



**March 2022**

Vincentian **Wisdom**  
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**Event**

Ash Wednesday  
Wednesday 3/2, All Day

**Spiritual Reflection**

Lenten Reflection – Sr. Paule Freeburg  
Saturday 3/5, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**Meeting**

Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday 3/15, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**Meeting**

Spirituality and Formation Committee  
Tuesday 3/15, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**Meeting**

District Council Meeting  
Saturday 3/19, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**Meeting.**

National Mid-Year Meeting.  
Wed 3/16 – Sat, 3/19, St. Louis, Mo.

**Event**

Good Friday  
Friday 4/15, All Day

**Event**

Easter Sunday  
(SVD PCC Office & Stores Closed)  
Friday 4/17, All Day

**Meeting**

Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday 4/19, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**Feast**

Ozanam Sunday  
Sunday, 4/24, All Day

**Training**

Spirituality and Formation Committee  
Home Visit Workshop.  
Wednesday 5/4, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Bob Liles Corner**

**WHAT IS IN YOUR WALLET or WHERE DO YOU STORE YOUR CONFERENCE'S DOCUMENTS?**

Let's be honest. Not all Conferences are super organized. Sometimes everything is in order, but then people leave and their knowledge leaves with them. When I asked the Conferences to update their by-laws they needed to follow the process written in their previous by-laws. But it didn't seem like every Conference could find their old by-laws. Solution: the Seattle database. Upload your Conference's documents to the database and then they are available to everyone in your Conference at any time. Keep your roster up to date in the database and then every Conference member can find the contact information for the other members. For your members without a computer the Seattle database lets you print out the roster nicely formatted.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON MENTAL ILLNESS AT MARCH DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING - 11am Sat March 19<sup>th</sup>**

At the conclusion of the March DC Meeting 3/19/2022 every Vincentian is invited to join a Zoom presentation at 11:00am featuring a guest speaker who will talk about the mentally ill. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498147771?pwd=QoIma3c4dFcvchSZEpZTtB5Q3Rodz09>

**Meeting ID:** 854 9814 7771 **Passcode:** 622055.

It will last for about 30 minutes and will focus on how to work with the mentally ill. The speaker will be my sister, Mary. I am running out of family members that can speak at our meetings. Hopefully someone can suggest another speaker. Here is her bio and more details on what she will speak about.

## **Bob Liles Corner**

### **(DC Meeting Special Presentation on Mental Illness Cont.)**

Mary is the current president of NAMI Tuolumne County and has been very active in that organization for over twenty years. NAMI stands for National Alliance on Mental Illness. In the early 2000s, she started a self-funded housing program for people living with a mental illness. That program consisted of mostly two-bedroom apartments with one person in each bedroom. Her main problem was roommate issues, so she wanted to start a program with completely separate spaces for each person. Through the local Tri-County Continuum of Care, Mary was able to start a HUD Housing and Urban Development funded program with what the government terms SROs, single resident occupancy rooms.

Mary and her husband, John, have manned a warm line for NAMI for over 20 years, so they have taken calls from people with all kinds of mental health issues and in many different levels of crisis. She will be speaking on the different types of mental illness and how different people perceive reality. Each person is unique, of course, but Mary will describe some best practice ways of communicating with people in crisis and in everyday situations. There are ways of working with people so that they are more likely to feel respected and heard and are therefore more likely to hear and understand what is being told them.

Mary and John are active in their parish of All Saints in Twain Harte, a small village in the Sierras. They are the parents of 6 children and have 14 grandchildren. They enjoy hiking and kayaking and life in the mountains in general.

### **STOP USING DROPBOX – EVERYTHING IS ON OUR WEBSITE**

Everything in the Drop Box Resources folder had been moved to the Members section of [www.svdp-cc.org](http://www.svdp-cc.org). Within the next month the Drop Box Resources folder will go away. Most people find documents easier to locate and download from the website. Try it out. If you have problems, contact me at [president@svdp-cc.org](mailto:president@svdp-cc.org). I freely admit that some additional things can be done to make it even easier. If you have experience with editing webpages and would like to help, make the site even more user friendly let me know.

**Bob**

## **THE RULE**

### **1.11 Concerns for deeper needs and spirituality**

Vincetians are sincerely concerned with the deeper needs and the spiritual well-being of those they help, always observing a profound respect for their conscience and the faith they believe in, listening and understanding with their hearts, beyond both words and appearances.

Vincetians serve in hope. They rejoice in discovering the spirit of prayer in the poor, for in the silence, the poor can perceive God's Plan for every person.

The acceptance of God's Plan leads each one to nurture the seeds of love, generosity, reconciliation and inner peace in themselves, their families and all those whose lives they touch. Vincetians are privileged to foster these signs of the presence of Risen Christ in the poor and among themselves.

### **1.12 Gratitude to those we visit**

Vincetians never forget the many blessings they receive from those they visit. They recognise that the fruit of their labors springs, not from themselves, but especially from God and from the poor they serve.

## The Hope Conference Today

The Hope Conference has:

- 1) **A Water Debt Relief Fund.**
- 2) **Mortgage/Rental Assistance Fund.**

In both cases, 3 months of mortgage, rent, or water bills can be covered. Clients must have incomes lower than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and in the case of the mortgage/rental fund, the household must identify being impacted by the pandemic in some way, (household income reduced, family member sick, household expenses increased, etc.).

Can you please help us communicate to all Vincentians that these funds are available?

To access the Hope Application, go to the Members Section of the SVDP Contra Costa County Website: <http://www.svdp-cc.org/>



### Hope Conference 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Meeting Schedule

Application Due Date	Hope Conference Meeting
February 23, 2022	March 2, 2022
March 9, 2022	March 16, 2022
March 23, 2022	March 30, 2022
April 6, 2022	April 13, 2022
April 20, 2022	April 27, 2022
May 4, 2022	May 11, 2022
May 18, 2022	May 25, 2022
June 1, 2022	June 8, 2022
June 15, 2022	June 22, 2022
June 29, 2022	July 6, 2022
July 13, 2022	July 20, 2022
July 27, 2022	August 3, 2022
August 10, 2022	August 17, 2022
August 24, 2022	August 31, 2022
September 7, 2022	September 14, 2022
September 21, 2022	September 28, 2022



## **Hello everybody!**

My name is DJ, Young and I am the new Accounting Manager for St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County.

Being born and raised here in Pittsburg, I am excited to be part of an organization like SVDP to help serve our community. I have an MBA degree and most recently worked in the Finance department for City of Pittsburg.

I started here at the perfect time to help with the yearly audit and also attend the Bocce Tournament, which was a blast.

I love all types of sports. I grew up playing basketball for Good Shepherd in CYO and football in college. I always enjoyed being part of a team and involved in the community. I am excited to be here!

Thanks,

**DJ Young**  
**Accounting Manager**

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**If you need information on :**

- **California Tenant and Landlord Housing Resources**
- **Hope Conference Documents & Applications (English and Spanish)**
- **Important Tenant-Landlord Information Documents**
- **Want to know when the thrift stores are open and when they will take donations?**
- **Free dining room**
- **Medical clinic**
- **Workforce Development Program**
- **Need information on the new dental clinic?**
- **Want to check out volunteer opportunities**
- **Want to donate a vehicle**

**St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County YouTube Page:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMKjgpCZOYqdmXRF0kn0tUg>



## SVDP Thrift Stores – Our Mission in Motion

*"Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do." – Steve Jobs.*



### How are you part of the thrift movement at St. Vincent de Paul?

Our mission's primary and common goal is helping people in need and providing them with food, healthcare, and shelter through the different branches across Contra Costa County.

However, the thrift stores have embraced the mission as part of their commitment to helping our neighbors in need. The stores can create and communicate an enthralling awareness of a need for change through the jobs and direct help they provide annually.

But the stores cannot do it alone. We need transformational leaders; we need "you," our Vincentian family, to inspire others' past self-interests and instead, serve the needs of our community.

Those who currently volunteer across the stores are inspiring others to follow suit. The more people who work towards a common goal, the more positive influence, and achievements we will see. Together, we can end poverty one job, one individual, one family, one community at a time.

Thank you,

#### ***Monica Peres***

Thrift Store Area Manager/Workforce Development Program Coordinator

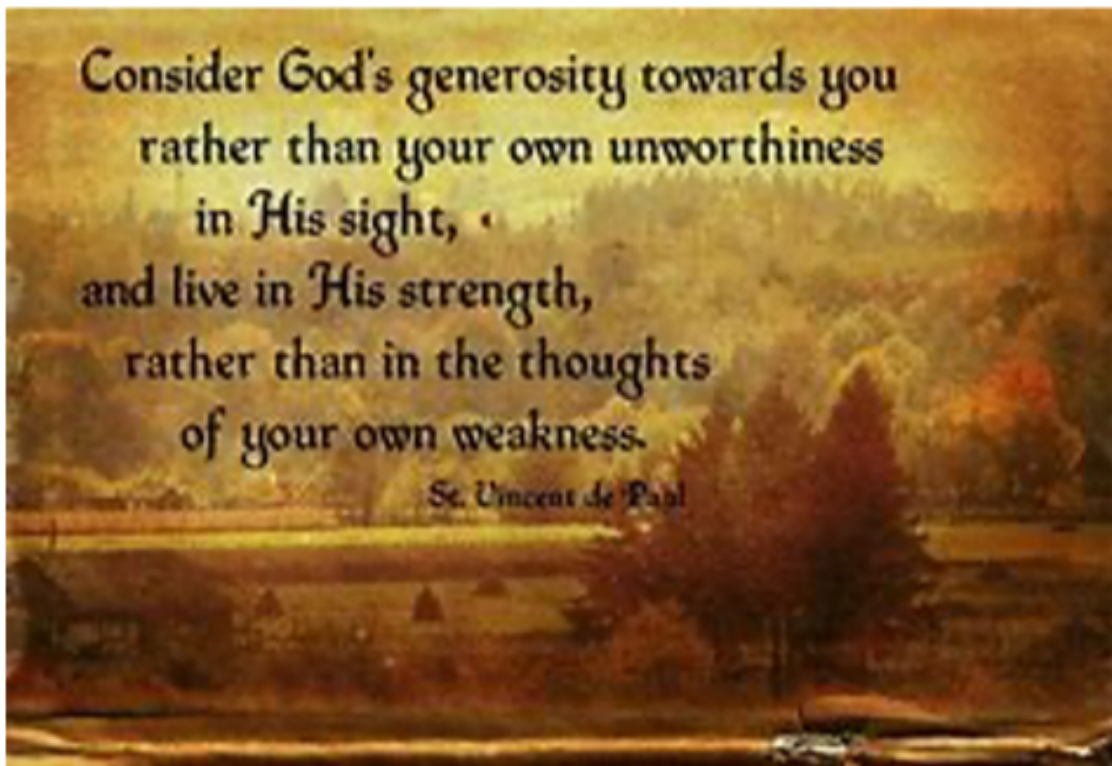
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County



**My love for the Society can be exhausting.**

*Ed Mc Millan*

*– A picture is worth a thousand words.*



**"Follow the Reading."**

"For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you..." – Ephesians 1:15-18

**You are invited to on March 5, 2022, from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM to join Sr. Paule Freeburg D.C. and Vincentians from across the Bay Area for a Lenten Morning of Reflection. (On ZOOM)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9254395060?pwd=N3BxU0w4RjFiUnlQZ1BYWGUVVcHIRUT09>

**Meeting ID: 925 439 5060 Passcode: Ozanam**