MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) NIGERIA, ABUJA CENTRAL COUNCIL HELD ON 30TH JANUARY, 2016 AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH, LIFE CAMP, ABUJA.

1.0 ATTENDANCE:

A total of 121 Vincentians was in attendance at the meeting. Details are as shown on pages 9, 10, and 11.

2.0 OPENING:

The meeting started with an opening prayer said by Bro. Magnus Imuse, the President of St. Theresa conference, Bwari at 11.00am.

3.0 | SPIRITUAL READING:

The reading with the theme "Prayer must be linked with our daily life" — culled from the talk by St. Vincent to his community was read by Bro. Makava Daniel of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Conference Sabon Lugbe and was taken from page 60 of the manual of the Society. Reflecting on the reading, he said that just as we need food to nourish our body so also we need prayers to nourish our soul. Without prayers in our activities, we can experience a disastrous outcome. We should always ask God to take charge of what we do by calling on Him to lead us in our activities as Vincentians. He equally urged all to take it as a rule to pray always in and out of season.

4.0 OPENING REMARKS BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Central Council President, Bro. Chibuzor Ezeani welcomed all present and wished all a Happy New Year. He thanked the board members for their support, contributions and making themselves available always and urged them to continue in this tempo. He equally thanked the spiritual adviser for being with us at every meeting.

Furthermore, he enjoined Vincentians to avail themselves of every opportunity to learn more about the society to avoid making mistakes. He urged them to make themselves available during trainings and this will help to improve our attitude towards the society.

Conjuring ideas on your own against the rules of the Society leads to mistakes. He urged members especially the leaders to always keep to the rules, attend trainings, consult the higher authority on any issue and this will help you to be a better leader.

5.0 WELCOME REMARKS BY THE HOST CONFERENCE:

The president of the host conference was unavoidably absent but was represented by the Financial Secretary, Sis. Ozoemena Fidelia. She welcomed the Council to Holy

	Family Parish and wished the Council fruitful deliberations.
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6.0	WELCOME REMARKS BY THE PARISH PRIEST OF HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH:
	The assistant parish priest, Rev. Fr. Habib Akpata, on behalf of the Parish Priest and the
	Parish Pastoral Council welcomed the Council to his parish and enjoined Vincentians to
	enjoy their presence in Holy Family. He equally prayed the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
	and Joseph guide the Society in all her activities.
7.0	READING, OBSERVATION, AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES:
	The minutes of the previous meeting held at St. St. Luke Conference, Kubwa on 5 th
	December, 2015 were studied by all present and no observations/corrections were
	made.
	In the absence of corrections and observations, a motion for the adoption of the
	minutes was moved by Bro. Emmanuel Agada of St. Charles Lwanga Conference, Apo
	and seconded by Ugoh Patricia Nnenna of St. Donald Conference, Karu.
8.0	APOLOGIES:
	 Christopher Chukwu of St. Chistopher Conference, Games Village
	Sir. G Ebhojie of OLQM conference Sabon Lugbe
	Cyprain Ebiziem of All Saints Conference, Dutse Maria
9.0	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
9.1	Report on the Official Reception of Sacred Heart Center, Airport:
	The president informed the Council it has been decided that the conference will be
	received officially by the Central Council in this meeting and he then called the
	president and members of the conference to come forward for the reception. The
	spiritual adviser then formally received the conference guided by the stipulations of the
	manual of the Society.
9.2	Apology Letter from CKC Kubwa:
	The president reminded the Council of the decision by the board requiring CKC Kubwa
	to tender in writing an apology letter to the Council for their hostility to the members
	sent to their conference to resolve the lingering crisis. He said that the Council has not
	received any apology letter, he then called the president of CKC Kubwa to explain why
	they have not done as ordered.
	In her explanations, Sis. Oby Adoro, said that she was not present at the last central
	council meeting and nobody briefed her on the outcome of this issue and as such she
	appealed to be guided.

At this juncture, various speakers on this issue admonished her on her attitude which
fell short of a Vincentian. The Council president stressed the need for Vincentians to
play by the rules. He gave her 1 month to make the apology letter available.

9.3 Annual Report Submission:

The president called on conference presidents to submit their annual reports as agreed with their annual dues. He equally conveyed the decision of the board that Conferences that failed to submit their report in 2 weeks' time will pay a fine of N5,000.00

9.4 St. Joseph Gwagwa; Awareness Campaign

Bro. Izuchukwu Nwaeze reported that the awareness campaign took place as scheduled on 6th December, 2015 at 6am and 8am masses. It was a huge success. He thanked the Council for their support and encouragement.

9.5 Inauguration of Conferences:

In response to the request for Inauguration of some Centre's by their mother conferences, having found them worthy for it, the Council approved for inauguration the following centres:

- i. St. Benedict Efab Estate, Lokogoma 7th February, 2016
- ii. St. Augustine Centre Sangbadi Dutse 28th February, 2016
- iii.Church of Annunciation 3rd April, 2016(tentative)

The president urged members to attend en masse for the inauguration of these centres.

10.0 OTHER MATTERS

10.1 | 2015 Financial Account

The president informed the Council that the Central Council accounts is almost ready but needs to resolve some payment issues with conferences. However, from the balance of the account, the Council intends crediting the Ozanam House Project account with N1, 000,000.00. N104, 000.00 will be remitted to FAMVIN and this represents pledges made at the joint feast celebration in which the Council pledged 20,000 while some members pledged a total of N84, 000.00.

Consequently, conferences are given 2 weeks to meet with the financial secretary to resolve their accounts while those that made pledges are implored to redeem it soonest. This will enable the Council to finalize the 2015 account and present it in the next Council meeting.

10.2 | Conferences Indebtedness:

President informed members that some conferences still owe huge sums of money to the Council and as such hampering the Councils progress. It was resolved at the board meeting of the Council that a deadline of end of march, 2016 and end of year 2016 be given for Category A & B conferences respectively to offset their debts.

10.3 | Programme of the Year:

The president informed the conference presidents that it is now required of them to draw up their yearly programme and submit same to the Council and as well, made it known to all conference members. However, the programme of the year should not clash with the Councils' programme.

10.4 | Conferences Jurisdiction:

The president stressed on the need for conferences to have clear cut jurisdiction to avoid conflicts in handling of clients. It has been observed that some clients take advantage of this situation to move from one conference to another.

10.5 | National AGM

President informed members that the National Council has chosen Abuja Metro Council to host its next meeting coming up on the 14th to 17th April, 2016 at DRAAC Sabon Lugbe. In that regards, Bro. Paschal Ahizih was chosen as the Chairman of the organizing committee. Other members of the committee include: Augustine Inoh (Accommodation), Joy Ohiagu(Entertainment), Albert Nzekwu(Programmes/Publicity). He equally said that more members will be drafted to join the committee in due course and any member is called to work with the committee should kindly oblige.

11.0 | REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES:

11.1 | Reports of death of members, clients and benefactors

- i. St. JohnMary Vianney Conference, Kubwa: Nnenna Obeta Client
- ii. St. Luke Conference Kubwa: Sis. Uchechi Fidelis Client
- iii. St. Luke Conference Kubwa: Mr. Innocent Nwachukwu Benefactor
- iv. St. Christopher Games Village: Sir. Budi Iwaleko Benefactor
- v. St. Kizito Conference Kuje: Bro. Daniel Masha Member
- vi. St. Mary Conference, Karu: Nnenna Ango Client
- vii. St. Mary Conference, Karu: Obiageli Amacha Client
- viii. C.K.C Conference, Kubwa: Cletus Ikigu Client
 - ix. St. Peter Conference, Abaji: Adamu Suleiman Client

The Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Fr. **Sebastian Musa** led the Council in saying the resurrection prayer on behalf of the faithful departed. Thereafter the president urged conferences

to book masses for the repose of their souls.

11.2 | Cathedral of 12 Apostles Conference:

The president of the conference, Bro. Taiwo Patrick, informed the Council some conferences did not stick to the approved time of 10.00am for start of sharing during the Christmas period. And as such they witnessed an unusual surge in their conference. Imagine a situation where clients came to their conference on a bus. Urged all conferences to comply with the set time to avoid the situation whereby clients move from one conference to another.

11.3 | St. John de Beloved Conference Tunga Mage:

The president of the conference, Bro. George Onyekwelu, informed the Council of the setting up of Society of St Vincent de Paul in St. Patrick, a new outstation within their jurisdiction. They have started to nurture them and will report progress from time to time.

11.4 | St. Martin Conference, Lugbe:

The president of St. Martin Conference Lugbe, Bro. Fidelis Molokwu, reported that the issue surrounding the inauguration of St. Joseph Centre Zone 7 Lugbe, as reported in the previous Central Council meeting has be sorted out. He has picked 17th April or 8th May, 2016, as the proposed date for inauguration subject to Councils approval.

However, the president informed him that the said dates will not be feasible as they are clashing with some programmes of the Council. He however proposed 29th May or 5th June, 2016 for inauguration of the centre, subject to the approval of the parish priest.

11.5 | SS Peter & Paul Conference Nyanya:

The immediate past president of the Conference Bro. Bonaventure Nwokpor, informed the Council that election took place in his conference which saw the emergence of Bro. Amako Andrew as the new president of the conference. He equally apologized to the Council of the inability of the new president to be present at the meeting for introduction. The new president is unavoidably absent.

Furthermore, he brought to the knowledge of the Council the activities of the coordinator of St. Pius Gbagalape, Bro. Geoffrey Akiga, who he said that despite the level of membership, runs the society alone and goes about to some conferences soliciting for funds on behalf of the society without consultation with the mother conference. He also noted that he discussed the issue with the parish priest of St. Pius and they agreed that the present board be dissolved and reconstituted. And that had

been done and as such Geofferey Akiga is no longer the coordinator of St. Pius Gbagalape.

He equally brought to the knowledge of the Council, the situation report of two(2) other conferences being nurtured by them namely: St. Raphael Police Chaplaincy, Nyanya and St. Augustine Centre Angwandadi. He said that while the former is making great progress and will soon be presented for inauguration, the latter is still shaky despite the fact that they have existed for a long time but in a very remote area.

11.6 | St. Luke Conference, Kubwa:

The president of the conference, Bro. Jude Iwuagwu, intimated the Council of the situation of St. Michael Centre Kagini, which they have nurtured for 4 years yet they failed to grow. Presently they can boast of only 3 members. He sought to know if they can be inaugurated.

Responding to this issue, the Council president told him that a 3-man conference is not viable and it is not a must to have a conference in a parish. However, he noted, that there must be a problem hampering the growth of the centre and the mother conference needs to critically study the problem and proffer a solution.

11.7 | Sacred Heart, Gwagwalada:

The Conference President, Ezeigwe Mathew, brought to the knowledge of the Council of a new Centre they are nurturing in St. Catherine Catholic Church Giri-Gwagwalada. The Centre has 11 members and has Bro. Hyacinth Onyeibe Eze as the Coordinator

12.0 AOB

12.1 | Comments by Parish Priest of Holy Family Parish

The Parish Priest of Holy Family, Rev.Fr. Anthony Olaniyan, and also the Chairperson of the Year of Mercy in the archdiocese, urged the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help in realizing the vision of Pope Francis in this Year of Mercy. He enjoined the Society to carry the idea in all they do.

He equally informed the Council that as part of the programmes lined up in this Year of Mercy, the Archbishop, John Cardinal Olorunfemi Onaiyekan, on the 5th of March, 2016, will be visiting Kuje Prison. In this visit, some prisoners are expected to be released, exam fees of some prisoners will be paid and also those with medical challenges will be attended to. Details of this visit will be communicated to all parishes in due course.

Finally, he prayed God to bless us in our apostolate.

12.2 | Twinning:

Following the complaint from some conference that they don't know the conference they are twinned to in the Councils internal twinning programme, the twinning officer, Bro. Emma Nnaemeka, reeled out the names of conferences already twinned and urged those who did not hear their conference names to meet with him.

12.3 | Correspondence Received by the Secretariat:

- Request for inauguration of St. Benedict Center, Lokogoma from St. Anthony Conference, Kabusa. 7th February, 2016.
- Notification of Election of Conference President from St. Agnes Conference, Wuye.
 10th February, 2016.
- Notification of Election of Conference President from Church of the Archangels Gaduwa/Durumi. 19th February, 2016.

13.0 | FINANCIAL REPORT:

Breakdown of funds realized at the Central Council meeting held on 30th January, 2016

<u>BREAKDOWN</u>			
SSVP National Uniform(wrapper)	20,000.00		
T-Shirt	10,000.00		
2015 Vincentian Family Feast Day	36,000.00		
Collaboration			
2015 Charity Walk/Visitation	10,000.00		
Endowment	4,000.00		
AGM Levy	35,000.00		
Special Central Council Levy	73,000.00		
2015 Central Council Budget	38,000.00		
2016 Central Council Budget	200,000.00		
Magazine	14,500.00		
SBC	12,910.00		
Annual Dues	223,100.00		
TOTAL:	676,510.00		

SUMMARY			
Cash	569,310.00		
Teller	107,200.00		
TOTAL:	676,510.00		

14.0 VOTE OF THANKS:

The special board member, Bro. Ajewole, in his vote of thanks, gave kudos to the host conference for their hospitality and members for their patient and contributions in the meeting. He however decried on the attitude of members bursting in on someone speaking. He also prayed for journey mercies back to our various destinations.

15.0 PRESIDENTS CLOSING REMARKS:

The president in his closing remarks noted that the attendance was encouraging and thanked members for coming for the meeting and for their intelligent and useful contributions in the meeting. He prayed God to guide all back to their various destinations.

16.0 | NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting was scheduled to take place at St. Patrick Conference, Karshi on 9th day of April, 2016 at 10.00am prompt.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING:

Motion for adjournment was moved by Bro. Chris Goeevan of St. Theresa Conference, Bwari and seconded by Sis. Rejoice Duru of St. Anhony Conference, Kabusa. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Musa, our spiritual director, said the closing prayer and equally imparted his priestly blessing on members and this brought the meeting to a close at about 3:00pm.

Attendance:

S/No	NAME	POSITION	PHONE	CONFERENCE
1	M.G. Egenti	Member	08033063140	OLQN
2	Ahizih Paschal	Member	08035912112	Holy Trinity Maitama
3	Anaedobe Ugochukwu	CC. Sec.	08069058107	St. Martin Lugbe
4	Chibuzor Ezeani	President	08037031990	OLQN
5	Ohiagu Joy	1st Vice President CC	08036231140	CKC Kubwa
6	Augustine G. Inoh	Special Project Coordinator	08027107002	OLQM Sabon Lugbe
7	Sylvester Odogwu	Special Board Member	08038804804	Holy Trinity Maitama
8	Nzekwu Albert	Metro Fin. Sec	08052856993	CKC Kubwa
9	Emma Nnaemeka	Twinning Officer	08037881653	St. Kelvin Jikwoyi
10	Henry Enwerem	2nd Vice President CC	08035886995	St. John Mary Vianney Kubwa
11	James Ishom	Training Officer	07034772323	St. Monica Byazin
12	Nwachukwu C.E	Special Board Member	08036282939	Holy Rosary Wuse
13	Angya Dorcas	Treasurer	08136360096	Arch Angels Durumi
14	Makava Daniel	President	08056016025	OLQM Sabon Lugbe
15	Emmanuel S. Agada	President	08033493313	St. Charles Lwanga Apo
16	Jude Iwuagwu	President	08088626212	St. Lukes Kubwa
17	Ignatius Idemetor	President	08036134833	St. Pauls Gwagwlada
18	Osuji Chika. A	President	08167301729	St. monica Byazhin
19	Imuse Magnus	President	08035956707	St. Theresa Bwri
20	Moses O. Abba	Secretary	08094172020	St. Theresa Bwari
21	George M. Onyekwelu	Prsident	08072265434	St. John Tungan Maje
22	Izuchukwu Nwanze	President	08035975244	Holy Ghost Saburi
23	Akaahan Thaddeus	Member	08091307965	St. Monica Byazhin

24	Omai simon	Secretary	08038370259	St. Linus Chika
25	Ozoemena Fidelia	Fin. Sec.	08037518673	Holy Family Life Camp
26	Ofuokwu Mary	Asst. Sec.	08124058192	St. Luke Kubwa
27	Joseph I. Onu	Member	08087331597	Sacred Heart Airport
28	Roland Azubuike	President	08037636024	Sacred Heart Airport
29	Fidelis Molokwu	President	08033354424	St. Martin Lugbe
30	Chuks Okonkwo	President	08033334424	St. Mary Karu
31	Chinonye Ebere	Secretary	07035353044	St. Mary Karu
32	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Secretary	08133230864	St. Donald Karu
33	Ugoh Patricia Nnenna Bolden Mma Ahunna	Member	08126707272	
				St. Theresa Bwari
34	Ukpai Grace	Treasurer	07062264343	St. Theresa Bwari
35	Malong S. Timothy	Member	08034092433	St. Theresa Bwari
36	Chris Goeevan	Member	08056872919	St. Theresa Bwari
37	Patricia Fom	Secretary	08098806006	12 Apostles CBD
38	Mbagwu Livinus I.	President	08054944522	St. Michael Bwari
39	Onyene Uche	Member	08035979115	Holy Family Life Camp
40	Moses Ifeghalu	Coordinator	08031974513	Police chaplaincy Nyanya
41	Ngozi Vincent	Member	08035966494	Mater-Dei Gwagwalada
42	Nnenna Ikem	Member	07060961021	Holy Family Life Camp
43	Akaaya Michael	Coordinator	08036870536	St. Augustine Sagbagyi
44	Oboh Elizabeth	Member	09092007905	St. Peter Claver Chaplaincy
45	Ali Emmanuel	Member	07063584107	St. Donald Karu
46	Okpe Florence	Treasurer	07039249488	St. Paul Gwagwalada
47	Nwadike Christopher	Secreatary	07035496746	St Paul gwagwagwalda
48	Chukwu Cynthia	Member	07037359928	St. peter claver Chaplaincy
49	Ogbe Blessing	Secretary	07063285157	St. Peter Claver Chaplaincy
50	Pius Ogbu Anoke		08035970983	Church of Annunciation
51	Onyedike Manu	Fin Sec	08132063593	CHoly Cross Gwarimpa
52	Eze Josephine	Member	08033525098	St. Luke Kubwa
53	Mbawuike Josephine O.	Member	08039677313	St. Luke Kubwa
54	Njoku Linus	Coordinator	08033387989	St. Benedict Lokogoma
55	Ogar James	Member	07033422082	St. Anthony Kabusa
56	Taiwo Patrick	President	08037879942	12 Apostles CBD
57	Duru Rejoice	Secretary	0814848487	St. Anthony kabusa
58	Chief John Ojie	Vice President	07032093711	,
59	Igbila Terhembe Titus	Member	08025182641	St. Benedict, Lokogoma
60	Amb Lizzy Okonmalu	Member	08138911817	St. Bernedict Lokogoma
61	Anikwe Bernadine U.	Member	08032524247	St. Bernedict Efab
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62	Akaeme Bibiama	Member	07032940335	St. Bernedict Efab
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63	Grace Attah	Fin Sec	08035801413	St. Kevin Jikwoyi
64	Emma Chukworji	President	08023238445	St. Kevin Jikwoyi
65	Damisah o. Samson	Member	08065340437	CKC Kurudu
66	Evans Okwor	Member	0803340437	Church of Annunciation
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67	Deji Daramola	Secretary	08035143076	Church of Annunciation
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68	Helen Sunday	Fin Sec	08116411320	Sacred Heart Airport
69	Emmanuel Ebi	President	08034250328	CKC Kurudu
70	Elizabeth Stephen Musa	Treasurer	08036017690	CKC Kurudu
71	Carity Pam		08159554232	
72	Helen Inedu	Treasurer	08163288667	SJMV Kubwa
73	Izir Iwu	Asst. Treasurer	08060619440	St. Christopher Games
				Village
74	Franca emokan	Secretary	08057052622	St. Christopher Games
				Village
75	Christopher Chukwu	PRO	08038723267	St. Christopher Games
				Village
76	Agbo-O John	Secretary	08052522815	Sacred Heart Airport
77	Egbo Anayo A.	Member	08051521743	Sacred Heart Airport
78	Daniel Asinga	President	08062694498	St. Kizito Kuje
79	Ebeh Christabel	Secretary	07039392729	St. kizito Kuje
80	Ogbobe Charles C.	Member	08030460007	St Jude Zuba
81	Sylvanus Emechebe	Treasurer	07037679113	St Jude Zuba
82	Clementina Atunde	Scretary	08032457744	Guardian Angel Lugbe
83	Okwara Nkechinyere	Member	08033711547	Guardian Angel lugbe
84	Opara Genevieve	Member	08037947432	St. Joseph Lugbe Zone 7
85	Lucy	Member		St. Joseph Lugbe Zone 7
86	Collins Ufromba	Vice Youth Coordinator	08060065145	St. Kizito Kuje
87	Fidelis Akomaye	Youth Coordinator	08069258134	St. Donald Karu
88	Ezeigwe Mathew	President	08057811586	Sacred Heart Gwagwalada
89	Abok Theresa	Member	08035981807	Sacred Heart Gwagwalada
90	Orakwue Mike	Member	08035961478	St. Dominic Kwali
91	Aganama Ebuka	Secretary	08036919422	St. Mathew Karmo
92	Louisa U. Ugbong	Member	08099192262	St. Augustine Dutse
				Makaranta
93	Rosemary Adebayo	Vice Coordinator	08062111640	St. Augustine Dutse
94	Ozor Clinton Simeon	Secretary	07032980837	St. Augustine Dutse
95	Cathrine Peter	Member	08070841824	St. Augustine Dutse
96	Nicholas Udeh	President	08035094482	St. Joseph Gwagwa
97	Kolo Daniel Audu	Member	08034517650	OLQN Garki
98	Vincent Akubuike	Member	08065492441	OLQN Garki
99	Emmanuel Okoi	Coordinator	08039300398	OLQP Utako
100	Igwebuike Ifeyinwa	Secretary	08038680727	OLQP Utako
101	Irene Ugwu	President	07032479390	St. Raphael Garki
102	Adoro Obiageli	President	08035357494	CKC Kubwa
103	Ekeleme John C	Secretary	08034828217	OLQM Sabon Lugbe
104	Iyo A. Stephen	Member	07063753362	OLQP Utako
105	Steve-Mayor Agbata	Treasurer	08037099399	Holy Trinity Maitama
106	Obinna Credo Michaels	Vice President	08022226183	Holy Trinity Maitama
107	Udeogu Amaka	Secretary	08062846119	St. Raphael Garki
108	Jude Odo	Member	08037689113	St. Raphael Garki
109	Francis Uvu	Provost	08039366949	St. Charles Apo

110	Tombari T. Akere	President	08036621326	St. John Paul Kubwa
111	Alphonsus Ezenwa	Secretary	08033028938	St. John Paul Kubwa
112	Donatus Ekpo	Treasurer	08132438064	St. John Paul Kubwa
113	Ursula Timayi	Member	08031800626	Archangel Gaduwa
114	Ojulonye Anthony	Member	08037544877	OLQM
115	Anagor Patricia	Treasurer	08068577120	Police Chaplaincy Nyanya
116	Mmuobike Chika	President	08034577872	Holy Cross Gwarimpa
117	Lizzy Igbire	Fin. Sec.	08034106448	St. Benedict
118	Akalawu Alice U.	Vice President	08034707063	OLQN Garki
119	Anzaku Paul H.	Secretary	08054969598	Karshi Parish
120	Osagie Paul	President	08055249353	OLPH
121	Chinyere Obi	Fin. Sec.	07031048544	OLPH

	President	Secretary
Signed:		