

PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

**MINUTES**

**Mid Council SDOP Committees Funding Status Meeting**

04/19/2016 Conference Call

The meeting convened at 2:30 PM EST

Present: Sarah Jane Moore; Oscar Heyward; Joseph Johnson; Selma Jackson; Sara Lisherness (staff); Margaret Mwale (staff); Ruth Farrell (staff)

-- A general overview was shared including:

- The total calculated allocation amount for the 2016 Budget which is \$905,413.91
- 2014 calculated amounts for the 2015 Mid Council SDOP Committee budgets (to show what came in and was paid out in comparison with 2015 amounts). The total calculated allocation amount for the 2015 budget was \$953,235.47
- The amount calculated as due to Mid Council Committees in 2015 which was \$413,871.64. The amount actually paid out was \$140,171.84
- Number of certified Mid Council SDOP Committees in 2015 and 2016 is 32. (**Note:** If a committee's last certification training was in 2013 or sooner, one will be needed in 2016 to utilize funds).
- Amounts paid out in the past 5 years to Mid Council Committees

-- The 2015 OGHS data for 2016 certified committees was reviewed. The following was discussed:

RECOMMENDATIONS & CONSENSUS

- 1. For 2016 assign to certified Mid Council SDOP Committees amounts calculated using 2015 contribution data and 15.97% as the calculation parameter. The 15% cost of promoting the OGHS offering has also been factored in. This will mean setting aside \$335, 846.73 for Mid Council grants (based on 32 certified committees).** (The actual cost of promoting the OGHS offering was \$872,025. Mid Council committees have generally not borne the burden of this cost).
- 2. After 2016 gradually move towards assigning Mid Council Committees amounts that will use the SDOP actual OGHS offering amount received. It is 20% of the OGHS offering after factoring in all overhead costs. This would then be 10% (or half of the 20%) for Presbyteries and Synods.** (**Note:** The SDOP National Committee Handbook which is approved by the committee would need to be updated to reflect this change).

--The 2016 **total amount** available for **all grants is \$665,749** (adding up all funds available for domestic, mid council and international grants). Putting aside **\$335, 846.73 for Mid Council grants** will leave **\$329,902 for domestic and international projects.**

--It was noted that Mid Council committees will now have until **October 1** of each year to **submit Project Evaluations and Request for Payment Forms**. This date is to be included in the letters notifying committees of their available amounts for funding projects.

--It was agreed that Presbyteries/Synods interested in forming new SDOP committees would not be discouraged from doing so. National committee members/staff however would not actively promote formation of new SDOP committees.

--There was a request for the number of SDOP committees over the past several years. Sara Jane said she will send this information to conference call participants.

--Margaret will send a draft of the letter to be sent to Mid Council committees for feedback before it goes out

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Mwale