

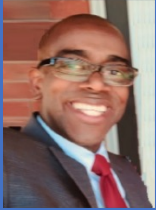


**Linda Dollard**  
President

**Linda Dollard** has been a Vincentian for 17 years and is an active member of the Holy Family Conference in London, Ontario. She has been a member of the National Council for the past 6 years holding various roles, most recently acting as the Interim Vice-President.

Linda was also the President of the Ontario Regional Council from 2016-2021 and a President/Member of the London Particular Council from 2011 to 2015.

She lives in London, Ontario and has been happily married for 37 years with two adult boys, ages 30 and 26. She has been retired since July 2021 and has been devoting even more of her time to SSVP.



**Omar Ellis**  
Vice- President  
Social Justice

**Omar Ellis** lives in Brampton Ontario and came to Canada in 2012 from Jamaica, and has the distinction of being a Vincentian in two countries with a total of over 30 years of service. He is married for over 26 years and has a daughter and son, ages 22 and 25 years.

Omar is currently President of St. Leonard Conference and since 2013 has held several leadership positions at various levels including Peel North Particular Council, Toronto Central Council and Ontario Regional Council.

He has a passion for Vincentians' membership development and participates in committees such as National Council Formation, ONRC Conference Rejuvenation, TCC Membership Development and Peel North New Conference Formation. As co-chair of ONRC Multicultural Diversity Committee, he also strongly believes that Servant-Leadership practices will inform Diversity, Equity & Inclusion while encouraging our Catholic Social Teachings.



**Jeff Kucharski**  
Vice-President  
Governance

**Jeff Kucharski** has been an active Vincentian for 9 years and is a member of Sacred Heart Conference in Victoria, BC. He has served as Vancouver Island Particular Council President for the past 6 years. While PC President, Jeff was involved in leading a major governance initiative, the amalgamation of two councils and also the development of a strategic plan for the Vancouver Island PC and incorporated Society.

Jeff's previous career was in government and he lived and worked in Asia for about 14 years. He is now an Adjunct Professor at Royal Roads University in the Faculty of Management. He is also a research Fellow with two Canadian research institutes. Jeff lives in Victoria, BC with his wife Hideko of 38 years and they have one son who is 35.



**Denise Ouellette**  
Vice-President  
Strategic Planning

**Denise Ouellette** worked as Executive Director for the SSVP Central Council, Montreal. Since retiring in 2021 she volunteered for Imagine Canada and Sun Youth and is a member of the Circle of Advocacy a subcommittee of SSVP Canada. She was on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Quebec. During this period, she was also Chair of the committee Vision and Strategies.

Denise worked for nearly 30 years in human resources management for a law firm and an engineering firm as well as time as a consultant. She lived in Alberta for 7 years where she mainly worked for Franco-Albertans and helped found the Calgary Improv League.

She has a bachelor's degree in Gerontology from UQTR and a certificate in human resources management from UQAM and a Master's Degree in Human System Intervention from Concordia.

Denise is committed when she gets involved with an organization or cause and actively participates in discussions, asks questions, and takes on responsibilities that she carries out successfully.



**Vacant**  
Spiritual Advisor

This position is vacant. Bio and photo will be updated once the position is filled.



**David O'Connor**  
Treasurer

**David O'Connor** has been a member of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul since 1993. He started as the Treasurer of the St. Thomas Aquinas Conference in Halifax and then he moved on to be the Treasurer of St. Patrick Conference, a position he still holds.

He was the President of Halifax Particular Council from 2012-2018. In 2019 he became Treasurer of the National Council of Canada. He is also active on the Atlantic Regional Council. Prior to his retirement he worked at a large community hospital in Dartmouth NS for 28 years as Director of Financial Services.

He lives in Halifax, NS and has been married to his wife Sharon for 49+ years. He Has 2 adult daughters and 2 teenage granddaughters.



**Michelle Finigan**  
Secretary

**Michelle Finigan** has been a Vincentian for over 15 years. Currently, she is the President of Our Lady of Fatima Conference in Sydney River, Nova Scotia.

Michelle and her husband Mike are very active in the ministry and are volunteers within their community. Michelle works full-time as a Student Service Consultant and works part-time as a University professor and enjoys teaching.

She has a very busy household, which includes hosting international high school students. Michelle and her family have hosted 20 students from all around the world over the last number of years and have been blessed by the experience.



**Vacant**  
Communications

This position is vacant. Bio and photo will be updated once the position is filled.



**Vacant**  
Youth Representative

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**Vacant, Representative**  
Atlantic Region

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**Alain Talbot, Representative**  
Quebec Region

**Alain Talbot** has been a Vincentian for over 30 years and is an active member of the Saint-François de Sales Conference in Gatineau, Quebec. He has been a member of the Conference's Board of Directors and has held every position. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Quebec Regional Council for the past 6 years, where he has held various positions, most recently as Quebec's representative at the national level. Alain has also been President of the Gatineau Central Council for 6 years.

He lives in Gatineau and has been happily married for 47 years to his loving wife Éléanore and two adult sons, aged 43 and 38. He has been retired since February 2006 and currently devotes much of his time to SSVP.



**Ann Massel, President**  
Ontario Region

**Ann Massel** lives in Mississauga and she has been a Vincentian for 30 years. She has served several terms as conference president and as secretary at Peel Particular Council. She has been the President of Ontario Region since 2021.

She is committed to membership development and helped to develop the five guiding principles leader led training for Vincentian service which strengthens the quality of service provided to neighbours in need.

Ann developed connections with Children's Aid Societies, Catholic Family Services and Immigrant Services organizations. She is a retired banking professional who leverages her business skills in her servant leader role.



**Heather Schilling, President**  
Western Region

**Heather Schilling** has been a Vincentian for 11 years in the Diocese of Calgary, and is currently an active member of St. Anthony's Conference. She has been a member of the National Council since July 1, 2022 as President Western Regional Council. Previously she served as Secretary for Calgary Diocese Central Council (2014 - 2022), Western Regional Social Justice Committee Representative (2015 - 2016), and President of St. Michael's Conference (2014).

Originally, from Halifax, NS, Heather has called Calgary her home since 2011. She continues to work in her retirement job as Secretary for St. Anthony's Church in Calgary. She is blessed to be the mother of two daughters and their husbands and a son and his fiancé (Newmarket, ON and Calgary), and grandmother to a granddaughter and three grandsons (11 - 4 years old). A lifelong Catholic, Heather renewed her Baptismal Promises making a Profession to the Secular Franciscan Order in 2018.



**Minette Gomez, President**  
BC and Yukon Region

**Minette Gomez** has been a Vincentian for several years and is currently the President of BC and Yukon Region. She immigrated from the Philippines in 1964.

She has resided mostly in Vancouver BC and graduated from the University of British Columbia. Minette previously resided in Ontario for 15 years.

Through the mercy of God and prayers she overcame a serious illness.

Minette is a self described happy volunteer, and an adherent of Vincentian spirituality.



**Ray Burke**  
Social Justice  
(Co-Chair)

**Ray Burke** has served as a Vincentian for nine years and his role has been ever evolving while focused on serving those in need.

He was conference president at St. Ignatius Parish in Bedford NS for five and one half years, a member for five years and chair of the Social Justice Committee for the past three years (Standing Committee to the Halifax Particular Council), and a committee member of the National Housing Committee and National Advocacy Circle.

Most recently he was appointed as president of the seventeen-member conference for the Halifax Particular Council. Ray is a member of a local shelter leadership team and a leader of the local community interfaith coalition.



**Elaine McMurray**  
Social Justice  
(Co-Chair)

**Elaine McMurray** has been a member of SSVP since the early 1990's originally in Calgary and now in Kelowna BC.

She is the past president of the Immaculate Conception conference and is the current President of the Particular Council, Okanagan Valley.

She was a member and secretary of the previous National Social Justice Committee, National Housing Committee and advocacy circle. She was also a member of the last Strategic Planning Committee and a member of the Indigenous Sharing Circle and Multicultural and Diversity Committee.



**Jose Torres**  
Spirituality

**Jose Torres** has been an active member of the St. John of the Cross Conference in Mississauga, Ontario for the last four years, where he is also the lead Champion of the Seeds of Hope.

Driven by his other passion, he has since March 2022 contributed spiritual reflection readings for use by the Greater Toronto Central Council (GTCC) Conferences and Councils across the region in their monthly meetings, and since June 2022, essays and spiritual reflections to the SSVP Canada Newsletter.

Since May 2022, he has been a member of the GTCC Spiritual Committee and is the current President of the Peel North Particular Council. A Chartered Professional Accountant and an active parishioner at St. John of the Cross, he served as Finance Council member for 10 years and has been a lector for 25 years, among others.



**Liana Rinaldo**  
Formation

**Liana Rinaldo** has been a Vincentian for 4 years in the Diocese of Hamilton and is currently an active member of the St. Gabriel Conference in Burlington Ontario which she helped launch. She has been the President of Halton Particular Council since 2021.

Originally from Toronto, Liana has called Burlington her home since 1997 after moving back from a seven year work assignment in Edmonton, Alberta. She is a retired Banker with a background in communications, change management and training in the Canadian and International divisions of the bank.

Liana and her husband John have two sons and four grandchildren, aged 12 to 16 who live close by and visit frequently.



**Peter Albano**  
Fund Development

**Peter Albano** has been a Vincentian for seven years and is a member of the Particular Council of Brant. He served as their Director of Communications and was instrumental in developing long term Marketing, Business and Communications Plans.

He was also a member of the committee responsible for locating, fundraising, purchasing and renovating a former YMCA building in downtown Brantford into a new Thrift Store. Peter also developed the external and internal POP signage for the new store and delivery vehicle.

He is retired and lives with his wife in Port Dover, Ontario. Most of his free time is devoted to his six grandchildren.

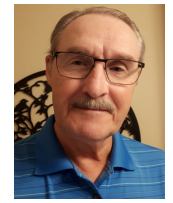


**Jean Noel Cormier**  
North of 60

**Jean-Noël Cormier** has been a member of the Conference, Jésus, Marie, Joseph in Orléans Ontario since the year 2000. He has been the Conference President for 3 years.

From 2004 to 2007 he was hired as part time Executive Director for the National Council. From 2007 until 2012 he was elected President of the Ottawa Central Council and from 2013 to 2019 he was elected President of the National Council.

He was also chairman of the Concordat and member of the Board of Directors of the Council General International from 2018 to 2023.



**Clermont Fortin**  
Twinning

Clermont has been a Vincentian since 1983 and is a member of the Conférence Jésus-Marie-Joseph, Orléans, Ontario.

He has held various roles within the National Council since 1997, most notably as Vice President. He has been Chair of the National Twinning Committee since 2013.

He lives in Ottawa and has been married for 49 years. He retired in 2002, which is allowing him to spend more time serving those in need within SSVP.

