



### Membership of Viatores Christi

Viatores Christi is a Membership Association, founded in 1960, celebrating 60 years of mission and development in 2020. We aspire to be a community of members and friends, supporting the organisation and each other in our mission to share life's journey with the poor and marginalised, committed to freedom, peace and justice in the creation of a better world. We organise events and opportunities for our Members and Associates to come together and strengthen our bonds, our inspiration and commitment to the mission, vision and ethos of Viatores Christi. Members are encouraged to be active in the association and support our activities both at home and overseas in whatever way they can. Some do this by serving as Council members, on various Committees, mission awareness and fundraising in parishes, helping with our training course, ongoing financial support etc; as well as attendance at various gatherings where the VC spirit of welcome, faith, friendship and mutual support is kept alive and enhanced.

**How to become a member of VC:** There are several ways of becoming a member of VC as follows:-

1. By becoming a volunteer on active service with one of our partner organisations overseas.
2. By serving as a Home Based Volunteer on a Committee or in a variety of situations for at least 6 months,
3. By being invited to be an Honorary Member in recognition of exceptional services rendered to VC.
4. New Members apply for full or associate membership and are formally ratified by the VC Council.

### Viatores Christi Ethos Statement

*Challenged by Gospel values and committed to freedom, peace and justice in the creation of a better world, we share life's journey with the poor and marginalised.*

*True to our Catholic Tradition we aim to uphold Christian values in everything we do.*

*Our vision is a world of freedom, peace and justice, where everyone is empowered to live their lives with dignity, equality and respect.*

**Full or Associate Membership of VC** is offered to new volunteers based on criteria, agreed by the members at AGM or the Council. Simply put the full membership sees the VC member acting from a faith motivation whereas associate membership requires only that the VC member respects the Catholic ethos and values of the Association.

All those who are offered assignments are asked to become either full or associate members of the VC Association. Both full and associate members are invited to attend and vote at the annual general meeting, can be elected to the Council and take an equal and active part in the association. Membership is free to those who travel overseas and for the first year after their return. Thereafter there is a small annual fee payable, (currently €25).

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