

Workshop Information

Your Home – My Home – Other

Presenters: Phil Bondy, ONRC Vice President – Council/Conference Rejuvenation & Special Works, and Denise Bondy, ONRC Spiritual Advisor

The world has changed considerably since Frederic Ozanam and Sister Rosalie Rendu adopted Home Visits as the primary mode of personal contact with the poor. Extensive Government Social Services, technologies, and very busy personal lives have challenged us to re-evaluate the effectiveness of Home Visits or other forms of personal contact to achieve our goals of service. Some may question if Home Visits are still relevant today?

This interactive workshop will explore three real life situations where families have sought assistance from SSVP. We will explore how Vincentian Spirituality and our relationship with God is impacted by the choice of service we provide. This workshop is best for:

- Those who no longer conduct Home Visits
- Those who just deliver food to families and leave
- Those who feel they need to rejuvenate and improve on the quality of their home visits

Conference Self Evaluation (*using the Five Guiding Principles – 5GPs*)

Presenter: Omar Ellis, President, Peel North Particular Council

This session will provide guidance on completing the Conference Self-assessment Tool using the 5 Guiding Principles to serve our neighbours in need.

- (1) Home Visitation
- (2) Equity of Service
- (3) Sharing
- (4) Continuous Learning &
- (5) Renewal

Water Rights – Thinking Globally, Acting Locally – Youth in Action

Presenters: Members of the Youth Conference of Saint Louise de Marillac, London

This session will address global water issues and local water problems. Discover what the third world countries fight for every day – drinkable water. Go on our own journey for water and find out what we can do here to make a difference. Who should own water rights?

The Volunteer Cycle (Part I)

Presenters: Judith Nunn, Linda Alexander and Maureen Rowlands, Halton Particular Council

A practical guide to recruiting, engaging, training and retaining new members of SSVP, (the volunteer cycle), with a more detailed focus on recruitment for Part I.

Linda, Judith and Maureen open the discussion with techniques, strategies, and opportunities to recruit new members to strengthen our teams and bring in new leaders and new skills. We will address challenges and work together to find solutions.

Social Media for Stores

Presenters: Heidi Oran, Social Media Expert & Angela Oran and Julie Clements, Store Managers

The Social Media for Stores workshop will provide basic information on social media management, and will include interactive learning opportunities for those who are ready to take advantage of the opportunity that digital marketing offers us. Every store can (and should!) benefit from this cost effective resource, and we will show you how.

Systemic poverty and what Vincentians can do

Presenter: Corry Wink, VP Social Justice & Advocacy

In this workshop, we will consider some of the problems that our neighbours in need face and discuss how those problems are the result of the way our social structures and economy work. Then, we will explore possible solutions to those issues. Can we, as Vincentians, address the issue? Is there a resource in the home community that can help? What needs to be done at the higher levels of government?