

**Outreach & Social Concerns Unit**  
**May 22, 2007**  
**Report to Presbytery**

**Motions to Council**

1. Ask that the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter payment be made to *El Centro* as soon as possible. (This motion does not come from the OSC Unit, but from one of the chairs, John Illian.
2. we seek your feedback on the items listed below.

**Actions Taken By OSC**

1. *will allocate* a portion of this year's OSC Budget for what will be called *New Hope Initiatives*. This category of funding will be for:
  - a. church based initiatives in areas of ministry typically supported by OSC (However, these funds could be granted in partnership with Evangelism/ New Church Development Committee for an appropriate *Initiative* which combines the goals and purposes of each committee.)
  - b. the program year (for example, Sept. 07 – Aug. 08)
  - c. is a one-time grant
  - d. bringing *hope* and encouragement to some churches within our presbytery with the prayer that this will strengthen the ministries of these churches in their community.

There is \$25,000 in this category of funds. We hope that we will receive requests for grants in the \$5,000-10,000 range.

Applications are due August 15, 2007. (See example of application on next page.)

2. **What do we do with the work which Skip Winter has done?** He has done his part in preparing OSC's part of the May Presbytery meeting, He has met with the pastor from Carteret. They would like to have a theme "Towns In Transition." Skip has discovered a good resource for this topic. His name is Rev Aslamdaniel. He lives in Carteret, is an ordained Presbyterian pastor, is Pakistani, pastors an Indian/Pakistani Fellowship in the Queens, receives some financial support from the Presbytery of New York, would like to come to our Presbytery meeting.
3. Corina Rodriguez will be our team member who will help prepare **the June 27 Presbytery** meeting which will be held at Elizabeth, Second. (Again, our hope is to build a focus topic, which will be taken from a distinctive of the host church. And we are still looking for the right time to add a mission/extra commitment-giving piece to a Presbytery meeting.)
4. In September '07 we will bring to the Presbytery a member of the *International Peacemakers*. (This is a part of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.) The person will be here for our Presbytery meeting, Sept. 25 (Tues.) and for a few days on either side of that date. The cost to OSC is \$400 plus providing transportation and lodging while in our area. We will pay for this out of our Peacemaking Funds. **What role do we want for this person to play in our Sept. '07 Presbytery meeting?** Additional information is available on <http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/intl/international.htm>
5. In October '07 we will bring to the Presbytery a mission co-worker who is a part of our denominations "Mission Challenge '07." This person will be available for our October 27 (Sat.) Presbytery meeting and for five days afterwards. There is no cost to us. Of course, we are expected to provide transportation and lodging while in our area. **What role do we want for this person to play in our Oct. '07 Presbytery meeting?** Additional information is available on <http://www.pcusa.org/missionchallenge07/>

The next OSC meeting is Thursday, June 7 at 7pm at Central Presbyterian Church, Summit, NJ.