



Broadening friendships..... Embracing diversity.... weaving bonds.... toward One Society!

Thank you for signing up for our webinar. As we get closer to the first of our two-part webinar, we are asking you to take some time to begin the process of reflection with a few guided questions. There is no right or wrong answer to these questions. They are designed to ensure that when we meet for our webinar, we all begin on the same baseline. -

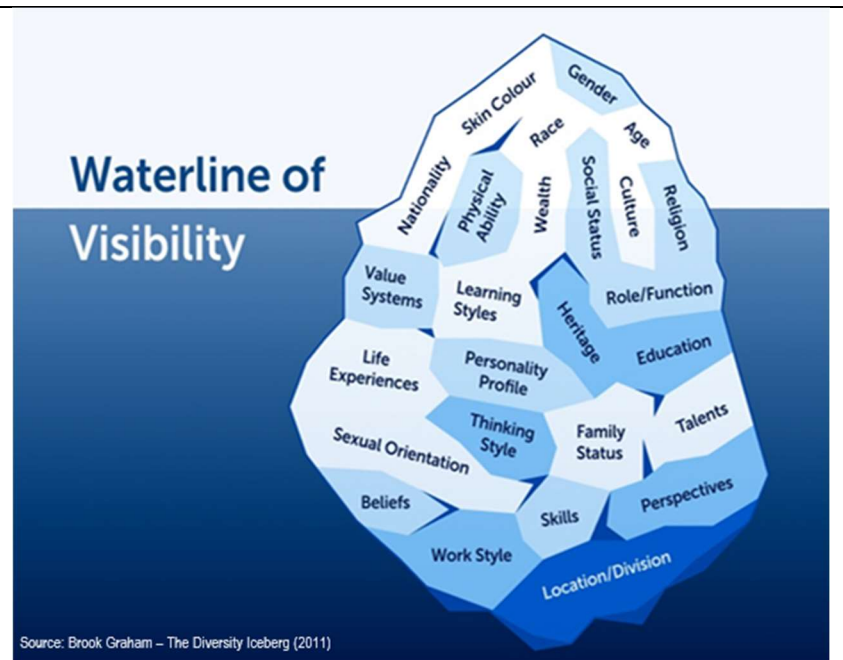
1. **How seriously am I/are we working to deepen our Vincentian Vocation?**
2. **What have I initiated (or can initiate) at the Conference level to promote a culture of comradery and companionship among the members, among the diverse community of people we serve?**
3. **How cognizant am I of the gaps and barriers we face in becoming more diverse (do you have examples) and inclusive within the communities we work and live in.**
4. **What are some of the gaps or barriers we face at our local level in achieving diversity and inclusion in our work?**

We talk about diversity in the world and in our nation, but it still may be misunderstood. Do we perceive it as groups of different people, or can we broaden our view to embrace the different components?

Vincetians are called to be part of a dynamic and effectively evolving Society. Will our failure lead us to stagnation or shrinking membership? In some areas this has already started taking place. The only option for us is to grow and become a stronger Society. The sooner we realize the interdependency of all the parts of the Mystical Body, the sooner we can see the urgency to act toward truly implementing diversity in a practical way without delay.

Our Lord asks us to bring the good news to ALL nations. Our Church is Catholic, Universal. We are called to be united, but first we need to recognize the Mystical Body of Christ. Only then can we start to work toward being complete, and not divided.

Are we reading the signs of the times? Let's remember from Rule 1.6 Adaptation to a Changing World: "Faithful to the spirit of its founders, the Society constantly strives for renewal, adapting to changing world conditions. It seeks to be ever aware of the changes that occur in human society..."



Let's recall Matthew 9:37 "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few..." and 1 John 3:18 "... let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."