

SDOP Sunday, March 15, 2020

CELEBRATING



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Presbyterian Committee on the
Self-Development of People

People Investing in People





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Top: Dr. Lloyd Cooke, Chairman, National Committee on the Self-Development of People

Middle: Exhibit of the National Committee on the Self-Development of People

Bottom: The Rev. Kermit Overton of Black Presbyterians United, urging modification of reunion plans with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Front cover: Overall view of business session, War Memorial Auditorium.

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In Matthew 25, Jesus asks his disciples the profound question “where have you seen me?” In doing so, Jesus makes a profound statement about the importance of being able to see that God has a preferential option and redeeming love for the poor. As disciples of Jesus Christ, Matthew 25 also shows us that we are implored to recognize that Jesus’ ministry was one of anti-poverty in which he promoted

justice, encouraged the building of relationships and established economic equity. These are also the pillars on which the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People stand.

This year SDOP is proud to celebrate 50 years of promoting justice, building relationships in communities and seeking economic justice. We will celebrate our 50th anniversary on September 18–19 in Rochester, New York. Our theme for this celebration is “Journey to Justice: Where to From Here?” I’m hopeful that this year’s SDOP Sunday resource provides a greater sense of our work with diverse community partners who, with energy, diligence and love, address a multiplicity of issues connected with poverty.

We pray that this resource will serve as a guide for you and your congregation to become better familiar with the ways that SDOP engages in its work through the church and in communities. We pray that this resource inspires you to support this redemptive work through the One Great Hour of Sharing collected on Easter Sunday.

Through this resource, we invite you to recognize what the Lord is doing through the great transformative work of Jesus Christ through the witness of SDOP. It also serves to invite and share SDOP’s works and words into your worship space. We encourage you to use this resource in your bible studies, Sunday School classes, youth group lessons and any other opportunity where you learn and grow together. The following vignettes lift up the powerful witness that exemplifies the love and justice of Christ which is alive, active and transformative in our communities.

Alonzo

Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson
*Coordinator of the Presbyterian Committee
 on the Self-Development of People*



Reflection

As I read the Bible, I am more and more convinced that God intends for the holy kingdom to be established here and now, in this world, in our time. I am also convinced that we are intended to be active partners in helping that beautiful kingdom come fully into reality; we are meant to be the hands and feet of Christ building that new world today.

What does that kingdom look like? Justice flowing down like water, the widow, the orphan, and the stranger all welcomed and provided for, the “least of these” treated with respect and given food, water, clothing, welcome, compassion and presence. In order for this kingdom to be established here on earth, as we pray in the Lord’s prayer, not only do we have to approach each individual as Jesus Christ himself, we also have to be dismantling the structures that keep our siblings locked in systems of oppression.

When God’s kingdom is established, the church won’t need to provide a food pantry anymore, because everyone will have access to healthy, sufficient food. When Jesus’ kingdom is come, congregations won’t have to become places of sanctuary for those fleeing violence and persecution, because war will be no more and all people will be welcomed. When the Spirit’s kingdom is born into existence, tears for those lost to gun violence and addiction will no longer be shed, because fear and despair will be overcome by hope and promise.

This is the call I see in the prophets, in the gospels, in Jesus’ ministry to overcome sin and death. This is the world I long to live in. Don’t you?

Will we be partners today in establishing God’s kingdom here on earth? Will we step out in faith and courage to answer the call as disciples who know that the Good News is for all people, for their actual daily living? Will we be the body of Christ, filled with the Spirit, for the glory of God and the blessing of the world?

May God make it so.

Peace,

Cindy

The Rev. Cindy Kohlmann
*Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*



Presbyterian Committee on the
**Self-Development
of People**

WHAT DOES SDOP DO?

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) is a ministry that affirms God's concern for humankind. We are Presbyterians and ecumenical partners, dissatisfied with poverty and oppression, united in faith and action through sharing, confronting and enabling. We participate in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice.

SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS RESOURCE

- If your presbytery/synod has a SDOP committee, invite one of its members to speak during your worship service. Call the national office at **800-728-7228, ext. 5781, 5790, 5782 or 5792** to learn if there are national committee members in your area who could be invited to speak to your congregation.
- SDOP committee members or others can promote the resource (i.e., Social Justice Committee, Mission Committee, etc.); you do not have to be a pastor to do so. It is, however, always encouraged to bring the resource to your pastor's attention.
- SDOP committee members can share their own experiences as they promote the resource.

If you are a national or mid council SDOP committee member:

- Take pictures if you are meeting with local groups or if you are present at SDOP events. We encourage you to also take pictures if possible when a local group or a representative of SDOP speaks in a congregation, presbytery or other venue. Send us copies of those pictures so that we too can lift up what you are doing for SDOP Sunday.

**SAVE
THE DATE!**
**JOIN SDOP'S 50TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**
When: Sept. 18-19, 2020
Where: Rochester, New York
Further details will be available
online at pcusa.org/sdop in
Spring, 2020.
Email: sdopevents@pcusa.org

HERE IS HOW YOUR CONGREGATION CAN HELP

- Invite participants of a nearby SDOP project to offer a "Minute for Mission" during your Sunday worship service. Contact the national SDOP office to learn about community partners in your area at **800-728-7228, ext. 5781, 5790, 5782 or 5792**.
- We encourage you to include this resource in newsletters, articles, etc.
- You can call pastors and other church leaders to remind them of SDOP Sunday and the materials available.



NATIVE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

1 | Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC), Barrow, Alaska

In 1971 the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) was awarded a grant to assist the native people of Alaska in a land rights case. This was among the first grants made by the newly constituted National Committee on the Self-Development of People of the United Presbyterian Church. Edith Nageak, who also worked for ASRC, said, “Self-Development of People really helped in our people’s self-determination. Keep doing what you’re doing, helping in people’s self-development and determination.”

2 | Ekvv-Yefolecv Indigenous Maskoke Ecovillage, Weogufka, Alabama

Ekvv-Yefolecv (pronounced “ee-gun-yee-full-lee-juh”) is creating an ecovillage community that provides the opportunity for project members to efficaciously revitalize the Maskoke (pronounced “mus-ko-gee”) language, traditions and worldview while embodying a collective commitment to environmental sustainability, and to serve as a replicable archetype for other indigenous communities to manifest similar models. The ecovillage has a trifold focus: language and cultural preservation; ecological living; and sustainable economic development.

LIVING WAGE/ADVOCACY/SOCIAL JUSTICE/HOMELESSNESS/HOUSING

3 | Youth Advisory Board, Detroit, Michigan

This project focuses on providing training in leadership development and civic engagement, including speaking with politicians and education enrichment for 15 youth. The project helps them better understand the political forces that shape their community, improve the project members’ learning capacity and enable them to serve as quality leaders to their peers and families.

4 | Chadsey Condon Community Organization, Detroit, Michigan

This project is an anti-displacement/neighborhood inclusion task force through training and the creation of a community benefits agreement request to offer to all of the developers who will enter their neighborhood. Group members live near an area that is being developed and will be impacted by the economic investment in the neighborhood. They want to empower themselves with the knowledge and tools necessary to ensure gentrification without displacement. They work and train themselves to promote policies that support both their neighbors and themselves for the long term while staying in their homes. They need extensive training on advocacy, community engagement, gentrification and creating community benefit agreements.



5 | National Day Laborer Organizing Network, Pasadena, California

This project is Radio Jornalera (“jornalera” translates to “day laborer”), a community radio station focused on defending low-wage workers and migrant rights, bringing awareness of the barriers and injustices existing in these communities. There is a need to create an inclusive communication and informative space by and for migrant and jornalera communities. The radio station also educates community members on issues like labor abuses and wage theft. The community radio station was formed by day laborer leaders from different countries. The Jornaleros Communicator’s training model is innovative in the sense that the first cohort of Jornalero Communicators will train a group of community communicators and they then will train other new members of the community who want to be Jornaleros Communicators.



6 | Alianza Agricola, Rochester, New York, New York

Alianza Agricola is an organization of farmworkers in rural Rochester, New York. Its main goal is to work in collaboration with the statewide Green Light NY: Driving Together campaign to attain access to driver’s licenses for all New York residents regardless of their immigration status.



7 | A Brighter Day Youth Program, Belmont, California

The Brighter Day Anti-Vaping Youth Team was organized recently and was drawn from the larger “Brighter Day” program. The project’s focus is supporting youth and providing opportunities to overcome the problematic circumstances of their young lives. The teens themselves have identified vaping as a major problem in their own communities, which adds yet another barrier to becoming productive citizens and adults and may cause lifelong health problems and early death.



8 | Panamanian Women’s Center (CEMP), Panama City, Panama

This project involves the planning and launching of microbusinesses for and by 20 Afro-Panamanian women.

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Proyecto Faro
Lighthouse Project
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FOOD JUSTICE

9 | Sandy Beach, Stann Creek District, Belize

This project consists of a group of women trying to restore a restaurant and re-employ themselves. They have added cabanas to complete a bed and breakfast service, and expanded, remodeled, and equipped the restaurant kitchen. The project increases the group's capacity to successfully operate the cooperative within the developing tourism industry.

10 | The Geiger Live Well Faith Community, Emelle, Alabama

The overall goal of this project is to increase the number of families who are engaging in healthy dietary behaviors and improved physical activity efforts to reduce incidences of child and adult obesity. The goals include: (1) Health — Teaching community members how to eat healthy food, working in the garden and orchard with community members and developing an office and operations building. (2) Wellness — Providing easy access to wellness equipment and the walking facility for residents of Geiger and neighboring towns as well as outdoor exercise equipment, slides and a basketball court for students.

11 | Agri-Cultura Cooperative Network, Albuquerque, New Mexico

The mission of La Cosecha, a project of the Agri-Cultura Cooperative Network, is to ensure that low-income families have adequate and sustainable access to healthy and affordable locally grown food and nutrition education, strengthening the local economy by providing a stable market for local farmers and connecting them with families struggling with hunger and poor nutrition.

IMMIGRATION/REFUGEE ISSUES/REFUGEE CRISIS

12 | Tenant Coalition Training of Fargo-Moorhead Area, Moorhead, Minnesota

This group of low-income refugees seeks to become economically self-sufficient and to improve their financial skills. They receive training in facilities management, business plans, tenants' rights and microenterprise. Long-term goals are aimed at sustaining their financial security, workforce development and cultural marketing by preventing conditions that perpetuate joblessness, homelessness and poverty. The project helps reduce poverty among the group members and their dependency on public assistance and make the transition of living in a new country less frightening and somewhat easier for them as new refugees.

13 | Proyecto Faro (The Lighthouse Project), Stony Point, New York

This project consists of a group of low-income, undocumented people seeking safety and sufficiency in communities of trust. Group members plan to hold community gatherings and other peaceful actions for immigration justice and to teach and equip fellow group members.

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POVERTY

14 | **Group of Women of Value, S.A., Panama City, Panama**

This project is a catering service that provides high-quality products at affordable prices. The project also provides employment and training to group members, thus helping to provide an income and improve their standard of living.

15 | **Goat Herd Expansion, Tuscaloosa, Alabama**

The project involves expanding the raising and selling of goats, which helps get them a better price at market and increase the group's income.

16 | **Craft Art and Beauty, Las Tablas, Panama**

This project is comprised of a group of artisans who partnered to create a workshop and a warehouse for the preparation and sale of traditional Panamanian clothing. Project members seek to create a workplace for craftswomen and a selling site for handicrafts, which will also be a location where people can find their traditional garments and information about their traditions and customs. The group is also dedicated to training new generations and passing on their traditions as well as to improving their incomes and thereby creating a better quality of life.

17 | **VEGGI Farmers Cooperative, New Orleans, Louisiana**

This project is a multi-ethnic farmer's cooperative growing fresh vegetables to sell to the public as well as grocers in East New Orleans. The cooperative members share equally in the work, liability and distribution of profits. The grant assists the cooperative by creating sustainable income for the members through sustainable agriculture. Daniel Nguyen of the VEGGI Farmers Cooperative said, "With funding from SDOP, VEGGI Farmers Cooperative will be able to continue our mission of providing jobs to community members through urban farming and increasing local, healthy food access. The funds will also allow us to complete several projects on our site, including a processing facility, and help us buy seeds to plant for the coming year."

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18 | Presbyterian Church of Rwanda Project, Rwanda

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

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19 | Centro de Solidaridad Para el Desarrollo de la Mujer, Inc. (CE-MUJER) — Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

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.

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20 | Damayan Workers Cooperative, New York City, New York

This is a Filipino domestic workers business cooperative, owned and managed by the workers. This project empowers migrant workers and provides a community of mutual support. Migrant and undocumented workers face insurmountable barriers to finding basic employment due to lack of immigration status, lack of work references and being disconnected from supportive communities.

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21 | Black Women's Blueprint, Bronx, New York

The project seeks to bring to the forefront the injustices that African-American women receive from the police and how to deal with their actions when confronted with such injustices.

RACE AND WOMEN'S ISSUES

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MASS INCARCERATION/PRISONER RE-ENTRY

22 | E.P.O.C.A. (Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement), Worcester, Massachusetts

This group provides leadership and organizing training for formerly incarcerated people. The training provides participants with skills and resources that enable them to build capacity through community networks and by connecting those formerly incarcerated to greater employment opportunities. Group members also partner with other community organizations in organizing campaigns to make major legislative policy changes at the state and local level regarding formerly incarcerated people. E.P.O.C.A. recognizes that those who are formerly incarcerated struggle with intersectional issues such as homelessness, the need for driver's licenses, navigating the criminal justice system and exploring models of restorative justice, so the group pays special attention to these issues.

23 | The Genesis Youth Organizing Internship Project, Oakland, California

This project is comprised primarily of low-income minority youth seeking to disrupt School-to-Prison-Pipeline-related problems in Oakland. The project creates a platform for youth to engage in the public arena, and particularly in juvenile incarceration policy development. The Genesis Youth Organizing Internship Project will train low-income youth, many affected by suspension, expulsion and/or incarceration, in leadership skills and expose them to opportunities to develop and influence local county criminal justice budgets, programs and policies.

24 | Created to Create, Miami, Florida

This project is about teaching youth and young adults how to use their skills to provide an income for themselves and avoid encounters with the law and juvenile justice system.

25 | VOTE (Voice of the Ex-Offender), New Orleans, Louisiana

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 provides the men with a means of making a sustainable income.

26 | Welcome Back Project, Missoula, Montana

Welcome Back is a group of formerly incarcerated and recently returned citizens who have banded together to advocate for increased housing and job opportunities. Social stigma and bureaucratic policies make it incredibly difficult for returning citizens to be reintegrated into the community. The group seeks funding for training opportunities in advocacy and leadership skills to help expand the group's capacity and effectiveness.

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27 | Women Committee at Villa Nueva and Water Council, Comarca Indígena Emberá, Panama

This project calls for construction of a rural aqueduct in a remote indigenous community. A 1,500-gallon cement tank container for water is being built, and connections will be made from the tank on several supply routes, providing each house with a spigot. There are 52 houses and a school. This way, each house in the area will have access to clean water for human consumption.

28 | We the People of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan

This is an advocacy project to provide short-term water supplies for members to avert a public health crisis, restore water to affected and high-risk members and implement policy to ensure that fresh, clean water is delivered to low income residents at an affordable cost.

29 | Northern Cheyenne Utilities Commission, Lame Deer, Montana

This project is to assist with upgrades and long-term delayed maintenance needs for fresh potable water and sewer lines throughout the five districts of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

FARMING/LAND

30 | Strength to Love II, Baltimore, Maryland

Strength to Love II is an urban farm owned and maintained by returning citizens and other community members. It also addresses the issue of a food desert in the neighborhood.

31 | City Roots Community Land Trust, Rochester, New York

This project provides affordable homeownership opportunities to income-qualifying buyers, who earn less than 50% of the area median income. A vacant home has been purchased and is in the final stages of rehabilitation. Funds will be used to purchase the materials necessary for neighborhood volunteers to complete the rehabilitation of the home. Once the rehabilitation is completed, the home will be resold at an affordable price to income-qualifying buyers who agree to a "pay it forward" approach to homeownership. With this approach, the initial buyer purchases a home at a subsidized price and then passes the value of that subsidy on to the next homeowner at the time of resale, thereby ensuring the permanent affordability of the property and helping to avoid gentrification.



Presbyterian Mission
**Presbyterian Ministry
at the United Nations**



Study & Devotional Guide



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**
SECOND EDITION

[presbyterianmission.org/resource/
study-devotional-guide-for-the-sustainable-development-goals/](https://presbyterianmission.org/resource/study-devotional-guide-for-the-sustainable-development-goals/)



Presbyterian Mission
**Office of
Public Witness**



Advocacy Training Weekend

On April 24, 2020, join SDOP and Presbyterians from across the nation in Washington, D.C., to learn how Presbyterians and partners are answering this call and working for the restoration of God's creation and people. Through plenaries, workshops and networking opportunities, this CPJ Training Day offers the chance to explore the various ways we are addressing climate change, ecological destruction and environmental racism. Advancing climate justice and just transition to value and protect people who have historically been made vulnerable by economic and environmental injustice will be a special focus.

Many will continue the learning by attending **Ecumenical Advocacy Days: Imagine! God's Earth and People Restored** from Friday evening on April 24 through Lobby Day on Monday the 27th. Almost 1,000 Christian advocates join us every year for a weekend of workshops, lectures and concrete actions addressing movements for social change.

[presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/
washington/advocacy-training-weekend/](https://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington/advocacy-training-weekend/)



13 Ways We Can Engage in Poverty Alleviation

by Rev. Dr. Jimmie Hawkins, PC(USA) Office of Public Witness

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs has determined that, “Poverty entails more than the lack of income and productive resources to ensure sustainable livelihoods. Its manifestations include hunger and malnutrition, limited access to education and other basic services, social discrimination and exclusion as well as the lack of participation in decision-making. Various social groups bear a disproportionate burden of poverty.”

1. We can educate the American public on the immensity of poverty in America and worldwide, and how little we are doing to combat it. Challenge the mentality that people are poor because they are lazy or don't work hard enough to overcome poverty.
2. Deracialize poverty: Re-educate the American public on the conscious and unconscious, false connection between poverty and race; how the face of poverty is often portrayed as being black or brown, while millions more whites are impoverished.
3. Partner with agencies that are effective in strategy and delivery. Study what works and apply strategies and programs to apply in local communities.
4. Identify ways to fight poverty on a multitude of levels: federal, state and local. Do a study of the most effective programs that work and duplicate their paradigms and eliminate those that are ineffective.
5. Address poverty as a regional issue. Identify the most prevalent causes of poverty in your state and local community. Define whether you live in a high-, low- or medium-poverty region.
6. Base the federal minimum wage on the cost of living. States should adjust their state minimum wage based on the cost to live in that state.
7. Determine state-by-state the basic income necessary to be able to afford to live in that state rather than utilizing a national average. According to the Economic Policy Institute's Family Budget Calculator, the revenue needed for a family of two (adults only) “varies from just under \$43,000 in one state to over \$66,000 in another.”
8. Men and women suffering from poverty in a given region must have full political, economic and social participation in the “design and implementation of policies that affect the poorest and most vulnerable groups of society” (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs).
9. Advocate that the federal government raise the national standard determining poverty, established in 1963, that defines poverty as being an annual income of \$24,858 for a family of four; \$12,488 for an individual. This is exceedingly low and completely unrealistic.
10. Strengthen government safety net programs (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [SNAP]; Earned Income Tax Credit; Social Security; Medicaid/Medicare), not weaken them. A 2018 Urban Institute analysis estimated that SNAP lifted 8.4 million people out of poverty in 2015 and reduced child poverty by 28%.
11. Address the intersectional root causes of poverty systematically:
 - Food insecurity (increase SNAP benefits)
 - Wage inequality
 - Lack of opportunities for upward mobility in employment
 - Inadequate public transportation

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12. Address and remove the barriers placed upon those formerly incarcerated, which keeps them impoverished. The stigma of a felony conviction prevents employment and any type of government assistance. Develop effective re-entry programs that provide support and mentoring for men and women who have suffered incarceration.
13. Work to eliminate homelessness by providing homes, not programs.

References:

Economic Policy Institute, "Government Programs Kept Tens of Millions Out of Poverty in 2017" (Sept. 12, 2018)

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, "Programs Targeted for Cuts Keep Millions From Poverty, New Census Data Show" (Sept. 10, 2019.)

24/7 Wall St.

USA Today article, "Progress in Fighting Poverty in America Has Slowed Despite Recent Economic Recovery" (Oct. 4, 2018.)

USA Today article, "Hawaii, Alaska Among the States That Require a Higher Family Income to Avoid Poverty" (Dec. 3, 2019.)



SDOP 50th Anniversary Celebration

Rochester, NY

PROGRAM & WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 18

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Pre-conference workshop for mid-council SDOP committees
12:00 PM	Registration starts and is ongoing.
1:00 – 3:00 PM	Justice Journey (optional and requires pre-registration)
2:00 PM	Table conversations and creative arts opportunities for engaging art in justice
3:30 PM	Gathering music and freedom songs across the years
4:00 PM	Welcome and introductions
4:15 PM	Opening worship — Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, Presbyterian Mission Agency
5:30 PM	Dinner — Celebration of SDOP — stories, poetry and performance

Saturday, Sept. 19

9:00 AM	Gathering and music Welcome and introductions Opening prayer
9:30 AM	Plenary — Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis
10:45 AM	Panel
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Break-out presentations
3:15 PM	Workshops
5:00 PM	Jazz Vespers
6:00 PM	Free evening/dinner on your own

Sunday, Sept. 20

Worship in local congregations



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JOURNEY TO JUSTICE SDOP 50TH ANNIVERSARY WEBINAR SERIES!

- Sign up to join Self-Development of People webinars. Each webinar will feature a different theme.
- The webinar series kicks off in February by reminding us of how SDOP was founded. Future webinars will challenge us to go beyond charity and take a more holistic view of poverty, equipping teams to create real and lasting change.
- Hear from leaders in the PC (USA) and in community development as you or your team are guided through core principles that go beyond charity and into building relationships.



HOW FAR HAVE WE COME: CONVERSATIONS AROUND THE BLACK MANIFESTO!

Friday, February 28 & Tuesday, May 26
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Eastern time

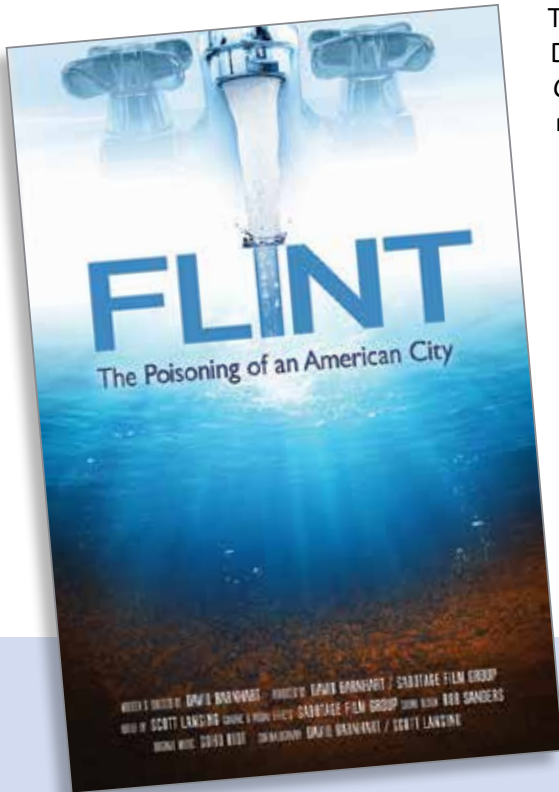
In 1969, James Forman an American Civil Rights leader active in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and representing the National Black Economic Development Conference presented the Black Manifesto, a document that caused controversy for a variety of churches. Forman's call for economic equity, access and reparations although despised by many created substantive conversations about economic equity and its intersections with race and class in the United States. Invited to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (then United Presbyterian Church) in 1969, Forman's reading of the Black Manifesto made many uncomfortable, but for some of its Presbyterian hearers, these concerns about racism, lack of economic access and poverty would influence the creation of the Presbyterian Committee on the Self Development of People.

To register, email nina.lewis@pcusa.org.

***Visit pcusa.org/sdop for additional webinar dates and themes in early summer.
Space is limited, register today!***



Flint: The Poisoning of an American City



The newest educational film resource from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), *Flint: The Poisoning of an American City*, launched in January 2020 on iTunes, Amazon and major On Demand cable platforms including Comcast, Cox and Crawford.

PDA hopes to have community-wide screenings that can bring together partner organizations, congregations and city officials to mobilize and find ways to engage on issues around clean water.

Will you join us? We look forward to continuing this conversation, and please don't hesitate to be in touch with us as further questions arise!

The Flint Campaign Team
flintpoisoning.org
screenings@barnhartfilms.org

"Films like the one you are going to see tonight are so important because they won't let people forget what is still happening in Flint. Films like this one keep Flint's story alive and underscore that what happened in Flint isn't an isolated tragedy. It's happening all over our country to people who don't have the influence and the political power to fight back. But we will fight back, and we will not stop until every single American's right to clean drinking water is safe and secure."

— Congressman Elijah Cummings (D–Maryland, Jan 18, 1951–Oct 17, 2019)
on *Flint: The Poisoning of an American City*



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GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Consider giving directly to SDOP at presbyterianmission.org/donate/e051602.

SDOP is supported by generous gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Contribute to the OGHS Self-Development of People online at presbyterianmission.org/donate/og200000; by phone at **800-872-3283**; or to send a check, please write "OG200000" on the memo line and mail to:

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QUESTIONS OR FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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CALL TO ACTION/GET INVOLVED WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE!

- Consider giving to the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**, a special offering taken up during Lent to support Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Visit **specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs** to learn more about the OGHS offering and/or to give.
- Consider giving directly to SDOP. Your gift together with others makes it possible for thousands of communities nationally and internationally to have an opportunity to take control of their own destinies and develop solutions to their own challenges. The power of your giving is in the fact that it gives hope, meaning and purpose to people who for one reason or another find themselves in hopeless situations.
- Invite SDOP committee members or staff to speak to your congregation, presbytery/synod meetings, mission fair, etc.
- Learn more about SDOP's international projects in Belize and the latest projects funded in Panama.
- Serve on the SDOP committee within the bounds of your presbytery or synod. If there is not a committee, consider establishing one.
- Submit a form to the General Assembly nominating committee to serve on the National SDOP Committee. Email **valerie.izumi@pcusa.org**.
- Invite an SDOP group funded by SDOP in your area to share its project with your congregation.
- Share a "Minute for Mission" about SDOP with your congregation.

FREE SDOP RESOURCES

On the Self-Development of People website, **pcusa.org/sdop**, you will find stories about SDOP community partners and a variety of resources, including:

- Sermons and liturgy (which you can use to plan your Sunday worship service)

The following print resources can be ordered by calling the Presbyterian Distribution Center at **800-524-2612**:

- SDOP trifold brochure (PDS #25422-17-001; includes basic information needed to apply for a grant and stories about SDOP partners)
- Wallet card (PDS #25422-07-001; includes basic information about SDOP in a wallet-size card)
- Celebrate Hope poster (PDS #74350-05-005; a colorful SDOP poster)

BOOK LIST ABOUT POVERTY AND RELATED ISSUES

Always With Us?: What Jesus Really Said About The Poor, Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharris

The Third Reconstruction, Rev. Dr. William Barber

Jesus and the Disinherited, Howard Thurman

Decolonizing Wealth, Edgar Villanueva

The Problem With Wealth, E. Hinson Hasty

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City, Matthew Desmond

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The Rich and the Rest of Us, Tavis Smiley, Cornel West

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, Bryan Stevenson

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, Michelle Alexander

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JUSTICE IS A JOURNEY ONWARD

Jane Parker Huber, 1994

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

1. Jus - tice is a jour - ney on - ward, up - ward e - ven
 2. When we hear a cry for jus - tice from the depths of
 3. Em - pa - thy with - out firm ac - tion turns to emp - ty
 4. Jus - tice is a jour - ney on - ward, up - ward, out - ward,

through the pain. Jour - neys have their hills and val - leys;
 hu - man need, Our re - sponse puts love in ac - tion,
 sen - ti - ment, But the call to free God's ac - tion,
 spread - ing still. Christ has set us on this jour - ney,

still the dreams and goals re - main. We are peo - ple
 fol - low - ing our Sav - ior's lead. Where we see op -
 leads to self - de - vel - op - ment. When we the struc - tures
 claim - ing us for God's own will. Let us share our

freed from bond - age by our Mak - er's will and power.
 pres - sive sys - tems, peo - ple hun - gry, crushed by fear,
 need re - shap - ing, or our neigh - bor is down - cast,
 neigh - bor's bur - dens far a - way or face to face.

We must now re - spond with ac - tion, in this place and for this hour.
 We must be the voice of jus - tice, and the hand to help and cheer.
 Let us seek a bright - er fu - ture, fair - er than the days gone past.
 So may we, by tak - ing ac - tion, be a part - ner through God's grace.



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CELEBRATE HOPE!

John A. Dalles

DUKE STREET

Cel - e - brate hope! Come, — ga - ther near!
With Christ our friend, whom — we a - dore,
The work at hand, is — hea - ven — sent;
By the re - turn of — dig - ni - ty,

The spi - rit of the Lord is near! For Christ has
We shall be - friend and bless the poor! Bind up the
Our mis - sion is em - pow - er ment! In one great
May we build up com - mu - ni ty, With a con -

come — good — news to — preach: Good news for
wou - nds of — bro - ken — ness! Bring li - ber
ho - ur, — may — we — share, An off - er -
cern — for — hu - man - kind, Till we are

all! Good news for — each!
ty to the o - pressed!
ing of las - ting care!
one, as God de - signed.