

## **TWINNING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2007-2008**

- Promotion of projects as a way to further assist out twins
  - Article in the Vincenpaul
  - Encouragement of conferences who express the wish to help their twin more, to consider the project process.
- Assistance where possible of the young adults in their twinning endeavors.
  - Young adults are focused on attending World Youth Days in Australia.
- Approaching twins who haven't transferred funds in the past 3 years, to ask about their needs and wishes in regards to twinning.
  - Letter sent in March '08 to twins who haven't transferred funds in the past 3 years
  - Good response, with emails to [twinning-chair@ssvp.ca](mailto:twinning-chair@ssvp.ca), letters and phone calls.
  - Able to retwin several conferences who are interested in twinning, and to stimulate twinning in conferences who have lapsed due to a change in twinning contact persons or other reasons.
  - Intend to write letters again in January '09.

### **Task items '07-'08**

- Wrote or coordinated twinning articles in the Vincenpaul each publication.
- Presentation to new Board Nov. '07, about twinning and future goals.
- Assisted in the seeking, transfer and reporting on the contribution to our National Twin, for a replacement to an X-ray machine for dental care.
- Sought and found a spiritual advisor for the National twinning committee.
- Assisted with updating of National twinning pamphlet.
- Twinning x 25 since June '07
- 125 external twinings; 38 internal twinings
- \$ 57 770 sent to our external twins
- Instituted twinning connection with Guatemala, and received twins from El Salvador
- We are in the process of attempting to institute twinning connection with French Cameroun in order to have French-speaking twins for French Applicants.
- Persist in seeking a way to twin with Haiti. We are currently working with ICG to make this possible. Prepared item on Haiti for contribution to the ICG discussions.
- Funds that were raised for a family in dire need in the Dominican Republic, by a group in New Brunswick, were transferred to the Nat. Council, to be forwarded to a conference that knows this family.
- Arranged for a single contribution to the Children's Home of the National Council in Jordan.
- Again seeking correspondence from Sri Lanka re a specific contribution to a twinned conference.
- Assisted a consultant in writing a procedure manual for Vancouver Island Particular Council.
- Working with CRA to respond to regulations about National Council agreements for sending funds out of the country.

Respectfully submitted,  
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