

**SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE  
2014 GRANTS AND PROGRAMS**

**INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**

**AFRICA \$25,000**

**Presbyterian Church in Rwanda, Rwanda \$25,000**

An intermediary partnership supporting agriculture; handicrafts; saving and loan associations; income generating activities; and water supply and electricity projects. The beneficiaries of these projects are from the poorest and undeveloped regions in Rwanda.

**ASIA \$40,000**

**Development Promotion Group (DPG), India \$40,000**

This intermediary partner assists primarily women, children and neglected minorities in South India with projects ranging from development to sanitation, housing and education.

**LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN \$135,452**

**Centro de Solidaridad Para el Desarrollo de la Mujer, Inc. (CE-MUJER) – Santo Domingo, DR \$50,000**

An intermediary partner committed to improving the quality of life of those living in economically poor communities by assisting in their empowerment through self-management, education, training in technical skills, income generation, health and public politics with influence on both the national and local level.

**Placencia Tour Guide Cooperative, Placencia, Belize \$3,500**

The funds will be used for technical assistance to cover capacity building, transportation, rent and office equipment.

**Maya Freshwater Cooperative, near Punta Gorda, Belize \$19,500**

To build a two room cement building that would house a small store and a computer lab for the community. The building could also serve as a hurricane shelter.

**Seine Bight Village Council, Placencia, Belize \$19,910**

The grant will assist this indigenous community in revitalizing its village through painting blighted homes, installing speed humps to slow traffic and restoring a local reservoir. Group members will install signage and educate the community about health, safety and unity as first steps toward attracting and benefitting from the burgeoning tourist industry in the region.

**Trio Farmers in Development Pre-Cop, Trio Village, Belize \$20,042**

This grant will enable farmers of this cooperative to try new methods of growing seedlings in "tunnels" that will improve the yield of their crops.

**Sandy Beach Women's Cooperative Society Limited, Hopkins, Belize \$22,500**

The grant will be used for the purchase of an additional cabaña, extension of kitchen facilities and developing proper marketing strategies to effectively market the cooperative business owned and operated by this group of indigenous Garifuna women.

**SOUTH AMERICA \$40,000**

**Regional Ecumenical Center for Consulting and Service, (CREAS), Argentina \$40,000**

An intermediary partnership supporting small projects focused on strengthening and nourishing grassroots initiatives.

## DOMESTIC PROJECTS

### MIDWEST

**\$27,020**

#### **Eclipse Graphics, Chicago, IL**

**\$13,000**

This is a cooperative business run by youth seeking to develop entrepreneurial skills by marketing non-violence awareness and conflict resolution strategies through peace theme products (tee shirts), literature, and performances.

#### **Oakland Avenue Community/Market Garden and Greenhouse Cooperative, Detroit, MI**

**\$14,020**

This is an economic development project to complete a commercial kitchen by obtaining appropriate licenses, zoning changes and supplies. The commercial kitchen will act as value added to the urban garden. The group is involved with policy level groups related to land (re)use and works collaboratively with others in the food justice movement. The project is considered a model for community group owned urban agriculture.

### NORTHEAST

**\$170,000**

#### **College and Community Fellowship, New York, NY**

**\$20,000**

Group members are using theatre to raise awareness about criminal justice reform and reentry by sharing their stories of struggle as formerly incarcerated women.

#### **Women's Press Collective, Brooklyn, NY**

**\$15,000**

The grant will enable the group to upgrade and expand the in-house design and print capacity to be able to complete printing and publishing projects that members of the group seek to produce. They have previously lacked the needed equipment, expertise or supplies. Those who complete their project will be able to market their products to earn income and to improve their quality of life.

#### **Brandworkers, New York, NY**

**\$20,000**

The grant will enable the Brandworkers to train workplace justice campaign workers of food production plants to advocate for themselves for wage equity, improved safety in the workplace and elimination of wage theft.

#### **Wind of the Spirit, Immigrant Resource Center, Morristown, NJ**

**\$20,000**

The project is to assist this immigrant group to build its organizing capacity and group member's knowledge, leadership and advocacy skills in order to bring about labor and civil rights justice for themselves and other immigrants. The project's

goals include educating themselves and the community to participate actively in human rights education and campaigns for a humane immigration policy.

#### **Sepa Mujer, Central Islip, LI-NY**

**\$15,000**

The project is an advocacy and self empowerment program providing bilingual leadership development for Latina women, especially those who have suffered violence at the hands of someone close to them.

#### **New Immigrant Community Empowerment, Jackson Heights, New York**

**\$15,000**

To enable this participatory action research project which aims to identify and document wage standards, working conditions of day laborers, wage theft and low wages at the local Parada (day laborer stop). This survey will be used to raise consciences and raise wage standards for the hundreds of day laborers who access work through the local Parada.

#### **Community Financial Literacy (CFL), Portland, ME**

**\$15,000**

The project will be used for creation of a comprehensive workforce development program for refugees and immigrants matching their skills with best employment opportunities. The members are committed to learning how to be more marketable for employment. They will form a partnership with identified industries and assist in designing a job readiness program for themselves and other immigrants mainly from East Africa.

#### **Direct Action for Rights and Equality (DARE), Providence, RI**

**\$15,000**

The project is a campaign by and for tenants and homeowners to stop foreclosures and evictions through organizing, direct actions, legislative actions, and educating themselves and others about issues, rights, recourses, and developing leadership skills.

#### **Lanvale Towers/Canal Court Tenant Association, Baltimore, MD**

**\$15,000**

This group of residents has come together to create an onsite computer training program that will allow group members to have basic microsoft training.

#### **Pratt Towers, Inc., Brooklyn, NY,**

**\$15,000**

To assist the residents of this building cooperative in making an intergenerational playground safe and accessible to all residents of Pratt Towers. The current pathway leading to the playground as well as the garden and benches are uneven, cracked and not wheelchair accessible.

#### **Staley B. Keith Social Justice Center, Hudson, NY**

**\$5,000**

This group of men and women have come together to form the Staley B. Keith Social Justice Center, an organization working to empower young black men to resist the marginalization of their communities. Three 12 week training programs have been planned and they include self empowerment, systems change advocacy and mentorship.

**SOUTH****\$119,655****Talihina Farmers' Market, Talihina, OK****\$15,000**

The project is to assist a group of farmers that have come together to increase production of fresh fruits and vegetable in order to tackle the unusually high rate of diabetes and heart disease amongst themselves and in their community.

**H.O.M.E. of Daytona Beach, FL****\$11,400**

The project is to help change perceptions and raise awareness of homeless individual's issues through improving the infrastructure of the group to address its basic needs as well as a newsletter and website.

**Panhandle St. Mary Senior Citizen Group, Marianna, FL****\$20,000**

Organized by rural, low-income families, the project is a value added marketing project to sell agricultural products (vegetables). Using donated land, the project will allow group members to grow, harvest and sell vegetables to local residents and organizations. The project hopes to improve the lives of members as well as provide fresh produce for themselves and the community.

**Cooperative & Cannery Initiative, Shannon, NC****\$20,000**

This is an economic development project that will enhance the financial livelihood of the families in Shannon, NC. The project involves the production, canning and marketing of the produce grown by local farmers. The SDOP funds will be utilized for the purchase of printing cost, canning supplies, postage cost, and utilities.

**VOTE (Voice of the Ex-Offender), New Orleans, LA****\$15,000**

This is a well organized group of ex-offenders, some of whom are living in a transition home and working together to improve their lives and support their families. They received training in entrepreneurship and marketing and have come together to create a co-op. The project will provide the men with a means of making a sustainable income.

**The Battery Repurposing & Recycling Project, Clarkston, GA,****\$18,255**

The project is to create a worker owned cooperative micro-enterprise business that will provide new employment opportunities and economic sustainability for low income immigrant and refugee small business owners. All are residents of Clarkston, Georgia.

**Island Food Security Network, Kingshill, Virgin Islands****\$20,000**

The project is to purchase and ship a 45 horse powered tractor with a tiller and the cost of shipping it to the farmers.

**WEST****\$95,000****Critical Mass Dance Company, Los Angeles, CA****\$15,000**

The project is a community-based, all women's dance collective which seeks to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice by empowering women through the healing power of dance and mutual community.

**Freedom Farmers Market Cooperative, Oakland, CA****\$15,000**

The project is to support the Freedom Farmers Market which brings together farmers and food entrepreneurs in the heart of West Oakland's food desert. They provide reasonably priced produce and products. The project also provides an income for the cooperative members as well as helps educate the local community about nutrition. The members are owners of small family farms and small businesses struggling to survive individually. Working collectively they are able to increase everyone's equity and income.

**Tenemos que Reclamary Unidos Salvar la Tierra-South LA (T.R.U.S.T. South LA) Los Angeles, CA****\$15,000**

This financial opportunity project will enable T.R.U.S.T. South LA members interested in working to clean up their credit, establish credit, pay down debt, and to start savings. T.R.U.S.T. South LA is legally controlled by group members, who must be neighboring working-class residents.

**South Hayward Parish, Hayward, CA****\$10,000**

The project is to assist the active peer leadership group of 12 members who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless with computer skills development, urban farming, art and jewelry creation, reusable bag manufacturing and catering. Group members control the project. The peer to peer training business has ties with local non-profit and faith community partners that provide mentorship and support including employing group members.

**Kake Tribal Heritage Foundation (Clean environment for Healthy Families Demonstration Project), Juneau, Alaska****\$10,000**

The project is to help Kake villagers clean up their village. The all community clean up will include disposing of old cars and scrap metal

**African Immigrant Support Group, San Jose, CA****\$15,000**

This project aims to build a strong social support system by holding language classes, vocational training, social networking, orientation and referral, as well as fitness and health education.

**Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment, Albuquerque, NM****\$15,000**

The grant will assist this coalition of several grassroots groups. They include Acoma and Laguna Pueblos, community people of the affected area, Navajo Nation, the Post 71 Uranium Workers, and ranchers who have been adversely

affected by the Uranium mining industry. The San Juan Basin area lacks basic rights to electricity and running water because of radioactive contamination of the land, air and ground water and its residents have been impacted in large numbers with chronic/life threatening medical conditions.

## 2014 SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY PROJECTS

<b>SYNOD OF THE COVENANT</b>	<b>\$84,419.00</b>
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### Synod of the Covenant

CPA Dance Academy's Dance Studio & Creative Center	\$10,000
B.U.C.C. Transportation	\$10,000
Work Experience & Business Development	\$ 3,000
Survivor Art Camp Project	<u>\$ 9,967</u>
TOTAL	\$32,967

### Detroit Presbytery

Detroit Water Rights Hotline & The Water Drop Team	\$ 6,000
Unity In Our Community Time Bank	<u>\$11,500</u>
TOTAL	\$17,500

### Eastminster Presbytery

Joanna House II Diner	\$3,000.00
Not Wasted	\$3,206.40
Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 689.60</u>
TOTAL	\$6,896.00

### Lake Michigan Presbytery

Cedar and Oak Street House Insulation Project	\$5,000
Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind – Survivor Art Camp	<u>\$2,500</u>
TOTAL	\$7,500

### Scioto Valley Presbytery

Near Eastside Community Resource Center	\$6,000
Capital Park Residents Empowerment Project	\$4,000
2014 Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 618</u>
TOTAL	\$10,618

### Western Reserve Presbytery

Grinders Ink	\$2,400
Sistas to Sistas Ministry	\$1,300

City Rising Farm	\$4,100
2014 Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 800</u>
TOTAL	\$8,600

<b>SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES</b>	<b>\$ 67,662</b>
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### Synod of Lakes and Prairies

Kurdish Community of America	\$30,000
Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa	<u>\$15,000</u>
TOTAL	\$45,000

### Minnesota Valleys Presbytery

South Sudanese Children Summer Camp & Women Nuer Language Bible Study	<u>\$4,000</u>
TOTAL	\$4,000

### Northern Waters Presbytery

Parents on the Move	\$3,000
2014 Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 161</u>
TOTAL	\$3,161

### Twin Cities Area Presbytery

Bountiful Growers	\$ 4,001
Taking a Part In Taking Apart Poverty	\$ 4,000
Ms. Ann's Prayer & Affirmation Beads	\$ 3,500
Empowerment Sewing Project	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
TOTAL	\$15,501

<b>SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
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### Chicago Presbytery

Universidad Popular	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$5,000

<b>SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
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<b>Baltimore Presbytery</b>	
South Cumberland Market Expansion	\$ 6,000
Baltimore Farmstead Initiative	<u>\$ 6,000</u>
TOTAL	\$12,000

<b>SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST</b>	<b>\$34,576.21</b>
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<b>Elizabeth Presbytery</b>	
Roselle Collaborative for Youth and Families	\$3,780.50
Growing Parent Power for Change	<u>\$3,780.50</u>
TOTAL	\$7,561.00

<b>Genesee Valley Presbytery</b>	
Drivers Education for Rochester Refugees	\$7,000.00
Sisters of Power	<u>\$3,065.21</u>
TOTAL	\$10,065.21

<b>Hudson River Presbytery</b>	
Capacity Development & Sustainability	<u>\$9,000</u>
TOTAL	\$9,000

<b>Long Island Presbytery</b>	
Long Island Bus Riders' Union	<u>\$7,950</u>
TOTAL	\$7,950

<b>SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
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<b>Cascades Presbytery</b>	
Po'Shines Apprentice Training Program	<u>\$15,000</u>
TOTAL	\$15,000

<b>SYNOD OF SO. CALIFORNIA &amp; HAWAII</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>
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<b>Pacific Presbytery</b>	
Trust South LA	<u>\$5,500</u>
TOTAL	\$5,500

<b>SYNOD OF THE TRINITY</b>	<b>\$84,206.50</b>
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<b>Synod of the Trinity</b>	
Women Microenterprise Incubation Project	\$45,000.00
Mission Possible Therapies	\$15,000.00
2014 Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 8,596.80</u>
TOTAL	\$68,596.80

<b>Philadelphia Presbytery</b>	
2014 Administrative Expenses	<u>\$2,643</u>
TOTAL	\$2,643

<b>Pittsburgh Presbytery</b>	
Collective Generational Garden	\$ 1,600
Mission Possible Therapies	\$ 4,935
Women Microenterprise Incubation Project	\$ 4,935
Administrative Expenses	<u>\$ 1,496.70</u>
TOTAL	\$12,966.70