



**Hope in Action Systemic Change Workshop** – North Central Region is holding a Systemic Change train-the-trainer workshop. This workshop will equip a Diocese, District, or Conference team to plan their local implementation and train others in their community. The scope includes an overview of the Society’s systemic change direction, Bridges Out of Poverty constructs, and how to launch systemic change at the individual level using the *Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin’ by World* program supported by mentoring.

The workshop will be January 23-24 at Bishop Lane Retreat Center, 7708 East McGregor Rd, Rockford, IL 61102. This workshop is open to planning and formator teams from any part of the country.

There is a \$110 per person registration fee to cover the cost of four Bridges books and other conference expenses. This fee should be paid by check to St Vincent de Paul National Council. Note “Jan 23-24 Hope in Action workshop” in the memo line of the check. Checks should be mailed c/o Tom Pelger, SVdP Peoria Council, 4419 W. Jewelwood Ct, Peoria IL 61615.

Accommodation and meals cost will be paid directly to the Bishop Lane Retreat Center, and depend on your travel plans. The program starts 10:30 on Friday, ends mid-afternoon on Saturday.

Standard package assumes arrival Friday morning, departure Saturday afternoon - 1 night accommodation, 4 meals (2 lunches, dinner, breakfast) - \$94 per person individual, \$70 per person shared double

For long distance travelers needing to arrive on Thursday evening - 2 nights’ accommodation, 5 or 6 meals (depending on arrival for Thursday dinner) - \$150 per person individual, \$103 per person shared double (includes Thursday dinner, Fri breakfast, and other meals during program); \$140 pp individual, \$93 pp shared double (Fri breakfast plus meals during program).

For local day participants - \$41 – Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday breakfast & lunch

Rockford is 1 hour 45 minutes by bus from Chicago O’Hare.

**Program registrations must be made by January 12, using the following link:**  
[redpelon.com/scworkshop](http://redpelon.com/scworkshop)

**To reserve your room, contact Bishop Lane Retreat Center (c/o Beth), 815-965-5011.**

For questions on the program, contact Tom Pelger, [tppelger@comcast.net](mailto:tppelger@comcast.net)