

A report from the Mission Commission on Additional Mission Grants

Earlier this year Session tasked the Mission Commission with defining the distribution of an additional \$10,000 in Mission Grants in 2011. Session recommended that the Mission Commission consider organizations other than those already supported by NSPC through Mission Grants; consider the work of the Presbytery's mission projects; and attempt to bring a strong international component into the recipient choices for this additional money. Mission Commission also considered the recognition amongst members of the Congregation in assigning these grants.

\$4,000—Youthaiti has participated in NSPC's "Alternative Christmas Market" for the past two years. Gigi Pomerantz is a dynamic advocate based in Glendale for this program assisting youth and families in Haiti. Its mission is "dedicated to helping and encouraging Haitian young people in their development of ecological projects in sanitation and water-source protection, community gardening and reforestation in their own communities. <http://youthaiti.org>

\$2,000 — Re-Member is an independent, nonprofit organization on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Sough Dakota. Its mission is to "improve the quality of reservation life through relationships, shared resources and volunteer services". In August several members of NSPC along with Sarah Rand spent a week working with the Lakota Indians on a mission trip sponsored by NSPC through this organization. <http://www.re-member.org/>

\$2,000 — The Poverty Initiative's mission is "to raise up generations of religious and community leaders committed to building a movement to end poverty, led by the poor....As we enter the 21st Century, we face increasing polarization of the rich and poor. This is the defining social issue of our time. The Poverty Initiative believes that it is possible to end poverty – not merely manage it. It is our moral imperative and theological calling to do so. This is a spiritual journey." NSPC Seminarian Elizabeth Theoharis is the Coordinator of The Poverty Initiative. <http://www.povertyinitiative.org>.

\$2,000 — General Mission Fund of the Presbytery Supporting the combined effort of Presbyterian Churches in mission support.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Mission Commission,
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