

**PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE
NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 19-21, 2016

Florence, KY

DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday May 19, 2016 the Self-Development of People National Committee meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

CONVENED

The following Committee members were present:

John Etheredge	Johnnie Monroe
Oscar Heyward	Sarah Jane Moore
Joe Love Nelson	Shavon Starling-Louis
Selma Jackson, Chairperson	John (Pat) Osoinach
Joseph Johnson	Rebecca Reyes, Vice Chairperson
Sharon L. Ware	Wesley Woo
Lawrence Low	Cathryn Surgenor
Laura Krauss	Jonas Georges
Lisa Leverette	

ROLL CALL

The following staff members were present:

Clara Nunez, Margaret Mwale, Teresa Bidart, and Sara Lisherness.

Excused Absence:

Cynthia Hayes, Bernadette Hightower-Hughes.

The meeting was followed by the Steering Committee meeting.

The National Committee members and staff participated in a Celebration dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Montgomery Inn Restaurant for staff members who retired earlier (Cynthia E White, Mary Mc Adory, Mary Lewis, and Wayne Gnatuk) and for Committee members whose term ends after General Assembly.

Friday, May 20, 2016 the Self-Development of People National Committee meeting re convened at 9:00 a.m.

RE-CONVENED

Ruth Farrell, Presbyterian Hunger Program Coordinator, and Alonzo Johnson Interim Coordinator for Self-Development of People were invited to the meeting.

Rev. Kathy Riley, Pastor of Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church) opened the meeting with prayer with bible study following.

The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE** the Proposed Agenda with the change of time of Election of Officers on Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. after lunch.

**ACTION: 28-0516
Approved Agenda with
additional change**

Johnnie Monroe proposed to include to the agenda a discussion of the overture "Plight of the African American Male". The committee members approved to be included in the agenda of Church wide Relations during this meeting.

The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE** the January 21-24, 2016 National Committee minutes.

**ACTION: 29-0516
Approved January 21-24, 2016
minutes.**

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Steering Committee report presented by Selma Jackson.

**ACTION: 30-0516
Received the Steering Committee
Report**

The Steering Committee asked the Member Engagement Committee to coordinate the Alumni association. The Member Engagement Committee in consultation with

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the Alumni members will work to develop the responsibilities of the Alumni Association. The Member Engagement Committee will present a report to the Steering Committee.

The following meeting dates/locations for the Steering Committee were shared:

July 14-16 , 2016 Louisville, KY

The following dates/locations were presented for 2016 National Committee meetings:

September 22-24 - Pittsburg Seminary, Pittsburg, PA

The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Staff report presented by Sara Lisherness. She thanked the work that Margaret, Clara, and Teresa have done since the retirement of 4 SDOP staff members. She mentioned that she was happy to have Alonzo aboard, as Interim SDOP Coordinator. He will continue to be involved with Educating a Child program. She invited him to address the National Committee members.

**ACTION: 31-0516 Approved
2016 National Committee dates
and locations.**

**ACTION: 32-0516
Received staff report**

Alonzo expressed that he was very excited to work with the Presbyterian Committee on the Self Development of People and happy to be part of this family. He informed that 25% of his time will be dedicated to work with the Educating of Child program and he explained what this program is about.

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Financial report presented by Oscar Heyward.

**ACTION: 33-0516
Received the Financial Report**

Oscar and the Committee discussed SDOP finances, cost allocations and 2016 budget cuts. He invited Ruth Farrell to inform the Committee about the recent conference call that included Joseph Johnson, Sara Lisherness, Oscar Heyward, Sarah J Moore, Margaret Mwale, and her where they discussed the amount that Mid Council Committees will receive this year for funding.

As an outcome of the conference call was noted that:

1. Mid Council committees will now have until October 1 of each year to submit Project Evaluations and Request for Payment Forms. This date was included in the letters notifying committees of their available amounts for funding projects sent in early spring.
2. For 2016 certified Mid Council SDOP Committees have been assigned 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).

After the April 19 conference call 4 additional Presbytery committees (Detroit, Giddings Lovejoy, Scioto Valley and Redwoods, San

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Church-wide – Sarah J. Moore Community Relations – John Etheredge
Finance - Joseph Johnson

**ACTION: 35-0516
TABLED Nominating Slate**

The Committee **VOTED TO TABLE** the Nominating Report

Certification training was conducted by Margaret Mwale and Sarah J. Moore.

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Selma opened lunch with a prayer.

Curt Braman, member of a Cincinnati SDOP funded group, Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center, shared the lunch with Committee members. He provided an update from the groups and the goals achieved.

The Committee reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

The Committee **VOTED TO REMOVE** Nominating Committee report from the table for action. The floor was opened for nominations, being none, the Committee elected the slate as presented:

**ACTION: 36-0516
Remove Nominating Committee
from the TABLE**

Chairperson – Rebecca Reyes Vice-Chairperson – Johnnie Monroe

**ACTION: 37-0516
Elected Officers**

TASK FORCES

International – Lisa Leverette Midwest – Sharon Ware
Northeast – Laura Krauss South – John Etheredge
West – Wesley Woo

STANDING COMMITTEES

Church-wide – Sarah J. Moore Community Relations – John Etheredge
Finance – Joseph Johnson

**ACTION: 38-0516
Installation of Officers**

The Committee **VOTED TO ELECT**

Installation of Officers was performed by Larry Low.

**STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the International Task Force report.

**ACTION: 39-0516
Received the International Task
Force Report**

The International T/F recommended for funding two group from Belize and 2 intermediaries partners:

Maskall Agriculture Farmers' Cooperative Society Limited, Belize District, Belize
Validation/Funding: \$15,000
Payment Schedule: Quarterly
The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

**ACTION: 40-0516
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SI16001 (Contingent upon précis
being received in the office.)**

Los pequeños Agricultores y Ganaderos de Nago Bank Cooperative Society Ltd.
Belize District, Belize
Validation/Funding: \$15,000
Payment Schedule: Quarterly
The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

**ACTION: 41-0516
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SI16002 (Contingent upon précis
being received in the office.)**

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The Presbyterian Church of Rwanda (SI13001) and the intermediary partner CE-Mujer (SI1001) in Dominican Republic were funded for \$7,500 each for 2016.

The International Task Force continues to work with the Department of Cooperatives in Belize to create a document that compiles all of the achievements during the funding period. The Task Force has not found an intermediary in the country. So far all organizations that had worked with them are very territorial.

The International Task Force has selected Panama as the next focus of country. This year the Committee will start making contacts with nonprofits organizations and grass-roots group in the country.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

WEST

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the West Task Force report.

One précis were presented for validation and funding.

Community Tenants Association, San Francisco, CA
Validation/Funding: \$13,000
Payment Schedule: Quarterly
The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

**ACTION: 42-0516
Received the West Task Force Report**

**ACTION: 43-0516
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SW16001**

The Chairperson asked to correct the funded amount reflected in the January minutes for the following project:

Families & Criminal Justice, Los Angeles, CA
Validation/Funding: \$14,900
Payment Schedule: Quarterly
The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

**ACTION: 44-0516
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SW14014**

The Task Force **VOTED TO RESCIND** the following project:

SW12015 Low-Income Families' Empowerment through education (LIFETIME), Oakland, CA. Validated in 2013 for \$20,000. Due to lack of response from group the \$15,000 is to be rescinded

**ACTION: 45-0516
Rescinded project: SW12015**

The next meeting will be a July 22 conference call at 1:30 p.m. Pacific time

MIDWEST

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Midwest Task Force report

The Task Force presented for information:

Flint Democracy Defense League, Flint, MI
Validation/Funding: \$3,000 for Technical assistance
Payment Schedule: Lump Sum

**ACTION: 46-0516
Received the Midwest Task Force Report**

**ACTION: 48-0516
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SM16007**

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We the People of Detroit, Detroit, MI
Validation/Funding: \$3,000 for Technical assistance
Payment Schedule: Lump Sum

**ACTION: 49-0516
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SM16008**

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS/OUTREACH

* April, 2016 Workshop with Alvis House, re-entry half way house April 2016
Workshop with Juvenile Justice youth program

* Collaboration with SDOP partner Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center at the
Peaslee Neighborhood Center - May 19

* Minute for mission at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church & meeting with
Mission Team - May 21

* July - Lisa will be doing an outreach workshop with Michigan Community
Builder – capacity building organization

* Sarah Jane is attending Milwaukee Presbytery meeting Tuesday, May 23.

The next meeting will be a conference TBD

NORTHEAST

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Northeast Task Force report

**ACTION: 50-0516
Received the Northeast Task
Force Report**

Three précis were presented for validation and funding.

Street Vendor Project, New York, NY
Validation/Funding: \$15,000
Payment Schedule: Quarterly
The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

**ACTION: 51-0516
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SN15013**

Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, NY
Validation/Funding: \$15,000
Payment Schedule: Quarterly
The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

**ACTION: 52-0516
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SN15016**

New York State Youth Leadership Council, New York, NY
Validation/Funding: \$15,000
Payment Schedule: Quarterly
The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

**ACTION: 53-0516
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SN16004**

The Task Force Chairperson informed of the following certified committees:
Hudson Presbytery SDOP Committee – Certified
Genesee Valley Presbytery SDOP Committee – Certified
Long Island Presbytery SDOP Committee – Certified with workshop required. It
will be conducted by Selma and Laura. The date is to be determined.

The next meeting will be a July 31 conference call at 7:00 PM.

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Selma will participate in the General Assembly.

SOUTH

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the South Task Force report

**ACTION: 54-0516
Received the South Task Force
Report**

One précis was presented for validation and funding.

Bolitas Harvesters Association, Immokalee, FL

Validation/Funding: \$15,000

Payment Schedule: Quarterly

The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE**

**ACTION: 55-0516
VALIDATION/FUNDING
SS16001**

The Task Force informed the activities that have been made to promote the One Great Hour Sharing:

- Announcements at 2 Presbytery meetings
- Contacted 7 Churches in Charlotte Presbytery
- Contacted 5 Churches in other cities
- Two minutes for mission
- One table display at Presbytery meeting

2016 meetings schedule were shared:

July 21-22 in Charleston, SC

November 17-18 in Houston, TX

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Community Relations Committee report.

**ACTION: 56-0516
Received the Community
Relations Committee report**

The committee will pilot the check presentation project before the next national meeting. The idea is to have a picture taken with the funded group being presented a check from Self-Development of People. It is the committee intention this process will help us seek new partnerships. The news article will also assist us in helping Presbyterians to see how their gift to the church is used from the One Great Hour of Sharing.

The Committee is encouraging Task Force chairs to make sure funded groups are contacted when first quarterly report is received. The four steps are:

1. Praise the group for their progress report.
2. Ask if they know of other groups we might form a partnership.
3. Ask if they feel a workshop would be productive.
4. Ask if they have space to display SDOP materials.

Thank them for their time and assure them we are their partners.

In the next couple of weeks the Committee will look at social media and how we can use it to promote SDOP. A report will be given at the next national meeting.

The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Church-wide Relations Committee report.

**ACTION: 57-0516
Received the Church-wide
Relations Committee report**

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Sara Jane Moore, Chairperson of this Committee shared that Alonzo Johnson sat in their meeting and all were very pleased and encouraged by meeting him. Ruth Farrell also sat in the meeting and shared her expertise on the financial statements.

The committee asked everyone on the entire national committee to pick up a few copies of the new resources packet to use it as a “leave-behind” when talking with pastors/congregations and to contact Margaret if additional ones are needed.

The committee will be contacting the Mid Councils that need a certification workshop so it can be done before October 1.

The committee is doing three minute for mission/preaching in Cincinnati churches.

Johnnie Monroe will be working in Pittsburgh to arrange minute for mission/preaching opportunities there.

Selma expressed words of farewell. Johnnie asked for a round of applause for her work as SDOP National Committee Chairperson.

Johnnie asked for prayers for the “Plight of the African American Male” overture.

Shavon Starling-Louis closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Bidart
Bilingual /Meeting Planner