

**SSVP - A JOURNEY OF DEDICATION
PERSEVERANCE AND KINDNESS
THROUGH THE YEARS**



**“100 YEARS OF SPIRITUALITY THROUGH CHARITY
IN THE SPIRIT OF FREDERICK OZANAM & ST
VINCENT DE PAUL”**

1921-2021

INTRODUCTION

This document chronicles the growth and evolution of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique during the last Century. Due to limitation in record keeping however much of the information revolves around the latter part of the century.

Numerous persons contributed to the journey of the SSVP during the century, the majority of whom was not named in this document. This is not meant in any way to diminish the tremendous work which they did in ensuring the survival and growth of the SSVP. To all the many unnamed heroes of the SSVP in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique we acknowledge your work, and we express sincere gratitude.

We are grateful for the Catholic Church which ensured the introduction of the SSVP into Grenada, and whose full support has transcended generations.

We acknowledge all our benefactors and well-wishers who have contributed and continue to contribute to the SSVP in countless ways.

Our gratitude is extended to the international and regional network of support which has been instrumental in ensuring the survival and growth of the SSVP in the State of Grenada over the century.

We express our gratitude to Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Mr. David Thomas and Mr. Thompson Crosby who were the main sources of information on the SSVP in Grenada for this publication.

May God continue to guide, bless and protect us all.

*National Council of Grenada.
May 7, 2022*

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL (SSVP) GLOBAL History

Grenada is a proud member of the international SSVP having attained full membership status in 2005. The Society is a recognised international organization operating in the continents of Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America and Oceania, dedicated to serving the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Key areas of support provided around the world include visitations to the marginalized, family support, senior citizens care, homeless support, refugee and immigrant support, environmental protection and emergency disaster support.

The first Conference formed - 23rd April 1833

Dedication to St. Vincent de Paul -1834

First Rule produced - 1835

International Council General formed – 1839

The Society is known as “*a network of Friends who seek their personal holiness through service to those in need and through defending Social Justice*”. It is composed of lay faithful, men and women, children and teenagers, young and old, of all conditions in life and of all cultures. The Conference is led by Catholics, but membership is open to all people of goodwill. Members are referred to as “*Vincentians*”.

The SSVP was formed by Frédéric Ozanam, an ardent Catholic student in Paris. He, together with his Catholic friends, were challenged when they were told that their faith was more about books than about works. In response, Ozanam and his friend Le Taillandier stated, “Let us go to the poor!”.

The first Conference to serve the poor was formed on 23rd April 1833. Shortly afterwards, Sister Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity, guided the young Frédéric Ozanam and his companions to serve Christ among the poor inhabitants of the Mouffetard district of Paris. A year later, in 1834, they dedicated themselves to Saint Vincent de Paul and the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1835, the first Rule was produced, and in 1839 the International Council General was formed.

SSVP Grenada subscribes to all the basic tenets of the SSVP Global including the vision, mission, core values and logo of the SSVP.

SSVP Mission

A network of friends, seeking holiness through the personal service to the poor and the advocacy for social justice.

SSVP Vision

To be recognized as a worldwide organization, which promotes the integral human development of those most in need.

GRENADA FORMATION & EVOLUTION

The SSVP started in Grenada in April 1921 as part of concerted efforts by members of the clergy of the Catholic Church. The formation of conferences was an informal process led mainly by parish priests who were primarily from England and Ireland. These priests recruited small groups of reputable men (5 - 6) to form conferences to carry out works of charity in various communities. The priests provided guidance, rendered support and participated in the activities of the newly formed conferences.

SSVP started in Grenada - 1921

First Conference - St. George's - 1923

First National President - Milton Gabriel

National Council Aggregated - 2005

As members became familiar with the duties of conferences, they embarked on forming new conferences in different communities with the blessings of the local parish priests. Membership at that time was reserved for men only. The very early conferences were Cathedral Conference, St. Andrew the Apostle Sr. Conference and Victoria Conference. Various conferences evolved over time across all communities.

All conferences were organised under the umbrella of one Particular Council which presided over their operations. Mr. Horatio Whiteman (1969) and Mr. Denis Lett were the early Presidents of the Particular Council of Grenada.

In 1977 the first National Council comprising of presidents from all conferences was formed. This led to the election of the first National President, Mr. Milton Gabriel. He was given responsibility for the operation of the Society nationally. He was supported by a National Executive team comprising of Lincoln James (RIP) Treasurer; David Thomas Secretary; Deacon Horatio Whiteman (RIP) Spiritual Director; and Denis Greenidge.

During his tenure and with the support of Bro. Steve Solomon from Trinidad, the operation of the Society became officially decentralized with the formation of area Particular Councils which were responsible for managing conferences on a district level. His election heralded the start of national elections for national presidents. To date a total of seven persons have served as National President with the help of national executive members.

President	Time Period
Milton Gabriel	1977 - 1986
Margaret Wilson	1986 - 1993
Denis Lett	1993 - 2002
Matthias Joseph	2002 - 2009
Winston Mc Quilkin	2009 – 2011 (Transitioned while in office)
Margaret Wilson	2011- 2013 (Interim)
	2014 - 2019 (Elected)
Mary Charles	2019 - Present

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS



MILTON GABRIEL (RIP)



MARGARET WILSON



DENIS LETT (RIP)



MATTHIAS JOSEPH (RIP)



WINSTON MC QUILKIN (RIP)



MARY CHARLES

Mr. David Thomas was a member of the first National executive and remains an active member today.



David Thomas – Member of 1st National Executive

The decade of the 1970's was a period of change and growth for the Society. During that period, the Society moved from being dominated by men to welcoming a broad cross section of women who brought new dynamism and energy. The first SSVP office was established by Phyllis Gabriel who served as office secretary. The office space used was formerly the garage of Bishop Webster who granted permission for the space to be converted into an office. SSVP occupied that space in the late 1970's and continues to do so currently.

The 1970's was also a period when the SSVP attracted many youth members and delved into entrepreneurial activities. A vibrant youth symposium in 1978 led to the formation of several youth conferences and a Youth Secretariat. Key contributors at that time were Margaret Wilson, Philbert Charles, Oliver Joseph and Matthias Joseph. The youth was also represented on the National Council. To raise funds to support the work of the Society, a Tuck Shop was established in Tanteen and operated successfully from the late 1970's into the mid-1980's. An annual fund-raising concert was also a hallmark of the Society during that era.

In the 1980's history was made in Grenada and the region when Margaret Wilson was elected first female National President. This was a significant achievement for women who by that time had begun to increasingly dominate the membership of the Society and today, the Society is dominated by women across all Particular Councils.

In 1981, the first conference was formed in Carriacou. This laid the foundation for the formation of five conferences, four in Carriacou and one in Petite Martinique. Currently there are two conferences in Carriacou and one in Petite Martinique.

From its inception, the SSVP focused on charitable work including livelihood projects, housing support, food support and education support at the community level. In 1985, the first of many water support projects began in Carriacou and Petite Martinique. This included the building of water cisterns and the distribution of water tanks.

In the first two decades of the 20's the work of the SSVP stabilized, and key national projects instituted during that time included the Bishop Vincent Darius Granny Scheme (2010), The Female Empowerment Program (2015), the provision of tools for the Concord Soup Kitchen (2015), The Blind Craft Project, Agricultural projects, and the continuation of the Water Support Project in Carriacou and Petite Martinique (2015). In total, 57 concrete cisterns were built and over 250 black plastic tanks given out to help alleviate the suffering of many people in Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

Currently, there are thirty-three (33) conferences organised under five (5) Particular Councils. These councils are in St. George, St. David, St. Andrew, St. Patrick/St. John/St. Mark and Carriacou and Petite Martinique. These conferences have two hundred and ninety members (290) serving approximately three hundred and seventy three (373) regular clients and additional non-regular clients. It is not possible to quantify the number of beneficiaries of the Society's programming over the last 100 years, due in part to absence of relevant records. An assessment done for 2020 estimated that during that year, the Society's activities benefitted approximately twenty six hundred and seventy eight (2,678) persons throughout Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

The SSVP is currently governed by the National Council of Grenada which is led by a National Executive comprised of the following:

- Sis. Mary Charles - National President
- Sis. Sherma Charles - Vice President
- Sis. Cecilia Thomas - Secretary
- Bro. Stephen John - Treasurer
- Sis. Judy Lewis - Assistant Secretary
- Sis. Paula John - Twinnage Officer
- Sis. Kymmala Francis - Youth Coordinator
- Sis. Tracy Lett - Deputy Youth Coordinator
- Sis. Mirium Thomas - Floor Member
- Bro. Francis Sebo - Floor Member
- Sis. Jocelyn Blackman - Floor Member
- Sis. Margaret Wilson - Executive Support



National Executive Members

PARTICULAR COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

Particular Councils play an extremely important coordinating and supportive role for conferences within their jurisdiction. The President of each council provides leadership on matters relating to the council. Our current Particular Council Presidents are pictured below.



Cletus Louison - Western PC



Marie Alexis - Carriacou PC



Rose Phillip - St. George's PC



Delon Edwards - St. David's PC



Margaret Wilson - Eastern PC

SPIRITUALITY

The spirituality of the SSVP is a key component and is the basis upon which service to others are rendered. Vincentians journey to holiness is manifested through service to those most in need. Spiritual support is provided by Spiritual directors from the Catholic Church. Through the years, many clergy members, nuns, and brothers have served in that capacity including the persons listed below:

- Fr. Eugene Noel
- Fr. Danny
- Fr. Jimmy McDonald
- Fr. Joseph Umoh
- Fr. Dermot Nolan
- Deacon St. Louis
- Sr. Maureen Alexander
- Sr. Lucy Gabriel
- Sr. Juanita Berkley
- Sr. Paula Andrew
- Bro. Francis Sebo



Fr. Dermot Nolan



Bro. Francis Sebo



Sr. Maureen Alexander



Sr. Lucy Gabriel



Sr. Juanita Berkley

INTERNATIONAL & REGIONAL SUPPORT

The work of the SSVP in Grenada has been, and continues to be, supported by twinned conferences in England, Wales and Canada. Twinnage with England started in 1962 with a grant of GBP100.00 per quarter. The following statement summarizes the philosophy underlying the idea of twinning. *“The awareness of acute poverty in a great number of countries and the Vincentian preferential option for the poor, spur Conferences and Councils to assist others with fewer resources. The activity between two Conferences, Councils, or a fundamental activity of the Society, is the expression of Vincentian fraternity and solidarity.”*

Through twinnage support from England and Wales significant projects were embarked upon including the water Projects in Carriacou, livelihood projects, housing support, food support and education support among others. Grenada hosted twinnage representatives from England and Wales in 2015. The visit included a meeting with the late Bishop Darius and the Minister of Government and SSVP member Honorable Oliver Joseph as well as conferences statewide.



Bishop Darius & Twinnage Team



Twinnage Team & Minister Joseph

Other international agencies have also supported the work of the Society throughout the years. Help Age International sponsored a pilot Housing Project and an Animal Project. There was also Focus on Community Development, which enabled skill training for boys in woodwork and for girls and boys in home making. This project was managed by Mr. Fitzroy Charles.

The Society also received significant regional support from individuals including Steve Solomon from Trinidad & Tobago, Mike Thompson from Jamaica, James Royer from Dominica and Mary Rose Knight from Antigua. Opportunity was also provided for local Vincentians to travel to international meetings and international elections including the election of current international President Renato Lima.

The Regional Biennial Meeting is an occasion for regional Vincentians to gather and discuss the business of the SSVP. The work of the region was coordinated by Mary Rose Knight. Grenada hosted two regional meetings in May 1989 and June 2011.



Grenada Delegation in St Lucia 2015



Participants in Antigua 2018



Regional Coordinator Mary Rose Knight



Youth Participants

APPRECIATION

SSVP Grenada gives thanks to God for his many blessings and prays for continued strength, perseverance and humility to continue to carry out the mission of the SSVP. Thanks to all those who selflessly gave of their time, possessions and themselves in service to the Society and by extension to the State of Grenada through the century. May your good works continue to propel each new generation to follow in your footsteps and create new ways to fulfill the SSVP mission and vision.

**CENTENNIAL CLOSING MASS & RECOGNITION
CEREMONY**

**PRESIDED OVER BY BISHOP CLYDE MARTIN HARVEY
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF ST GEORGE'S IN GRENADA**



INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION MICHAEL NIZANKIEWICZ



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Fellow Vincentians, as we come to the end of our centennial year of celebration, we give thanks to God who has assisted us on this journey and who has preserved this Society over the century. We look back with gratitude to all who have contributed to this journey. Members whose names we may never know or remember, but who made tremendous sacrifice and gave of their best in building this Society. Members who currently are retired due to age or ill health, who have sacrificed and gave of their best. With a grateful heart we remember and thank them. To all members who are currently fully engaged in the works of the Society, we give thanks for your work. We lift each other up and we strive to continue to support each other on this noble journey.



Mary Charles

As we approach this new century, let us take lessons from the past to propel us into the future - lessons in commitment, perseverance and good will which have brought us this far. As we look into the future, we must carve out a path which is relevant to our existing circumstances. The face and pace of poverty keeps changing as were very evident during the Covid 19 pandemic. In many situations, the line between the poor and nonpoor is very thin. Social shocks expose the vulnerabilities of significant numbers of the population and exacerbates the plight of those already living in poverty due in part to social injustice.

The SSVP needs to be a national voice of the poor striving for social justice. Social justice includes adequate housing, sanitation, health care and education, among others, for our most vulnerable citizens. The SSVP cannot be a passive observer but must speak out, collaborate and strategize in ways which will continue to bring meaningful change. In the words of Saint Vincent de Paul, “*There can be no charity without justice*” We must therefore position the Society to identify social injustice and to be prompt, flexible, and creative in our response even as we face resource constraints.

While our resources may be limited, I am confident that our members can get the work done by harnessing the skills, creativity, and talent with which we are all blessed. There are strong leaders, skilled communicators, good event planners, people of strong faith, people of compassion, and people of kindness, residing within the SSVP. I encourage members to own your gifts, own your talents, own your skills and unleash them to build, strengthen and preserve the SSVP and this nation for the next century.

May God continue to bless, protect and guide us all. May we always remain humble in the face of success, resilient in the face of failure, and trusting in times of uncertainty; knowing that our God will never leave or abandon us.

For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. (Isaiah 41:13)

Thank You.

SSVP CENTENNIAL CLOSING MASS & RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Chairman Delon Edwards

1. Welcome Remarks Stephen John
2. Mass Animator Margaret James
3. *Entrance Hymn #210* Gather Christians
4. Introductory Rites of the Mass
5. Lord Have Mercy
6. Gloria
7. Collect of the Mass of the 4th Sunday of Easter
8. Liturgy of the Word – 4th Sunday of Easter
 - First Reading Dale Edwards
 - Responsorial Psalm
 - Second Reading Fiona Miller
 - Gospel Bishop Clyde Martin Harvey
9. Homily Bishop Clyde Martin Harvey
10. Creed
11. Prayer of the Faithful Sherelene Bartholomew
12. *Collection: Hymn #203* Alleluia Give Thanks to the Risen Lord
13. *Offertory Procession: Hymn #70* With a Joyful Heart
14. Preparation and Offering of the Gifts
15. Eucharistic Prayer
16. *Rites of Communion: Hymn #81* One Bread One Body
17. Post Communion Prayer
18. *Meditation Hymn* Solo
19. Introduction of Presentation Ceremony Chairman
20. Remarks by the National President Mary Charles
21. Tokens to Past Presidents Mary Charles
 - Citations: Patricia Edwards*
22. Remarks - International Territorial Vice President America 1 Michael J. Nizankiewicz
23. Tokens to Long Serving Members Michael Nizankiewicz
 - Citations: Patricia Edwards*
24. Tokens to Outstanding Contributors Michael J. Nizankiewicz
 - Citations Patricia Edwards*
25. Tribute Song to Recipients Lucinda Ogilvie
26. Vote of thanks Gizelle Samuel
27. Final Blessing and Dismissal of Mass
28. *Recessional Hymn # 122* Give Thanks to The Lord

SSVP CITATIONS

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Bro. Milton Gabriel served as the first National President of the SSVP from 1977- 1986. During his tenure there were many accomplishments. The Society became officially registered as the National Council of Grenada. The first ever National Youth Symposium was hosted in collaboration with the National Council of Trinidad. As a result of this many youth conferences were formed. A Youth Secretariat was established, and youth had representation on the National Executive. A Tuck Shop at Tanteen was also established which supported the work of the SSVP for many years.

SSVP acknowledges and thanks the late Bro. Milton Gabriel for his invaluable contribution to the SSVP.

Sr. Margaret Wilson served as the first female National President in Grenada and in the Region. She was also the only National President who served two terms. During her tenure 1986-1993 and 2014-2019 there were many accomplishments including expansion of conferences in Grenada and the establishment of conferences in Carriacou and Petite Martinique. There was collaboration with international partners including the Council of England and Wales to provide water cisterns and water tanks to Carriacou & Petite Martinique to alleviate water shortages, and collaboration with HelpAge International for the construction and renovations of houses. The first national summer camp for children was also held. She also represented Grenada regionally and internationally.

SSVP acknowledges and thanks Sr. Margaret Wilson for her invaluable contribution to the SSVP.

Bro. Denis Lett served as National President from 1992-2002. During his tenure there were many accomplishments. A local project committee was formed to assist in the implementation of meaningful and transformative national SSVP projects. The very popular annual fund-raising boat cruise to Carriacou and St. Vincent was established. He also represented Grenada locally and internationally. On one such occasion he accompanied a delegation to France in 1997 for the Beatification of Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the SSVP.

SSVP acknowledges and thanks the Late Bro. Denis Lett for his invaluable contribution to the SSVP.

Bro. Matthias Joseph served as National President from 2002-2009. During his tenure there were many accomplishments including significant progress on the development of the local statutes of the SSVP. The annual fund-raising raffle was instituted which today is the only means of local fund raising for the Bishop Vincent Darius Granny scheme. He also represented the SSVP regionally and internationally.

SSVP acknowledges and thanks the Late Bro. Matthias Joseph for his invaluable contribution to the SSVP.

Bro. Winston Mc Quilkin served as SSVP National President from 2009-2011. Although his tenure was shortened by his passing, his contributions were significant. The local Granny Scheme subsequently named the Bishop Vincent Darius Granny Scheme was established. He operated a Chicken project and an animal project at his school which was used to support students and the community at large. He also initiated the Systemic Change approach in Grenada and represented the SSVP regionally.

SSVP acknowledges and thanks the Late Bro. Winston Mc Quilkin for his invaluable contribution to the SSVP.

OUTSTANDING MEMBERS NOMINATED BY PC

Carriacou & Petite Martinique PC

Sr. Keturah Benjamin

Sr. Benjamin started the L' Esterre Holy Rosary conference in 1981 which was the first conference in Carriacou. She served as 2nd president of the Particular council from 2000-2018.

She was very persistent in writing water project proposals to alleviate the crisis of water shortage for the people of Carriacou and Petite Martinique. She was successful in getting approval from donors internationally and locally through the SSVP National Council in Grenada. Between 1985 and 2015, 57 concrete cisterns were built and over 250 black plastic tanks given out to help ease the suffering of many people in Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

She assisted many people on her journey and sowed many seeds in this charitable organization. We are honoured to recognise Sr. Keturah Benjamin for her years of dedicated service to the SSVP.

St David's PC

Sr. Mary Laura George

Sr. Mary Laura George has been a long-standing Vincentian for over 42 years. She joined the Pomme Rose conference in February 1977. She has been a committed, dedicated and industrious member since her entry into the society. Mary George is a household name in her church parish and by extension throughout the parish of St David's and beyond. She has served in the capacity as Assistant Secretary for a number of years and Secretary for 23 years. She is instrumental in the establishment of ties with persons within the diaspora who have supported her conference financially and otherwise through the years. She has represented her church conference in several local and national events and has been instrumental in encouraging persons to join the SSVP.

We are honoured to recognise Sr. Mary George for her years of dedicated service to the SSVP.

Eastern PC

Sr. Lindly Philbert

Sr Philbert has been an integral part of the Battle Hill conference from its inception in 2002. She served as President and is now serving as Assistant President. She is an active member of the Particular Council and is always interested in attending meetings, trainings and festival

celebrations and offering assistance. She passionately serves those in need even if it means using her own resources. She is well known in her church community and contributes significantly to the upkeep of the Battle Hill Shrine. She has been and continues to be a source of inspiration to others.

We are honoured to recognise Sr. Lindly Philbert for her years of dedicated service to the SSVP.

St. George's PC

Sr. Susanna Antoine

Sr. Susanna Antoine is a foundation member of the Beaulieu Sr. conference from its inception in 1980. She served at the highest level at the National Executive, at the Particular Council level and also at her conference as President and Secretary. Sr. Susanna cares deeply for those in need and has contributed significantly to assisting and improving the lives of the vulnerable through various activities including visitation, help in cleaning and washing for the elderly and organizing Holy Mass at the homes of the elderly and shut ins. She is always available to offer advice and support on all matters relating to the SSVP. In her very simple, unassuming and principled way, she has touched the lives of many of her fellow Vincentians and those she has served.

We are honoured to recognise Sr. Susanna Antoine for her years of dedicated service to the SSVP.

Western PC

Bro. Thompson Crosby

Bro. Thompson Crosby is a stalwart of the SSVP, having been a member for over forty years. He was instrumental in starting the Victoria conference and has served that conference with distinction in the capacity as President. He ensured that the conference remained viable through the years and that goal was again pursued two years ago when he recruited a full slate of new members to ensure that the conference remained active and viable. He also served at the highest level of the Society as a member of the National Executive and also at the Particular Council level. Bro. Crosby has a wealth of information and knowledge about the SSVP and he is always willing to share his knowledge and advice. His commitment to the Society and its ideals is unwavering. His service to the vulnerable has been outstanding through the years.

We are honoured to recognise Bro. Thompson Crosby for his years of dedicated service to the SSVP.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Bro. Lennox & Sr. Marcelle Lewis

Bro. Lennox and Sr. Marcelle Lewis of Blessed Sacrament conference were instrumental in the operation of an afterschool education program for marginalized children where they served as tutors. The program began in 2008 and served 18 students ranging in ages from 5 years all the way to tertiary level. During the programme all students successfully completed and graduated from secondary school and those who qualified progressed to tertiary level. Today each of these past students is now educated, employed and no longer dependent on assistance from the SSVP.

We are honoured to recognise Bro. Lennox and Sr. Marcelle Lewis for their invaluable contribution to education.

Bro. Michael Gellineau

Mr. Michael Gellineau is a long-standing member of St. Paul's conference. He is well known for his ability to solicit sale at all fund raising events hosted by the SSVP. He has become very famous over the years for consistently selling the most raffle tickets as well as selling significant numbers of dinner tickets. He is always willing to assist and never turns down an opportunity to assist in fund raising.

We are honoured to recognise Mr. Michael Gellineau for his invaluable contribution to fund raising.

Fr. Dermot Nolan

Father Dermot Nolan served faithfully as Spiritual Director to the SSVP from 2010. Father Nolan attended all Annual General Meetings, Executive meetings and on many occasions National Council meetings. These meetings were usually held at different venues island wide and Father Nolan always drove to the various venues with no complaints. He was dedicated to his designation and shared the Word of God with all our members.

We are honoured to recognise Father Nolan for his invaluable contribution to SSVP spirituality.

Bro. Edwin James

Bro. Edwin James has been a member of Tivoli conference for many years. He was instrumental in the establishment and promotion of the local Granny scheme. This scheme which began in 2010 and which was subsequently renamed the Bishop Vincent Darius Granny Scheme provides monthly monetary support for vulnerable seniors. Originally, funding for Granny support came from overseas sources. It was Bro. James's idea to start a locally funded scheme to ensure that our seniors needs were met on an ongoing basis. A total of 18 persons have benefitted from the scheme to date. Currently there are eleven (11) grans on the scheme and this program continues to be a lifeline of support.

We are honoured to recognise Bro. Edwin James for his invaluable contribution to SSVP programming.

Bro. David Thomas

Bro. David Thomas has served the SSVP for over 40 years. He served as a member of the first national executive under Bro. Milton Gabriel where he held the position of National Secretary. He served as President of the St. Paul's conference and is an active member of the St. George's PC. He has a wealth of knowledge on the SSVP and served as advisor on many matters relating to SSVP policies, SSVP Statutes, SSVP history in Grenada and the SSVP membership booklet.

We are honoured to recognise Bro. David Thomas for his invaluable contribution to SSVP growth and development in Grenada.

SSVP thanks all our members, benefactors and well-wishers and looks forward to your continued support as we journey to the next century. Special thanks to all those who provided additional support.

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