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**BEGINNING OF THE AIC JUBILEE YEAR**  
**8th December 2016 - 10th December 2017**

**Dear Volunteers,**

On 8th December 2016, we will begin our Jubilee Year to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of our foundation and the birth of Vincentian charism.

We invite you to renew your commitment to serve God through contact with people who are living in poverty.

*Being an AIC volunteer means getting out of our comfort zone to enter someone else's world, the world of those who live on the peripheries where there is another reality, set of values, culture and means of religious expression. As such, being an AIC volunteer means going where the people in need are and adapting to their reality. It's not about giving what we think they need, but about first listening to how they feel, what they're thinking and what they require, so that we can support them in the process of discovering the strengths that each of us has and so be able to achieve our dream of building a world of love, peace and justice.*

We hope that each country will celebrate this great accomplishment with activities to deepen our charism and communicate it to others, as well as by reflecting profoundly about how we can do our work better, always hand in hand with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

We would really like to thank the Presidents who have already shared their initiatives for the 400th anniversary with us and invite all the other Presidents to do the same. You can find out what will be happening on our website, in the "400 years/Jubilee Year" section, which we hope we will soon be able to complete with your help.

Throughout the year, we will be sending you different materials created for our anniversary, which you can use to enrich your reflections and celebrations. We will also be holding our International Assembly in Châtillon in March. We are aware that only a small percentage of volunteers will be able to attend this event, but we will all have the chance to follow the proceedings through our website and Facebook page.

Please find attached the **prayer for the Jubilee Year**, which aims to unite us all, and so to strengthen our vocation of service.

We send you our kindest regards, wishing that Christ and St Vincent may accompany us now and always,

***The members of the Executive Board and Permanent Committee,***  
***Alicia, Aliette, Anne, Babeth, Gayle, Maru, Selina, Sumaia, Laurence and Tayde***