

ONRC National Social Justice News - August

The National Social Justice Committee will be addressing systemic racism over the coming months with the goal of presenting a report with recommendations to the National Board of Directors later this year. We shall have a focus on this topic as it affects the indigenous population as well as other racialized people. We shall be working in conjunction with the ONRC Advocacy Committee in this effort. While the topic of racism in Canada can be a sensitive one, it is an important one which we should all embrace. One of our strengths as an organization and as fellow Canadians is our desire to seek Christ, not only in the face of those we serve, but also in each other. Can we make our conference membership more diverse by looking within our parishes to recruit more members from visible minorities? One of the best recruitment tools is the personal invitation. Why not try this in your parish?

Please read the monthly national social justice newsletter, Changing Times, which can be found on the national website (www.ssvp.ca). In addition, social justice reps and supporters across Canada receive a monthly social justice update email. If you would like to be added to this monthly update, please email jpsvvp@hotmail.ca.

The National housing campaign distributed a draft of our action plan in late May to all councils with the expectation it would be shared with every conference for your comments and suggestions. If you would like a copy of the plan, please email jpsvvp@hotmail.ca. We request all replies to the action plan be submitted by September 1, 2020 so that our committee can prepare the final draft of the plan for the October national board meeting.

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National Social Justice Committee