

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
National Council of Canada

Committee Terms of Reference

<u>Committee Name:</u>	Voice of the Poor
<u>Type :</u>	Standing
<u>Goals:</u>	To develop and deliver strategies, programs and activities related to advocacy as approved by the Board of Directors. To review and update advocacy strategies annually.
<u>Membership:</u>	Chairperson: National Council President Spiritual Advisor of the National Council A maximum of 3 knowledgeable persons in the sphere of advocacy, appointed by the National Council President, in consultation with Regional Councils Presidents. Two (2) of these members do not have to be Full Members of the Society.
<u>Meetings:</u>	As required, and at the Annual General Assembly.
<u>Responsible to:</u>	National Board of Directors.
<u>Reporting & Deadlines:</u>	The Chair reports to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors as requested or, at least on quarterly basis, with a full report at the Annual General Assembly.

Specific Duties, Functions or areas of Responsibility:

- a) Develop advocacy strategies and programs to be reviewed annually.
- b) Deliver related programs and conducts activities to achieve objectives for the promotion of social justice and the protection of the environment.
- c) Collaborate with individuals, civil and religious groups sharing the same vision, values and methods in relation to advocacy.
- d) May host or participate in forums, meetings or other such events related to advocacy mandate and objectives,
- e) Provide advice and support to Councils on matters of advocacy.
- f) Report any issue, which has the potential for controversy, or may have an impact on the Society's reputation, or is likely to affect the integrity of its programs.
- g) Inform and update membership, the Episcopate and the general public of its programs and activities and seek their support.

Approval/Review Date: annually

Board of Directors Approval: June 2007

Revised: