



National Council of the United States

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Tom Pelger supports the National Council's nine Region Vice Presidents and the Councils and Conferences they serve nationally.

In 2010, Tom began volunteering with a Society Conference in Peoria, Illinois, conducting Home Visits to assist needy families in the 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, the national Finance and Strategic Plan Committees, and as the Vice President for the North Central Region. In his community, he co-chairs the Jobs & Economic Development committee of the city & county's Racial Justice & Equity Commission.



TOM PELGER

National Vice President of
Regional and Council Support

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 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 his 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.