

VOPNET Linking Vincentians Together In One Mind, Heart, and Spirit

NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Official Spokesperson for the Society

NATIONAL VOICE OF THE POOR COMMITTEE (NVOP)

Identifies and acts on issues of importance to the Society. Representatives, elected/appointed from each region include the Trustee and one appointed representative (AR), who may be a Vincentian or an Executive Director of the Society. The National President, an ex-officio member, appoints the chair and other members. NVOP communicates key issues and provides resource information via the VOP intranet. NVOP also provides training.

Region #1
Trustee/AR

Region #2
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Region #5
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Region #6
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Region #7
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Region #8
Trustee/AR

REGIONAL VOP COMMITTEE (RVOP)

Each region has a Voice of the Poor Regional Committee. The National Trustee (NT) to the National VOP chairs the regional committee. The representative to the National VOP committee is secretary of the regional committee. His/her job is to ensure that information and minutes are properly noted and communicated back to the National VOP committee, particularly issues that are timely and which may require immediate action. The NT and AR are responsible for promoting and ensuring inter-region communications. The regional committee is also comprised of Network Coordinators from Arch/diocesan Councils and the region's spiritual advisor. Members of the committee follow issues relevant to the Society and help mobilize members to action.

ARCH/DIOCESAN VOP (NETWORK) COMMITTEE

Each Arch/diocese should have a VOP committee. The VOP committee chair, or Network Coordinator, is appointed by the Arch/Diocesan Council President in consultation with the Council. Appointed representatives by the District Council Presidents also serve. The committee works to organize and mobilize local membership to become involved in public policy issues. The committee establishes relationships with elected officials and their staffs. Any important issue that the committee believes that the Society should speak out for in the greater Arch/diocese requires the pre-approval of the District Council Presidents and the Archdiocesan Council President. The committee keeps the presidents apprised of activities and status. The Arch/diocesan Council President is an ex-officio member of the committee. The Arch/diocesan Council's Executive Director (ED) and Spiritual Advisor serve on this committee.

DISTRICT COUNCIL VOP (GRASSROOTS) COMMITTEE

Each District Council should have a VOP committee. The chair is appointed by the District Council President and serves on the District Council Board of Directors and on the Arch/diocesan Committee. This grassroots committee is informed of local, state, and congressional representatives. The committee serves as the grassroots liaison between the local conferences, the district council, and the Archdiocesan Council. The committee keeps informed of Vincentian concerns, makes recommendations to the District Council President, and takes action steps to gain Vincentian involvement for change such as establishing a call network, e-mailing letters, coordination of meetings with elected officials. The District Council President brings key issues to the attention of the Conference Presidents for discussion/approval at District Council meetings. The ED serves as a member on this committee. The Council's Spiritual Advisor also serves as a member on this committee.