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The 2014 Venice Deanery Dominican Republic Mission Project Iglesia San Miguel Doña Ana, Dominican Republic

The 2014 Venice Deanery's mission project is to finish the construction of the new San Miguel church in Doña Ana. Bishop Holguín has used funds from the missionary fund to advance the construction to the state shown in these photos, but there are no more funds available to finish the new building. The current building pictured below has been donated by a parishioner for use by the congregation for the past several years. This temporary building is in poor condition and floods during hard rains. The congregation has long outgrown this small building and is in real need of a larger facility to continue serving the needs of the community.

The goal for 2014 is to complete the first floor of the building in the picture to the right. Our teams will paint the entire building inside and out, seal the roof, form and pour sidewalks and landscape the exterior of the church. The funds we raise will complete the electrical, plumbing and iron security protectors. This work will be done by local workers, providing much needed employment for those in the community.



San Miguel (temporary building)



San Miguel (under construction)

The 2014 Venice Deanery Mission project marks the 13th consecutive year where churches from the Venice deanery have sent teams and provided much needed support to the Dominican Episcopal Church and its programs to help the poor in many different communities. The San Miguel church is in a barrio called Doña Ana. It is located between Santo Domingo and Bani on the southern part of the island. The new San Miguel church building's first floor consists of a sanctuary, sacristy and bathroom. The new church building will eventually be two stories; the second floor will house a parish hall and kitchen. The priest in charge of the church is Fr. Roberto Castro. The congregation has a regular Sunday attendance of 20-35.

A Mission Project in Coordination With The Dominican Development Group



San Miguel (under construction)

The Venice Deanery will send two 12-14 person work teams to the Dominican Republic during the summer of 2014. Team I will travel from June 11-18 and will paint interior of the new building, seal the roof and work with local workers to form the sidewalks around the church. Team II will travel from June 18-25 and will paint the exterior of the building, pour the concrete sidewalks and landscape the front of the church. The estimated cost of the 2014 Venice Deanery project is \$18,000 which covers the cost of the materials we will use as well as the cost of completing the plumbing, electrical, windows, doors and protectors (burglar bars).

The DR Diocese really needs and appreciates this help from the Venice Deanery in completing this important building. The Diocese's resources are limited, and the construction of this church has already taken several years. The good will of the deanery's missionaries, and those who will support them and the project, will have a major impact on the community and on the long-term growth of the Dominican Episcopal Church.

San Miguel congregation has community outreach program on Tuesdays and a Bible study on Thursday nights. The Mission started 8 years ago in Doña Ana and has developed as a strong ministry in the community. The youth ministry, consisting of 15 teenagers and 7 young adults, is in need of musical instruments to be used by the choir during the church services and for local outreach programs to help the church grow when it moves into its new building.

The Dominican Episcopal church builds its new churches by faith and in many cases relies on many different groups working in companionship to complete a new church. The San Miguel church and community of Doña Ana will host a team from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast who will contribute to the completion of the church by building new pews and altar furniture.



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Team I June 11-18, 2014

Team II June 18-25, 2014

Team Details: The Venice Deanery Team plans to travel to the Dominican Republic on Wednesdays. They will work Thursday, Friday, a half day on Saturday, then Monday and Tuesday of the following week. The Deanery Coordinator is Janet Spooner of St. James, Pt. Charlotte FL.

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