

Resolution -To support PCUSA efforts in South Sudan toward a just and sustainable human development through educational means in solidarity with their hope for a global future.

The Synod of the Northeast stands in solidarity with the South Sudanese as they embark on constructing their new country and recognizes the uniquely contingent window of opportunity they possess to develop concurrently their strong Christian and Presbyterian history with civic responsibility. The Synod's Public Policy Advocacy Network has chosen to promote mission in South Sudan by addressing a critical need for education on all levels, and applauds the PCUSA witness within South Sudan, in forming partnerships, supporting missionaries, and providing logistical and other advice for individual initiatives. PPAN has appointed and funded, Brad McFall to travel to congregations throughout the Synod to offer a Minute for Mission which interprets this global hope and faithful self-determination. The Synod affirms this action and recommends to congregations to consider hosting a Minute for Mission on South Sudan and the Presbyterian partnerships and activities there.

Rationale:

Very few know of the situation in South Sudan and the partnerships between Presbyteries in the USA and our brothers and sisters in South Sudan as well as the long and significant history of Christianity in the region . By supporting Brad in his traveling and offering of a Minute for Mission, the church body can deepen our understanding of and commitment to, these partnerships in the context of the on-going creation of a new nation. If we are to be a global Church we need to know what's going on abroad, how to pray, and where to direct financial support.