

# TRANSFORMING OUR CULTURE ...LIVING OUR RULE



These Cultural Beliefs make up the Society’s creed and help define our Ministry. You will find them in the Rule, Part III, Statute 2 (revised 2019).

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH:**

I grow in holiness through my prayer, Vincentian service and friendship.

**“Vincentians are called to journey together towards holiness, because true holiness is perfect union with Christ and the perfection of love, which is central to their vocation and the source of its fruitfulness.” (Rule 1: 2.2)**

## **ONE SOCIETY:**

I contribute to the success of our Vincentian work when I support ONE Society.

**“Spiritual bonds and friendship between members are essential, as is the common mission to help the poor and marginalized. The entire Society is a true and unique worldwide Community of Vincentian friends.”(Rule 1:3.3)**

## **SERVANT LEADERS:**

I develop myself and others to become Servant Leaders.

**“Following Christ’s example, the Presidents at all levels of the Society endeavor to be servant leaders. They provide an encouraging atmosphere in which the talents, capacities and spiritual charism of the members are identified, developed and put to the service of the poor and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The President of the Conference and the Council will have special responsibility for promoting Vincentian Spirituality.” (Rule 1: 3.11)**

## **TODAY’S SOCIETY:**

I strengthen the Society by embracing new and diverse ideas and people.

**“No work is foreign to the Society. It includes any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimensions. (Rule 1:1.3)**

## **EMBRACE ACCOUNTABILITY:**

I build a strong Society by holding myself and others accountable to our Mission, the Essential Elements and good Governance.

**“After prayerful consideration of all circumstances involved, Vincentians should apply themselves to their maximum ability in fulfillment of the Mission and Essential Elements of the Society.” (Rule 3: Statute 5)**

## **INCLUSIVE PLANNING:**

I foster ownership by involving membership in planning and decision making.

**“At least once a year, each Conference and Council must evaluate their service to the members, to the poor, the effectiveness of their special works, etc., and explore ways to provide better service. They should also consider new types of needs they may seek to alleviate and how to find those who are in need.” (Rule 3: Statute 22)**

## **ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE:**

I advocate with the poor for just policies and practices at local, state and national levels.

**“A Voice for the Voiceless: The Society helps the poor and disadvantaged speak for themselves. When they cannot, the Society must speak on behalf of those who are ignored.” (Rule 1:7.5)**