

Report of Self Development of People Committee Minutes for Conference Call Meeting on 3/6/13

The meeting was called to order with an opening prayer by Chair Rev. Calvin Lewers at ~12:50 PM on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 via conference call. Those members participating were: Calvin Lewers, John Laney, Bob Porter, Mamie White, & Anita Bernhardt (PWNC Staff).

The committee reviewed the 2012 SDOP grant given to *Nuestro Centro* in Asheville of \$9,369. (the only complete application in 2012). John and Mamie, who have been key in facilitating this grant, suggested that members who wish to visit *Nuestro Centro* may want to do so in the evening, as many of the people work during the daytime. Our thanks goes to John and Mamie for their work on our behalf.

There was a brief discussion about promoting the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering and SDOP Sunday coming on Sunday, March 17, 2013. Several are planning a Minute for Mission during the worship service on that day. John suggested that it would be helpful to promote an understanding of how the OGHS funds are divided (in rough thirds) between:

- 1) Presbyterian Hunger Program
- 2) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and
- 3) Self Development of People (SDOP)

We also agreed that increased education around SDOP in particular is needed. Calvin shared that he and Beverly Brock attended a regional conference for SDOP in Charleston, South Carolina in November 2012 and that some members of our committee are certified through 2013. Others who are new to our committee will need to have the certification training.

Once we know the amount of funding for our Presbytery, we will invite organizations to submit on-line applications for SDOP grants. At our April 30th meeting, we will also establish a deadline for submitting grants (probably in September). There is also an evaluation form that must be submitted to the National Offices by their deadline.

John agreed to speak at the April 30th Presbytery meeting on our behalf. Calvin will make a request for docket space. Mamie requested hard copies of the on-line grant application for us to review at our next meeting. John will bring these.

Our next meeting will be over lunch at the April 30, 2013 Presbytery of Western NC meeting at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC. Anita is responsible for reserving us a meeting space.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita Bernhardt