



MISSION PLAN



New Zealand, Fiji & Tonga Territory
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. In the context of New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga, we apply this through our shortened mission statement of *caring for people, transforming lives and reforming society by God's power.*

God is calling us back to a focus on our hearts and attitudes.

In 2005, senior leaders asked what was holding us back from achieving more of this mission. A subsequent season of consultation and prayer identified four main areas of strategic priority and the Territorial Strategic Mission Plan (TSMP) was born. TSMP proved extremely helpful in providing focus for Salvationists and so was extended in both 2010 and 2013.

In seeking God about what to do next, we have felt a clear and exciting new direction emerge. To date, TSMP has been about action—the ‘what’: we want to make disciples, increase soldiers, fight injustice and develop leaders. But now we feel God is calling us back to a focus on our hearts and attitudes, to consider: ‘Why do we really do what we do?’ and ‘what do we really value?’

In summarising Jesus’ life, John wrote, ‘*Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name*’ (John 20:30-31). This is our ‘why’. We want people to have the full and forever *life* that comes through a relationship with Jesus. The Māori translation of our name, ‘Te Ope Whakaora’, captures that, being translated as ‘the Army that brings Life’. Bringing Life is the overall **purpose** of our new Mission Plan.

To answer the question: ‘what do we really value?’ and to signal the culture we want to see reflected across The Salvation Army, we are introducing a set of seven **values**. These are derived primarily from our Soldier’s

Covenant. We hope these values will have a life that extends past the duration of this Mission Plan.

So, where are we now? We are well resourced, we enjoy a respected profile with the Government and the general public, and God is bringing 120,000 people through our doors each year—people seeking our help. In other words, God has given us everything we need to make a difference for His Kingdom!

We also recognise areas where we need to see improvement, particularly in how we live and serve together. With this in mind, for the next **three years**, we are looking to focus on **two practices**:

- 1. Living like Jesus:** Consistently reflecting the values and standards of Jesus in all aspects of our lives and in the way we ‘do’ mission
- 2. Doing mission together:** Offering holistic ministries that consider the *whole* needs of a person (spiritual, physical, emotional *and* social), with seamless connections between our faith communities and social service centres.

To make this easy to remember, we’ve simplified it to 1-2-3.

We will continue to focus on our mission. Our previous goals of making disciples, recruiting and deploying soldiers, fighting injustice and developing leaders will always be important. And we will continue to expect corps and centres to pursue localised mission opportunities to meet needs in their own communities.

But our prayer and plan as a territorial strategy is that by clarifying our purpose and maintaining a determined and unified focus on two specific practices over the next three years, we will see greater fruit for the Kingdom of God and a significant improvement in our culture to support effective mission.

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PURPOSE
BRINGING LIFE

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PRACTICES
LIVING LIKE JESUS
DOING MISSION TOGETHER

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YEARS
OCT 2016–2019

4 GREETINGS FROM OUR TERRITORIAL LEADERS

There is no doubt that our Territorial Strategic Mission Plan (TSMP) has been beneficial to our territory. When it was launched in 2005, we were a somewhat disconnected Army, but when Janine and I returned from South Africa late in 2013, we could see that TSMP's clear focus on just a few goals had unified Salvationists and brought significant gains, particularly in helping us to become more mission focused, more aware of issues of social injustice, and by re-emphasising the significance of the Soldier's Covenant for Salvationists.

Since then, it has been our privilege to travel extensively throughout the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory, seeing great examples of ministry and meeting many wonderful people. We have been greatly encouraged that God is at work within the territory, bringing together Salvationists and others who want to join together in caring for people, transforming lives and reforming society.

As the territory's TSMP season draws to a close, The Salvation Army's senior leaders feel excited at the direction ahead as we launch a new Mission Plan under the banner of 'the Army that brings Life'.

In helping form this plan, we had expected to be here to see it through with you, but have since learnt that in December, we will leave for International Headquarters in London, to take up new roles there. As we prepare to depart, it is with a strong sense that God has spoken into and shaped this Mission Plan.

God is challenging us that we need to be known as people who *live like Jesus*, and that we must commit to an integrated and holistic approach, so we can truly say that we are *doing mission together*. And so we entrust

this endeavour into your keeping, confident that this is God's plan for the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory at this time.

We commend to you Colonels Andy and Yvonne Westrupp, fellow New

Zealanders who will take up leadership of the territory in January 2017. Andy and Yvonne were instrumental at the beginning of TSMP, championed that plan for a number of years, and are now committed to advancing this new Mission Plan.

Will you commit to living more like Jesus and doing mission together? Such a commitment will mean that many more of those who come in contact with The Salvation Army across New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga every day will experience the full life that God longs for them to know.

Will you commit to living more like Jesus and doing mission together?



With warm regards, **Commissioners Robert and Janine Donaldson**

MISSION AND HISTORY

Mission

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

In the context of New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga, we apply this through our local mission statement of *caring for people, transforming lives and reforming society, by God's power*.

- Caring for people: Salvationists follow the example of Jesus by identifying with the needy, standing alongside them and caring for people in all situations.
- Transforming lives: Salvationists believe that God can transform people and that the resulting wholeness is experienced through belief in Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. This transformation is evidenced in discipleship and commitment.
- Reforming society: Salvationists seek to express the love and power of God in the community. This calls for the challenging of manifestations of evil, injustice and oppression, and for steps aimed at their elimination.

Territorial Strategic Mission Plan

In 2005, senior leadership asked what was holding us back from achieving this mission, and after widespread consultation, four main areas were identified that formed the basis for what became known as the Territorial Strategic Mission Plan (TSMP). TSMP was updated in both 2010 and 2013, with its most recent iteration containing four goals and an overarching statement of intent to be mission-focused, efficient and to work together.

There's no doubt that over most of these 11 years, the clear focus of TSMP has really helped us.

- Congregational attendance increased
- After a previous period of decline, soldier enrolments remained steady
- Our attitude to social justice improved
- Corps and centres became far more mission focused, and in many areas, more connected and streamlined, and

- We have invested significantly in a wide range of leadership development opportunities.

But it is also apparent that TSMP is coming to the end of its life. Over the past 18 months, many of these successes have started to drop off, leading senior leaders to discern that we need a new Mission Plan.

New Mission Plan

In preparing this new plan, we've examined the issues affecting us at the moment and where we may be losing focus and impact. TSMP has been about action—the 'what'. We want to make disciples, increase soldiers, fight injustice and develop leaders, so we can care more for people, transform more lives and reform society.

There's a saying that 'culture eats strategy'—in other words, even with the best plans in the world, people's hearts and attitudes determine what we will achieve. We therefore feel God is calling us back to a focus on our hearts and attitudes, to consider: *Why do we want to care for people, transform lives and reform society? And what sort of people do we need to be?*

The answers to these questions will apply in all Salvation Army contexts, regardless of the ministry provided or the ethnicities, background, ages, and other aspects of individual identity represented. This document, therefore, does not provide specific direction for individual demographic groups (such as youth, children, women, seniors, social services, corps, Māori, Fiji or Tonga). Instead, it is the expectation that all mission contexts will develop individualised plans that reflect the imperatives of our territorial plan within their settings.

Cultural Contexts

In the context of New Zealand, we uphold Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi) as the covenant on which our nation's bicultural partnership is established. Te Ōhāki is our Māori Ministry Strategic Plan for 2015 to 2025, and will be implemented alongside this Mission Plan.

We also desire to be relevant to the cultures of Fiji and Tonga, and all cultures represented in New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga. We believe this can be achieved when we uphold Jesus Christ as the head of the Church, who, through the power of the Holy Spirit, unites all people.

6 CULTURE

Purpose

One of the ways Jesus described his mission was to bring life. For example, in John 10:10, Jesus is recorded as saying, 'I have come that they may have *life*, and have it to the full.' But what is this *life*?

In summarising the life of Jesus, John writes that '*Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name*' (John 20:30-31).

Our Purpose: We are the Army that brings Life.

Life in his name is the full and forever *life* that God intended from creation—a restored and eternal connection to God through a relationship with Jesus.

But this is also a life that from that moment forward is lived not just for self, but for others. It is a life of meaning and purpose that can transform and heal a broken world. Through us, God wants to bring wholeness and healing to others. This is our 'why'—to bring people this life.

This awareness of Jesus as life-giving Saviour of the world was well understood by our early New Zealand Salvationists who chose 'Te Ope Whakaora' as the term for The Salvation Army's mission to Māori. Te Ope Whakaora literally translates as 'the group bringing life' and answers that question: 'Why do we exist?' The Salvation Army in New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga exists to bring *life* to others—we are 'the Army that brings Life'.

Values



In developing this plan, we have identified seven values that we believe reflect who we are, how we strive to act, and how we make decisions.

In upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi), we have reflected the Treaty's principles of partnership, protection and participation in our values of Doing the Right Thing, Caring for Others, and Offering a Place to Belong.

1. We Put Jesus First

Our International Mission Statement reminds us that we are an international movement that is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Our message is based on the Bible and our ministry is motivated by the love of God.

When Jesus was asked which is the greatest commandment, He answered: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

Putting Jesus first is about pursuing a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, becoming more like Him, and promoting this life-changing relationship to others.

- **Expected behaviours:** Making Jesus known, Transforming Lives, Following Jesus (Discipleship), Led by the Holy Spirit, Lifestyle of Worship
- **Bible verses:** Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 22:37-38, John 3:16, Proverbs 3:6

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."
Matthew 22:37



2. We Care for Others

Jesus' second great commandment is to 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Our Christian faith compels us to care for others, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised in society. But it's not just a passing concern—it's compassion in action, walking alongside people in relationship and offering a hand up.

- **Expected behaviours:** Caring for people, Relational, Biased to the Vulnerable, Meeting Needs, Offering a Hand Up
- **Bible verses:** Matthew 22:39, Matthew 25:35-40

'And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself."' Matthew 22:39

3. We Walk the Talk

Walking the talk is about authenticity—living according to the teachings in the Bible, upholding Christian integrity in every area of our lives, doing what we expect of others and treating others as we would want to be treated. It allows no room for hypocrisy or duplicity.

- **Expected behaviours:** Integrity, Respect, Authenticity, Practice What You Preach, Backed up by Action
- **Bible verses:** James 1:22, Romans 12:1-2, Proverbs 4:23

'Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.' James 1:22

These seven values reflect who we are, how we strive to act, and how we make decisions.

4. We Think Holistically

We believe in a ministry that addresses the whole person—their spiritual, physical, mental/emotional and social needs. It is this integrated holistic ministry that leads to true life transformation.

This need for holistic ministry was well understood by William Booth who wrote: *'You cannot warm the hearts of people with God's love if they have an empty stomach and cold feet',* and *'To get a man soundly saved it is not enough to put on him a pair of new breeches, to give him regular work, or even to give him a university education. These things are all outside a man, and if the inside remains unchanged you have wasted your labour. You must in some way or other graft upon the man's nature a new nature, which has in it the element of the Divine.'*

- **Expected behaviours:** Seeing the Whole Person: Spiritual, Physical, Mental/Emotional, Social/Family
- **Bible verses:** John 10:10, Matthew 9:2-8, Mark 12:30

'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' John 10:10



5. We Offer a Place to Belong

In a world that is becoming increasingly individualistic, we offer a place to belong—authentic faith communities where anyone is welcomed and encouraged to participate, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or background. Authentic communities thrive on qualities such as hospitality, trust, respect, grace, acceptance, unity and humility.

We also believe that God has given us all gifts and talents to be used for the building up of His Kingdom and church, and so we expect people who profess to follow Jesus to not only belong, but also to contribute as they are able to the life, work, worship and witness of the faith community.

- **Expected behaviours:** Hospitality, Community, Grace, Acceptance, Participation, Contribution
- **Bible verses:** Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 Peter 4:9, Hebrews 13:2

‘Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.’ Acts 2: 46-47



6. We Do the Right Thing

All our resources have been given to us by God to bring about transformation, so we look to do the right thing with our time and gifts, money and possessions, body, mind and spirit, recognising we are accountable to God.

We look to collaborate with others where this will enhance our mission; are good stewards of God’s creation; challenge evil, injustice and oppression, and in the context of New Zealand, honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi).

- **Expected behaviours:** Accountability, Stewardship, Partnership, Caring for the Environment, Reforming Society
- **Bible verses:** James 4:17, Genesis 2:15, Micah 6:8

‘If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.’ James 4:17

7. We Support our Army

We are proud to be a part of God’s international Salvation Army, and willingly support our fellow Salvationists, both locally and around the world. We are loyal to our leaders and remain true to the international principles and practices of The Salvation Army, to win the world for Jesus.

- **Expected behaviours:** Unity, Spirit of Salvationism, Active in Service, Contributing Internationally
- **Bible verses:** John 17:20-23, Acts 1:8

‘I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.’ John 17: 22-23



CURRENT SITUATION

God has given us everything we need!

Where Are We Today?

So, how are we placed to bring life to people across New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga?

We are well resourced, with access to enough money, property, technology, resources and quality people to support our mission.

We enjoy a respected profile with the Government and the general public, who see the great work we do to help the vulnerable.

And God is bringing 120,000 people through our doors each year, people who are seeking our help.

In other words, God has given us everything we need!

Strategic Issues

For all the good things that we celebrate, we must be responsible stewards of the opportunities he is giving us and we recognise there are areas where improvement is needed.

- Many of these 120,000 people are not experiencing the life offered by Jesus, partly because our corps and centres often work in isolation from each other
- Some of our congregations are stagnant, and may even be unwelcoming.
- We sense a general decrease in passion for souls and a lack of consistent discipling.
- While there are pockets of effective youth and children's ministries, in many areas, these are struggling
- We have a shortage of leaders, and disappointingly, we sometimes observe poor leadership behaviour.

These are big issues, and we need to put in place plans to address all of them.

STRATEGY

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Our purpose reflects why we exist, our values reflect who we are, and our mission reflects what we do. As The Salvation Army, we will always want to introduce new people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus (salvation), and help them grow as disciples of Jesus (discipleship).

But, reflecting on where things are currently in the territory, we believe God is calling us to specifically improve in two particular areas, to become more effective. We are calling these 'practices', to emphasise that these ideas should be 'how we always do things around here'. These practices describe the culture we want to see normalised across our territory within the next three years.

The two practices are: *Living like Jesus, and Doing Mission Together.*

Practice 1: Living like Jesus

Living like Jesus might be defined as developing the character of Jesus or obeying His commands. But in the context of this practice, we are more specifically looking to reflect the values and qualities of Jesus in all aspects of our lives.

'In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' (Matthew 5:16)

'Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good' (Romans 12:9).

Jesus challenges us to treat each other in such a way that the world will notice we are His disciples and be drawn to God. This means being welcoming and hospitable; treating each other well; offering a place to belong before people believe; judging less and showing grace more; and The Salvation Army being regarded as one of the best places to work. Disappointingly, this is not always the case.

If we truly want to be the Army that brings Life, we must model the fullness of life that comes from a relationship with Jesus, starting from our officers and other leaders, and continuing through all our Salvationists and staff. We were born out of a 19th century holiness movement and it is time to reclaim both our beliefs and our practice. So, for the next three years, we are calling for a conscious effort to live like Jesus, and so draw people towards Him.

How will we know we are being successful?

We will know we are being successful when we see:

- an improvement in our behaviour as evidenced by our Working Well and new Congregation Survey results
- an increase in personal accountability, as evidenced by more one-on-one discipling and mentoring, and more group accountability.

Get Involved

Think: ‘Is this living like Jesus?’ before you act.

Put in place **personal accountability** (e.g. spiritual partner, mentor, small group accountability).

Make use of RightNow media and our resource recommendations.

How will we help people live like Jesus?

Strategy	Action	Supporting Resources
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify what is meant by Living like Jesus, and what it looks like in our circles of influence (home, work/school, community, church, centre) • Provide training resources for centres, and recommendations of resources • Introduce Right Now Media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sermon series on our values • Holiness sermon ideas • Resource recommendations • Right Now Media • <i>In the Master’s Hands</i>, by Robert Street • Further rollout of our Respect Policy
Modelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage better behaviour in centre teams (e.g. staff meetings), corps teams (e.g. music group practice) and small groups • Calling out people when their behaviour is less than acceptable; and kindly but actively addressing the behaviour • One-on-one discipling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group accountability exercise and team devotions ideas • Weekly ideas shared via social media • Biblical worldview questionnaire (for new leaders) • One-on-one discipling resource
Develop Local plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask all corps and centres to develop a plan for Living like Jesus in their context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Template
Measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a Working Well Survey to obtain an initial staff satisfaction benchmark. Address issues and re-survey in 2018 • Regular surveys to assess perceptions of behaviours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Well officer and staff survey • Congregation survey
Leadership Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote good leadership practices • Introduce the Education and Training Framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refine and complete Local Leadership Development resources

We want to reflect the values and standards of Jesus in all aspects of our lives...

Practice 2: Doing Mission Together

Doing Mission Together is about being intentional in offering holistic ministries that meet people's spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs, with seamless connections within and between our faith communities and social service centres.

In Matthew 25, Jesus spoke about the need for faith that translates into action by caring for the hungry and thirsty, outsiders and the sick, and those who are imprisoned. In 1 Corinthians 12, we are encouraged to recognise the different gifts that exist within individuals, working together to achieve God's purpose for the church.

Likewise, William Booth said, *'Faith and works should travel side by side, step answering to step, like the legs of men walking. First faith, and then works; and then faith again, and then works again—until they can scarcely distinguish which is the one and which is the other.'*

A holistic approach is already reflected in Models of Care used by the Bridge programme and Community Ministries. 'Te Ōhāki', our Māori Ministry Strategic Plan, also focuses on working together and relationships. However, some of our corps and centres do not reflect such a holistic approach, and we are not offering seamless services in many areas. And very few of the 120,000 people coming to us each year for help are ever welcomed into a faith community.

So, for the next three years, we want to be more intentional about doing mission together, encouraging all our people to be involved in holistic ministry. This, in turn, will enable us to offer Life more effectively to the people looking to us for help.

To do this, we'll need our corps and social service centres to be more integrated, with structures and Integrated Mission Plans in place to ensure we offer seamless services. These Integrated Mission Plans will help corps and social service centres work together to identify how they are going to provide pathways to faith

and connection with the wider Salvation Army from various mission activities, such as Positive Lifestyle Programmes, Aspire youth groups and Bridge centres. Such plans are an invitation to be creative in thinking about everything from how to build relationships and show unconditional love, through to what steps might be required to help people progress in their journey with help from the wider Salvation Army, and what those steps might look like. Of course, we also want to provide seamless services within a centre.

We'll need more Salvationists participating in our social services and will need to make it easy for them to do so. We'll want staff and Salvationists to think more holistically when dealing with people and situations. And we'll need all of our faith communities to be welcoming.

How will we know we are being successful?

We will know we are being successful when we see an increase in the number of:

- first-time decisions (especially those who first came through social services)
- people linked to a corps/faith community from social services
- corps/centres that have an integrated mission plan developed with another corps/centre
- people from corps participating in social services.

Get Involved

**Participate in the IHQ
Year of Mobilising.**

**Participate in training when
it is offered.**

**Find out about the The Salvation
Army services in your area, and
find a way to participate.**

How will we help people do mission together?

Strategy	Action	Resource
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide training in holistic ministry • Provide training in how to share your faith 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holistic Ministry resource • How to share your faith resources • Expand induction resources
Mobilise Salvationists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 International Year of Mobilisation • Prayer for friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHQ Year of Mobilising resources – march, prayer, training
Help Faith Communities become more welcoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide training for congregations to be more welcoming • Encourage faith communities to develop plans for welcoming and including new people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk across the room style training • Ideas for including new people • You Can Belong posters
Encourage Connection	Develop regional hubs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings • Integrated mission plan • Centre visits/tours • Sharing stories/activities • Pilot an integrated service to 60 families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection ideas • Integrated plan template
Make it easy to participate	Make it easy to participate in integrated ministries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide ideas • Provide opportunities to volunteer, in centres and in corps groups • Continue Taking it to the Streets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking it to the Streets resource • Ideas for how to participate
Increase percentage of Christian staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to get more Salvationists employed in our formal social services • Continue to offer academic scholarships, and promote vacancies in corps and centres • Offer social service training in corps (e.g. training for new budgeters) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Academic Scholarships • Mission Opportunities • Local Training

Let's be intentional in offering holistic ministries that meet people's spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs.

ENSURING SUCCESS

This Mission Plan will only be successful if it is well communicated, leaders are held accountable, and progress is reviewed regularly.

Communication

To help Salvationists and staff become aware of and engage with this Mission Plan, we will:

1. Release a set of resources at Congress 2016 that summarise the plan and help people become enthusiastic about its content.
2. Provide resources for corps and centre leaders to introduce the plan to their people.
3. Post updates, stories, resources and ideas to social media and encourage contributions.
4. Continue to release regular War Cry articles and quarterly videos of news and progress.

Accountability

To hold leaders accountable, we will:

1. Require all corps, centres, divisions, nationally management programmes and THQ Sections to develop a local plan for implementing this Mission Plan. These actions will then be incorporated into their standard annual plans.
2. Include a Mission Plan progress report by each Division/Region and Nationally Managed Programme in their relevant Governance Board.
3. Report progress to the Territorial Governance Board three times per year.

Action Plan

Strategy	2016	2017	2018-2019
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-7 prayer • Mission Plan launch resources • Establish social media presence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media • Quarterly videos • War Cry articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media • Quarterly videos • War Cry articles
Living Like Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Well Survey • RightNow media • Values sermon series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local plan template • Congregation survey • Biblical worldview questionnaire • Resource recommendations • Leadership training modules • One-on-one discipling resource • Group accountability resource 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing rollout of leadership training • Resource recommendations • Working Well Survey (2018) • Congregation Survey (2019)
Doing Mission Together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking it to the Streets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHQ Year of Mobilising • Integrated plan template • Connection ideas • Ideas for participation • You can belong • Introduction of training (Being more Welcoming, Holistic ministry, Sharing your Faith) • 60 families pilot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing rollout of training (Being more Welcoming, Holistic Ministry, Sharing your Faith)

14 THE FUTURE

Vision

So, what does the successful outworking of this Mission Plan look like in practice?

It might mean someone coming into one of our social service centres looking for help and being greeted by a volunteer from the local corps who offers them a cup of coffee. Over a couple of chats, the volunteer recognises that this person is lonely and so invites them to the community meal or some other activity at the corps, arranging to pick them up or meet them there.

It might mean people from a corps considering becoming regular attenders and supporters of their local Recovery Church, building relationships and showing unconditional love and acceptance to those in recovery, inviting them home for meals, offering to run Bible study or organise bridge-building social activities between the corps and Recovery Church.

It might mean Family Store staff being helped to promote the various activities available through The Salvation Army in their area, and being encouraged to build relationships with customers with a view to identifying their deeper needs. A lonely elderly woman could be told about the weekly home league on offer, and her contact details passed on to the home league secretary for follow-up.

It will certainly mean the leaders in an area visiting each other's places of mission to understand the various ministries and people's needs of the people that The Salvation Army is supporting, and then working together to develop innovative and exciting Integrated Mission Plans. Centre staff might visit the corps to explain their ministry and ways the congregation could get involved. And corps people might visit the centres to promote the open groups they offer and explain how these could be relevant to clients. Together, they might realise they would each like to offer an Alpha course but don't have the resources to do it alone, so they decide to do this together. The social service centre might express a need for a babysitting club, or for corps people to establish relationships with parents that could see their children feel more comfortable getting involved in the Army's youth group or kids church.

It means people asking themselves whether the workplace interaction they are about to have will bring life or take it away; and whether they should wait before sending an angry email.

It means each of us living like Jesus and doing mission together to introduce people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus, so they can find the fullness of life that only Jesus offers.

It means grasping hold of the truth that we are 'The Salvation Army'—*the Army that brings Life*.

It means each of us living like Jesus and doing mission together to introduce people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus, so they can find the fullness of life that only Jesus offers.

Get Involved

Participate in **24-7 Prayer**.

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