



PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE
**Self-Development
of People**

People Investing in People



Innovative “Community Health Hub” revitalizes neighborhood in post-Katrina New Orleans.



Women released from incarceration or recovering from addiction participate in the Not Wasted program. They recycle products to make bags, jewelry and art to sell.

Cooperative farmers have perfected farming methods which have allowed them to become wholesalers in rural northern Belize.



The work of the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) is about hope. We are about families, communities and the transformation of lives that take place in them. “People Investing in People” connects directly to our rich history that is firmly rooted in justice for those who are oppressed by poverty and social systems that prevent them from living lives of self-determination.

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

Promote Justice | Build Stronger Communities | Seek Economic Equity

Visit pcusa.org/sdop for a funded projects list, map, stories about community partners, and more!

Who We Are

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 by participating in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice.

In the Gospels, Jesus Christ created relationships by befriending and assisting poor and oppressed people, and taught his followers to do the same. As the Body of Christ, we are called to be unified in faith and action through sharing our resources to confront poverty and promote economic empowerment.

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?” – Micah 6: 8

Get Involved With SDOP

THANK YOU! SDOP is supported by generous gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).

- Consider giving to The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, a special offering taken up during Lent to support Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs.html> 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 around the world to have an opportunity to take control of their own destinies and develop solutions to their own challenges. The power of your giving gives hope, meaning and purpose to people who for one reason or another find themselves in hopeless situations.
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/E051602/>
- 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 on the West Africa Initiative.
- 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 a SDOP group in your area to share their story with your congregation.
- Share a Minute for Mission about SDOP with your congregation.

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