

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) NIGERIA, ABUJA CENTRAL COUNCIL HELD ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 2016 AT GUARDIAN ANGEL CATHOLIC POLICE CHAPEL, LUGBE.

1.0	ATTENDANCE: A total of One Hundred and Eight (108) Vincentians were in attendance at the meeting. Details are as shown on pages 12,13and 14
2.0	OPENING: The meeting started with an opening prayer said by Bro. Simon Ukpang, the president of St. Mathew Conference, Karmo at 10.40am.
3.0	SPIRITUAL READING: The reading with the theme “ The Need for Private Prayer ” - From a talk by St. Vincent to the Daughters of Charity, 31 st May 1648– was read by Bro. Okoli Emma, President of 12 Apostles Conference, Central Business District, from page 45 of the manual of the Society. Reflecting on the reading, he stressed that prayer is very important in our lives and we should strive as much as possible to always make out time to pray either in private or as a group. He further said that committing our activities in prayer will enable us to succeed and also win souls for Christ. Also contributing to the spiritual reading, the Council’s president, Bro. Chibuzor Ezeani, said that prayer is a communication between man and God. “Man’s power is limited no mater your experience, influence or age and if God does not grant you strength, wisdom and divine providence you will not succeed”. He equally said that as leaders, we should always cultivate the habit of prayer. Commit your activities into the divine providence of God and seek His assistance.
4.0	OPENING REMARKS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT The Central Council President, Bro. Chibuzor Ezeani welcomed all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and stressed the importance of attending Central Council meetings. He decried the lateness of members to the meeting which contributed to the starting of the meeting behind schedule. He also said that, the Council may reintroduce payment of fines for lateness to checkmate this attitude. He equally talked about the growing attitude of Vincentians not appearing for Council functions in their uniforms and urged members to desist from it and do the right thing. He finally appreciated members for their dedication in their various conferences, striving to uplift the image of the Society. He then prayed God to reward all and also that our deliberations will be to the glory of His name.
5.0	WELCOME REMARKS BY THE PARISH PRIEST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGEL POLICE CHAPEL, LUGBE: The parish priest, Rev. Fr. Dr. Ambrose Igwubor (DSP), on behalf of the Parishioners and the Parish Pastoral Council welcomed the Council to his parish. He said that the Guardian Angel Conference as far as his parish is concerned is doing marvelously well and that for the Council to decide to grant the parish to host her meeting is a recognition that the conference is part of the Society. He pleaded that we bear with him in case of any discomfort experienced during the meeting. He prayed God to grant the Society the strength, power and might to continue in providing succor for the needy and the less privileged ones in our society and also for God to grant the Council fruitful deliberations and journey mercies back to our various destinations at the end of the meeting.
6.0	WELCOME REMARKS BY THE HOST CONFERENCE: The president of the host conference, Bro. Steve Obi, on behalf of the members of the Conference welcomed the Council to their parish. In his words, he said, that their hearts were filled with joy when they got the information that their conference was found worthy to host archdiocese. He prayed God to assist them so that they will continue to add more feathers to their cap. The presence of the Council has

	shown that they are not alone and on behalf of the conference welcomed the Council once more and prayed for fruitful deliberations.
7.0	<p>READING, OBSERVATION, AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES:</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held at 12 Apostles Conference, Central Area on 9th July, 2016 were studied by all present and the following observations/corrections were made.</p> <p><i>i.</i> Item no. 9.4: Page 3, First paragraph, Line 3: <i>“the Shenegu Community, is in Abuja FCT and not Niger State”</i></p> <p><i>ii.</i> Item no. 13.0: Page 9: Observation on financial report- Expenses, if any, should be included in the financial report.</p> <p>In the absence of further corrections and observations, a motion for the adoption of the minutes was moved by Bro. Jude Iwuagwu of St. Luke Conference, Kubwa and seconded by Bro. Titus Terhembra Igbila of St. Benedict Conference, Lokogoma.</p>
8.0	<p>APOLOGIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sis. Margaret Egenti - Board Member • Bro Daniel Makavah – President, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Conference • Bro. Sylvester Odogwu – Board member • Bro. Uche Offiah – President, Our Lady Queen of Nigeria Conference • Bro. Emma Nnaemeka – Twinning & Aggregation Officer • Bro. Augustin Innoh - Board Member
9.0	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
9.1	<p>Inauguration of St. Joseph Conference Zone 7, Lugbe:</p> <p>Neither the president nor any member of the conference was present to give the report of the inauguration. The Council president frowned at the attitude being exhibited by the conference noting that since inauguration neither the president nor any of her board members had ever attended Central Council meeting.</p> <p>He went further to appoint Bro. Fidelis Molokwu, the president St, Martin Conference, Lugbe and Bro. Ugo Anaedobe, the Central Council Secretary to investigate the Conference.</p>
9.2	<p>Information on the reported SSVP 2nd Collection at St. Luke’s Conference, Kubwa:</p> <p>The president of the conference, Bro. Jude Iwuagwu informed the Council that the parish priest has handed the money realized in the collection over to them.</p>
9.3	YOUTH REPORTS
9.31	<p>Report of the National Youth Rally:</p> <p>The youth coordinator, Bro. Fidelis Akomaye, reported that the youth rally was held as scheduled on 25th through 28th August, 2016 at St. Louis Girls College, Jos. In attendance at the rally were youths from the Central Councils in all the Metro Councils in Nigeria. Abuja Central Council was represented by fourteen (14) youth members. The rally which commenced with a holy mass said by Rev. Fr. Anthony Fom witnessed also a talks on “Vincentian Youth Apostolate and Year of Mercy” given by Rev. Fr. Anthony Fom and “The role of Vincentian Youth in the Corporal Works of Mercy” given by Rev. Fr. John Okoro(OSA).</p> <p>Other activities at the event include quiz competition and debate. The Quiz competition ended with Onitsha, Owerri, Abuja Central Councils taking the first, second and third positions respectively while Owerri Central Council defeated Benin Central Council in the debate.</p> <p>He also reported that a total of N96,000.00 was realized for the rally and all was expended in registration and transportation of members, and other miscellaneous expenses.</p>

9.32	<p>Report of the Metro Youth Rally:</p> <p>The youth coordinator, Bro. Fidelis Akomaye, in his report stated that the 7th Abuja Metropolitan Youth rally held as scheduled at Redeemer Secondary School, Ankpa, Kogi State. In attendance at the rally include 6 Central Councils namely Abuja, Lokoja, Lafia, Makurdi, Idah and Oturkpo</p> <p>A total number of 24 youth members from 15 conferences represented Abuja Central Council at the rally. The program commenced with a holy mass by Rev. Fr. Sunday Onijo and a talk with the theme “Merciful like the Father” was given by Rev. Fr. Willifred Enemali.</p> <p>Other activities at the event include Quiz competition and debate. All the six Central Council youth wing participated in the quiz completion and Abuja, Markurdi, Lafia took the first, second and third positions respectively.</p> <p>Lafia Central Council defeated Abuja Central in a debate with topic <i>“Lack of interest in intra-Vincentian marriage- who should be blamed”</i>.</p> <p>He further reported that the total amount realized for the rally stood at N157,000 while they expended N156,650.00 mainly on registration, transportation and other incidental expenses leaving a balance of N350.00</p>
9.33	<p>Report of Youth Meeting at SS. Peter and Paul, Nyanya:</p> <p>The youth wing also had its meeting as scheduled on Sunday 10th July 2016 at SS Peter & Paul, Nyanya Abuja. About 50 members were in attendance. Issues were discussed and the meeting was a huge success.</p>
9.34	<p>Reactions to Youth Reports:</p> <p>In reacting to the various reports given by the youth coordinator, some Council members noted that there is some level of extravagance in spending especially as it relates to transportation which the coordinator explained that the arrangement normally used in providing transportation to such rallies is more convenient and cheaper.</p> <p>The Council president appreciated the effort of the youth but cautioned them to be more prudent in their expenditure. He also urged all conferences to support the youth.</p>
9.4	<p>Report of Investigation & Awareness Campaign at Sacred Heart, Gwagwalada:</p> <p>The president of St. Kizito, conference reported that the investigation and awareness campaign was carried out but without St. Paul’s Conference, Gwagwalada due to communication breakdown. The awareness campaign was successful. Seventeen (17) people indicated interest in becoming members out of which twelve (12) eventually became active members.</p> <p>The Council president thanked St. Kizito for their efforts in reviving Sacred Heart Conference, he however instructed St. Paul and St. Kizito conferences to keep on monitoring the conference. He also said that the onus is on the president of sacred heart conference to motivate members and try as much as possible to increase the membership.</p>
9.5	<p>Report on the Investigation of St. Linus Conference, Chika</p> <p>The president of St. Martins Conference, Bro. Fidelis Molokwu, reported that the investigation was carried out without St. Charles Lwanga, Conference Apo and promptly apologized for not contacting them. He further reported that on the day he visited the conference, only four (4) members and the president were in attendance. The conduct of the meeting and talk on the spiritual reading was satisfactory. They had clients and attended to them well. They have about twelve (12) registered members out of which nine (9) are active. He had interactions with them and the responses were</p>

	<p>encouraging but they have the challenge of finance. He told them to explore avenues of shoring up their finances and he equally advised and encouraged them in their Vincentian work.</p> <p>The Council president in his response to the report accepted his apology but however said that they have to go back and monitor the outcome of their visit. He equally said that St. Charles Lwanga is twinned to the conference and should be able to offer some financial assistance if need be.</p>
9.6	<p>Report of Investigation of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference, Gwarimpa:</p> <p>The president of Holy Cross Conference, Bro. Chika Mmuobike, reported that he visited the conference and met about nine (9) members. He also went through their minute book and attendance and noticed that they have unstable members. The conference is like a transit point. Members come to the conference and shortly after move out of the environment. The conference president gave a lot of excuses for not attending the Central Council meeting. He informed them of the oncoming Central Council meeting and should not fail to be present.</p> <p>He is equally arranging training for them. He is also planning to meet with their parish priest to find a suitable date to organize awareness campaign and carry out activities to showcase their presence in the parish.</p> <p>The president of the conference said that they have twenty-two (22) registered members out of which twelve (12) are active. He added that activities are fairly going on well in the conference but it is unfortunate that he has not been attending Central Council meetings due some situations.</p> <p>In his reaction to the report, the Council president noted that if for any reason one is unable to carry out his duties as conference president which also includes attending Central Council meetings, you are expected to resign. He then instructed the conference president to go back and liaise with Bro. Chika Mmuobike on the modalities for organizing awareness campaign in their conference with the view to attract more members.</p>
9.7	<p>Update on St. Damian Conference, Church of Assumption, Asokoro:</p> <p>The Council president reported that at the last Central Council meeting at 12 Apostles, after meeting with the president and some members of the St. Damian conference, the Council set up a committee comprising of Council President, Sir. Ebhojie, Sir. Peter Aliu and Bro. Sylvester Odogwu, to meet with the Spiritual Adviser in order to find ways and means of settling the issue between the conference and their parish priest. The meeting resulted in arrangement to meet with the parish priest of Church of Assumption Asokoro. At the meeting with the parish priest of Church of Assumption, he insisted on restructuring the conference and it was agreed that he will contact the Central Council whenever he is ready to carry out the restructuring. This he never did but went ahead to dissolve the conference and appointed some parishioners to manage the funds from the boxes of the Society.</p> <p>At some point, within this period, the parish priest was removed due to some circumstance. As a result of this development, the Council President went ahead with Sir. Ebhojie and Sir. Paschal Ahizih to discuss with the Spiritual Adviser to find ways of resolving the situation. A new parish priest was eventually appointed in the person of Rev. Fr. Arowole, who in order to resolve the issues invited the two groups (the dissolved conference and the appointed caretaker) to submit their reports.</p> <p>Consequently, the Council on getting information on this step, then went ahead to meet with the Rev. Fr. Arowole, intimating him on the rules guiding the Society and that there has to be an election to get a new president for the Conference, which he obliged. With the assistance of the Spiritual Adviser, an election was conducted at 7am on 26th November, 2016 after a retreat by the parish priest for the two groups. After the election, a president, Bro. Ehi Anenih, emerged by an overwhelming majority. Those who were found wanting in one way or the other during the period of this circumstantial upheaval were</p>

	<p>barred from contesting the election and also were mandated to write apology letter to the Council.</p> <p>In furtherance to the report, Bro. Phillip Nyam, the immediate past president of the conference noted that the newly elected president was unavoidably absent at the Council meeting due to the fact that he had already an important activity scheduled for today and never knew he will be elected this morning. He then assured that in the next Council meeting, he will be officially presented to the Council. He also informed the Council that Cardinal has set up a committee to look into the events in the parish which he has also testified before the committee. He assured the Council that no member of the conference has a hand in what happened to the priest. He prayed God to give the board the wisdom to lead the Society.</p>
9.71	<p>Reactions to the update:</p> <p>Reacting to the report, Bro. Jude Iwuagwu, president of St. Lukes Conference, said that the account was given in parables and needed the account of what transpired be given in details and suspects that what happened may have been affecting his conference.</p> <p>President of the Council responded by saying that for now the matter will remain as reported and urged all to collaborate with their parish priest and consult the Council on issues that bother them.</p> <p>He also advised that whatever one is doing as a member of the society should be in line with the rules of the society and as leaders we have to be very careful with our activities; the relay baton given to us should be passed smoothly to another person to avoid dragging the Society down.</p> <p>He finally appreciated the board members, especially Sir. Ebhojie, Sir. Paschal Ahizih, Bro. Sylvester Odogwu, Sis. Joy Ohiagu and Sir. Peter Aliu for their commitment and support.</p>
10.0	OTHER MATTERS
10.1	REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES:
10.11	<p>St Mary's Conference, Karu:</p> <p>The president of the Conference informed the Council that he has was re-elected as president in a recent election in his conference and has equally reconstituted a new board. Activities are going on smoothly.</p>
10.12	<p>12 Apostles Conference, Central Area:</p> <p>The immediate past president, Bro. Taiwo Patrick, informed the Council that at the expiration of his tenure, election was conducted on the 18th November, 2016. He noted that prayed to God for a successor and He answered him. Bro. Emmanuel Okoli was elected president of the conference. He then presented him to the Council</p>
10.13	<p>St. Rita Ndako: Bro. John Okoro of Our Lady Queen of Nigeria(OLQN) reported that following the resignation of the president of the conference, Sis. Maria Ogbolu, an election was conducted on October 9, 2016. The election saw to the emergence of Bro. Maxwell Ekeneme as the new president. He then introduced the new president to the Council who then informed the Council that he has constituted his new board.</p> <p>The board members include: Bar. Sam Osaze - 1st Vice President; Mrs Mercy Omozuafoh – 2nd Vice; Mrs. Nneka Nwankwo - Treasurer; Bro. Paul Unongo - Secretary; Sis. Grace Odu – Financial Secretary; Bar. John George Itodo - Training Officer.</p>
10.14	<p>Holy Rosary Conference, Wuse:</p> <p>The conference reported that they lost Bro. John Andrew. Conferences were urged to book masses for the repose of his soul. Resurrection prayer was equally offered for him.</p>

10.15	<p>Sacred Heart Conference, Gwagwalada: The conference president, Bro. Mathew Ezeigwe thanked the Council for constituting a team for awareness and sensitization in their conference. The activity was highly successful. The conference will hold election very soon but will allow new members take footing. The Conference is also nurturing two conferences- St. Catherine, Giri and St. Dominic, Kwali. He also noted that due to their proximity to the hospital, they always have lots of clients.</p>
10.16	<p>St. Agnes Conference, Wuye: The conference president, Bro. Obi Anaduaka, informed the Council that they have several Internally Displaced People’s (IDP) camps around their conference thereby mounting serious pressure on them. Also, they have a client with a hole in the heart and are soliciting for assistance in treating the client.</p>
10.17	<p>St. Martin’s Conference, Lugbe: Bro. Fidelis Molokwu, president of the conference informed the Council of two conferences being nurtured by them namely: St. Mary’s Conference, Tudun Wada, a parish carved out of St. Martin, and St. Monica, Sauka. Bro. Paul Chindo and Bro. Vincent are the respective coordinators of the two conferences.</p>
10.18	<p>St. Jude Conference, Zuba: Bro. Innocent Ani, immediate past president of the conference informed the Council that they had election on 16th September which saw to the emergence of Bro. Charles Ogbobe as president. He has equally appointed his board which includes Sis. Mary Ani as secretary, Sis. Prisca Oya and Neneth Odo as Treasurer and Youth Coordinator respectively. He further informed the Council also that St. John de Beloved conference Tunga Maje also had election on 10th July, 2016 which produced Chief John Ojie as president. He then presented the newly elected presidents to the Council.</p>
10.19	<p>St. Luke’s Conference, Kubwa: The conference president Bro. Jude Iwuagwu informed the Council of a new conference they are nurturing - St. Edwin Catholic Church, Kubwa and has Bro. Charles Makpor as coordinator.</p>
10.20	<p>Church of Annunciation Conference, Arab Road: Bro. Pius Ogbu Anoke informed the Council that the president of the conference, Bro. Francis Edejor, a custom officer, was recently transferred out of Abuja and as such could not continue to perform his functions as president of the conference. Consequently, the parish priest conducted an election which saw him emerge as the new president of the conference. The Council president in response to the issue stated that the process that produced him as president was not in line with the rules of the Society and that they should have contacted the Council for guidance. “It is not the duty of the parish priest to conduct election for the Society”. He therefore warned members to always adhere strictly to the rules of the Society and contact the Council for guidance when confused on certain issues so as to check mate future occurrence. Speaking in the same vein, the national patron of the Society, Sir. Patrick Ebhojie, warned that members should be careful in their handling the affairs of the Society so as not to do anything that will cause the Council to have a head-on-collision with their parish priests.</p>
10.21	<p>Holy Trinity Conference, Maitama: The conference president, Bro. Steve May Ogbata, informed the Council of a discovery he made whereby clients moves from one conference to their other within the environment especially between St. Michael de Archangel Police Chaplaincy, Maitama and his conference. They are working out modalities to prevent the occurrence.</p>

10.22	<p>Holy Cross Conference, Gwarimpa:</p> <p>The conference president, Bro. Chika Mmuobike, informed the Council of the death of their parish priest, Very Rev. Fr. Willy Ojukwu who has been tremendously supporting their activity. The assistant parish priest is now leading the parish and is still carrying on with the late parish priest's template. He equally reported that they lost a client to cancer and have since been buried.</p> <p>The Council president in his response extolled the virtues of the late Fr. Willy Ojukwu and prayed God to accept the soul of His servant. He also instructed all conferences to book masses for the repose of the soul of the faithful departed.</p>
10.23	<p>Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Conference, Sabon Lugbe:</p> <p>The conference vice president, Bro. Amaechi Ezeh, informed the Council of two (2) new conferences they are nurturing namely: St. Patrick, Gbaukpe and Holy Family, Gosa which has Bro. Paul Vingil and Bro. James Bayero as coordinators respectively.</p> <p>The Council president noted that Sacred Heart Airport, a conference nurtured by OLQM, seems to be having problems and as such mandated OLQM to investigate and report the situation in the next Council meeting.</p>
10.24	<p>Church of Archangel Conference, Durumi:</p> <p>The conference president, Sis. Patience Peter, informed the Council of the death of a member, Hon. Fabian Ezeafulukwe. The Council president instructed all conferences to book mass for the repose of his soul.</p>
10.25	<p>St. Paul's Conference, Gwagwalada:</p> <p>The conference president, Bro. Ignatius Idemeter, commended the present board of the Council for the way and manner they have been piloting the affairs of the Council. He also informed the Council that they have financial issues yet they have a lot of clients in the hospital. But presently and most pressing is the case of a client with fractured leg. He indicated that they will be approaching their twinned conference for assistance.</p>
11.0	<p>REPORTS OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:</p>
11.1	<p>Report of the Metro Meeting: The president of the Council reported that the 44th meeting of Abuja Metropolitan Council took place on 12th – 14th August, 2016 at Lafia. The Council was represented by the President, Secretary, Youth Coordinator, Assistant Youth coordinator, Patron, National Patron and the Twinning & Aggregation Officer.</p> <p>At the meeting, the metro president, Bro. James Akor, was re-elected for the second term. The meeting featured reports from the Central Councils, a talk given by the Spiritual Adviser and courtesy visit to the Bishop of Catholic Diocese of Lafia, His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Mathew Ishaya Audu.</p> <p>He further reported that the Aggregation Certificate of St. Martin's Conference, Lugbe was also presented to him at the meeting.</p>
11.2	<p>St. Vincent De Paul Feast Day Celebration at St. Johnmary Vianney Parish, Kubwa:</p> <p>On the 27th day of September every year, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent De Paul, who lived his life catering for the needs of the poor.</p> <p>The Society in Abuja led by the Central Council President, Bro Chibuzor Ezeani, gathered at St. JohnMary Vianney Catholic Church, Kubwa on the 2nd of October 2016, for the feast celebration.</p> <p>The event began with a thanksgiving mass, celebrated by the Parish Priest, Rev Fr. Thomas Edogbanya. In his homily, he advised the society and its members to be steadfast and avoid the temptation of enriching themselves with the resources meant for the poor. He also encouraged members to continue</p>

	<p>the good work as the society helps the priest to do some work, and assured members of heavenly rewards.</p> <p>The President of the Council while addressing the parishioners utilized the opportunity to appreciate the Archbishop of Abuja, His Eminence John Cardinal Olorunfemi Onaiyekan, the Auxiliary Bishop, His Lordship Anselm Umoren, the Clergy, and benefactors for their encouragement and unflinching support to the Society. He equally thanked the lay faithful's in all parishes, members of the Society and their relatives for their support and assistance.</p> <p>The feast celebration at the end of the mass saw in attendance members from various conferences/parishes within the archdiocese. Dignitaries present at the event include, the Parish Priest of St John Mary Vianney, Kubwa; Parish Priest of St Martin's Parish Lugbe - Rev. Fr. Solomon Ukoh; The International Territorial Vice President of the Society for Africa – Sir. Patrick Ebhojie KSM; Patron of the Council - Bro Paschal Ahizih; The Makurdi Central Council President - Bro. Bem Shenge and a host of other dignitaries including board members of Abuja Central Council.</p> <p>The host Conference rolled out its entertainment package through a welcome song, drama and other sketches to the amazement of the guests. The event also witnessed the presentation of Aggregation Certificate to St. Martins Conference, Lugbe, being a certificate of recognition of the existence of the conference from the Headquarters of the Society in France.</p> <p>The Conference president, Bro. Fidelis Molokwu, in his response after receiving the Aggregation Certificate, pledged the sum of N10,000 in support the Central Council activities.</p> <p>Furthermore, while also speaking at the event, the Central Council president remarked that the feast of St Vincent de Paul always reminds us of a great man who dedicated himself in serving the poor. He reminded Vincentians the words of the patron saint that "it is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quick as possible" He thanked members for turning out for the event and urged them to always emulate the life of this great saint.</p> <p>He equally encouraged members to keep up the good work and always strive to put smiles on the faces of those they come across. He then on behalf of the Board and members of the Society thanked the host conference for their hospitality and prayed for journey mercies to all who graced the occasion.</p> <p>Vote of Thanks: After the report of the feast day celebration, the president of St. Rita Conference Ndako, Bro. Ekeneme gave a vote of thanks to St. John Mary Vianney Conference, Kubwa for successfully hosting the feast.</p>
11.3	<p>Report of the Central Council Training at Holy Trinity, Maitama on 22nd October, 2016:</p> <p>The training officer, Bro. James Ishom in his report stated that the Abuja Central Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Nigeria in its bid to equip members with the wherewithal to face challenges encountered in the course of carrying out its duties to their masters (the poor and the needy) and also to understand the rules and regulations of the Society in order to take the Society to greater heights organizes training for its member's bi annually.</p> <p>The 2nd biannual training for the year held as scheduled on the 22nd October, 2016 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Maitama and centered on proper book keeping and effective utilization of a newly introduced account record booklet.</p> <p>The Rule of the International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Article 3.14 advocates for the proper utilization of resources meant for the poor. It states thus:</p> <p><i>"Nevertheless, the Society uses money and property to relieve the suffering of those in need. The Society's fund must be handled with the utmost care, prudence and generosity. Accurate records must be</i></p>

	<p><i>kept of all money received or spent”.</i></p> <p><i>“The resources of the Society are entrusted to us by the community for service to the community”.</i></p> <p><i>“It follows that every unit of the Society Conferences and Council should be able to account at any time for the resources entrusted to it. The people in general and the statutory and private organizations who contribute to our resources are entitled to know how they are being used”.</i></p> <p>In line with the above statute, the Central Council deemed it pertinent to introduce a Uniform Account Record Book for Conferences which will require officers of the conferences especially Secretaries, Financial Secretaries and Treasurers to keep their records in such a way that reports can be compiled when required, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annually both for Society’s own purposes and for the general public.</p> <p>It will also afford the Central Council the opportunity not only to maintain uniformity in record keeping without deviating from the format generally used by the International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul but also to maintain strict accountability in the management of funds in the Council.</p> <p>The training started at about 10:00am with an opening prayer and welcome remarks by the conference president and the parish priest of Holy Trinity, Maitama and saw in attendance over 200 Vincentians from 48 conferences in Abuja Central Council.</p> <p>Vincentians were trained on topics such as “Definition of Income and Expenditure Heads”, “Usage of the Account Record Booklet”, “Filling in Annual Report Sheet” and “Packaging of Annual Report”.</p> <p>The resource persons took turns to deliver their topics after which they responded to questions from the trainees. Practice test questions were given to the trainees to test their level of understanding of what was taught.</p> <p>It is expected that all conferences within Abuja Central Council will start using the booklet for their account records from January, 2017.</p> <p>Also, present at the event were the Spiritual Adviser of the Council, Rev. Fr. Sebastian Musa; the President of Abuja Central Council - Bro. Chibuzor Ezeani; the Parish Priest of Holy Trinity, Maitama - Rev. Fr. Celestine Ejim; the Parish Priest of St. Martin’s Parish, Lugbe - Rev. Fr. Solomon Uko; the International Territorial Vice President for Africa - Sir. Patrick Ebhojie; President of the Holy Family Conference, Life camp - Sir. Peter Aliu, and a host of other dignitaries.</p> <p>Inaugurated conferences registered six (6) members while un-inaugurated conferences registered four (4) members for the training at the cost of N5,000 and N4,000 respectively. Conferences that failed to attend will still pay the registration fee.</p> <p>After the training, the host conference entertained all with sumptuous meal and drinks. The training came to an end at about 3.00pm.</p>
11.31	<p>Refund from Holy Trinity Conference, Maitama:</p> <p>The Council president reported that Holy Trinity Conference, Maitama returned to the Council N40,000.00 out of N120,000.00 given them for hosting of the Central Council training as donation to the Council. He appreciated them, on behalf of the Council, for that gesture.</p>
11.4	<p>Date for Christmas Sharing:</p> <p>The Council extensively deliberated on the appropriate day for Christmas food sharing for the less privileged. 22nd, 23rd, and 24th December were probable dates placed before members to choose from. After putting it to vote, majority was comfortable with 22nd December and as such the date was chosen with time slated for 10.00am. Conferences are expected to adhere strictly to the date and time.</p>
12.0	<p>AOB</p>
12.1	<p>i. Church of Annunciation Conference, Arab Road: The new president of the conference sought to know whether they are to pay the parish pastoral council meeting hosting levy which was levied</p>

	<p>them in the parish.</p> <p>The Council president told him to wait for discussions after the meeting. Also conferences levied by their parish should call the Central Council president for discussion after the meeting.</p> <p>ii. Non-attendance to Trainings: Bro. Paschal decried the attitude of new conferences not attending Central Council trainings at their formative stages. He advised the un-inaugurated conferences to see it as a point of duty to attend trainings as it will offer them opportunity of learning more about the Society.</p> <p>iii. Appointment of New Central Council Treasurer: The Council president announced the appointment of Sis. Uzoamaka Udeogu from St. Raphael Police Chaplaincy as new Central Council treasurer.</p>																														
12.2	<p>Appointment by the President General:</p> <p>The Council president also announced that the National Patron, Sir. Patrick Ebhojie was recently graciously appointed as the International Territorial Vice President for Africa by the President General of the Society. He then on behalf of the Council, congratulated him for a well-deserved appointment and prayed God to give him the wisdom and strength in carrying out his duties.</p>																														
12.3	<p>Wedding Invitations:</p> <p>i. Sir/Lady James Akor Yusuf, the Metro President invites the Council to the wedding of his Son, Bro. Ojodale Augustine, on 24th December, 2016 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Chaplaincy, Ankpa, Kogi State.</p> <p>ii. Sis. Grace Ekobo, member, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Conference Sabon Lugbe, invites the Council to her wedding coming up on Saturday 10th December, 2016 at the OLQM Catholic Church Sabon Lugbe.</p>																														
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	Total:	1, 000,000.00

GRAND TOTAL:**N2, 265,000.00****INCOME PROJECTION (2017)**

CONFERENCE CATEGORY	AMOUNT(N)
A	80,000
B	60,000
C	45,000
D(Un-inaugurated Conferences)	10,000

President urged conferences to pay up according to their category to enable the Central Council to fulfill their obligations to the higher Council.

12.43 **Ozanam House Project Account:** The president also informed the Council that within the year, N1, 000,000.00 was credited to Ozanam House project account by the Central Council.

Also a second donation of N500, 000.00 received from Mr. Ikenna Chukwueke was credited to the Ozanam House project account.

12.44 **400th Anniversary of St. Vincent de Paul:** The president also informed the Council that at the last Vincentian Family celebration at St. Jude Minor Seminary Kuje, a committee was set up to plan the 400th anniversary of the apostle of Charity - St. Vincent de Paul. The committee members were drawn from the various arms of the family. Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul that are members of the committee include: Sir. Patrick Ebhojie(Chairman), Sir. Paschal Ahizih, Sir. Peter Aliu, Bro. Chibuzor Ezeani, Sis. Margaret Egenti and Sir. Ajewole.

The committee will organize the feast and will be coopting some Vincentians as the plan progresses to assist in the planning of the anniversary.

12.45 **Monitoring Team:** The Council president informed the house that a monitoring team will be constituted soon. The team will be visiting conferences to monitor their performances. The team and modalities will be unveiled in 2017.

12.46 **Absence from meetings and Lateness:** The president noted that lateness to meeting and absence has been on the increase. To curb this anomaly, fines will now be attached on these acts from next year.

12.47 **CAPOR(NGO):** The president informed the Council that the Catholic Centre for Poverty Reduction(CAPOR), a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) run by Rev. Fr. John Sigo which caters for the poor and less privileged mainly in the North East of the Country has secured approval from His Eminence to raise funds from parishes. Consequent upon the approval, the NGO has requested for collaboration with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist in logistics during their visit to the various parishes and donation of materials. Council has equally accepted the request and Conferences are by this information put on notice pending when the NGO will appear in their parish.

12.48 **Metro Youth Rally:** The Abuja central Council will be hosting the metro youth rally in 2017. Committee will be set up to plan for the rally.

12.49 **SSVP National Council Temporary Office:** In an effort to secure an office accommodation for the National Council of Nigeria, an appeal is hereby made for anyone who can be able to provide one. In the

	interim an approval has been gotten to use a container at papal ground and as such, an appeal is also made for anyone who can donate a container or one who have information on how to get one and the price to notify the president of Central council or any board member.																														
12.50	Annual Report: Submission of annual report should not be later than 28 th January, 2017. Late submissions will attract penalties.																														
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14.0	<p>VOTE OF THANKS:</p> <p>The 12 Apostles Conference president, Bro. Emma Okoli in his vote of thanks, expressed appreciation on behalf of the Council to the host conference for their hospitality. He prayed God to give the Council wisdom to grow from strength to strength and for God's blessing on all.</p>																														
16.0	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>Next meeting was scheduled to take place at St. Theresa Conference, Bwari on 28th November, 2016 at 10.00am prompt.</p>																														
17.0	<p>ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING:</p> <p>Motion for adjournment was moved by Emmanuel Agada of St. Lwanga, Cconference, Apo and seconded by Bro. Taiwo Patrick of 12 Apostles conference Central Area. A closing prayer said by Church of Annunciation Conference president Bro. Pius Ogbu Anoke brought the meeting to a close at about 2:45pm.</p>																														

Attendance:

S/N	Name	Phone No.	Position	Conference
1	Chibuzo Ezeani	08037031990	CC. President	OLQN, Garki
2	Anaedobe Ugochukwu	08069058107	CC Secretary	St. Martins Lugbe
3	G.P. Ebhojie	08173496303	National Patron	OLQM Sabon- Lugbe
4	James Ishom	07034772323	Training Officer, CC	St Monica Byazin
5	Nwaokeleme Frederick E.C	08060931772	Board Member	St. Luke's, Kubwa
6	Nwokpor Bonaventure	07035962004	Board Member	SS Peter & Paul, Nyanya
7	Louis Tabai	08023438145	Asst. Secretary	St. Damian, Asokoro
8	Phillip Nyam	07030915614	Ex. President	St. Damian, Asokoro
9	Muobike Chika	08034517872	President	Holy Cross, Gwarimpa
10	Emmanuel S. Agada	08033493313	President	St. Charles Lwanga, Apo
11	Emmanuel Eguriase	08055312953	Vice President	St. Charles Lwanga, Apo
12	Idemeter Ignatius M	08036134853	President	St. Pauls, Gwagwalada
13	Okoli Emma	08037879095	President	12 Apostles, Central Area
14	Innocent Ani	08076515039	President	St. Jude, Zuba
15	Simon Ukpang	08036077931	President	St. Mathew Karmo
16	Marcel Ekeneme	08034023465	President	St. Rita Ndako

17	John Erwat	08023542319	Secretary	OLQN Garki
18	Amako Andrew A.	08037933072	President	SS Peter & Paul, Nyanya
19	Jude Ogbu	08034693421	Treasurer	SS Peter & Paul, Nyanya
20	Chika Atepe	08167301729	President	St. Monica Byazhin
21	Chief John Ojie	07032093711	President	St. John De Beloved, Tunga Maje
22	Fidelis Molokwu	08033354424	President	St. Martin Lugbe
23	Njoku Linus	08033387989	President	St. Benedict Lokogoma
24	Obi Anaduaka	08039781144	President	St. Agnes Wuye
25	Titus Terhembra Igbila	08025182641	Secretary	St. Benedict Lokogoma
26	Paul Vingil	08035880838	President	St. Patrick Gbaupe
27	Mercy Omozuafoh	08023357131	Vice President	St. Rita Ndako
28	Unongo Paul. A	08038537882	Secretary	St. Rita Ndako
29	Jude Iwuagwu	08088626212	President	St. Lukes Kubwa
30	Nathaniel Barnabas	08155455031	Fin. Sec	St. Kevin Jikwoyi
31	Simon Ande	07069469090	Member	OLQP Utako
32	Hassan Michael	08069339902	Secretary	Archangel Durunmi
33	Pius Ogbu Anoke	08035970983	President	Annunciation Arab Road
34	Charles Nwagbo	07039055554	Coordinator	St. Edwin Kubwa
35	Patience Peter	08061568872	President	Archangel Durumi
36	Princess N Onuoha	08035965814	Member	Archangel Durumi
37	Sonia Oluchi Okwenna	08180353606	Member	Archangel Durumi
38	Charles Mbachu	08064826029	Fin Sec	Archangel Durumi
39	John Okoro	08065934440	Member	OLQN Garki
40	Ify Ogochukwu Okuh	07031250194	Member	Archangel Gaduwa
41	Nwanchukwu Ogechi	08034810778	Member	CKC Kurudu
42	Titus Gyegwe	08074465428	Coordinator	St.Pius X Gbagalape
43	Viashima Jeremiah T	08136942341	Asst. Sec.	St.Pius X Gbagalape
44	Taiwo Patrick	08037879942	Fmr President	12 Apostles
45	Elizabeth Stephen-Musa	08036017690	Treasurer	CKC Kurudu
46	Ekunwe Emmanuel	07062164171	Training Officer	Holy Family Life Camp
47	Okonkwo Chuks	08032918059	President	St. Mary Karu
48	Chinonye V. Ebere	07035353044	Secretary	St. Mary Karu
49	M.A Agbo	08032872008	Training Officer	Holy Cross gwarimpa
50	Ezeigwe Mathew	08057811586	President	Sacred Heart Gwagwalada
51	Joy Egwu	08077796510	Secretary	St. Monica Byazhin
52	Kanu S. Luke	08030825238	Member	St. Monica Byazhin
53	Steve Obiwuzie	08033298514	President	Guardian Angel Lugbe
54	Okere S.M	08038470658	Member	Guardian Angel Lugbe
55	Alex Okafor	07031111082	Treasurer	St. John T/Maje
56	Abraham Zoko	08065590667	Member	OLQN Garki
57	Bonaventure Ozojide	08093904511	Secretary	SS Peter & Paul Nyanya
58	Idoko Emmanuel C.	08030894411	Member	Holy Rosary Wuse
59	Manu Onyedika	08132063593	Fin. Sec	Holy Cross Gwarimpa
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66	Anthony Ogbu	08035617141	President	St. John Mpape
67	Rita Eze	08060402074	Secretary	St. John Mpape
68	Okeze Maureen	08037864900	President	St. Donald Karu
69	Adepoju S.G	07061544322	Member	Holy Family Life Camp
70	Patrick Ibrahim	08057151829	Store Keeper	OLQM Sabon Lugbe
71	Amechi Eze Esq.	08033153470	Vice President	OLQM SABon Lugbe
72	Oboigbator Unity	08098002866	Secretary	Guardian Angel Lugbe

73	Grace Attah	08035801413	2 nd Vice President	St. Kevin Jikwoyi
74	Emmanuel Okoi	08039300398	Cordinator	OLQP Utako
75	Okorie Ifeoma	09080164556	Member	St. Agnes Wuye
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78	Justina O. Cyprain	08033816156	Welfare	12 Apostle CBD
79	Tawus M. Zaki	09054429081	Fin Sec	St. Mary T/Wada
80	Paul Chindo	08068382704	Coordinator	St. Mary Tudun Wada
81	Nenneth Odoh	07038820937	Youth Coordinator	St. Jude
82	Priscila Oyah	08057043124	Treasurer	St. Jude
83	Monday Habila	08075257470	Member	Holy Trinity, Maitama
84	Polycarp Amaukwu	08062888083	None	Gishiri Out Station
85	Ezubebem Vivien	08038699222	Member	OLPH Galadima
86	Osagie Paul	08055249353	President	OLPH Galadima
87	Jude Aladi	08068870053	President	OL of Fatima Kalomajigi
88	Maryglory Okpala	08065276277	Member	OL of Fatima Kalomajigi
89	Cyprian Ebiziem	08051479211	President	All Saint Dutse
90	Rosemary Adebayor	08062111640	Vice president	St. Augustine
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95	Delia Obi	07036798972	President	St. Francis Galadimawa
96	Ukwu N. Nneka	08030986200	Member	Guardian Angel Lugbe
97	Ebhojie Patrick(Jnr)	07030095353	Youth Fin. Sec CC	Guardian Angel Lugbe
98	Nnanna Louis	08039216101	Member	Guardian Angel Lugbe
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100	Nkechi Okwere	08035711547	Member	Guardian Angel Lugbe
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103	Munonye Richard	08037975001	President	St. Joseph Gwagwa/Jiwa
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