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| The Self-Development of People National Committee convened at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday September 13 at Arch Street Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.The following Committee members were present:Pat Osoinach Delores Adams-HendersonLaura Krauss Phyllis Edwards Karen Brown Elizabeth SweeRichard Morrow Phil Tom Wayne Steele Lawrence Low Gail Porter Nelson Wesley Woo The following staff members were present:Alonzo Johnson, Clara Nunez, Margaret Mwale, Sara Lisherness, and Teresa Bidart.Excused Absence:Susan Dobkins, Tracy Dace, Samantha Davis, Rebecca Reyes, Rebecca DavisThe Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE** the proposed Agenda.The Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE** the May 14, 2018 National Committee minutes with changes.The National Committee members and staff participated in a dinner with church leaders/Presbytery SDOP Committee at arch Street Presbyterian Church. They were:1. Julia Hill, member of Presbytery of Philadelphia SDOP committee.
2. Rev. Greg Klimovitz, Associate Presbyter, The Presbytery of Philadelphia.
3. Jacqueline Chapman, member of the Philadelphia Presbytery SDOP
4. Rev. Sarah Weisiger
5. Rev. Shawn Hyska
6. Todd Stavrakos, Chair of Philadelphia Presbytery SDOP Committee
7. James Dickerson, Black Male Leadership Initiative
8. Alexander El, Black Male Leadership Initiative
9. Lance Rogers, Black Male Leadership Initiative
10. Charles Witherspoon, Black Male Leadership Initiative

On Friday the Committee reconvened at 9:00 am at Arch Presbyterian Church. Larry opened the meeting with prayer. Samantha Davis and Tracey Dace joned the National Committee meeting.Rev. Sarah Weisiger led the bible study.Alonzo Johnson presented the staff report.Director’s report - Sara Lisherness, Compassion, Peace and JusticeDirector presented a CPJ report.The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Financial report presented by Phyllis Edwards.The financial report was discussed and approved.Bryce Wiebe, Director, Special Offerings and Lynee Foreman, Mission Engagement Advisor from the office of Mission Engagement & Support introduced themselves. Lynee explained that her work mainly is to connect Presbyteries, Synods, and church individuals with mission. She stated that she was pleased to share this time with this Committee and learn from the SDOP ministry.11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Standing Committee meetings Church Wide and Community Relations International Task Force MeetingThe committee re-convened at 12:00 pm for lunch/panel. The panelist were: Colin Koch, Philadelphia Security Officers Union, Kamira Gardner Laura Colee, Broadstreet Ministry, and Miguel Andrade, JUNTOS.At 1:30 P.M Laura Krauss, Alonzo and Margaret conducted the Training of trainer’s activity.At 2:30 P.M. Karen Brown, Margaret Mwale and Alonzo conducted the activity of “How to do an effective community workshop”. It was conducted by question and answers addressed to the entire National Committee. Staff was asked to find out how we can send a message for all minorities about receiving SDOP applications from all of them in their respective languages.Domestic Task Force meetings convened at 4:30 P.MThe entire National Committee and staff shared a dinner at 6:00 P.M. with ACSWP at Arch Presbyterian Church.The meeting reconvened on Saturday September 15 at 9:00 am.A community workshop was conducted by Karen Brown, Margaret Mwale and Alonzo Johnson. Members of Philadelphia Security Officers Union group attended.The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Church-wide and Community Relations report. Laura conducted the report. The committee reviewed their responsibilities. The committee membership has changed lately a lot. The Committee establish four (4) main goals: 1. Invite local churches during Sunday National committee meetings to do minute for missions. For example, tomorrow members of National Committee are going to 8 churches, some of the churches that donate the most and some of the ones that donate the least.
2. Work closely with the Mid-Councils to do the recertification.
3. Intensify the community outreach
4. Intensify the local workshops

Laura mentioned that regarding the January 2019 meeting the West Task Force have talked in their meeting yesterday on how the Task Force could conduct a workshop in the area where the meeting is going to be held.Laura addressed the subject that the National Committee did not have any precis to present this time. She stated that there are several reasons, one of them is that the committee did not do good follow up with potential groups. Other reason may be that the Committee had a lot of members that rotate off in May and do not have enough people to do the pending site visits. Several potential partners are waiting for site visits to allow some Task Forces to make funding decisions.The committee initiated a discussion and was brainstorming out of the box ways on how to increase the applications and on how to use the members of the Alumni in helping with site visits, recertification, etc.The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** Member engagement committee report. It was conducted by Pat.He explained the responsibilities of this committee. The committee did not have opportunity this time to meet. But he considered that everything is going well.The committee discussed the low number of participants for the community workshop this Saturday. Alonzo stated that is very important to identify the place of the community workshop and the meeting spaces. In this case the downtown of Philadelphia is very hard to access because of the heavy traffic and lack of parking spaces.If we fail selecting the meeting space and workshop locations, we cannot have the ability to engage to the community and therefore to have more applications from the area where we meet.Phyllis stated that we need to be intentional and go to the community instead of community come to us.Samantha mentioned several ideas that she, as community organizer, has applied before: the identification of effective places for meetings is very important; to identify a good meeting place, we need to take in consideration the availability of spaces for parking, daycare service, etc.Regarding the amount of applications received, Samantha mentioned that she considered that having no deadlines for applications is not a good practice. In her experience most of the time when people do not have a deadline they usually leave their actions for the future. She considered that will be more effective if the committee establish application deadlines.She also mentioned that the workshop conducted today can be recorded and used as a Webinar. This way people can see it in their own time and more people can be reached.Tracy proposed that an action team can be created to discuss Samantha’s recommendations.Karen mentioned that the committee members need to find ways to assist the staff to find more groups to invite to the workshops and increase the attendance to these events. She mentioned the possibility to hire somebody to go to the place where the Committee is going to meet in advance and start contacting grassroots groups. Also, Karen mentioned the importance to identify correct places for community workshops. She considered that churches are not inclusive to everybody because for example Muslim cannot go to some churches for events. The Committee needs to be more careful to select meeting spaces.Alonzo stated the importance to engage with the Presbyteries and Synods. This is one of the national committee members responsibility. It is important and vital to contact Presbyteries and Synods. We also need to engage with the Alumni members if we need support. The discussion was stopped for lunch. Wayne closed the morning meeting with prayer.The committee re-convened at 1:15 pm after lunch.Lynne Foreman, mission engagement for the northeast made a presentation about the work that they are called to do. She presented all the staff of the Mission Engagement team. They will be with us in Albuquerque in January 2019 National meeting.Pat conducted a presentation for the new committee members on how the precis are presented in the National meetings.The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the International Task Force reportpresented by Karen. Because two members were not present in this meeting the International Task Force could not make any grant decision. A Zoom call will be scheduled on the week of October 1.Teresa explained what the functions of the international intermediary partners are: Ce-Mujer and the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda. The funding decision for these two intermediaries will be taken during the October zoom call.Karen informed the committee about the next and first International Task Force visit to Panama on November 26 to 30, 2018, as country of focus. The International Task Force members and staff will have a zoom call in December with the area liaisons in Nicaragua and Guatemala to start developing a strategy for the partnerships in these two countries.Wesley asked about the funding possibility of one organization who worked in Rwanda that Phil knows. Teresa answered that this organization need to be in contact with the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda. Each international intermediary partner has their own deadlines and funding procedures. The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Midwest Task Force reportpresented by Mandy.Recertification for: Detroit Presbytery during their next meeting in DetroitFuture meetings:Detroit, MI next month. They will let Teresa know about the date.The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Northeast Task Force reportpresented by Karen.Karen reported that the Task Force have 5 group applications waiting for site visits. The Task Force members have contacted alumni members to do some site visits and new contacts will be made. Karen will follow up with Johnnie Monroe, former Northeast Task Force member, about the next steps on a pending application for a group named Kids of Character Program in Baltimore MD.Next meetings: Zoom call in October 4 at 10:00 a.m.November 9,10 and 11 at Stony PointThe Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the South Task Force reportpresented by Wayne.The Task Force meeting did not have enough quorum to make funding decisions. They will do Zoom call on October 8 at 10:00 am.The Task force will plan to do workshops in Virginia, West Virginia, also in the west end in Louisville, one of the poorest areas in Louisville, and at Union Seminary where Rebecca Davis teaches.The Task Force members contacted the SDOP local committee in Louisville. Alonzo recommended the South Task Force members to be in contact with John Etheredge and Joseph Johnson as Alumni in the South, if is need it. The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the West Task Force reportpresented by Wesley.The Committee approved the final payment for SW13003 Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE).Two new projects were submitted in the last week. The Task Force will contact them before the site visit is approved.Recertifications:Presbytery of Nevada, Margaret and Alonzo did the certification. Larry will contact San Fernando and San Gabriel by phone, and Larry and/or Susan will do a certification training.Next meetings: National Committee meeting in Albuquerque Face to face meeting in the spring in Colorado. TBDSara Lisherness addressed the group to ask for intentional contact with Native American.Alonzo stated that Margaret and he have been working and have been in contact with people to discuss the Native American issues.Samantha re-took the recommendation made by Trace’s conversation about the creation of a committee to develop a strategy to reach out more potential partners and she asked for more discussion.Laura stated that these issues can be analyzed and discussed by the Church-wide and Community relations Committee.Karen recommend a motion to create a separate Task force to discuss these issues.Clara stated that the Executive Committee need to approve the creation of a new Task Force.Margaret recommended a few members from the Church-Wide and Community Relations Committee focus on the community outreach similar to what was done with members that recently rotated off the committee (i.e. John Etheredge and Sharon Ware).The National Committee **VOTED TO APPROVE** the creation of a sub-committee of the Church-wide and Relations Committee. Karen, Tracy and Samantha will be part of this sub-committee.Respectfully submitted,Teresa BidartBilingual /Meeting Planner  |  | **CONVENED****ROLL CALL****ACTION: 35-0918****Approved Agenda** **ACTION: 36-0918****Approved May 14, 2018 minutes.****RE-CONVENNED****ACTION: 37-0918****Received staff report****ACTION: 38-0918****Received the Financial Report****RE-CONVENNED****RE-CONVENNED****STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS****ACTION: 39-0918****Received** the Church -wide and Community Relations  **report** **ACTION: 40-0918****Received** the Member engagement committee report**RE-CONVENNED****ACTION: 41-0918****Received** the International Task Force report**TASK FORCES REPORTS****ACTION: 42-0918****The Committee VOTED TO RECEIVE the Midwest Task Force report****ACTION: 43-0918**The Committee **VOTED TO RECEIVE** the Northeast Task Force report**ACTION: 44-0918****The Committee VOTED TO****RECEIVE the South Task Force report****ACTION: 45-0918****The Committee VOTED TO RECEIVE the West Task Force report.****ACTION: 46-0918****The Committee approved to create a subcommittee of the Church-wide and Relations Committee formed by Samantha Davis, Tracy Dace, and Karen Brown.** |
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