

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

**1-2-3**

## OVERVIEW

The Salvation Army is an international movement and an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Our local mission statement is 'caring for people, transforming lives and reforming society by God's power'.

This Mission Plan clarifies our purpose and asks for a determined and unified focus on two specific practices over the next three years, in the hope that we will see greater fruit for the Kingdom of God and a significant, long-term improvement in our culture to support effective mission.

To clarify this culture, we're also introducing a set of territorial values.

To make the plan easy to remember, we've simplified it to 1-2-3:

- **One purpose:** We are the Army that brings Life
- **Two practices:** Living like Jesus and Doing Mission Together
- **For three years:** 2016-2019.

# ONE PURPOSE

One of the ways Jesus described His mission was ‘bringing life in all its fullness’ (John 10:10). In summarising the life of Jesus, John the Apostle 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).

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 purpose, being translated as ‘the Army that brings life’. Bringing Life is the overall **purpose** of our new Mission Plan.

*‘I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.’ John 10:10*

# TWO PRACTICES

## 1. LIVING LIKE JESUS

**Living like Jesus** is about reflecting the values and qualities of Jesus in all aspects of our lives, to draw people towards him.

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 will know we are being successful when we see:

- an improvement in our Working Well and new Congregation Survey results
- an increase in personal accountability.

We will help achieve this by:

- supporting discipleship training and one-on-one discipling
- providing access for all Salvationists and staff to RightNow media
- encouraging personal and group accountability
- providing further leadership training.

## 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 between our faith communities and social service centres.

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

- first-time decisions
- people linked to a corps/faith community from social services
- integrated mission plans developed with other corps/centres
- corps people participating in social services.

We will help achieve this by:

- Providing training in holistic ministry, how to share your faith, and being welcoming
- Developing regional hubs and integrated mission plans
- Making it easier to participate in social services.

## FOR THREE YEARS: 2016-2019

We will continue to focus on our mission —and the TSMP goals of making disciples, recruiting and deploying soldiers, fighting injustice and developing leaders will always be important.

But for the next three years, we will put extra emphasis on these two practices with the expectation that this short term focus will lead to an ongoing and improved missional culture.

*We are the Army  
that brings Life!*

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## ONE PURPOSE

### Get Involved

Participate in the IHQ  
Year of Mobilising.

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Participate in training when  
it is offered.

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

## TWO PRACTICES

### Get Involved

**Think:** 'Is this living like Jesus?'  
**before you act.**

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

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Make use of RightNow  
media and our resource  
recommendations.

### Get Involved

Participate in **24-7 Prayer**.

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Like our Facebook page and  
**share stories and ideas.**

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## THREE YEARS



# VALUES

To signal the culture we want to see, we are introducing seven values.

**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.

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.

**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.

We **think holistically** to provide 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.

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. And 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.

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. This includes collaborating with others, challenging injustice and being good stewards of creation.

We are proud to be a part of God's international Salvation Army, and willingly **support our Army** and 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.



**MISSION PLAN**

**LIVING LIKE JESUS**

*Caring for People, Transforming Lives and Reforming Society*



**2016** | **2019**

**THE ARMY  
THAT BRINGS  
LIFE**

*by God's Power*

**DOING MISSION TOGETHER**