



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE US SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Tom Pelger

National
Vice President –
North Central Region

Tom Pelger was elected as National Vice President – North Central Region in 2017. He supports over 500 Conferences and their Councils across 18 dioceses in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, the upper peninsula of Michigan, and central and northern Illinois.

In 2010, Tom began volunteering with a Society Conference in Peoria, Illinois conducting Home Visits to assist needy families in their community. He has served as a Conference President, District Council President, a member of the national Systemic Change Task Force, the national Getting Ahead Task Force, and the national Finance and Strategic Plan Committees.

Tom is passionate about going beyond immediate needs assistance and moving into deeper relationships with those we serve. He led the startup and implementation of his Council's Coming Together to Get Ahead program — an 18-week small group workshop that helps individuals in poverty look at their life now, their life as they dream it could be, assess personal and community resources, and build motivation to change and a plan to realize their "future story." Tom is a member of Peoria's Racial Justice and Equity Commission, serving as co-chair of the Job's and Economic Development Committee.

Tom was born in Chicago and lived in Kansas City and St. Louis as a child. After graduating in 1973 with a B.S. in Engineering Management from Missouri Science & Technology, he joined Caterpillar in Peoria, Illinois. During 37 years in sales & marketing, he lived in Illinois, Ohio, New Hampshire, England, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland and Japan. In his parishes, he's served as Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, parish council president, and has been active in Marriage Encounter and Cursillo.

Tom has three adult children, six grandchildren, and is married to Susan Prebil.