

Appendix

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Volunteer Role Title Conference Member

<i>What will you do?</i>	<p>A Conference is the basic group of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and is usually parish based. In this volunteer role, you will be part of this group (Conference) that assists the poor and disadvantaged in your community. Their work includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visiting people seeking assistance from the St Vincent de Paul Society with another Conference Member.• Providing assistance to people in need in a responsive and dignified manner. Assistance may include material help, advocacy, referrals, and/ or a range of other actions.• Ensuring there are sufficient resources (as provided by the Conference) to assist when visiting people.• Reporting back at the Conference meeting about visits.
<i>What do you need to help?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genuine desire to serve those in need• Ability to listen and respond without judging• Sensitivity to the values of people of other faiths, cultures and lifestyles.• Interest in personal and spiritual growth through service with others• Willingness to join with others to make a difference• Willingness to support the Society's mission and vision and the Catholic ethos of the Society.
<i>How much time will you spend?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Varies according to the Conference and the availability of the volunteer.• Could be from 1- 8 hours per week / fortnight (1 hour meeting, plus 2- 6 hours for visits)

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<http://www.vinnies.org.au/membership-national?link=350>

<p><i>How we will help you?</i></p> <p>...training & support available.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vincentian Visitation Guidelines will be provided and the Conference President and members will welcome you to the Conference and mentor you as you begin. <p>Orientation to the Society and other Training programs are available.</p>
<p><i>What else do you need to do to get involved?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with a member or members of the Conference to discuss your interest • They will provide you with a Membership application form and facilitate with you the membership application process which consists of a Working with Children check, National Criminal History Record check, an interview and providing 2 referees.
<p><i>What will you get from the engagement?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy the support and community life that is part of the Conference. • Learn about local community resources (to refer people in need) and issues present in your community. • Gain a greater understanding of poverty and disadvantage and how it impacts people's lives.
<p><i>Who does this Role ideally suit?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An adult of any age who would like to engage in service with others in the local community in a faith-based organisation.
<p><i>Want to know more?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact your local Catholic parish and enquire if there is a St Vincent de Paul Conference and if there is, let them know your interest in speaking to someone about sharing in this service. <p>OR email membership@vinnies.org.au</p>