

Haiti Commission Meeting – January 17, 2024

The meeting this month was a listening session – Chip Wirth was the guest speaker and he was presenting an idea to the Commission. The following is a rough sketch of what he shared.

Chip Wirth – Kwasans Foundation – guest speaker – exploring partnership with Diocese of Richmond and Univ. of Notre Dame

- Alliance for Catholic Education Board Member
- How do we help the Haitian people toward sustainability?
- Works w/ Kellogg Foundation, Porticus Foundation, Lego Foundation
- “Invest in our Youth” – book on educating children
 - Educate on L3
 - For twins – to offer scholarship
 - A Strategic Plan needs to be worked out
- DOH – Haitians the lead
- DOR / Others – second
- Looking to sharpen what is already there

University of Notre Dame – HINCHE

- Entrepreneurial Center
 - 100% funded

Shipping Containers into mailboxes business center

- Working with Notre Dame ½ the cost
 - To put with schools (for Catholic School System)

From this presentation the Commission decided to take some time to read “Invest in our Youth” and continue to gain an understanding of the L3 process and determine how the DOR might be of help.