Haiti Partnership Committee  
Meeting Notes  
Conference Call April 19, 2017


The Haiti Partnership convened by phone, after a bit of time change confusion, at 9am EST. We are grateful to everyone for the patience and contributions to our meeting. The following are notes from our conversation intended to contribute to the flow of our work and the record of that work.

Reports from Project Working Groups

I. St. Vincent’s

Bishop Bourlakas and Pere Damus reported that on behalf of our HPC and as part of the work of the subcommittee, Bishop Bourlakas met with Mr. Bill Craddock, Chair of the Board of St. Vincent’s Home and School. The report is that St. Vincent’s is well organized and moving along the path to completion of the development of a new site at Santos 17. The Board of Directors is moving forward in collaboration with The Episcopal Church’s Development Office on the first phases of this work. In addition the St. Vincent’s Board is considering becoming established as a separate non-profit corporation. This will have implications for our work together that will be discussed at our June meeting. Bishop Bourlakas has been invited to meet with St. Vincent’s Board and we have through Bishop Bourlakas invited Bill Craddock to our June meeting in Haiti.

II. St. Barnabas Agricultural School (CASB)

Pere MacDonald Jean and Rev. Rosemari Sullivan currently constitute this subcommittee and had no report at this meeting. However, the Executive Council through the Care of Creation fund made a grant of $10,000 to St. Barnabas for current irrigation work. In addition, Dan Tootle, Development Officer and former missioner to St. Barnabas, updated our meeting on integrated plan for CASB stabilization and development. At the present time CASB is seeking a Director for the School. As an interim step, Pere Samuel in collaboration with the Standing Committee, Bishop of Haiti and Mr. Vundla are leading the program.

III. Holy Trinity Cathedral
Bishop Bourlakas, Dr. McNeeley, Pere Auguste and Pere Francois constitute this subcommittee. The work on Holy Trinity has been in a state of hiatus for about 18 months. On May 2nd, Bishop Bourlakas along with Tara Holley and Paul Nix will meet with the General Counsel for this project, Al Phillips, in his Atlanta Office. Mr. Phillips has announced his retirement from the practice of law during this summer. This places an urgency on completing the documentation being worked on to this point for the Cathedral project. The meeting will be video taped and we will all have the opportunity to see this during our meeting in June as well as ask questions. During our call, Pere Auguste and the Haiti participants asked about the funding to date, noted that at this point they are not up to date on any aspect of the Cathedral project. The decision was made to offer a full presentation of the history and status of the project during our meeting in June. Kurt Barnes noted that some of this material is available. Pere Damus and Rev. Rosemari will work with the staff on this presentation.

Report from the Development Office

Ms. Holley and Mr. Tootle reported to us on the status of the three projects.

Mr. Tootle informed us that the work on CASB is well underway in terms of the development of an integrated plan for the development of the school and its program. Stakeholders have been identified and some of made contributions to the program. One notable contributor is the Diocese of Long Island who provided $292,000 for the refurbishment of the property and scholarships. There are currently 30 students enrolled. The goal is to expand to serve 250 students. As noted above, there is an active search for a Director of the School.

In addition, Mr. Tootle summarized the funding already provided to St. Vincent’s through the work of the Development Office and The Episcopal Church.

Ms. Holley reported on the work of fund raising for the Cathedral. Ms. Holley noted that in the early phase of this effort $2.6 million were received from over 2,000 supporters. This, Ms. Holley, noted is a hopeful base that needs to be acknowledged and developed. Ms. Holley noted that for a Capital Campaign of the magnitude of the Holy Trinity Cathedral time is needed to put the right elements in place. These elements are:
- Leadership Team
- A Strong and Compelling Case
- Donor Identification

June Meeting

During our conversations we agreed that our meeting in Haiti will take place on June 15 and 16. Travel days for participants from the US will be June 14 and 17. Our agenda will include
• A meeting with Bill Craddock and possibly other representatives of St. Vincent’s
• A full session on the history of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Project
• A visit to the Cathedral site
• An update on CASB to include presentation by Pere Samuel and Vundla
• Other matters that may need our consideration

The General Convention Office and Vundla will assist us with the details of our meeting. Please look for email instructions on travel, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Rosemari Sullivan