

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
National Council of Canada 39th Annual General Assembly
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Sessions

Beyond the Voucher: We can and should provide more to our neighbours in need than just a food or clothing voucher. (Bill Graham)

Vincentian Discipleship Today/ Être disciple Vincentien aujourd'hui : Developing the theme of this year's AGA: "Vincentian Discipleship – We are anointed" (Monsignor P. Schonenbach)

Hearing from Some Neighbours in Need: Two people who have been served by the Society (through a recovery home and a women's shelter) will tell their inspiring stories. (Two people who have been served by the Society tell their stories)

Justice Reclaimed Through Advocacy: What does it mean to "advocate" for those in need and what are our responsibilities as Vincentians? (Jack Panozzo)

Stores Workshop: An opportunity for those involved with Society stores and who have an interest in learning more about this service to come together to share & learn. (Ann Bryan/Alexsis Baksi)

Member Development & Succession Planning: How do we, as Vincentians, continue to grow in our ability to effectively serve those in need? (Bill Graham)

Serving in the Spirit of our Patron & Founders: The more we learn about our founders & patron, the more we are inspired and helped to remain true to our mission & values. (Mike Burns/Jack Parr Vijinski)

"Comment utiliser la technologie numérique pour maintenir nos statistiques à jour"
(Pierre Portelance)

Treasurer's Workshop/CRA: This session will be very helpful to those who deal with any aspect of the conference or council's treasurer's responsibilities, including Canada Revenue Agency requirements. (Joe McCalmont)

Effective Meetings/Effective Leadership: The conference and council meetings provide wonderful opportunities for praying, learning, sharing, joyful fellowship, and planning. Are yours productive, satisfying, enjoyable, well attended? (Guido Kelly)

"Le développement de la Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, de la visite à domicile aux partenariats sociaux" (Pierre Morissette)

Serving Those with Mental Health or Addiction Challenges: What do we, as visiting Vincentians, need to know? (Kim Caragianakos and Tayo Dada)

Twinning: If your conference or council is currently involved in Twinning or open to doing so, please join us. (Guido Kelly)

The Society & the Environment: (description to be added soon) (Michael Burke/Clermont Fortin)

Practicing Hospitality: This workshop focuses on the spiritual rhythms of rest, renewal, and action in the practice of hospitality. Vincentians need to be renewed in their work of reaching out and welcoming those in need. (Valerie Getson)

We Receive As Much or More Than We Give: We know in our hearts that this is true but what is the basis and the meaning of this reality? (Monsignor Sam Bianco)

Good Judgment or Being Judgmental?: What's the difference between using our knowledge, skills and best judgment to decide how best to serve someone in need or becoming judgmental about some of those we serve? (Danny Bourne and Bey Grieve)

Recruitment: Does your conference have an effective way of recruiting new members and providing these new members with initial training? (Diane Jacob)

Other Ways of Vincentians Serving/Reaching Out: There may be needs within your community that are not being met by our traditional home visits or your members may be disappointed that they are getting too few opportunities to serve. Let's be creative & proactive. (Dawn & Michael Hayes)

Opportunity to Visit Two Special Works: Up to 40 participants will have the opportunity to spend an afternoon at Ozanam House (short-term residence for people awaiting placement in an addiction treatment program) and St. Francis Residence (for adults with mental health challenges).

Assisting Those We Serve with Personal Finance Issues: intended to provide information in several areas that relate to financial difficulties that our clients may be experiencing. The information provided in the presentation, and the associated handouts, covers such areas as the basics of budgeting and managing of cash flow, stress-testing a budget, understanding the use and misuse of credit, interpreting credit reports, understanding the alternatives for debt relief, and understanding how to deal with collection agencies. (Richard Haggins)

