

TWINNAGE COMMITTEE

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Yellow Sheet References: There appears to be some confusion, probably caused by me keeping changing the rules, over the reference numbers to go against monies banked and reported on yellow sheets.

From within SVP: The changes have been caused by a change in the method by which National Office refund the SVPS payments to Twinnage. Previously they had a complicated system, which to be honest I never really understood fully, but which, put simply, extracted the information from conference returns.

At the instigation of Adrian Abel we have coded the database so we can produce an analysis of receipts and this also enables us to produce a list of all income received from conferences which excludes council and individuals. Hal Broadbent, the former Finance Director, as one of his final acts, refunded the SVPS charges up to end 2013/14 based on the comprehensive list that I was able to produce.

The changes do, however, mean that we need to be easily able to identify monies paid by conferences on which they have paid SVPS. Could I therefore ask that:

1. For conferences which have a twinning code any monies received on which they will have paid SVPS are reported against that code (if they have more than one use any one).
2. For conferences which do not have a twinning code but which are sending a donation on which SVPS will have been paid please allocate a unique one to them, suggested numbers are those starting from 200. Please report any new numbers to Helen when sending in the yellow sheet.
3. Should you receive any money from conferences on which they have not paid SVPS (there really should not be any!) or from a DC or CC with no Twin code please code 000.

From individuals:

4. Donations from individuals on which we cannot re-claim gift aid should all go down as 999. This should include fund raising initiatives, like parish collections, on which SVPS has not been paid. (For parish collections conferences should really get a parish cheque and not pay through their SVP account).
5. Donations where a gift aid recoverable number has been allocated by David please use the same number as long as they are still tax payers. If it is very old check with David.
6. Where there are new gift aid declarations please send the names to David who will allocate their unique number. Use this on the yellow sheet and write in on the GAD before sending that to David.



Seasonal greetings and correspondence to twins:

India: Where there is no active correspondent known please send to the relevant CC President with a covering note (an up to date list is attached). We do need to be aware that not all Indian conferences have members with written English skills so replies cannot be guaranteed.

Sudan: I have just heard that letters can now be received by Bro Emile Mikhariz at:
St. Vincent De Paul Society,
Khartoum 2,
North of Jaber Abu Ezz Hospital for Diabatecs,
Office No. (17),
Khartoum - SUDAN,

or e-mail to: svdpo@yahoo.co.uk

It will take Emile some time to deliver them and so I think this is for general correspondence rather than seasonal greetings and again replies from conferences are fairly unlikely. I would also ask that overtly "Christmas" cards are not sent.

South Sudan: There is as yet no active postal service but greetings can be e-mailed to charles_loboka@yahoo.com. Again it could take some time before they are delivered but no restriction on Christmas cards if you don't mind them getting there late.

Romania: I think all addresses are known but if not please contact Mary Abel.

Grenada and Guyana: A visit is planned for Jan / Feb next year so please ask our twins to let you have greetings, very small light gifts as well if they like. These can be forwarded to me or passed to one of the visitors if someone from your CC is going.

Lists of contacts from our twins:

At the time of writing less than half our CC Twinnage Officers have responded to the request sent out some months ago. If you are still working on it could you please let me know, if not please start! Any problems please let me know.

The information is being requested from all donor twin countries worldwide and then will be spread out to all receiving countries. I would hate England & Wales to get publicity as the one donor country which has not fully complied.

With best wishes to all for a happy and peaceful Christmas and a fruitful year ahead.

Terry