



\$\$\$ for the Self-Development of People

We are all familiar with the Chinese Proverb, “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” When a person learns “to fish”, that person is on the way to becoming self-reliant, there is a sense of achievement and fulfillment, in other words, there is self-development.

Jesus has called each of us to befriend and assist the poor and oppressed. One of the ways in which we can do this is to teach people “to fish”. But fishing requires equipment - poles, bait and tackle and a fishing license - and those things require money.

The Transylvania Presbytery Committee on the Self-Development of People (TPC/SDOP) is excited to announce that there is money available for people who have organized or are organizing to do something about their own conditions. Wayne Gnatuk, Associate for Churchwide Relations, Self-Development of People, will present a workshop on Saturday, August 23, 2008, in Hazard, Ky., at the First Presbyterian Church as a part of the “Let Your Light Shine” conference. Those attending workshop will have an opportunity to learn more about this program and how it can be used to improve peoples’ lives.

It is highly recommended that interested groups review the grant criteria and application prior to attending the workshop. If you, or a member of your mission committee, knows of a group or potential group that might qualify for these funds, please share the following information with them: For information about the SDOP (grant criteria etc.) click here <http://images.acswebnetworks.com/1/435/TalkingPoints.pdf>; to download a grant application click here <http://images.acswebnetworks.com/1/435/ApplicationTransySDOP.pdf>, to learn more about the history and purpose of SDOP on a national level go to <http://www.pcusa.org/sdop/mission.htm>. . You may also contact Juanita Callahan, Chairperson of the TPC/SDOP at juanitakc@bellsouth.net. TPC/SDOP grant application must be received by November 1, 2008.