

# Haiti in our Hands

Compassion and solidarity for the people of Haiti



## Monthly Newsletter

## September 2022

### All Things Are Possible



**Bocchit Edmonds, Haitian  
Ambassador to the US**

The Parish Twinning Program of the Americas “All Things Are Possible” National Conference was held in August in Nashville, TN. Co-founder Theresa Patterson introduced the new program director, David Siler, who replaced her the week prior.

One of the first speakers at the conference was Bocchit Edmond, the Haitian Ambassador to the United States. After thanking attendees for all they have done for the people of Haiti, he spoke about the political situation and need to hold elections in his home country. Mr. Edmond encouraged people to do what they could for their twin parishes. “It is hurting Haiti for your work to be put off,” he said as he insisted it was not a civil war, but a gang issue with the gangs being supported by the drug cartels. The Ambassador declared that outside of Port-au-Prince, the nation was safe to travel. The National Conference held best practices workshops in ‘Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene,’ ‘Addressing Food Insecurity,’ ‘School Support Strategies,’ and

many more. There was an emphasis on being sure to support programs requested by the community and to do research to learn from what others have done before. It was an inspirational three days where attendees were encouraged to, “Do something beautiful with great love.”

### Did You Know?

Since its founding in 1978, the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas has grown to become the largest organization of its kind and has formed about 300 “twinning” for parishes in 31 states. At the conference, one of the speakers noted that earlier this year Pope Francis wrote: “Dear brothers and sisters, I continue to dream of a completely missionary church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities.”

### Upcoming Events:

**September 17:** Trunk Sale,  
10-2 Church parking lot

**September 26:** Pop-Up Dog Salon  
9-2 Onondaga Hill

**October 1-2:** Bottle & Can Drive  
Church parking lot

**November 4-6:** Book & Bake Sale, Church Hall

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