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## A Letter from your Servant Leaders

The pandemic continues to have an impact on the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The National Council Board of Directors met last Saturday, and were faced with a difficult set of choices. We could try to hold the September National Assembly as scheduled, and risk that due to health, government or other restrictions, some members could or would not attend. Or, we could cancel the live event and go virtual, sacrificing some of the wonderful friendship and learning opportunities that occur whenever our members get together.



Considering as well some challenges faced by the City of St. Louis and the meeting's hotel, which are difficult to predict months ahead of time, the Board decided to cancel.

Actually, that's too strong a word.

In September, we will provide several webinars with the same content we would have had at the Assembly. Instead of hundreds being able to see these presentations live, thousands will now view them at their leisure at home, and share them among other members. Watch for announcements and registration information in the E-Gazette over the coming weeks.

Two national resolutions were postponed from the Midyear meeting, which was also cancelled this year. These relate to our national solidarity formula (dues) and the National Council annual budget to take effect this October. To accomplish these Governance decisions, we will hold a (webinar/call) on Wednesday, June 17th at 7 p.m. Central for National Council Members and Executive Directors to hear brief presentations on the resolutions and to ask questions. We will then hold a national NCM electronic vote on the resolutions later in June. Phone details will be sent directly to the NCMs and EDs.

This year's National Assembly was also to be the anniversary celebration of 175 years of the Society in the United States. We won't forget about this! We are making plans to delay the celebration to hold it safely and in St. Louis at a later date.

We also want to learn more about how your Council and Conference is fairing during the pandemic. We hear varying stories about service requests increasing but also gladly about increased fundraising. Stores are re-opening to good early results. We know there

is still much more to know to assess the Society's overall health and impact during this crazy period. Watch for a survey to SVdP leaders to be distributed soon. There are a lot of lessons to be learned and, I am sure, small victories to celebrate.

I can't help but think how St. Vincent would be so proud of the creativity and innovation to serve the poor in his name these last three months. If Blessed Frederic had today's technologies, we would have more historic precedence for our Vincentian outreach service and friendships. We carry on with whatever we have, and continue to find new ways to adapt and share God's love.

Yours in Christ,



Dave Barringer  
CEO

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## Covid-19 International Vincentian Projects

The current COVID-19 pandemic in our world has multiplied the poverty and needs of millions of people around the globe. From the very beginning, the Vincentian Family (a movement that follows Jesus Christ after the example of St. Vincent de Paul; and is present worldwide through 4 million people and more than 160 Christian institutions) is working tirelessly to alleviate the situation of all these people who have seen their lives worsen because of the Coronavirus: the homeless, the newly unemployed, families in vulnerable situations, etc...

FamVin has created a new website dedicated to COVID-19 Vincentian Projects. [Click here](#) to view the website and to read more about the great works Vincentians are doing.

[Click here](#) to read the article from the SVdP International Council.

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## Questions and Answers

**Q: When the executive committee meets and a question of utmost importance is considered, can the committee agree with a consensus, or does a motion need to be made, seconded, discussion and vote? I'm confused what a consensus means.**

A: The Rule, Part I, Article 3.10 calls for decisions to be made by consensus: "All decisions are made by consensus after the necessary prayer, reflection and consultation. The democratic spirit is fundamental at all levels of the Society and, when appropriate, matters are put to a vote." Consensus means that, if it is clear that everyone is in agreement (no matter if the decision is "yes" or "no"), then no formal vote is necessary. However, that does not mean that an important decision is not to be recorded in the

minutes. This also means that, if it is clear that not everyone is in agreement, then a vote should take place. In either case, the motion and resulting decision must be recorded.

Another consideration is the executive committee. Executive committees typically have limited authority to make decisions, since decisions within a Conference or a Council are to be made by the members. The Council/Conference Bylaws and charter for an executive committee usually defines the type of decisions they are allowed to make.

**Q: The LDS church has contacted our Conference offering volunteers to help with our service. I know there are major doctrine differences, so would like to know how SVdP responds to such a request.**

A: Members of the LDS church (as well as others) can be Associate Members, meaning they can participate in the works and possibly attend meetings (without a vote), but they cannot be officers. If your Conference has special works, such as a pantry or a store, they can assist as volunteers in that. If your Conference has special seasonal programs such as Thanksgiving or Christmas, they can help with that. Primarily, non-Catholic Associate Members helps us with our works of service.

[Click here to view the Spanish translation of this week's Q&A](#)

[Click here to download this week's Q&A](#)

[Q&A Index](#)

[Click here to visit the SVdP Thrift Store website for stores-related Q&A's:](#)  
<http://www.svdpusa-thriftstore.org/>

**Submit your questions to:**  
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## SVdP National Council welcomes Manager of Marketing and Communications

The National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul is delighted to welcome Jill Pioter as the new Manager of Marketing and Communications. Jill comes to us with an extensive and varied background in marketing and brand development.

In her role, Jill will collaborate with the Advancement team to strengthen our brand and name recognition as a Society. Her efforts will benefit the National Council as well as the Society across the United States.



Jill comes to us from a 17-year career at Psychological Associates, a human resources consulting firm headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. There, she was promoted throughout the organization, which allowed her to provide clients with a range of integrated marketing and brand development services in a compelling, easy-to-use way. Her efforts were instrumental in developing the company's look, feel and voice. Her storytelling experience includes writing for a variety of mediums, as well as graphic design, webinar development, and video production. She created leadership development programs, and has a passion for mentoring other women in her field.

Jill earned her Bachelor's in English from Quincy University, a Catholic liberal arts university in Quincy, Illinois. She lives with her college-sweetheart husband, Dominic, and their 8-year-old son, Jude, in University City, Missouri. In her free time, she enjoys Zumba and Pilates, pasta and pizza—all of which cancel each other out.

**“I'm so happy to join the Advancement Team at the National Council. It will be a joy to contribute to Vincentians' truly 'good' work, and I'm excited to roll up my sleeves!”**

Welcome to the SVdP family, Jill. Join us in a warm welcome!

To contact Jill, you may reach her at 314-576-3993, ext. 203, or email at [jpioter@svdpusa.org](mailto:jpioter@svdpusa.org).

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## **SVdP National Council looking for Contract Grant Writer**

The SVdP National Council is looking for a Contract Grant Writer. To read the full job description, [click here](#).

**For additional information or to apply, contact:**

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Chief Advancement Officer  
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## **Hope in the Face of Racism Series** **Session 2: Roots of Systemic Racism**

*A Collaboration of the African American Task Force and the Voice of the Poor Committee*

Wednesday, June 17 at 4:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT

Over 900 Vincentians came together for our first session to reflect on the racism experienced by our African American brothers and sisters, and explore how our Catholic faith and Vincentian charism call us to respond.

Our next session will explore how systemic racism plays out in policies and practices in our communities. Join us!

[Register Here](#)

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## Coronavirus Response Updates

### ***Continued COVID-19 Guidance to SVdP Members***

As the country continues to adapt to the reality of social distancing and impending scarcity, the Society is aware of the need for our services now more than ever.

Local Councils and Conferences shift their work from face-to-face services to creative and location-specific approaches. The National Council will continue its focus on support and value to the entire Society.

Please visit our website regularly (<https://www.svdpusa.org/Assistance-Services/COVID-19-Response>), as we will update COVID-19 related resources for Public Policy & Advocacy, Fundraising, and Leadership Communications.

We are grateful for your good work to continue responding to shifting community needs. Thank you for all you do to fulfill our mission to feed, clothe, house, and heal friends in need across the U.S.

As a trusted nonprofit organization that already serves the most likely to be hurt by the economic devastation of the Coronavirus Crisis, the Society's work has never been more important!

### ***Local Councils Responding to the Coronavirus***

Some Councils have developed resources to help friends in need access assistance and information available at the state and local levels. [Click here](#) to check out these examples from the Attleboro Council (MA).

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## SVdP Safety Face Masks

### OFFERS PROTECTION AND STYLE FROM AIRBORNE PARTICULATES.

Comfortable and breathable to wear. Made of 100% microfiber polyester so it is light weight and cool even in the summertime. When your mask is not needed, simply pull it down off your face and let it rest easily around your neck until you are ready to use it again. This fabric is color fast which means the SVdP logo will be attractive and bright for as long as you own the mask. It is totally washable and easy to maintain. Keep safe from harmful airborne particulates and show the SVdP logo at the same time.



**Washable - Microfiber Polyester - SPF50 - Dry Wicking**

#### To Order:

Visit the Magnalite Catholic Website, or [click here](#).

Item: SFM-I Safety Mask \$5.50/ea

\*DISCLAIMER: Masks are non-medical. The manufacturer makes no guarantees that the mask prevents the infection or the transmission of viruses or diseases.



Disaster Services SVdP-USA has set up a Coronavirus Hotline to support St. Vincent de Paul Councils and Conferences in the United States and can be accessed by calling 1 (800) 604-5759. You can learn more about Coronavirus resources and guidance at <https://www.svdpcdisaster.org/node/150/>.

## Formation Resources and Updates

- Contemplation: [In times of civil unrest, what would Frederic do?](#) **New!**
- [Ozanam Orientation 2020](#) is here – plan your transition.
- [Fred Talk](#) Videos: Vincentian Heritage, Traditions, and Spirituality in Small Doses
- Formation [Tools](#) | [Resources](#) | [Materials Store](#)

## Webinar: The Seven Duties of a Conference President

Thursday, June 18, 2020 8 - 9:30 p.m. Eastern / 5 - 6:30 p.m. Pacific

[Register Now!](#)

This session, presented by the Leadership Task Force, is designed for all Conference Presidents, new or experienced, as well as Members who may be considering becoming Conference Presidents.

With references to guidelines and publications, such as the Conference President Handbook, this presentation will help you prepare to be a more effective Servant Leader, focusing on the Seven Duties of a Conference President:

- Commitment
- Comprehension
- Communication
- Cultivation
- Collaboration
- Chairperson
- Contributions/Compliance

You'll have opportunities to interact and ask questions during this live session!

**Questions? Contact:**  
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## **Getting Ahead Facilitator Training Summer 2020**

Conferences and Councils across the country are running [Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World](#), a comprehensive program that empowers individuals to build their own personal plans for economic security and create Systemic Change.

The online Facilitator Training webinars will equip you with all the knowledge and resources to start a Getting Ahead program in your area or get involved with an existing program.

**Wednesday, July 22 & 29**  
**6:30-9:30 p.m. Eastern**  
[Register for our Online Training Here!](#)

Future Trainings:  
Fall: Saturday, October 10 & October 17 at 10:30-1:30 PM Central

Are you a Getting Ahead facilitator with questions, ideas, or best practices? Start a conversation in the [Getting Ahead Community of Practice](#) today!

*Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World is a licensed work of aha! Process, Inc. The National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a licensed provider of facilitator training for the Getting Ahead program.*

**For more information, contact:**  
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## Voice of the Poor Third Thursday Webinar

### The Immersion Program:

#### Serving Returning Citizens and Reforming the Criminal Justice System

Involvement in the criminal justice system is a root cause of poverty, and the United States incarcerates the most people in the world. The vast majority of people who have spent time in jail or prison will eventually be released. This presents Vincentians with a unique opportunity to walk with returning citizens in the journey back to their communities; restorative Justice practices help to heal and break the cycle of violence and poverty.

Join us for a conversation about criminal justice in the United States, what Vincentians across the country are doing to serve reentering citizens through our Immersion Program, and what you can do to serve our most marginalized members of society.

**Thursday, June 18 at 3:00 PM Eastern**

[Register Here](#)

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## Getting Ahead Practitioner Call:

### How and Why to Talk About Systemic Change

Across the country, Systemic Change has invigorated Conferences and Councils. Vincentians are thinking in new and creative ways how to attack poverty in our communities, and Getting Ahead is key to that.

If you are eager to start Getting Ahead or some other systemic change program in your community, this webinar will help you lay the groundwork. What are some of the best practices for having critical conversations about root causes of poverty and the systemic changes needed to address them? How can we share our excitement for new ideas with community members and collaborators?

Join us!

**Monday, June 15, 2020**

**12:00 PM Eastern/11:00 AM Central**

**\*Note new time: This is different from usual practitioner calls\***

[Register Here](#)

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## A Workshop and Prayers for Servant Leaders

This week we conclude our focus on Servant Leadership with information about a workshop on this very important subject as well as a series of prayers related to each of the 10 characteristics of a Vincentian servant leader which were presented here two weeks ago. We highly recommend this workshop by James Davis and believe you will benefit greatly from introducing yourself to its content. The prayers will enlighten and uplift you and help you to be an effective servant leader.

[Click here](#) for information about obtaining the workshop materials and to view the prayers.

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## Special Notice

Policies are the operational guidelines for SVdP. Councils and Conferences should continually (at least every two years) analyze their policies to identify any that need to be updated or changed or need to be created.

The National Governance Committee has posted 40 sample policies covering a wide range of subjects at Governance-in-a-Box on the National Council website. The policies shown are intended to be examples of how such policies could read. They are not meant to be adopted as is but rather to serve as examples only. It is always recommended that local legal counsel be sought to ensure that the policies your Council or Conference adopts are compliant with the laws of your state and municipality.

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## Sterling Volunteer Webinar: “Adapting Training for Virtual Presentation”



**Subject: Free Webinar - Thurs. 6/18: On-site to On-line: Adapting Training for Virtual Presentation**

Valued partner Sterling Volunteers is providing a complimentary and relevant webinar on best practices for Virtual Training. Given the current, ongoing circumstances that limit our ability to gather in groups, there's no better time than now to pilot or expand your organization's virtual training opportunities.

Join industry expert, Beth Steinhorn, President of VQ Volunteer Strategies, who will share some valuable tips on how to prepare online curriculum and engage volunteers via virtual presentation.

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m. PT | 2:00 p.m. ET

**REGISTER HERE:** [Sterling Volunteers Webinar](#). If you can't make it, you will receive a link to view the webinar on-demand.

SVdP custom Link: <https://hubs.ly/H0qZgKC0>

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## 40% Discount on Antoine Frederic Ozanam by Ray Sickinger

**Notre Dame Press is offering a 40% discount until June 30th on both the hard cover and new paperback edition of *Antoine Frédéric Ozanam* by Ray Sickinger.**

The hard cover edition will cost just \$36 instead of \$60 and the paperback will cost just \$22.80 instead of \$38.

### Instructions to order a copy of *Antoine Frédéric Ozanam*

Go to ND Press website by clicking on the following link or copying and paste it in your search engine:

<https://undpress.nd.edu/9780268101435/antoine-frederic-ozanam/>

This should take you to the site of the book

- Click on order a copy
- Then where it asks for promotion code put in the following: **14CTSA20**
- Then click add promotion code.
- You will need to open an account (easy to set up and no cost) with ND Press.

**You can order as many copies as you would like. Shipping is free. Deadline June 30.**

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## Members Portal Update!

We are happy to announce that administrators are now able to import membership lists from a file! Admins will notice that there is an addition of an "Import" button above their member listing. They will be able to click on that and upload a CSV. formatted Excel Spreadsheet.

On the right side of the portal dashboard, under the heading "Importing Membership", there are guidelines on what is needed for the file upload and also a template that everyone can use. We believe this will make the adding of many members a much smoother process!

If anyone has any questions, please contact the National Council IT Department at [techsupport@svdpusa.org](mailto:techsupport@svdpusa.org)

Thanks so much!  
Wendy VanDeventer-Jones & Megan Scanlon

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## 2020 Hard Copy Annual Reports Available!

The hard-copy 2020 annual report forms are now available. The reporting period for Vincentian assistance and services provided to our friends in need is for the period of FY Oct 1, 2019 - Sept 30, 2020.

Quarterly report hard copy forms are also available!

Here is the link: <https://www.svdpusa.org/members/Documents/Annual-Report-Forms>

NOTE: The online data entry program for the 2020 annual reports will be available after the start of the new fiscal year 2020-21 after October 1, 2020.

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## 2019 Online Annual Reports Data Entry Now Closed

Did you miss the extended deadline? If so, [Click here](#) to download 2019 hard copy forms, complete and return to the national office today! Email your completed hard copy annual report to [phudson@svdpusa.org](mailto:phudson@svdpusa.org).

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## In the News

### International

#### AUSTRALIA:

[Place to mend and heal: Hunter man tells how Vinnies helped him out of homelessness](#)

#### IRELAND:

['We'll still be taking cash': Charity shops prepare for reopening](#)

#### FIJI:

[Chaudhrys Help St Vincent de Paul Build Age Care Home In Nadi](#)

#### GHANA:

[UE/R Diocesan Council Of St Vincent De Paul Society Donate Food Items To Support COVID-19 Fight](#)

### National

#### MINNEAPOLIS, MN:

[St. Vincent de Paul - Twin Cities \(update on Lake Street store\)](#)

**RICHMOND, VA:**

[Cardinal implores Christians: 'Stop rhetoric of hatred'](#)

**PHOENIX, AZ:**

[St. Vincent de Paul, CVS launch free virus testing for uninsured patients](#)

[Click here](#) to read more National SVdP News.

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## Dates to Remember

**North Central Regional Meeting**  
[Now virtual, click for more info.](#)

**National Assembly**  
Details for Virtual Meeting Coming Soon

**Invitation for Renewal**  
November 4-8  
St. Louis, MO

**South Central Regional Meeting**  
October 17  
Oklahoma City, OK

## How to keep up with SVdP

[Click here to keep up with SVdP on Social Media and join our Mobile Network!](#)

[Download the free SVdP Mobile App now by clicking here!](#)

[Click here to connect with Voice of the Poor on Social Media!](#)

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## Vincentian Prayer List

Are you or another Vincentian you know in need of prayers from fellow SVdP members? Send the prayer intention to Pam Hudson Johnson at [phudson@svdpusa.org](mailto:phudson@svdpusa.org) and we will add the name to the prayer list on the SVdP website. Thank you and God Bless.

[Click here to view the Vincentian Prayer List.](#)

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## Looking to Support SVdP Programs?

[Click here](#) to access the online donation portal. Use the drop down menu to choose from a variety of national SVdP programs to support.

**If you would like to donate by check, please send it to:**

**SVdP National Council  
66 Progress Parkway  
Maryland Heights, MO 63043  
\*In the memo field please write the  
program you are supporting**

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**ATTENTION COUNCIL PRESIDENTS & EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS:  
SOME OF YOUR MEMBERS AREN'T GETTING THE E-GAZETTE!**

If you or another member of your Conference is not receiving the E-Gazette email, [jwitzel@svdpusa.org](mailto:jwitzel@svdpusa.org).

**Have you Opted Out?**

WERE YOU GETTING THIS NEWSLETTER BUT NO LONGER ARE?

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Is your Conference or Council doing something that you think should appear in the E-Gazette or on SVdPUSA social media? Send your good news to us!