

Self-Development of People



2010 Projects

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

AFRICA	\$50,000
EGYPT	
Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS)	\$50,000
To assist primarily women and handicapped persons in the poorest regions of Cairo and rural Egypt by promoting social and economic justice.	
Sustainable Development Liberia and Sierra Leone	\$50,000
<i>West Africa Initiative</i>	
Working with partners in both countries, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through Self-Development of People (SDOP), Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is assisting in reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts. SDOP's primary focus in the initiative is the strengthening of community-based organizations.	
ASIA	\$50,000
INDIA	
Development Promotion Group (DPG)	\$50,000
To assist primarily women, children and neglected minorities in South India with projects ranging from development to sanitation, housing, and education.	
LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN	\$90,510
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	
Farmer Women Federation of Cambita San Cristobal	\$49,610
Assist with the rebuilding of houses affected by hurricane Noel.	
Juan Pablo Duarte, Inc. Agriculture Assoc., El Seibo	\$29,500
Assist in the creation of a rotating funds business to help Association members to seed and harvest rice.	
Pro-defense Committee of Natural Resources and Community Action, San Pedro de Macoris	\$11,400
This project is to grow fruit and ornament trees to preserve the eco-system and bio-diversity.	
SOUTH AMERICA	\$100,000
ARGENTINA	
Regional Ecumenical Center for Consulting and Service (CREAS)	\$50,000
Supporting small projects focused on strengthening and nourishing grassroots initiatives.	
BRAZIL	
Ecumenical Fund to Support Small Projects (CESE)	\$50,000
Assist a grassroots groups in the areas of training, organizing, equipment purchase and small-scale production.	

DOMESTIC PROJECTS

MIDWEST	\$233,100
Michigan People's Action, Lansing, MI	\$30,000
Assisting a group of low income workers and their supporters to organize themselves and work on issues of wage theft, discrimination, and unemployment benefits. Components include leadership development training and community education and involvement.	
Anawim Center-Leadership Circle, Chicago, IL	\$20,000
By educating themselves and others on Native American culture, this group of indigenous people are working to change how others view Native Americans. This grant will assist in developing leadership skills and passing the native language on to children.	
Sudanese Cultural and Community Dev Association, Omaha, NE	\$20,000
This group of Sudanese refugees was admitted to the US with little resources and limited English skills. This grant will allow them to invest in their training and prepare for employment, thereby enabling them to become participants in the social and economic life of their new country.	
Long Lasting Community Development Association, Columbus, OH	\$20,000
Assist in the empowerment of low income immigrant women and their families from the Middle East and South East Asia through developing life and leadership skills.	
United Men in Recovery, Inc., Columbus, OH	\$20,000
This project is needed to help close the divide with veterans by providing a continuum of care that deals with the dual diagnosis of mental health and drug addiction that can leave those who fought for our country fighting for their survival. The program provides residential and support services to meet the spiritual, social, and economic/housing needs facing homeless veterans and their families.	
Functional Literacy for Adults, Columbus, OH	\$30,000
Support an educational program that assists members of the Somali community in Columbus, OH to transition into the culture using language, citizenship, and social adaptation skills. The program also involves sharing experiences and stories of persons who have been in this country and community for many years.	
Green Spirit Lawn Care, Maywood, IL	\$20,000
Support a project that is involved in earth friendly grounds maintenance in the community year round. It provides employment for the group members who are mostly ex-offenders.	
Growing Gardens, Columbus, OH	\$13,100
Support a first year community-based garden project that produced 3,500 pounds of produce this growing season, some of which is still being distributed to the community.	
ASL Advocates, Cleveland, OH	\$20,000
Persons that are visually and/or hearing impaired sometimes need special training to deal with their physical challenges. This group of visually and/or hearing impaired persons have developed training for themselves as well as helping organizations become more user friendly to persons with physical problems.	
African Christian Community Center, Dayton, OH	\$20,000
Empower African refugees in their resettlement efforts in American culture. English as a Second Language classes and employment counseling are two of the major components of the project.	

818 Yard Patrol, Dayton, OH **\$20,000**
This group of ex-offenders has formed a business cooperative to serve as a means of self-employment. The project is to provide year round lawn care to their customers.

NORTHEAST	\$210,000
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Bushwick Housing Independence Project, Brooklyn, NY **\$30,000**
Preservation of affordable housing for low and moderate-income families in Bushwick and communities in North and Central Brooklyn.

Olneyville Neighborhood Association, Providence, RI **\$20,000**
Assisting an immigrant-run education and emergency response project to build and mobilize community power to confront abuses against the immigrant community and to mitigate their efforts.

One DC, Washington, DC **\$20,000**
Enabling One DC Right to Wellness program to promote holistic health and create healthy environments in the low income communities of Washington, DC.

The Visible Community, Lewiston, ME **\$20,000**
Enabling tenants that have organized to develop the knowledge of tenant's rights and responsibilities in the various buildings in which they reside.

Community Financial Literacy, Portland, ME **\$20,000**
Providing this community of newly arrived refugees with financial education in English and in their language as many of them have no understanding of the US financial system.

Centro Presente, Somerville, MA **\$20,000**
Assisting this capacity-building and advocacy project in which immigrant workers have come together to learn their rights, support one another, organize to fight for and defend their rights as workers, and become vehicles for long-term societal change.

Greenhope Alumnae Association, New York, NY **\$20,000**
Assisting former and current graduates of Greenhope Services for Women reclaim their lives after experiencing incarceration, substance abuse, domestic violence, and similar calamities.

Sisters Overcoming Abusive Relationships (SOAR), Warwick, RI **\$10,000**
Domestic violence survivors seeking to help themselves as well as others in similar situations by improving the systems of response, protection, and support for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Brooklyn Women's Truth Commission Project, Brooklyn, NY **\$20,000**
Members of this group are involved in bringing to the forefront the injustices that African American women and other minorities receive from the police and how to deal with their actions when confronted with such injustices.

A Second Cup, Pittsburgh, PA **\$20,000**
Assist in the improvement of an existing coffee shop and creation of a community cooperative. Using produce from a community garden, group members will partake in healthy cooking lessons. The project will also include parenting classes, home repair, and financial management.

Community Education Project, Holyoke, MA **\$10,000**

This community theater group of low-income members provides education and empowerment for its members, their families and its community by envisioning, creating, writing, producing, and participating/performing in original plays dealing with issues common in their community. These include domestic violence, incarceration and alcohol/drug abuse. The plays are presented on community access TV and other venues.

SOUTH	\$188,070
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Joe's Ladder, Atlanta, GA **\$7,800**

Members of the Joe's Ladder are involved in this program because of life choices and/or mental health issues. They are attempting to turn their lives around through literacy, education, and mentoring which will result in them being gainfully employed and able to live independently.

Redemption After Prison, Inc., Atlanta, GA **\$19,450**

This group are men were incarcerated for anywhere from 4 to 20 years. They all acquired construction skills while in prison and are all now employed. Through this project they are being assisted in becoming homeowners by education in homeownership, savings/credit preparation, and the redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned houses.

East African Student Group, Atlanta, GA **\$20,000**

Purchase equipment to support a screen printing enterprise by a group of East African students. The students plan to market to area college students and schools and work with them to print college and school club shirts.

Uniting Communities in Georgia, Canton, GA **\$20,000**

Low-income immigrants have come together to educate themselves in the English language, US culture, history, and to acquire training in computer and technical job skills.

Emmanuel Residential & Commercial Painting, Duluth, GA **\$20,000**

This group of Bhutanese refugees have come together to form a partnership to open a painting business. The men have had difficulty finding work due to poor or no English language skills. The business will benefit the group members and their families by providing both consistent and long-term work.

Glenwood Self Help Group, Glenwood, GA **\$20,000**

A group of Glenwood residents have come together to start a small appliance and vehicle fix-it shop.

West Macon Angels, Macon, GA **\$22,000**

Assisting a group of tenants of a local trailer park to form a transportation cooperative by purchasing a vehicle. Members of the coop will be provided with transportation to work, shopping, and medical services based on a sliding fee scale.

Determined Women with Disabilities, Lucedale, MS **\$20,000**

Assisting a group of disabled women to form a cooperative to produce T-Shirts for sale to various groups.

Bosque Santa Sabana Grande Workers Board, Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico **\$20,000**

Assisting a group of women that have come together to produce and market a selection of mango derived products such as marmalade, mango paste and mango flavored cakes.

B & J Services (Manuel A. Perez Neighborhood) San Juan, Puerto Rico **\$18,820**

Lack of economic opportunities and the social outcast of this neighborhood have grown during these difficult economic times. This project will benefit its members by allowing them to earn a sufficient income to maintain their dignity and support their families.

WEST**\$193,930****Rescate Office Group, Canoga Park, CA****\$20,000**

Low-income Hispanic residents plan to remodel a section of the Rescate Family Center as a handicap restroom and exam treatment center.

Hoopla Native Service Crew, Hoopa Reservation, CA**\$20,000**

Enabling this group of Native Americans, living in poverty on the Hoopa reservation in northwestern California, to purchase a vehicle to help transport crew members, camp gear, and bedding to and from fires in northern California.

Butterfly Network/Lupus Patients, Inglewood, CA**\$10,000**

Enable a group of recently diagnosed lupus patients and newer members of the Butterfly Network to partake in mental health counseling. The counseling will be provided by a licensed mental health clinician who will offer clinical group work and individualized support.

Duality Group, Los Angeles, CA**\$20,000**

These low-income at risk youth will engage in a project that will combine steel sculpture welding and graffiti to create work to be displayed in public installations or in galleries. Through this process, group members will learn marketable job skills including welding and business management.

transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project, San Diego, CA**\$20,000**

The youth of transcenDANCE go through intensive technical training and personal exploration – by way of leadership development sessions, community-building activities, and service projects – with the ultimate goal of creating an original performance that synthesizes their artistic strengths while addressing complex social issues that impact their community. With SDOP funds they will create an annual youth program called “EXPLORE/CREATE/ACTIVATE.”

Idaho Community Action Network, Boise, ID**\$20,000**

Low-income families participating in the Idaho Community Action Network’s food program will receive training in the storing and preservation of food. Participants will also learn how to advocate for their needs, become more self-sufficient and learn healthier dietary practices.

Art of Recovery, Las Cuces, NM**\$20,000**

By coming together, members of this group recovering from mental illness will support each other with life skills training that includes art therapy such as jewelry making and woodworking.

Somali Bantu Citizen Group, Beaverton, OR**\$9,930**

Six high school graduates who speak good English and Somali Bantu will attend Portland Community College’s Medical Interpretation Program to assist the larger community in addressing medical needs. The Somali Bantu Community of over 237 people have no direct translators for their distinctive language. The Medical Interpreters will also help with health, education, welfare, and legal issues.

VOZ Workers Rights Education Project, Portland, OR**\$20,000**

A group of day laborers will hire an organizer to help them organize around issues of a safe work environment, fair wages, collecting wages from their employers, and learning English and computer skills.

Sunny Wolf Youth Services, Inc., Wolf Creek, OR**\$18,000**

Many youth in this rural, isolated community live in homes with no electricity or running water and they are struggling to finish high school. Those involved in the Youth Advancement Program are determined to finish high school and go to community college. This grant will assist in the purchase of computers, enhance their community center, and provide adult supervision.

Treys House, San Antonio, TX**\$16,000**

Members of this project are brain injured people who have been out of rehab for five or more years and have encountered barriers in everyday living and in receiving health services. They come to Trey's Coffee House to increase their socialization skills through interaction with others. The SDOP partnership will assist them in maintaining their coffee house.

2010 SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY PROJECTS

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT	\$92,756
818 Yard Patrol	\$8,000
Growing Gardens	\$10,000
Pathway Housing	\$10,000
Round Two	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$38,000</u>
Eastminster Presbytery	
Administrative Expenses	\$740
East Side Voices	<u>\$6,739</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$7,479</u>
Lake Michigan Presbytery	
Administrative Expenses	\$500
Water Source Expansion at JONAH Comm. Garden	\$5,000
Getting to the Bridge – Hard Times Café	<u>\$8,700</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$14,200</u>
Miami Presbytery	
818 Yard Patrol	\$1,000
African Christian Community Center	\$1,000
Harambee Youth Council	<u>\$6,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$8,000</u>
Muskingum Valley Presbytery	
Environmental Reconstruction	<u>\$6,025</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$6,025</u>
Scioto Valley Presbytery	
Ms. Vikki's Restaurant & Catering	<u>\$13,352</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$13,352</u>
Western Reserve Presbytery	
ECO Village Produce	\$4,700
First Cut Washington Painting	<u>\$1,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,700</u>

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES	\$92,560
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International Market Plaza	\$32,000
Kurdish Youth of America	\$17,000
Project Come Up	<u>\$15,500</u>
TOTAL	\$64,500

Minnesota Valleys Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$477
South Sudanese Community Learning Center	<u>\$4,292</u>
TOTAL	\$4,769

Northern Plains Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$360
IMP Entrepreneurial Training	\$1,246
Kurdish Youth of America	<u>\$2,000</u>
TOTAL	\$3,606

Northern Waters Presbytery

Ojibwe Women's Elder Artist Guild	<u>\$3,185</u>
TOTAL	\$3,185

Twin Cities Area Presbytery

Immigrant Sustainability Grant & Loan Program	\$9,000
Self-Help Program	<u>\$7,500</u>
TOTAL	\$16,500

SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS	\$28,000
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Chicago Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$2,800
African Women's Organization	\$2,250
Circle of Sisters Network for Single Moms	\$5,000
Ghanaian Presbyterian Development	\$5,000
The Unique Value Initiative	\$5,000
The Voter Restoration Project	\$4,950
Union, Fuerza y Accion	<u>\$3,000</u>
TOTAL	\$28,000

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS	\$7,810
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Sheppards & Lapsley Presbytery

Youth Leadership Development	\$3,905
Youth Making A Difference	<u>\$3,905</u>
TOTAL	\$7,810

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA	\$13,755
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Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery

Fly Fashions	\$4,900
Gone Fishing	\$4,000
Imagine That	\$3,100
Love 2 Transport	<u>\$1,755</u>
TOTAL	\$13,755

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC	\$58,759
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Baltimore Presbytery

Lanvale Towers & Canal Courts Neighborhood Revitalization	\$8,500
United Workers – Human Rights	<u>\$4,942</u>
TOTAL	\$13,442

Charlotte Presbytery

Neighborhood After School Ministries	<u>\$14,126</u>
TOTAL	\$14,126

New Hope Presbytery

ICO Partnership Latino Community Development	\$7,500
Vision Writers Project	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$12,500

Salem Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$691
Magic Hands	<u>\$8,000</u>
TOTAL	\$8,691

Western North Carolina

Home Cleaning Professionals	\$5,000
Opportunity Threads	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$10,000

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST	\$41,856
Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery	
Connecting Words-Connecting People	<u>\$4,233</u>
TOTAL	\$4,233
Elizabeth Presbytery	
Roselle Collaborative for Youth and Families	\$9,217
Supported Employment & Job Readiness	<u>\$1,549</u>
TOTAL	\$10,766
Genesee Valley Presbytery	
City Colors Literacy Program	\$1,937
Somali Bantu Community of Rochester	\$3,000
Somali Soccer Program	\$3,125
Thank God It's Friday	<u>\$1,194</u>
TOTAL	\$9,257
Hudson River Presbytery	
Daughter's of Sarah	\$8,000
Prisoner's Start Over	<u>\$1,200</u>
TOTAL	\$9,200
Long Island Presbytery	
Peconic Community Council	<u>\$8,400</u>
TOTAL	\$8,400
SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC	\$25,500
Presbytery of San Francisco, Redwoods & San Jose	
Administrative Expenses	\$2,500
Hayward Day Labor Center	<u>\$23,000</u>
TOTAL	\$25,500
SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC	\$3,479
Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery	
In Every Story	\$1,479
Metanoia Youth Entrepreneurship Center	<u>\$2,000</u>
TOTAL	\$3,479

SYNOD OF SO. CALIFORNIA & HAWAII	\$7,989
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San Gabriel Presbytery

Duality	<u>\$7,989</u>
TOTAL	\$7,989

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY	\$106,228
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Administrative Expenses	\$2,649
A Second Cup	\$6,106
Holy Smokes Cafe	\$30,000
The Alumni Group	<u>\$14,000</u>
TOTAL	\$52,755

Donegal Presbytery

Edad De Oro	\$10,500
The Transformers Youth Empowerment	<u>\$10,500</u>
TOTAL	\$21,000

Lehigh Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	<u>\$877</u>
TOTAL	\$877

Philadelphia Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$3,183
Citizens Concerned for Youth	<u>\$12,000</u>
TOTAL	\$15,183

Pittsburgh Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$1,641
A Second Cup/2UP Family Support	\$8,700
Holy Smokes Café	\$3,181
Party on Wheels	<u>\$2,891</u>
TOTAL	\$16,413