

**Elections CGI 2016 – Programme – Renato LIMA DE OLIVEIRA**

*“If anyone wants to be the first he must be the very last of all, and the servant of all” (Mark 9, 35)*

<b>1. Spiritual life and holiness</b>	Strengthen the SSVP’s nature as a global network of people seeking holiness through a responsible commitment to those who live in deprivation and need.
<b>2. Training</b>	Stimulate, spread and modernise Vincentian training (person-to-person and remote), by making training courses and materials available on the International Council General’s website, covering various topics and in several languages.
<b>3. Youth</b>	Encourage actions for children, teenagers and young Vincentians, supporting any projects and initiatives for this; promote the 2 <sup>nd</sup> International SSVP youth meetings (Salamanca 2018).
<b>4. Communications</b>	Add material to the CGI website. Publish an annual review in various languages as a marketing strategy for external audiences (Church, NGOs, private sector, universities, governments, etc.).
<b>5. Vincentian Family</b>	Develop closer relations within the Vincentian Family, encouraging collaboration and cooperation, to strengthen our vocation and stimulate shared initiatives.
<b>6. International Rule</b>	Include new features in the “Required conditions” section of the Rule, relating to the operation of Conferences and Particular Councils (Zone).
<b>7. General Ombudsman</b>	Create the position of GENERAL OMBUDSMAN to receive criticism, suggestions and comments about the work carried out within Council General.
<b>8. Internationalisation</b>	In partnership with Superior Councils, develop an expansion project to ensure the SSVP is present in every country in the world (with annual targets).
<b>9. Permanent Section</b>	Strengthen the role of the “Permanent Section” as a consultative body to provide institutional and technical support to the International President General in the decision-making process.
<b>10. Structure</b>	Strengthen the role of Zone Coordinators (within Territorial Vice-presidencies) and restructure CGI Commissions and Departments to reduce costs and increase efficiency.
<b>11. Languages</b>	Hold events and training sessions, bringing together Superior Councils in language groups, to share experience and best practice, as well as for initiatives relating to training, teaching, leadership and development.
<b>12. Founders</b>	Adopt the “Themed years” project between 2017 and 2022 (e.g.: “2017 – Lallier Year”; “2018 – Devaux Year; etc.), holding academic conferences and calls for papers to stimulate historical research about the founders.
<b>13. Aggregation and Institution</b>	Implement five-yearly review of Aggregations (of Conferences) and ten-yearly review of Institutions (of Councils).
<b>14. Circular letters</b>	Resume the annual “Circular Letters” written by the President General, a Vincentian tradition, issued in JANUARY each year.
<b>15. Partnership</b>	Incorporate Superior Councils into the Council General’ decision-making process, through consultations and shared projects.
<b>16. Electronic media</b>	Broadcast Board meetings live over the internet (from Paris) as well as the June General meeting. Use video-conferencing to reduce travel and accommodation costs in Paris.
<b>17. Strategic planning</b>	Develop Strategic Planning 2017-2022, collaborating closely with Superior Councils.
<b>18. Institutional cooperation and working agreements</b>	Develop working agreements and institutional cooperative partnerships with Médecins sans Frontières and the Red Cross among others, to make the work of the SSVP in case of natural disasters and tragedies more effective.
<b>19. Institutional support fund</b>	Provide economic help to Superior Councils in developing countries, to establish a minimum operational structure in order to improve coordination of the work in each country.
<b>20. Fraternal Aid and Development</b>	Expand social projects for combatting poverty throughout the world, strengthening the role of CIAD, and increasing partnerships with other entities of the Catholic Church.