



Welcome to our very first edition of our Candidates Newsletter! We will be producing one every quarter for you, packed with news, resources, event information, important dates and spotlights on different people on their calling journey. We hope you enjoy reading!

We have been reflecting on Psalm 138:8 lately.

“The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.”

This verse reminds us that each of us has a unique purpose and calling. Our lives have meaning and significance in the grand tapestry of God's plan, and because God's love for us endures forever, we can have confidence that He will never forsake the work He has begun in our lives. He will see it through to completion.

As you reflect on God's purpose for your life, my prayer for you is that you will surrender your plans, desires, and expectations to Him, knowing that His purpose for you is far greater and more fulfilling than anything you could imagine. I pray you will find comfort in God's unwavering love and remain confident that He will faithfully accomplish His work in your life.

God bless you!

Carson Decker
Major
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Ministry Placement Program 2024

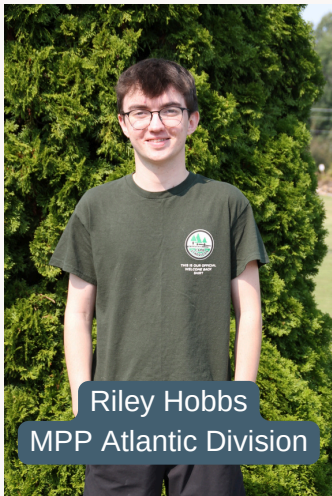


This year's Ministry Placement Program cohort gathered together with the Territorial Candidates Department and Divisional Candidates Secretaries for orientation week at Jackson's Point Retreat and Conference Centre. It was such a blessing to be together in this beautiful space.

Our week together consisted of learning, personal reflection and sharing, prayer, and a time of worship and blessing, preparing participants for a year of ministry at their placements throughout the territory.

Please pray for these participants as they take time this year to discern God's call on their lives while engaging in hands on ministry.

For more information on this program, please visit www.sacandidates/ministryplacement



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Explore Your Call October 4-6, 2024

This weekend is open to individuals who are exploring/discerning God’s call on their life. It is a time of spiritual retreat, spending time in community with others and learning about what full-time ministry in The Salvation Army could look like for you. This will be an in-person event held at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

We ask you to pray for all delegates and leaders as they attend this meaningful event.

Registration for this weekend has now closed but stay tuned for details for this event October 3-5,2025!



The purpose of the Candidates Connect is to create a community of like-minded people who feel a sense of calling to full time ministry, and to allow opportunities to learn about different aspects of what full-time vocational ministry within The Salvation Army could look like. Candidates Connect events centre around the three pillars mentioned below as well as create space for discerning God’s call.

THE THREE PILLARS

The foundation and mission of the Candidates Connect have been captured in the following three pillars:

Building Character

Candidates Connect will actively develop spiritual maturity, practical faith, and holiness of life and witness of the members.

Building Capacity

Candidates Connect will actively develop the practical, academic, and leadership skill and knowledge base of the members.

Building Community

Candidates Connect will actively develop comradery and fellowship amongst members through their shared experience of exploring God’s call on their lives.

Not a member yet? Download the application form from the Candidates Connect page under the Explore Ministry tab at www.sacandidates.ca/



Call and Commitment 2025

Anchor Verse - Matthew 9:35-38, The Message. “Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. “What a huge harvest!” he said to his disciples. “How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!” (Matthew 9:35-38 MSG)



Pastor appreciation day is Sunday, October 13th, 2024. Why not spend some time praying for them? The International Spiritual Life Development department has created a prayer resource you can use to pray over your pastor and leaders in the church. Visit this link to download it today!

<https://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/praying-for-leaders>

Mark your calendars for February 2025!



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Psalm 138:8

Meet the team!!

Major Carson Decker, Territorial Candidates Secretary.

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Captain Joyce Downer, Divisional Candidates Secretary, BC Division.

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- October**
- 4-6 Explore Your Call
- 13 Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- November**
- 10 Territorial Candidates Connect 6pm via Teams.
- December**
- 1 Advent begins
- 2025**
- February - Call and Commitment month**
- 2 Call and Commitment Sunday
- 9 Territorial Candidates Connect 6pm via Teams.
- March**
- 5 Ash Wednesday - Lent begins
- April**
- 18 Good Friday
- 20 Easter Sunday
- May**
- 4 Territorial Candidates Connect 6pm via Teams.

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