

Transform San Cristobal

July 14-16, 2023

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BACKGROUND

In celebration of the 200th Anniversary of San Cristobal, the churches of this suburb of Santo Domingo, the capital of Dominican Republic, are commemorating this historic juncture by uniting as churches for a city wide celebration of a future dream: Transform San Cristobal.

This city is the municipal capital of the San Cristobal province. The constitution of Dominican Republic was signed in San Cristobal in 1844. This city is also notable for being the birthplace of Rafael Trujillo, dictator from 1930-1961.

The population of the city of San Cristobal reaches 300,000 people.

Dominican Republic

The Spanish Island colony of Hispaniola was divided into two countries upon independence from Spain. Today five eighths of this island is the current country of the Dominican Republic, declaring its independence in 1821. The other island is Haiti, becoming independent in 1804.

At different moments in its history, the Dominican Republic was ruled or intervened by Haiti, Spain, and the United States.

The “colony” of Santo Domingo became the site of the first permanent European settlement in the Americas upon its “discovery” in 1492. It was also the first seat of Spanish colonial rule in the new world.

The Dominican Republic has a population of 10.7 million people. The capital of Santo Domingo has a population of 3.3 million. This island nation is a representative republic, with an upper (32 members) and lower (178 members) legislature. Luis Abinader is the current president.

The judicial authority rests with the 16-member Supreme Court of Justices. It is appointed by the National Council of the Magistracy; composed of the president, the leaders of both houses of Congress, the President of the Supreme Court, and an opposition party member.

The Dominican Republic has one of the fastest growing economies in Latin America and the Caribbean over the last decade. Real GDP grew by 4.9 percent in 2022, driven by services. The hotel, restaurant and tourism sector grew by 24 percent during this period.

Approximately 66% of Dominicans are Catholic. An additional 22% of them are Protestant.

The motto of this island nation is “God, Homeland, Freedom.”

TRANSFORM SAN CRISTOBAL INITIATIVE

A Vision. The evangelical churches of San Cristobal united to celebrate the 200th anniversary of their city in a historic and forward looking manner. The vision of Transform San Cristobal was born out of this desire, in dialogue with Transform World.

A Team: A local and global team of leaders committed to, and deploying towards, a transformational initiative for their city, as a model for the nation, and a global inspiration.

A Process: The vision and team are entrusted to a process of transformation. It will require global speakers to consider investing in quarterly mentoring meetings for follow up. Local leaders will be asked to commit to goals in the following areas, per sphere and challenge.

1. Vision casting with leaders and congregations.
2. Training of trainers who will train others at a geographical and network level.
3. Training local church leaders to reach their congregations.
4. Community outreach defined by each sphere and challenge leader.

The Scope

15 Host churches

15 Local churches

70 Neighboring churches

20 Government authorities

32 Provincial ambassadors

40 Business leaders

1 Judicial commission

The Multiplication

Each congregation will host one conference speaker. A delegation of different churches will additionally be present at each meeting. All materials will be shared by churches at a local and national level during the next six months, and beyond.

Presentations

There will be twelve, 3 hour conferences shared on Friday and Saturday night.

Please note the three-hour time distribution:

- Teaching time: 2 hours (Including for team teaching and translation)
- Q&A Time: 15 minutes
- Group Time: One thing God spoke to you. One action step: 15 minutes
- Google commitment: 15 minutes

Speaking: Please be prepared to present yourself and your presentation as follows:

1 Minute

5 Minutes

1-2 hours in workshop sessions

PowerPoints: Consider the guidelines below.

Some of you have entire 8+ hour presentations available in Spanish. Please send those to Esdras (juntoss@gmail.com. (Example: Generous Church, Islamic Initiative. Poverty Challenge, Activate). We will make them available to those in the nation that commit to be trainers of trainers and integrate them into your ministries.

All of us need a 1-2 hour presentation for the workshop and a 1 hour for message on Sunday,

- Keep it simple
- Share one picture or digital illustration with a maximum of 2-3 per slide.
Consider a total of 10-15 slides.
- You can go deep in your sharing, but not in your slides.
- For the Sunday service please have a Scripture and up to three points translated. Again, keep it simple.

NOTE: Friday July 7 is the last day to receive your English presentations to be translated and merged into the programs. There are 16 presentations times plus 12 Sunday services.

TW San Cristobal Conference Logistics

TW Contact Information. Esdras Medina. juntoss@gmail.com. +1-809-772-5777

Airport pick up and departure: Those of you who sent your flight information will be picked up on the 12th or 13th. Dropped off on the 16th or 17th.

Costs: Please note that the local churches and national facilitator has invested over \$25,000 to launch this initiative. We are grateful for the following investment you are making.

- International ticket
- Hotel (\$100+26 tax per room daily)
- Transportation \$100 per person: For bus to transport us.

NOTE: Since the national church is investing approximately \$25,000 in this initiative, we prayerfully request your ministry to consider a donation beyond your investment. It would be greatly appreciated. Some optional meetings and arrangements have a gap of \$5,000. Pray for this gap to be filled.

Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Santo Domingo. Maximo Gomez.

Dress: Business formal. Guayaberas for men. Dresses for women.

PrayerStorm: When we pray and brainstorm, we PrayerStorm. Please consider a united prayer and fasting time on Monday July 10. It's all about Him. May He use us.

Blessings and see you soon.

Conference Recap

Conference	Speakers	Time -Place
Thursday July 13		
Vision Cast & Press Briefing - National Leadership Group	Dominican Evangelical Church Social Services Center	8:00 - 9:30 pm
Friday July 14		
#	Welcome Vision Cast San Cristobal Leaders: All share 3 minutes	9:30 am - 12 pm
TW Workshops 1: San Cristobal		
1	i2 Ministries	Joshua Lingel & Ryan James Bethesda
2	Generous Church	Patrick Johnson IADC
3	Activate	Jerry McCarthy, Esdras Medina CBI
4	Prayer & Arts	Connie Lindsley, Local leader TBAs IDPN
5	Business	John Warton, David Befus IRDS
6	Missions	Omayra Alvarez, Team LH
7	Communications	LaReau Anderson 12ApII
8	Government	Art Lindsley, Randy Powell Faro
9	Restorative Justice	Ron Spon Sion CDD
10	Poverty Transformed	Terry, Richard, Tim IDC
11	Transformed Leader	Roosevelt Muriel RDD
Saturday July 15		
12	Government Meeting Speak Father, Son, HS "Jesus (Ted) Talks"	Dr. Rev. Art Lindsley: 15 Minutes Judge Ron Jon: 7 Minutes John Warton: 7 Minutes Terry Dalrymple: 7 Minutes Dr. James Hwang: 7 Minutes Patrick Johnston: 7 Minutes 5 Others: 1 Minute Government Center
Saturday 15: TW Workshop 2		
13	Harvest & Transformation	Dr James Hwang Ricardo Luna. TW Team
14	United PrayerStorm	Be ready to share as requested. 6 pm -9 pm
Sunday July16		
15	Church Services	Global Team: 12 simultaneous messages 9 am - 12 pm
16	Outreach Initiative	Community 1-3 pm