Boca Chica- Visit the San Jose Church, school, and Bishop Issac Hogar, and Cabanas

Lunch at Bishop Skilton Convention Center.

- 4th stop Gautier- Visit the Santo Tomas Church and Children's Shelter.
5th stop Consuelo- Visit the San Gabriel Church, Elementary and Vocational School

Dinner at local Restaurant. Lodging at Riverview hotel.

Tuesday April 28th- **La Romana/Higüey:**

Breakfast at the Hotel

- 1st Stop La Romana- Visit Encarnacion Church and School
2nd Stop La Romana- Visit the Todos Los Santos Church and School

Lunch at Trigo de Oro

- 3rd Stop Higüey Visit the La Basilica de Higüey
4th Stop Santa fe Visit the Santa Cruz church, Elementary and Vocational schools.
5th Stop San Pedro de Marcoris Visit San Esteban Church and school, and the Clinica Esperanza.

Dinner and Lodging at the Bishop Kellogg center.

Wednesday April 29th-

Breakfast at the Hotel

Departures-

Various times