

**Self-Development of People Committee**  
**Beth Bolin, Chair**  
**January 26, 2008**

The Self-Development of People Committee met throughout the year looking at several proposals for funding. We approved two proposals and made suggestions on several others. We approved \$6,106.24 for the Service Center for Latinos Woman's Group in Spruce Pine and \$5,793.76 for Avery Amigos Women's Support Group in Newland. Both groups deal with the need of Latino women to come together. The first group will help isolated families in need of socialization and the opportunity to talk with someone. They will learn skills such as knitting, English, parenting, nutrition, crafts, and health education. The second group will provide "English as a Second Language" classes. It will also help them understand our system of government, how to apply for benefits, and enroll their children in school.

The committee began the year with \$11,900. We approved the spending of all of this.

The committee has also discussed how to spread the word about the work of Self-Development of People. We would like to have more applications to consider. We would like for more groups to be aware of our work and how to get information out. We did have a display at the Presbytery meeting in Gastonia. We will be working at our meetings this year on plans to be more visible at Presbytery gatherings.

We are thankful for the support of all of you. We receive 32% of the money from One Great Hour of Sharing. We appreciate anything you do in your churches to highlight what we do. We had to work with Avery Amigos to cut the amount of money they needed as we did not have it to give. Please remind your congregations that the money is being used to help groups within our own Presbytery.

The committee has worked diligently and we hope responsibly. We thank you for your support of our work. We hope you will remember us in your prayers as we continue to try to serve God as we look at these requests.

Yours in Christ,

Beth Bolin  
Chairperson