

00:16:52 Susan Wiland - Rockford Council: Hi, everyone. Happy to be back with this group. From Rockford Illinois.

00:17:00 Ron Avanzino: Ronald Avanzino, Santa Clara County Council, Ca

00:17:24 Susana Santana: Hello, Susana Santana, Council of Los Angeles, CA

00:17:28 MOE KAUZLARICH: Ji fr Des Moines IA

00:17:40 Cindy Estrada: Hi Everyone Cindy from Dallas, TX here

00:17:51 Michael Syslo: Hello from the Chicago area.

00:17:56 Sandra Palombo: Good Evening, South Jersey

00:17:57 Rich Mueller: Hello from Maria Welz Milwaukee, WI Council

00:19:12 Julie Zamarripa: Hi, I am Julie from the Los Angeles area in California. I am at St. Joseph's Church, La Puente

00:19:29 Katti Fernandez: Katti Fernandez, District Coordinator for LA Council, CA

00:23:27 Maria Welz: How many Vincentians stay with and lead the conference for the 6 mo-1 year

00:24:39 Sandra Palombo: HI, Alice, How would you recommend having conferences connect District/Council wide during Covid times?

00:25:11 Tom Pelger: We have used Zoom for both conference and Council meetings during COVID.

00:25:24 Elizabeth Barbieri: Elizabeth Barbieri from St. Louis says hello to everyone

00:26:34 Cathy Garcia: Cathy Garcia El Campo Tx

00:33:11 Jeanne Harper: Please place your questions in the chat area for Alice and Cindy....if you have a good practice or learning experience -- please feel free to share in chat and vocally when called on.

00:35:56 Susan Wiland - Rockford Council: Rockford had a very detailed strategic conference growth plan. We were able to add 2 new conferences before COVID. Now, with limitations on starting new conferences, we are focusing on our current and new Vincentians with formation, online OO and we are planning a council-wide retreat and commissioning/commitment.

00:36:53 Susan Wiland - Rockford Council: Also, building community relationships who are short on resources to address all of the needs.

00:37:34 Susan Wiland - Rockford Council: And, conferences are partnering with those conferences with higher call logs and taking on some of the case workload.

00:42:35 Cathy Garcia: great job

00:43:06 Maria Welz: Thanks so much!

00:43:35 Jeanne Harper: Thank you Cindy for the wealth of info and lived experiences that you shared.

00:47:42 Tom Pelger: So to be clear, do you match mentors to each officer in the new conf? e.g Pres, VP, Secr, Treasurer, SA...?

00:50:08 Maria Welz: I didn't catch it, is the retreat a virtual with the deacons?

00:51:43 Jeanne Harper: We really connect the President to a mentor, and then for other officers we have formation sessions and one-on-one training

00:51:58 Jeanne Harper: Message from Cindy is above - answer to Tom's Q

00:56:12 Cathy Garcia: Cindy how are the conference that was started during covid doing?

00:57:02 Tom Pelger: It certainly is a blessing to have staff dedicated to conference formation, development and support. Most councils aren't in that position.

00:57:34 Cindy Estrada: They are excited and vibrant for now :)

00:57:53 Cathy Garcia: awesome Cindy!

00:58:21 Maria Welz: Did the pastor/ parish director allow a pulpit talk for the ITS during COVID?

01:00:09 Susan Wiland - Rockford Council: Bill, thank you. Love those ideas.

01:02:24 MOE KAUZLARICH: Can I share on recruiting contributing members vs active members

01:06:59 Tom Pelger: For working people who couldn't do home visits, we use them to stuff our visit folders, restock pantry shelves, scan completed visit reports in our shared drive, etc. etc. Great point by Mrs. K.

01:08:53 Rita St Pierre: Great idea Jeanne!

01:09:31 Pam Hudson Johnson: All associate members should at some time be invited to become active full members. There is a process for this.

01:10:57 Jeanne Harper: Lord, for Tonight's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit: Lord, free us, make us one!

01:11:02 Pam Hudson Johnson: Parish priest also contact the national office during covid for info on starting a conference. Bill Migley is working with a Lafayette LA Council where we have no representation in the entire diocese from a call to office

01:11:12 Kelly Parker: Thank you to all who shared such valuable information! Very inspiring!

01:11:13 Cathy Garcia: thanks to all for sharing and great conversations

01:11:49 Cathy Garcia: Amen!

01:12:07 Susan Wiland - Rockford Council: Thank you G&R team and all on the call.

01:12:16 Sandra Palombo: Thank you all who shared this evening! Many ideas to stretch and grow!

01:12:41 Julie Witzel: [jwitzel@svdpusa.org](mailto:jwitzel@svdpusa.org)

01:12:55 Susana Santana: Keep in mind the use of Social Media to attract new members! Many parishes have accounts on Facebook and/or Instagram, etc., plus putting announcements on their websites can help to recruit, especially during the pandemic!

01:12:58 Maria Welz: Thank you and many blessings to all for a good Lenten season