

## **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

Did you know the Presbytery of New York City has a group working with the Self-Development of People program? [This video](#) introduces the group and describes the ministry. Supported by your gifts to the [One Great Hour of Sharing Offering](#), Self-Development of People partners with communities and organizations that identify a need they face, envision and design a project to address that need, implement and control the project, and benefit from the project. SDOP affirms God's concern for humankind. It is made up of Presbyterians and ecumenical partners dissatisfied with poverty and oppression, united in faith and action through sharing, confronting, and enabling by participating in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice. [Use the video](#) to learn about Self-Development of People and to promote the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Contact [Mark Koenig](#) to obtain the video.

## **PRISON VISIT**

The Justice Ministries Committee, in partnership with the Church of Gethsemane, is planning a visit to men at Sing Sing Prison on March 21. This will be an all-day commitment. Contact [Dave Ehlke](#) to participate.

## **#CLOSErikers FORUM**

**March 14, 2019 – 6:00 PM**

**New York Law School**

**Events Center**

**185 West Broadway**

For decades, [#RikersIsland](#) has been plagued by violence and corruption. Rikers is notorious for brutality and abuse, which has too often resulted in the deaths of incarcerated people. That's why New York City must [#CLOSErikers](#) and [#buildCOMMUNITIES](#). This is how.

## **IMMIGRATION RESOURCES**

Worship at the March 2 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery focused on welcoming immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. [Download a resource list](#) of organizations working on issues related to immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees and tools for education.

## **POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN IN NEW YORK CITY – UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Saturday March 16th, 11am-2pm: We are planning on having another local NYC Poor People's Campaign gathering around community building and visioning. We will also use this time to prepare for the statewide day of action on March 18th. More details to come!
- Saturday March 16th, 3-6 pm: [Songs in the Key of Resistance](#)! This session will focus on songs that will be used during the March 18th action.
- Monday March 18th: NYS Poor People's Campaign Day of Action – around the state, members of the NYS Poor People's Campaign will conduct actions in their respective

regions. What we do here is up to us! If you are interested in helping to organize this action, please contact Kelly Smith at [kjsmith67@gmail.com](mailto:kjsmith67@gmail.com).

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) OFFERING**

Most PC(USA) congregations receive the OGHS during Lent or on Easter. This Special Offering supports the ministries of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Program. Make sure your Session approves receiving the OGHS and [find resources](#) to promote the offering.