



Participant's Guide

Adherent Training

2024 – Canada & Bermuda Territory





Session 1: Summary

Who is The Salvation Army?

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The Salvation Army is an international Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible; its ministry is motivated by love for God and the needs of humanity.

VISION

We are an innovative partner, mobilized to share hope wherever there is hardship, building communities that are just and know the love of Jesus.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Salvation Army exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in the communities of our world.

CORE VALUES

- Hope: We give hope through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Service: We reach out to support others without discrimination.
- Dignity: We respect and value each other, recognizing everyone's worth.
- Stewardship: We responsibly manage the resources entrusted to us.

History

The Salvation Army began in 1865 when William Booth, a London minister, gave up the comfort of his pulpit and decided to take his message into the streets where it would reach the poor, the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. The Salvation Army began its work in Canada in 1882, just 15 years after Confederation, and quickly began giving hope to those in need in this country. In Bermuda, The Salvation Army began its work in 1896.

Governance

The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda is part of an international religious and charitable organization whose members demonstrate their Christian faith and beliefs through practical concern for the social well-being of all mankind. The Salvation Army operates in more than 130 countries and is headed by the General who is located at the International Headquarters (IHQ) in London, England.



The worldwide Salvation Army is divided into territories, commands and regions. The Salvation Army in Canada is part of the Canada and Bermuda Territory, which is subdivided into four divisions. The Governing Council of The Salvation Army in Canada is the primary legal entity that The Salvation Army operates through in Canada. This corporation, which was created by a special act of Canada's Parliament, holds title to most of The Salvation Army's assets.

In Bermuda, The Salvation Army operates through a similar corporation known as The Salvation Army Corporation of Bermuda, which was incorporated by a special act of the Bermuda Legislature.

Structure

When William Booth began the work of The Salvation Army, he believed he was fighting a war against evil. Figuratively speaking, he was in a "battle" against poverty, crime and all things that would bring people down. Since then, The Salvation Army has utilized army discipline, language and structure to help achieve its mission.

- Salvation Army corps members are known as soldiers/adherents/friends.
- Soldiers worship at their local corps (church) and may wear a uniform.
- Local officers are those holding positions of leadership, such as corps sergeant-major, young people's sergeant-major, women's ministries secretary, community care ministries secretary, bandmaster, etc., and various other leadership positions. These are voluntary and unpaid.
- Salvation Army officers are full-time paid clergy (ministers of religion), trained and commissioned (ordained) by The Salvation Army. Officers have different ranks and wear uniforms.
- When a soldier decides to become an officer, they enter The Salvation Army College for Officer Training (CFOT) as a cadet. Once commissioned (ordained) they are promoted to the rank of lieutenant. After further study and five years of service, they are promoted to captain, and after 15 years of service, they become a major.
- Higher ranks, such as lieut.-colonel, colonel and commissioner, are gained on merit and appointed by the General (the world leader).



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Activity 1: Mission, Vision, & Values

What do you know about The Salvation Army? (Write down what comes to mind when thinking about The Salvation Army.)

What do you think is its mission/purpose? (Why are they doing it?)

Activity 2: History

What happened on these dates? Fill in the timeline.

1865	
1867	
1878	
1882	
1896	
1909	



Activity 3: Structure

In the space provided, write the title that goes with each description:

1. A corps/church member _____
2. A corps/church leader _____
3. A minister/pastor/reverend _____
4. A Salvation Army soldier, who is called by God to become an officer and enters The Salvation Army College for Officer Training (CFOT) becomes a _____
5. A cadet who has successfully completed a period of practical training and academic study through the CFOT is commissioned (ordained) as an officer with the rank of _____
6. An officer who has successfully completed five years of service as a lieutenant becomes promoted to the rank of _____
7. An officer who has successfully completed 15 years of service is promoted to the rank of _____
8. An officer promoted and appointed by the General. This is a positional appointment based on merit and service and involves greater responsibilities _____
9. An officer promoted and appointed by the General to a position based on merit and service that involves greater responsibilities, such as oversight of a territory _____
10. An officer elected by The Salvation Army's senior leaders from around the world to be the head (world leader) of the organization _____



Session 2: Summary

What does The Salvation Army believe?

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Doctrines

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God: and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.
2. We believe that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship.
3. We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.
4. We believe that in the person of Jesus Christ the Divine and human natures are united, so that He is truly and properly God and truly and properly man.
5. We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocence but by their disobedience they lost their purity and happiness; and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally depraved and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God.
6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has, by His suffering and death, made an atonement for the whole world so that whosoever will, may be saved.
7. We believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation.
8. We believe that we are justified by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.
9. We believe that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ.
10. We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified, and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



11. We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgment at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked.

Symbols

THE RED SHIELD

The Red Shield is an internationally recognized symbol of The Salvation Army. It represents the shield we provide to people in need of help, whether it be spiritually, physically, financially or emotionally.



THE CREST

The crest is a meaningful symbol of the Salvationist's beliefs. Its emblems set forth the leading doctrines of The Salvation Army as follows:

- The crown speaks of God's reward for His faithful people
- The sun (the surround) represents the light and fire of the Holy Spirit
- The "S" stands for salvation from sin
- The cross of Jesus stands at the centre of the crest and the Salvationist's faith
- The swords represent the fight against sin
- The shots (seven dots on the circle) stand for the truths of the gospel
- "Blood and Fire" is the motto of The Salvation Army. This describes the blood of Jesus shed on the cross to save all people and the fire of the Holy Spirit which purifies believers.



THE FLAG

Around the world, the Salvation Army flag is a symbol of the Army's war against sin and social evil. The red on the flag symbolizes the blood shed by Christ, the yellow for the fire of the Holy Spirit and the blue for the purity of God the Father.



Sacraments

The Salvation Army believes that no particular outward observance is necessary for inward grace and that God's grace is freely and readily accessible to all people at all times in all places. Christ is the one True Sacrament. Sacramental living is at the heart of holiness and discipleship.

BAPTISM: The essential baptism is that of the Holy Spirit when a person is "born again" and inspired by God's love. While other denominations may practise infant baptism, The Salvation Army practises the ceremony of dedication, recognizing that the infant/child has no sense of will in the matter, but rather the act of commitment is on the part of the parent.



Ceremonies, such as “dedication services” and “swearing in” of soldiers, are valuable so long as people do not rely on ceremonies as redemptive instead of relying on the Holy Spirit’s work.¹

“For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

1 Corinthians 12:13

1. John Coutts. *This We Believe*, p. 128

THE LORD’S SUPPER: The Salvation Army views communion as an outward expression of an inward act of grace, however, the ceremony is not essential to salvation or growth in grace. Christ is the one True Sacrament. Sacramental living is at the heart of holiness and discipleship. Salvationists are encouraged to celebrate Christ and His real presence at all meals and in all worship services.

LOVE FEAST: This tradition has its roots in the fellowship meals of the New Testament. These meals were not sacraments but served the purpose of ensuring that all believers were well cared for—sharing all in common. The practice of the love feast was revived by John Wesley (Methodist) in the 18th century. It sometimes involved the sharing of bread and water, sometimes the washing of one another’s feet after the example of Jesus. From Wesleyanism, it naturally found its way into Salvationism. It was an occasion for personal testimony and the open expression of one’s desire to be sanctified and holy. It has been used by Salvationists to restore unity through confessions and apologies. In the present day, the love feast has evolved to become a setting for recommitment of believers one to another in shared solidarity in Christ (see John 13:34).

The love feast provides the opportunity to affirm one another in Christlike love in a context of shared food and fellowship, and this, together with other creative options, ought to be explored as a means of remembering Christ and His self-sacrifice at Calvary.²

2. Shaw Clifton, *Who are these Salvationists?* p. 99-103

MERCY SEAT (OR PENITENT FORM): The mercy seat is a bench provided as a place where people can kneel to pray, seek salvation or make a special consecration to God’s will and service. The mercy seat is usually situated between the platform and main area of Army halls as a focal point to remind all of God’s reconciling and redeeming presence.



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What does The Salvation Army believe?

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Activity 1: Doctrines

Draw a line from the statements on the left to the corresponding Doctrine on the right.

A. Saved people are given the chance to be used by God to serve Him. When they have given themselves to Him fully, they can be given power to serve Him, and be kept from sinning.	1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God: and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.
B. Our first parents, by their disobedience, lost their sense of God's favour, and came under the power of sin; and because of this we are rightfully subject to God's judgment.	2. We believe that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship.
C. God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one God.	3. We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.
D. On the cross Jesus suffered and died for the sins of everyone, so that whoever places their faith in Him will be saved.	4. We believe that in the person of Jesus Christ the Divine and human natures are united, so that He is truly and properly God and truly and properly man.
E. Salvation is a free gift from God. It is received when we believe in Jesus; and when we are saved we know it.	5. We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocence but by their disobedience they lost their purity and happiness; and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally depraved and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God.
F. To remain in a right relationship with God, we trust in Jesus to help us, and we must go on doing as He wants us to do.	6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has, by His suffering and death, made an atonement for the whole world so that whosoever will, may be saved.
G. When our bodies die we ourselves will go on living in a new and different way. At the end of time Jesus will judge all people. Those who have chosen Him to be their Saviour will be happy to live with Him as their King, forever. Those who have not done so will experience the reality of God's judgment, being separated from all that is good and lovely because of their choice to live apart from Him.	7. We believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation.
H. To be saved we must truly be sorry for doing wrong and turn to God by trusting in Jesus and allowing the Holy Spirit to make us new people.	8. We believe that we are justified by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.
I. Jesus is both truly God and truly human: He has both God's nature and our nature.	9. We believe that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ.
J. There is only one God, and He is altogether perfect in every way. He is the Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things. We should not worship anyone or anything else.	10. We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified, and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
K. God inspired good people to speak and write what is in the Bible, so that from it we may learn the way God desires for us to live.	11. We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgment at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked.



Activity 2: Symbols

THE FLAG

What do the following colours represent?

Red: _____

Yellow: _____

Blue: _____

When it is used: _____

THE CREST

What do the following symbols stand for?

The crown: _____

The sun: _____

The "S": _____

The cross of Jesus: _____

The swords: _____

The shots: _____

"Blood and Fire": _____

THE SALVATIONIST'S UNIFORM

The Salvationist's uniform currently serves three purposes:

- Internally _____
- Externally _____
- Internationally _____



Session 3: Summary

What is The Salvation Army's place in the community?

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Corps Ministries

The Salvation Army is about the gospel of the whole person. It caters to every facet of your life, including your family. Throughout the week, Salvation Army corps (churches) provide a multitude of activities for both church and local community members.

Worship

The Salvation Army is an integral part of the universal Christian church, although distinctive in government and practice. Salvation Army places of worship are sometimes called citadels, temples, or community churches, but, whatever their name, they are Christian churches open to the community they serve and offering a warm welcome to all.

Most Salvation Army centres hold weekly worship services, usually on a Sunday. These meetings have a relaxed atmosphere and can include worship songs (both traditional and contemporary), Bible readings, testimonies (members of the congregation talking about their Christian experiences) and presentations by worship or drama groups. The hymns and songs may be accompanied by a traditional Salvation Army brass band and/or a more contemporary worship band with keyboard, guitars, drums and other instruments. A songsters brigade (choir) may provide a vocal lead or present a reflective musical item. As well as services on a Sunday, there are often weekday and evening activities, such as prayer groups, Bible studies, small groups, family events, lunch groups, youth clubs and meetings for seniors.

Spiritual Life & Prayer

The Salvation Army is not only part of the Christian church but also a holiness movement whose members seek to become more like Jesus Christ through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Personal devotions, communal worship, and prayer are vital parts of The Salvation Army's spiritual life, as are Bible study and meditation.

Spiritual Development Programs

The Salvation Army provides regular activities to foster spiritual growth and development. These include activities for a variety of age groups and provide biblically based teaching, education, fellowship, fun and community connection.



Community Impact

The Salvation Army is passionately committed to eradicating poverty and caring for people who are struggling. The Salvation Army is working to address the dehumanizing scourge of poverty and injustice and educate the public about what it means to live in poverty—and what they can do to help.

The Salvation Army is an international Christian organization that began its work in Canada in 1882 and has grown to become the largest non-governmental direct provider of social services in the country. The Salvation Army gives hope and support to vulnerable people today and every day in 400 communities across Canada and more than 130 countries around the world. The Salvation Army offers practical assistance for children and families, often tending to the basic necessities of life, providing shelter for homeless people and rehabilitation for people who have lost control of their lives to an addiction.

There is a broad range of social programs offered to cater to the varied needs of the community including addiction services, older adult care, international development, court and prison services, disability services, domestic violence services, emergency services, material assistance and family support services.



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Activity 1: Community Activities

Write either true or false next to each statement below.

The Salvation Army...

- Delivers hot soup and bread to the hungry _____
- Gives kids something to do after school _____
- Teaches disadvantaged people how to use computers and the internet _____
- Helps homeless get job skills _____
- Provides a program to prevent and reduce the harms associated with drug use _____
- Discriminates against people according to gender, race or socioeconomic status _____
- Provides an environment for people to explore their faith _____
- Officiates at weddings and funerals _____
- Focuses solely on the spiritual well-being of people _____
- Is part of the universal Christian church and stands as its own denomination _____

Activity 2: Programs

Identify two spiritual development programs that are currently available through your corps, and what you know about each program.



Activity 3: Social Services

What services are you aware of that are currently being operated in your community and run by The Salvation Army?

What services are you aware of outside your community and around the world?



Session 4: Summary

How can I belong to The Salvation Army?

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Everyone is welcome to attend a Salvation Army corps (church) and be part of our faith community. Some people choose to make a more formal level of commitment as an adherent, soldier or officer of The Salvation Army.

Membership as an adherent, soldier or officer begins with salvation. The basis of faith is a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The following information gives a step-by-step account of how to establish this relationship with God.

Plan of Salvation



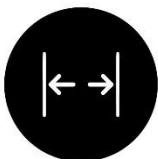
Step #1 – God's Plan: Know that God loves you and has a plan for your life.

God has created us in His image to have fellowship with Him. He wants us to experience His love, have an abundant present life and a rich eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10b

Since God has planned for us to have this abundant life with the hope of eternal life, why are many people not experiencing it? What's the problem?



Step #2 – Our Problem: Know that we have sinned and caused a separation between himself and God.

God wants us to willingly love Him out of our own choice, not because He forces us to. However, this freedom of choice (self-will) has allowed us to choose to go our own way, disobey God and sin, at the expense of a relationship with Him. Our sin has caused a separation between us and God. On our own, there isn't a way for us to attain the perfection we need to bridge the gap between us and God.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." Romans 3:23.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23



"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you..."
Isaiah 59:2

The Good News is that God has provided a way to bridge the separation between us.



Step #3 – God’s Provision: Know that Jesus Christ is God’s ONLY provision for our sins.

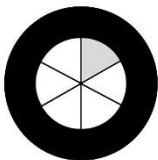
Only God can deal with our sins. Since He is pure and good and holy, God cannot say that sin doesn’t matter—it does. God has done something about our sin. He has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus’ death on the cross.

Literally, Jesus paid the price, the cost for our sins. He paid our debt. Through the death of Jesus, God is saying, “Although you are sinners, I still love you enough to die for you.” God has done all that is needed to deal with our sins. He offers His forgiveness to every man and woman, the opportunity to have the slate wiped clean, and the chance of a brand new beginning in life. All we need to do is accept His offer.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8

In light of God’s provision for us, what will be our response to His Boundless Love?



Step #4 – Our Response: Know that we must individually receive Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

To accept God’s offer we need to do two things—repent and believe. Repentance is not just feeling sorry for what we’ve done. It is a complete about-face, turning away from our sins and turning towards God. Believing is more than having an intellectual knowledge about Jesus. It is a personal trust that Jesus can and does forgive our sins. To accept God’s offer, we need to acknowledge our sins, believe that Jesus can do something about them, and commit to following Jesus.

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

"If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God" Ephesians 2:8

Is there any reason why you would not accept God’s offer today?

Pray, asking God to forgive your sins, asking Jesus to take control of your life, and believing that God does answer prayer.



SALVATION

When we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour we are:

Born again: "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit." John 3:6

Put right with God: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Romans 3:23-24

Adopted into God's family: "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "*Abba, Father.*" The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." Romans 8:15-17

Given the assurance of a new life in Christ: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Membership

SOLDIERS

Soldiers of The Salvation Army are Christians who have undertaken a specific covenant (or promise) regarding lifestyle and beliefs. They are not employed by The Salvation Army, although they may take on paid positions by applying through conventional means. Soldiers are eligible to wear the Salvation Army uniform and are part of a corps in their local area.

Soldiers testify that...

- they worship God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- they have accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord
- they are committed to the work and mission to which Christ has called The Salvation Army as part of His church
- they believe in the Bible as the Word of God
- they agree with The Salvation Army's doctrines
- they will be responsive to the Holy Spirit and seek to grow in grace
- they will make the values of the kingdom of God the standard for their lives, showing Christian integrity in their deeds, maintaining Christian ideals in their relationships, and upholding the sanctity of marriage and family life
- they will be faithful stewards of all they have and are
- they will abstain from the use of all enslaving substances and harmful activities*
- they will be active in God's work both in sharing the gospel and in serving the needy and will contribute financially to its support
- they will be true to the principles of The Salvation Army.



ADHERENTS

Adherents are Christians who consider a local Salvation Army corps to be their church home and want to support its vitality through their presence and involvement.

While not entering into a Soldier's Covenant, an adherent declares that they:

- Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and seek to follow Him
- Participate through worship, fellowship and service at a local Salvation Army corps
- Identify with the mission of The Salvation Army and would indicate so in a census
- Are 14 years of age or older and not an active member of any other religious body

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN ADHERENT MEMBER OF THE SALVATION ARMY?

- Adherent members enjoy a deep and sincere friendship within their local corps as well as a worldwide circle of Salvationist friends.
- Adherent members benefit from the spiritual and practical support of their corps officer, as well as the spiritual counsel and encouragement through Salvation Army meetings and activities.
- Adherent members have the sacred opportunity of contributing to the financial support of their local corps. An envelope system is available for use in all corps.
- Adherent members are offered a variety of opportunities to get involved in activities that further the mission of The Salvation Army.
- Adherent members have the option of taking a further step of commitment by becoming a soldier member, which is strongly encouraged.

FRIENDS

"Friends" refers to individuals who support The Salvation Army's mission and activities but choose not to be soldiers or adherents. Friends may participate in Salvation Army events, volunteer their time, contribute financially, and generally align themselves with The Salvation Army's values and goals. They form a broader community that extends beyond the formal membership, allowing for a more inclusive involvement of individuals who share The Salvation Army's commitment to serving those in need and are growing in their own discipleship journey within the context of their corps community.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENTS

Soldiers, adherents and friends are an integral part of the faith community of the corps and each needs to understand the biblical perspective on membership within the Body of Christ, His church.



According to Thom S. Rainer, membership means:

- Being an “active participant” of the church [corps]
 - Part of the body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12:12-31). Putting your spiritual gifts into action—serving, giving, ministering, evangelizing, studying, and blessing others.
- Being a “unifying participant” of the church [corps]
 - Practising love and forgiveness (see 1 Corinthians 13; Matthew 6:14-15) not gossip or dissension. There are no perfect officers, staff or congregants, just people—we need to help keep corps unity.
- Being an “unselfish participant” of the church [corps]
 - Membership is not about my preferences and desires. I am here to serve others as Christ does. (see Philippians 2:5-11)
- Being a “praying participant”
 - Pray for the leaders; their work is never-ending. Pray for their emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. Pray for their families. Pray for their protection. Pray for wisdom. (see 1 Timothy 3)
- Being a “tithing participant” of the church [corps]
 - Giving generously to the work of the Lord (see 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Malachi 3:8-10; Deuteronomy 16:10, 17). We are simply stewards of God’s gifts. He gives us 90 percent and asks that we give Him 10 percent.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Senior Soldier

How do I become a senior soldier?

1. Speak to the officer in your corps about membership
2. Attend membership classes
3. Sign the Soldiers Covenant
4. Your name will be submitted to the Corps Pastoral Care Council
5. Upon acceptance, your name will be entered on the soldier’s roll
6. You will be presented with your Soldier’s Covenant and welcomed as a senior soldier during a public ceremony.

Adherency

How do I become an adherent?

1. Speak to the officer in your corps about membership
2. Attend membership classes
3. Complete the application form
4. Your application will be submitted to the Corps Pastoral Care Council
5. Upon acceptance, your name will be entered on the adherent’s roll
6. You will be presented with an official certificate and welcomed as an adherent member during a public ceremony.



Session 4: Activity Page

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Activity 1: What do you believe?

What do the following statements mean to you?

- I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ

- I seek to follow Him

- I desire to be like Him

Activity 2: Soldier's Covenant

Write down examples of practical ways that these promises could be fulfilled.

I will be responsive to the Holy Spirit's work and obedient to His leading in my life, growing in grace through worship, prayer, service and the reading of the Bible.

I will make the values of the Kingdom of God and not the values of the world the standard for my life.

I will uphold Christian integrity in every area of my life, allowing nothing in thought, word or deed that is unworthy, unclean, untrue, profane, dishonest or immoral.

I will maintain Christian ideals in all my relationships with others: my family and neighbours, my colleagues and fellow Salvationists, those to whom and for whom I am responsible, and the wider community.



I will uphold the sanctity of marriage and of family life.

I will be a faithful steward of my time and gifts, my money and possessions, my body, my mind and my spirit, knowing that I am accountable to God.

I will abstain from alcoholic drink, tobacco, the non-medical use of addictive drugs, gambling, pornography, the occult, and all else that could enslave the body or spirit.

I will be faithful to the purposes for which God raised up The Salvation Army, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, endeavouring to win others to Him, and in His name caring for the needy and the disadvantaged.

I will be actively involved, as I am able, in the life, work, worship and witness of the Corps, giving as large a proportion of my income as possible to support its ministries and the worldwide work of the Army.

I will be true to the principles and practices of The Salvation Army, loyal to its leaders, and I will show the spirit of Salvationism whether in times of popularity or persecution.

Activity 3: Adherency

An adherent declares that they:



Activity 4: Reflection

What things am I already doing now?

What things do I need to do to keep growing in the things of God?

What are my opportunities for membership?

Activity 5: Participation

In what ways can I participate in and support the local Salvation Army congregation?

How can I help make The Salvation Army's mission my own?
