



# THE DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP

COMPANIONS IN MISSION

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## Spring Exploration Trip 2017

April 27-May 3, 2017

**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.

This year the trip will travel an East-West path. We will visit Santo Domingo, San Pedro de Macorís, Santa Fe, Boca Chica, Jimaní, Barahona, 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 27<sup>rd</sup> and return flights on May 3<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:bkunkle@dominicandevlopmentgroup.org) Space is limited and deadline for registration is April 1, 2017

## Exploratory trip April 27 – May 3, 2017

### Thursday April 27<sup>rd</sup>-

Arrivals in Santo Domingo:

Drive to Santana, Bani

**Lodging at the Morrow Retreat Center**

### Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>-

Santana → Jimani

**Breakfast at the Morrow Center**

1<sup>st</sup> stop: Santana- Visit San Matias Church, School, and Retreat Center  
2<sup>nd</sup> stop: Nizao- Visit San Timoteo Church and Shelter (under construction)  
3<sup>rd</sup> stop: Carretón Visit San Antonio de Padua church and school

**Lunch in Bani**

4<sup>th</sup> stop: Azua Visit La Reconciliacion Church  
5<sup>th</sup> stop: Jimaní- Visit La Iglesia San Pablo and Laura Morrow School

**Dinner and lodging at the Dormitory in Jimani**

### Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>-

Jimani → Barahona

**Breakfast at Dormitory**

1<sup>st</sup> stop: Boca de Cachon- Visit future site of the Iglesia San Tito.

**Lunch in Baharona**

2<sup>nd</sup> stop: Barahona- Visit La Redención Church and School  
3<sup>rd</sup> stop: Barahona- Visit Jesús Peregrino Church and School

**Dinner and Lodging at the Costal Larimar Hotel**

### Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>-

Barahona → Santo Domingo

**Breakfast at the Hotel**

1<sup>st</sup> stop Azua - Eucharist at Iglesia San Jorge.  
2<sup>st</sup> stop Las Carreras- Visit Espíritu Santo church (under construction).

**Lunch in Bani**

3<sup>rd</sup> stop: Doña Ana- Visit Iglesia San Miguel  
4<sup>th</sup> stop: Santo Domingo- Visit local historic sites  
5<sup>th</sup> stop: Santo Domingo- Evening Prayer at Epiphany Cathedral (5pm)

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

### Monday May 1- Santo Domingo → San Pedro de Macorís

**Breakfast at the Hotel**

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

**Lunch at Bishop Skilton Convention Center.**

4<sup>th</sup> stop Gautier- Visit the Santo Tomas Church and Children's Shelter.  
5<sup>th</sup> stop Consuelo- Visit the San Gabriel Church, Elementary and Vocational School  
6<sup>th</sup> stop Jalonga- Visit the Church, Bakery and community center.

**Dinner and Lodging at Bishop Kellogg Center**

### Tuesday May 2- San Pedro de Macorís → La Romana

**Breakfast at the Kellogg Center**

1<sup>st</sup> stop La Romana- Visit La Encarnación Church and School  
2<sup>nd</sup> stop La Romana- Visit the Todos Los Santos Church and School

**Lunch at Local Restaurant**

4<sup>th</sup> stop Santa Fe Visit the Santa Cruz church, Elementary and Vocational schools.  
5<sup>th</sup> stop San Pedro de Macorís Visit San Esteban Church and school, and the Clínica Esperanza.

**Dinner and Lodging at the Bishop Kellogg center.**

### Wednesday May 3- Departures- **Breakfast at the Kellogg Center**