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TWINNING



Twinning- Definition

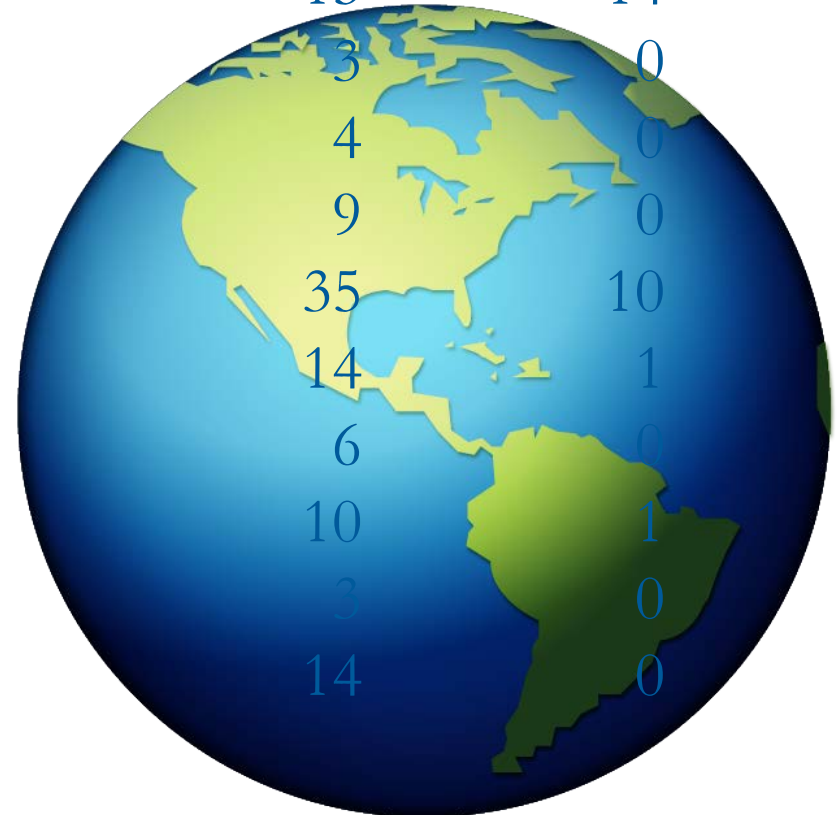
Twinning is a **“Special Work”** of mutual assistance, which is rooted at the foundation of the Society, on the principle that **“all monies collected in the name of the Society anywhere, belong, in principle, to the poor of the world”**.

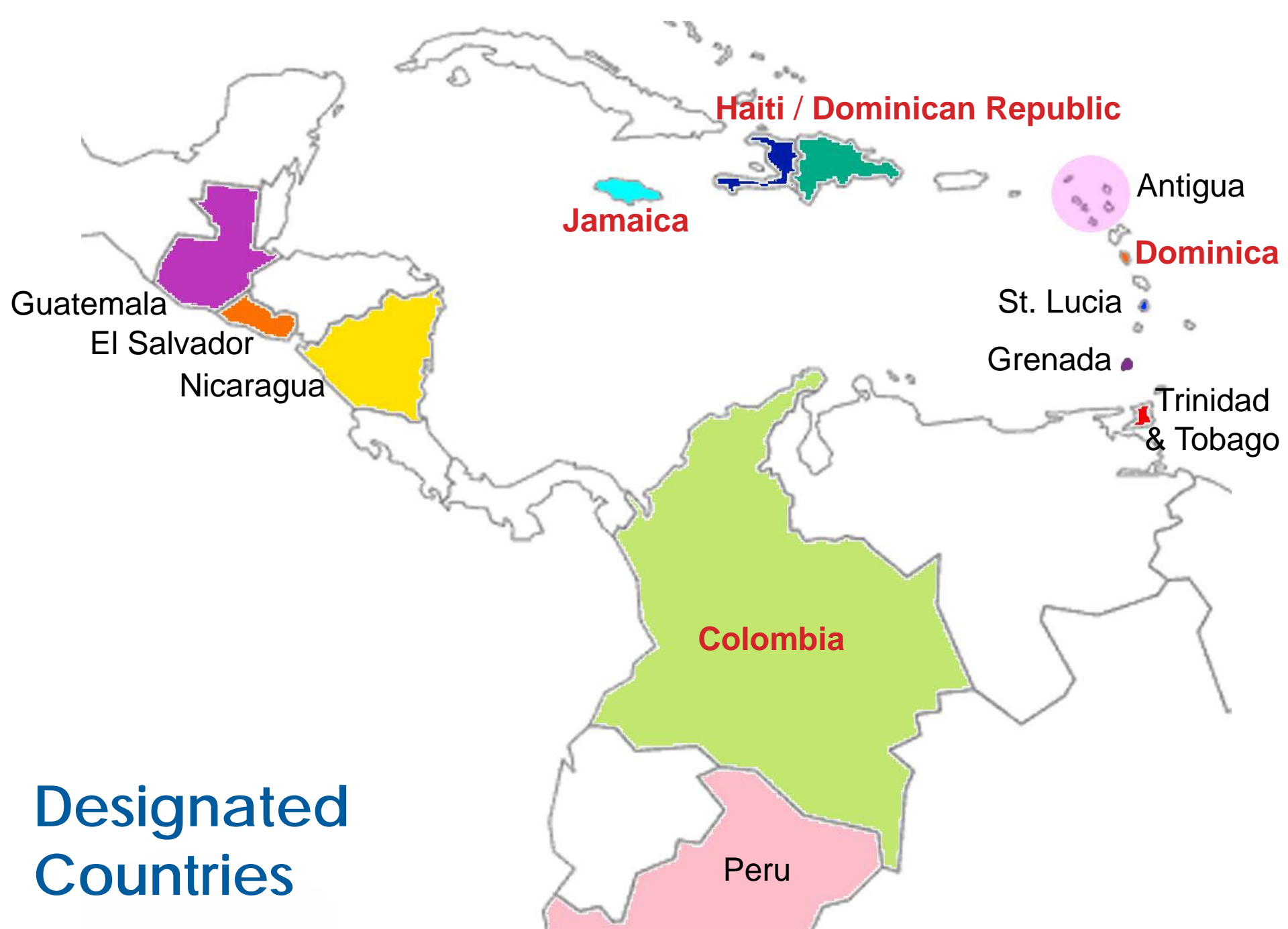
Twining – Three objectives

1. To help Conferences and Councils spiritually, morally and materially by:
 - ✓ Alleviating misery and hunger,
 - ✓ Promoting social justice anywhere in the world,
 - ✓ Encouraging solidarity within the Society throughout the world.
2. To facilitate communications between Conferences and Councils.
 - ✓ Encourage friendship and solidarity.
3. To promote the establishment of new Conferences.

Designated Countries

	Conferences/Councils	
	Twinned	Waiting
• Antigua (English)	3	0
• Colombia (Spanish)	9	6
• Commonwealth of Dominica (English)	11	1
• Dominican Republic (Spanish)	15	14
• El Salvador (Spanish)	3	0
• Grenada (English)	4	0
• Guatemala (Spanish)	9	0
• Haiti (French)	35	10
• Jamaica (English)	14	1
• Nicaragua (Spanish)	6	0
• Peru (Spanish)	10	1
• Saint Lucia (English)	3	0
• Trinidad & Tobago (English)	14	0





Priority Twinning Applications by Countries

Spanish Speaking Countries:

- ✓ Dominican Republic
- ✓ Colombia



English Speaking Countries:

- ✓ Jamaica
- ✓ Commonwealth of Dominica



French Speaking Country:

- ✓ Haiti



Social justice → Systemic Change

- ✓ Helping the poorest of the poor in developing countries (Charity).
- ✓ Partnership to evolve to projects (small to large) to help poor emerge from poverty.
- ✓ Partnership to seek permanent change in their life by supporting local/community initiatives.
- ✓ Twinning a means to lift poor from poverty, with/by poor.
- ✓ Charity is not complete without justice (systemic change projects).

Twinning Project

- ✓ **Twining** is well established and you have a good ongoing communication with your twin.
- ✓ Your twin needs \$3,000 or more to complete a **project**.
- ✓ Your twin must fill in the **International Twinning Project Application** form, available on our web site at www.ssvp.ca, and submit it to **its** superior council.
- ✓ Twinning representatives in the twinning country and in Canada must **approve the project**.
- ✓ Your twin has to **submit a report** at the end of the project.
- ✓ Once the **project** has been completed, regular **twinning** activities continue as usual.
- ✓ If needed, another **project** can be launched.

Access to potable water - Nicaragua



Construction of 2 cisterns and water distribution to 30 families,

Sewing Project - Haiti



Daycare - Colombia



Steps to Follow for New Twinning

- ✓ Your Conference must be aggregated.
- ✓ Your Conference must have a CRA (Revenue Agency) Charity Number.
- ✓ To fill the Twinning Application Form (1 page) available on the website www.ssvp.ca or by writing to Administrative Assistant at twinning@ssvp.ca or telephone [1.866.997.7787](tel:1.866.997.7787);
- ✓ Forward completed form to address indicated on the form.



Steps to Follow for New Twinning

- ✓ The National Twinning Rep approves the twinning.
- ✓ You will receive full details about your new twinning Conference or Council as well as Guidelines and Transmission of Funds Form.
- ✓ You can have more than one (1) twinning partner.



How to send funds to your twins?

✓ Send a cheque with completed Transmission of Funds Form to National Council Office:

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul National Council of Canada 2463
Innes Road, Ottawa ON K1B 3K3

You can send your contributions for the whole year in one cheque; the Administrative Assistant will send the funds to your twins at each of the 4 semesters.



How to send funds to your twins?

✓ Funds are electronically transferred to the recipient Superior Council of the twinning partner. The Superior Council distribute the funds to the twinning Conferences and Councils.

✓ Funds are sent four times a year:

- February
- May
- August
- November



✓ The Administrative Assistant sends a letter to you as soon as the funds have been transferred.

Correspondence

✓ To correspond at least twice a year with your twinning partner by:

- Mail;
- E-mail;
- Telephone;
- Skype.



✓ A regular exchange of correspondence between twins reinforces links of friendship and understanding.

- ✓ If possible, communicate in the language of your twins.
- Google Translation for messages received.
 - If you don't have a translator, we can help you at the National Council.

Correspondence

- ✓ Information exchanges can be about mutual experiences, local activities, personal interests, members and challenges.
- ✓ Correspondence can also include photographs.
- ✓ Please insist to receive responses on a regular basis, or **at least once a year.**

Correspondence

- ✓ A regular exchange of correspondence reassures you that financial contributions have been received by your twins, and may identify potential issues in the partnership.
- ✓ Please note that it may take several months before a response is received.

Problem?



Contact us if you don't have any answers from your twins:



- Nicole Schryburt - Administrative Assistant: twinning@ssvp.ca
- Clermont Fortin - National Twinning Chairperson: chair-twinning@ssvp.ca
- Donna Thompson - BC & Yukon Twinning Rep: dthomps@shaw.ca
- Shirley Freake - Atlantic Region Twinning Rep: shirleyfreake26@gmail.com
- Guido Kelly, Ontario Region Twinning Rep: gumabradkelly@hotmail.com
- Tony Barry, Western Region: tonybarry5@gmail.com

We will contact the National Twinning Chairperson of your twins.

How much funds should be sent?

✓ The following contributions are recommended:

Minimum: \$400 per year

Maximum: \$3,000 per year



✓ To ensure financial viability of your twinning partner, it is preferable to send contributions four times a year (each semester).

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Is It Safe?

- ✓ A signed **receipt** by the recipient Superior Council is required at each transfer of funds.
- ✓ The **Twinning Regional Coordinator for America** meets with the twinning reps of our designated countries and has regular contact with them.
- ✓ The **Territorial VP** is also in contact with them.
- ✓ Every year, our **National President** meets with the other National Presidents at Council General International's Annual Assembly.
- ✓ The **Canadian Twinning National Chairperson** and **administrative assistant** are in constant communications with the Twinning Chairpersons of the Superior Councils of our designated countries.

Active Twinning per Region

BC/Yukon Region: 19

Western Region: 13

Ontario Region: 89

Quebec Region: 26

Atlantic Region: 6

Canada: 153



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