

Haiti Commission Meeting Minutes July 19, 2023

Diocesan Haiti Gathering

- During Haiti Solidarity Month – February
- Separate meeting will be scheduled with a planning group
- Possibly see if it can be held at St. Edward's or St. Mary's – in the past they had around 200 ppl
- Speakers: Those having experience going to Haiti, Covenant Training, 5-year step down plan

Creation of a new Haiti Partnership Support Team

- Patricia Britz, Patricia Hawn potential members of support team
- Need others – who is still viable from the original HPST (Richard Neves – John Stack)
- This group will have a different focus than they had in the past
 - They will focus on training
 - More hands on with solving the difficulties of the parish-to-parish twins
 - Get direction from the Commission

St. Michael's Dos Palais Clinic Needs a Support Plan

- Won't be able to continue to pay \$49,000 a year – within the next 2 years
- Fr. Herald suggested that they let the priest in Haiti know that they cannot keep paying the \$49,000 – this will allow them to come up with a plan – that parish should be encouraged to contact Fr. Herald to figure out what they can do (Fr. Herald cannot reach out to them)
- Fr. Jonathan suggested contacting Bon Secour corporate budget team – to see if they can leverage a grant or something to assist with this
- A separate meeting with St. Michael Haiti Ministers – Fr. Herald – and the priest of the parish in Haiti is needed

Meeting was taken up by trying to understand the original agreement w/ St. Michael and the Dos Palais Clinic and what exactly is still owed – Caritas was supposed to take over the burden from St. Michael and that didn't happen.

Conversations took place about Caritas and the situation in Haiti.

Follow-ups to take place on Diocesan Haiti Gathering, HPST, and the Dos Palais Clinic