

Self-Development of People

Presbytery of the Northern Plains

Self Development of People (SDOP) is one of the three Presbyterian missions supported by One Great Hour of Sharing. Presbytery SDOP committees provide funding to small groups of economically depressed individuals when they have a plan that leads to improvement in their economic status on an ongoing basis. Not every Presbytery has an SDOP Committee, but ours does.

Your SDOP committee is a diverse group. We are eight members strong. Out of those eight, four are Presbyterian. The remainder include a Methodist, a Catholic, a Muslim, and a member who embraces her Native American Spirituality. We have a good group of committee members who have connections to various economically depressed people within our Presbytery.

Our committee is currently working with one group which intends to apply this year. We are hopeful that their application will meet the requirements for approval.

This is the last year that I will serve as our Presbytery SDOP committee chair. "For health reasons, I have submitted my resignation effectively at the end of this calendar year. It has been my privilege to serve as committee chair. During my tenure we have awarded one grant (\$5,000) to help immigrant farmers graduating from a training program. There is a potential award as mentioned above.

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