



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES, SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL[®], INC.



Lynne Betts

National
Vice President –
Eastern Region

Lynne Betts currently serves as the National Vice President – Eastern Region.

Lynne worked as a Community & Business Development Specialist for a regional non-profit, supporting individuals with varying disabilities until March 2020. She is currently the Parent Support Specialist in a subsidized neighborhood and addressing issues of poverty.

A native of Delaware, Lynne has lived in Washington, D.C. & Baltimore and has traveled extensively. After completing an apprenticeship with the International Brotherhood of Painters & Allied Trades (IBPAT) in the DC metro area in 1982, she became the first woman Journeyman in the Mid-Atlantic States. In the mid-1990's, Lynne participated in an immersion training with the Children's Defense Fund, Community Action Training (CAT). She was the Stand for Children, DE co-chair as well as the president of the DE Association of Family Childcare Providers. She received the Outstanding Volunteer Award in 1996. Since then, Lynne has served two terms as president of the DE Organic Food & Farming Association (DOFFA), and co-founded the Seaford's Farmers and Artisans Market. In 2017, she was presented with the local Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award.

Lynne helped establish the SVdP Conference at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Seaford, DE in early 2001. She served as their first president for two terms, and then the first female president for the Council of Wilmington for two terms. She is a long-standing member of the Voice of the Poor (VOP) Committee locally and served as the Eastern Region VOP chair.

Lynne attended the National Convocation in Florida, and then organized local Vincentians to serve as hosts for the Diocesan Convocation in Ocean City, MD.

Lynne has taken training opportunities to become a DE Certified Naturalist, a Community Master Wellness Volunteer, and a youth Fly-By-Light facilitator with One Common Unity.

To stay grounded in Catholic Social Teaching and the Vincentian Charism, Lynne does Home Visits, attends regional and annual SVdP gatherings, and has participated in the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering for over 10 years.