



Society of St Vincent de Paul, Council of Seattle | King County

GUIDELINES FOR PRECINCTS

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PRECINCT GOALS

In general, Precincts hold meetings to foster communication, friendship and support between Conferences. We meet to encourage our spiritual growth and improve our service to the poor. The Board has identified some particular goals to be accomplished through Precincts:

- Formation / Spirituality.

Conferences share best practices and ideas about formation and spirituality.

- Recruiting enough members to serve.

Conferences share best practices and ideas about successful recruiting & retention.

- Financial Support

Conferences share best practices and ideas about successful fundraising.

Conferences establish twinning relationships where possible, to share their blessings.

- Logistical support to enhance Conference service to the poor.

Conferences share information about referrals to support the poor.

VOTING MEMBERS

Each Conference within a Precinct shall select one representative who shall be a voting member of the Precinct.

OFFICERS

Precinct Chair, elected by the Precinct voting members, have overall leadership of their Precincts, serve three-year terms renewable once.

Secretary, appointed by the Chair, keeps minutes of Precinct meetings and circulates them to Conferences in the Precinct.

Precinct chairs can engage other Vincentians in other roles if they find that useful.

MEETING AGENDA

Agendas should be circulated in advance and should generally follow the usual SVDP meeting model.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Precincts should meet as often as necessary but at least quarterly.

OPEN MEETINGS

Precinct meetings are open to Vincentians, and should be publicized in advance so those who are interested can attend. Minutes should be published afterward to keep everyone informed.

BOARD DIRECTOR FROM PRECINCT

Each Precinct elects one Director to the Council Board. See attached Council Bylaws for details.