



*“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 8:6



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.



Get involved with SDOP: Build Stronger Communities

Consider giving directly to SDOP
at [presbyterianmission.org/
donate/E051602](https://presbyterianmission.org/donate/E051602)

GEORGIA WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION, ATLANTA

This women-owned farmer's association promotes their locally grown farm products within their community. The farmer's objective is to provide an environment where the community can access fresh, locally grown foods. They will be educated in growing vegetables and developing a relationship with farmers and farming.



SDOP funded
this project for
\$15,000.

Approximately
2.3 million
people (2.2 percent of
all U.S. households) live
in low-income, rural
areas that are more
than 10 miles from
a supermarket.

15 percent
of households located
in rural areas are food
insecure.

People living in the
poorest social economic
status areas have
2x the exposure
to fast-food restaurants
as those living in
wealthier areas.

About
23.5 million
people live in food
deserts. Nearly half
are low-income.

Get involved with SDOP: Promote Justice

Consider giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering at specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs.html

EXPLORING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES — BLACK MALE LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

This project is comprised of economically poor African American young men. They seek to advance themselves educationally, personally and economically through lectures, workshops and field trips. The project is meant to fill a cultural gap in learning and exposure that is perpetuated by poverty and racism.



70 percent
of students involved in
“in school” arrests
or referred to law
enforcement are Black
and Latino.

There were nearly
**1,600 school-
based arrests**
in Philadelphia
(2013–14 school year).

The SDOP
Committee
Presbytery of
Philadelphia
funded this
project for
\$6,000.

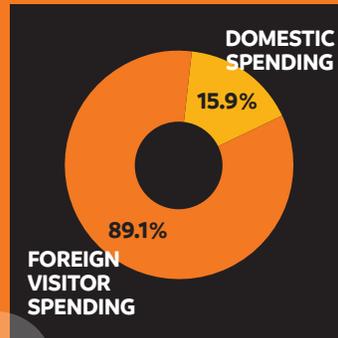
Get involved with SDOP: Seek Economic Equity

Invite SDOP committee members or staff to speak to your group. Ask a SDOP group in your area to share their story with your congregation.

MARIGOLD WOMEN'S COOPERATIVE

A little more than six years ago, the families living in remote villages in the Toledo region of Belize were facing serious problems. Children were undernourished, barely attending school, and there was little income to be made. That changed when the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) awarded a grant to a group of women in the village who wanted to forge their own path. The result was the Marigold Women's Cooperative, a group of indigenous Mayan women, who used SDOP funds to open a roadside restaurant, creating employment opportunities and provide a new source of income to improve the village.

To apply for a grant, visit our website and download an application. pcusa.org/sdop



Of the nearly 360,000 individuals in Belize, **43 percent** live below the national poverty line. Of this percentage, 16 percent face extreme poverty.



Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises generate more than **70 percent** of private-sector employment and incomes in Belize.

SDOP funded this project for **\$20,000.**



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