

February 21, 2024 - Haiti Commission Agenda | Minutes

I. Opening Prayer

II. Diocesan Gathering: thoughts? Can we send a follow up email to participants with healthcare and education and synodality questions?

- General take away: It was great to see people in person – sacramental experience in being with each other – photos a huge benefit.
- Need to follow up with the participants and send out: an evaluation form, table talk questions, slides and talking point for Haiti Healthcare Presentation and Education.
- Need to follow up in ways that provide continued dialogue to build on what has been shared. Questions posed by one of the attendees as being most relevant: "How do we practice synodality and/or listen better to/with our twins?" or "How do we be present to our twins in the current climate where we cannot travel?" or "How do we practice sustainability, when our twins are experiencing crisis conditions?"
- Healthcare in Haiti was presented with a more global lens – with a desire to benefit more people with a more stable structure

III. Haiti Healthcare Update. Fr. Herald's talk was very well received. Is there a possibility of HEST and HHCT working together on a medical/school outreach? the school health initiatives (both health education and health care in schools) and the education of clinicians seem like good fits for collaboration between the two teams

- This is a good question to ask a larger audience to include HEST
- Healthcare in Haiti was presented with a more global lens – with a desire to benefit more people with a more stable structure – Education without healthcare is at a disadvantage
- The Diocese of Hinche is paying attention to this and it is one of their priorities

IV. Year End Reports from Twinned Parishes: Finalized? Has it been shared with both Bishops? Can we add it to the Diocesan website?

- Finalized not sent yet.
- Diane suggested a letter go along with the sending as a way to provide a summary of what has been happening.

V. Kwasans

- Everyone is still trying to understand what collaboration will look like – not sure about structure or what is needed from DOR
- Tina said she would look into getting a copies of this for a book read for the Commission

VI. Support Team – Updates HEST, HHCT, and HSPT

- HPST (Haiti Partnership Support Team) – Just now forming. Patricia Britz and Patricia Hawn both said yes to being a part of this group. William Slowinski will be the representative from the Commission. Sometime in March will be a starting meeting. Still looking for members. It was suggested to reach out to St. Edward.
- HEST (Haiti Education Support Team) – Finalizing Ask Campaign
- HHST (Haiti Healthcare Support Team) – Focusing on more global approach to Healthcare. HHST would like to work more collaboratively with HEST and get a better picture of what is already happening in Hinche that HHST can plug into.

VII. What is our next move? How do we continue to promote Diocese to Diocese Twinning in 2024?

Build the model of Diocese-to-Diocese model

VIII. Next Meeting – March 20 at 4:00

Added Discussion:

As a way to see and understand the bigger picture across the Diocese of Richmond and Diocese of Haiti...

Maybe some sort of communication chart... or organization chart... Haiti objectives chart... (Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3...) – in an effort to see where the different teams (and their works) dovetail & collaboration can take place and where are they different and need to stay separate.

DOH 5-year strategic plan – how has it evolved and where is the DOH right now with that plan? It was offered that possibly with all the unrest and things devolving more and more that possibly this plan has changed to reflect this. Reaching out and asking ways in which the DOR can dovetail into what is happening right now. Page/Page ½ with pictures as a guide. February 2024... Where is the DOH today?

Connectivity in Haiti. Can we include more people in the discussion by Zoom. What type of technology is needed in Haiti to make this happen easier? It was suggested to reach out to David Siler (Parish Twinning Program of the Americas), as he has done this for numerous parishes that he works with. In addition, to get feedback from Drew Peloubet and see what type of technology Bishop Jean is already using across the Diocese of Hinche.

IX. Closing Prayer