

AGA 2017 WORKSHOPS – IN ENGLISH (updated June 5, 2017)

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017		
Title	Presenter(s)	Description
The Joy of Our Vincentian Spirituality	Denise Bondy, chair of ONRC Spirituality Committee, member Windsor-Essex Central Council, conference St John the Baptist Amherstburg; Deacon Gord Jenkinson, Spiritual Advisor St Kevin conference and Sudbury PC, deacon for 28 years; Deacon John Girolami, St Francis Xavier conference and Hamilton PC, deacon for 9 years.	This workshop will use the Evangelii Gaudium and other sources to reflect on the Joy of Christ and to share this joy as we strive for holiness in service. The topic underpins service with spirituality.
The Stresses of Living in Poverty	Corry Wink, a Vincentian for 12 years in Ottawa, member of Ontario Social Justice Committee and member of the National Social Justice Committee, VP Ontario Regional Council.	Low wages and inadequate social assistance incomes are structural causes of poverty. Living in deep poverty saps a person of any ability to improve their lives because all their energy is focussed on just surviving from one day to the next. In this workshop participants will assume the identity of someone and their families who live on an inadequate income, such as a single parent, or someone who lost their job due to illness. The class will be broken into small groups and each group will be given an example of situations faced by these families. The challenge will be – how will they manage on this income? What are the stresses and indignities they face? How can we respond as a community of faith?
Water Rights – Thinking Globally, Acting Locally – Youth in Action	Lil Mulder and members of the Youth Conference of Saint Louise de Marillac, Holy Family Parish, in London, Ontario, Calvin Mcdonnell, Shelby Mulder, Olivia Gioiosa, Victoria Goldsack.	We 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?
Catholic Social Teaching in Action	Gordon Stuart, an activist who found motivation in Catholic Social teaching to reach out to others to make justice happen, member of the St Patrick conference and the Victoria, BC, Particular Council, member National Social Justice Committee.	To motivate and encourage for Systemic Change. Serving justice is a part of preaching the gospel – Saint Pope John Paul II

<p>Project Northern Alberta – Cadotte Lake</p>	<p>Stephen Dufresne, member St Theresa Conference for 6 years, driver/delivery store truck; Maria Lupul, member 14 years, St Theresa’s conference past president, President South Particular Council.</p>	<p>Presentation on the concept, design, execution, delivery and follow up plans for the Cadotte Lake project. To aid our brothers, sisters and their children in communities in Northern Alberta, who lack many essentials of life – food, clothing, shelter, education. Moving forward, we will establish ongoing personal relationships between the members of poor communities.</p>
<p>Now What Do I Do – Your Term of office is Expiring – How to Deal With a Presidents’ End of Term and Election process</p>	<p>Phil Bondy, London, 20 years a Vincentian, ONRC VP, responsible for Conference Rejuvenation & special Works; Linda Dollard, London, Ontario Regional Council President.</p>	<p>This workshop will focus on Presidents who have exceeded their term or term is due to expire within the year. You have made numerous appeals but no one will step forward to replace you. This workshop offers a new approach on how to identify and invite potential candidates for the role. This project was pilot tested in 4 locations in Ontario. This workshop will engage all attendees to participate.</p>
<p>What You Need to Know – the Nitty Gritty of Conference Operations</p>	<p>Mary Grad, National Training Committee, Our Lady Immaculate Conference, Guelph; Judy Peddle, National Training Committee, VP National Board, Atlantic Region.</p>	<p>Of interest to presidents, executives and trainers at Conferences and Particular Councils. We cover the responsibilities and mandated procedures required by the National Board. We will review the up-to-date procedures for orienting, screening and training new members, with reference to the national Member Role Description, and review the recent changes to the Screening and Abuse Prevention processes. How up to date are your practices and why you may want to review these.</p>
<p>The Role of the Spiritual Advisor</p>	<p>Joseph Claude Bedard, Comox BC, National VP and Chair of the National Spirituality Committee; Kathy Weswick, National Training Committee.</p>	<p>We will take a fresh look at the role of, the importance of and need for, spiritual advisors to guide our members in their journeys of spiritual growth. Our aim is to have a spiritual advisor appointed to, and present at, all conferences, Particular and Central Councils and all Regional and National meetings, to offer a reflection on the topics of the meetings.</p>

<p>SATURDAY, JUNE 24 – 1:00 pm to 2:45pm</p>		
<p>Busy as C(ee)s – Commitment (of volunteers), Coordination, Community, Collaboration, Connections</p>	<p>Kerrie Abbott; chair of the SSVF conference in Carbonear Newfoundland. Kerry is a community consultant who works with a diverse range of community and charitable organizations and businesses to focus on their strategic plans and complete their initiatives.</p>	<p>This workshop will outline simple steps every group can take to recruit and increase volunteer commitment and successful community partnerships. It is all about sharing the joy of serving and making connections. This workshop will offer solution focused insights and potential solutions through sharing successes and failures. The potential volunteer base and community partners are changing. In order to respond to these changing demographics and dynamics and to thrive, organizations have to learn to adapt and proactively respond.</p>