

ORDINATION AND COMMISSIONING

CHAMPIONS OF THE MISSION

Led by
Commissioners Lee and Debbie Graves

Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries

Supported by Colonels John and Lani Chamness

Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Spiritual Life Development

Scarborough Citadel
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"GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL"

MARK 16:15

The General's Commissioning Message

Founder: William Booth





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He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." (Mark 16:15 NIV)

Dear Cadets,

What a joy and privilege it is for Commissioner Bronwyn and I to greet you on this day of your ordination and commissioning as Salvation Army officers.

Today is a day of both congratulations and anticipation. You are to be commended for completing your training—well done! The time of preparation has come to an end—now you step out into officership equipped for the mission and ready to act.

Your mission, as declared in your Officer Covenant, is clear: "Called by God, to proclaim the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as an officer of The Salvation Army." The mission of the Army is God's mission-to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15 NIV). This is your mission as well. This is your calling. You go out into a world that needs champions. It needs supporters, encouragers, and advocates. It needs you, the servants of God, to be champions of his mission-to seek the lost, feed the hungry and to meet human need in his name without discrimination.

Our prayer for you is Paul's word to the Church in Colossae: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness" (Colossians 2:6-7). Here is the heart of mission, the strength for ministry: living our lives in God and for God. May you continue to live in and for the Lord as you champion his mission in the years ahead.

May God bless you richly in your service for him.

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Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham World President of Women's Ministries

Territorial Leaders' Commissioning Message



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To the Champions of the Mission Session,

A champion is one who overcomes, one who rises above and presses forward with unwavering resolve. And above all, Jesus is the Champion of champions. He calls us not only to follow him but to emulate him—to walk in his footsteps and share in his victory. Because he has overcome, we, too, can overcome.

As you are released to go into the world, go with confidence. He is not asking you to do anything for which he has not already prepared, empowered and equipped you. Go into all the world–preach, proclaim the good news. Care for the poor. Care for the dying. Care for the hungry and the displaced. Be the gospel in action. Be Jesus.

Be the Lord's champions by giving first place to the call God has placed upon your life, and to the community into which he is sending you to serve.

You will succeed—because he has defeated, surpassed and succeeded. You will overcome—because he has overcome. You will know victory—because in Jesus, by Jesus and through Jesus, there is victory.

Yes, trials and temptations will come. They will try to discourage and distract. But hold firmly to the victory that is found in Jesus.

So go—and do what you have covenanted to do. Give your all. Give your best. All to the glory of God. And he will be with you, sustain you and keep you.

Remember, Champions of the Mission seek not to be like the world, but to be like Jesus. Lead with humility. Serve with gentleness and sincerity. Let your life and ministry inspire others to know him more deeply.

Today, our hearts are full of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Lord, as we witness your ordination and commissioning—and as we release you to ever be *Champions of the Mission*.

"Yet I am so thankful to God, who always marches us to victory under the banner of the Anointed One; and through us he spreads the beautiful fragrance of his knowledge to every corner of the earth" (2 Corinthians 2:14 *The Voice*).

With joy and prayer,

Commissioners Lee and Debbie Graves Territorial Leaders

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Canada and Bermuda Territory

William and Catherine Booth Founders Lyndon Buckingham General Lee Graves Territorial Commander



The College for Officer Training is an international Salvation Army holistic program of learning and development.

Training aims to ensure a transformative learning experience for the cadet through the three lenses of:

Knowing: Knowing God through theological/educational understanding

Being: Forming an inner spiritual life

Doing: Mission and ministry (field) hands-on experience

Mission Statement

The Salvation Army College for Officer Training exists to prepare, develop and inspire men and women in character and competency for Salvation Army officership.

Training Principal's Commissioning Message



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Dear Champions of the Mission Session,

On behalf of the CFOT community, I offer heartfelt congratulations as you reach this important milestone: your ordination and commissioning. This moment reflects your dedication, perseverance and obedience to God's call to serve as Salvation Army officers. As you step into this sacred journey, hold close the Scripture from which your sessional name comes, Mark 16:15: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

These powerful words of Jesus remind us of the mission we are called to fulfil: championing the cause of Christ and delivering the hope of the gospel to a world in need.

I deeply admire the spirit you demonstrated throughout your training. As the pioneering session navigating a new training model within our territory, you faced distinct challenges and embraced new opportunities. Yet, through resilience, unity and a reliance on the Holy Spirit, you supported one another and allowed yourselves to be shaped and prepared for ministry. Thank you for your example.

Your ordination and commissioning begin a new chapter in your journey. As you step forward, drawing strength from the lessons, experiences and connections formed during your training, I have full confidence in your readiness to champion God's mission wherever He may lead. Remember His promise in Joshua 1:9: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

With grace and peace,

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Deana Zelinsky Major

Training Principal

Ordination and Commissioning of the Champions of the Mission

Saturday, June 21, 2025 1:00 p.m. Scarborough Citadel

Prelude		Canadian Staff Band Canadian Staff Songsters Piano
Entry of Territorial Leadership		Canadian Staff Band
Land Acknowledgment		Recording
Welcome and Call to Worship	Psalm 150:1-2	Colonel John Chamness Chief Secretary
Congregational Song	Lord of Creation, to You Be All Praise	Colonel John Chamness Canadian Staff Band
Sessional Song	Send Us, Lord (words & music: Marcus Venables)	Canadian Staff Songsters
	Entry of Sessional Flag and the Champions of the Mission	
Prayer	Territor	Colonel Lani Chamness ial Secretary for Spiritual Life Development
Congregational Song	Will You Come and Follow Me	Colonel Lani Chamness Canadian Staff Band
	Presentation of the Champions of the Mission	Major Deana Zelinsky Training Principal
	The Officer's Covenant	Cadet Peter Chaulk Cadet Josette Joseph
Congregational Song	Cornerstone	NEON Canadian Staff Band
	Declaration of Faith	Colonel John Chamness
Preparation in Prayer	In the Secret of Thy Presence	Canadian Staff Songsters
	Ordination and Commissioning Commissioners Lee and Debbie Graves Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries	

Dedicatory Prayer

Commissioner Debbie Graves

Congregational Song Send Us, Lord (reprised) **NEON Canadian Staff Band Canadian Staff Songsters** Video Meet the Champions of the Mission **Music and Arts Selection** Montreal Citadel **Montreal Citadel Timbrels Canadian Staff Band** March-In of the Territorial Flag, **Canadian Staff Band** Territorial Leadership and the Keepers of the Covenant March-In of the Champions of the Mission and Their Families Major Margaret McLeod Assistant Training Principal Montreal Citadel Timbrels **Canadian Staff Band Recognition of Appointments**Commissioners Lee and Debbie Graves Lieutenant Alicia McLeod **Representative Speaker Congregational Songs NEON Great Things** More Than Conquerors **Scripture** 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 **Ebun Oyerinde** Message "Humble Servant" **Commissioner Lee Graves** Piano Response Major Carson Decker **Call and Prayer for Candidates** Territorial Candidate Secretary **Congregational Song** I'll Go In the Strength of the Lord **Lieut.-Colonel Roxanne Jennings** Secretary for Personnel
Canadian Staff Band Benediction **Lieut.-Colonel Roxanne Jennings**

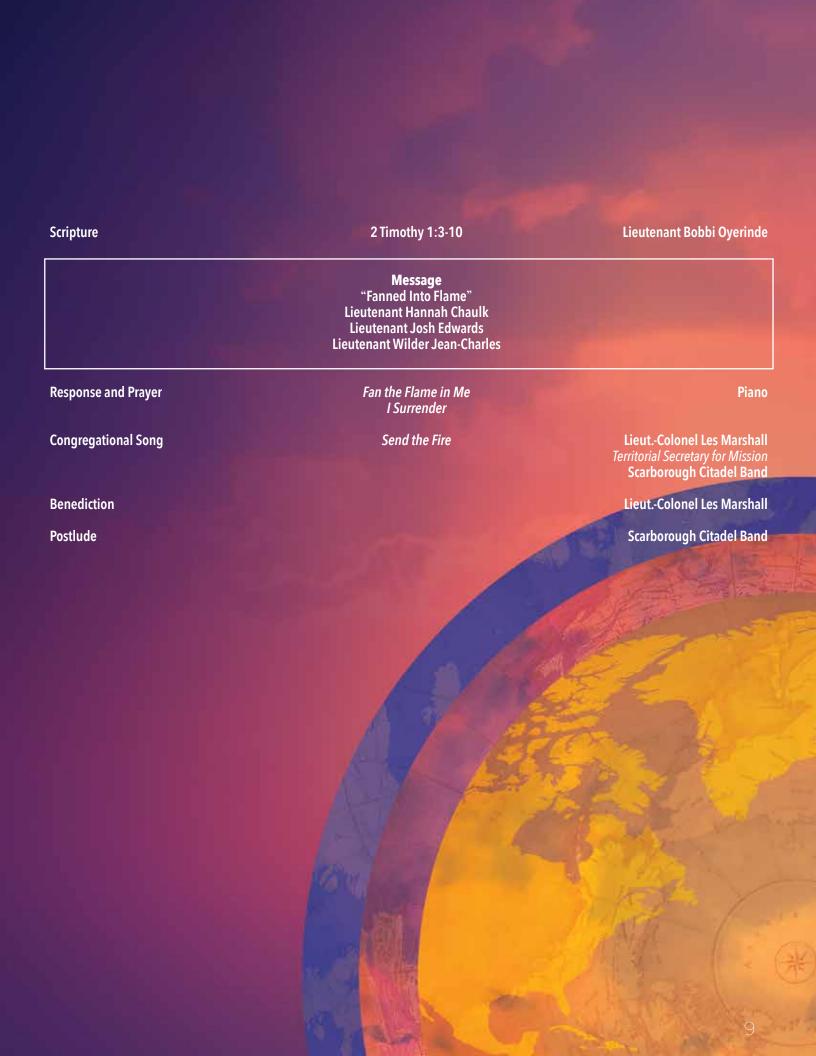
Canadian Staff Band

Postlude

Sunday Family Service and Recognition of Silver Star Recipients

June 22, 2025 10:30 a.m. Scarborough Citadel

Prelude		Scarborough Citadel Band Piano
Welcome and Call to Worship		Colonel John Chamness Chief Secretary
Congregational Song	Army of Salvation	Colonel John Chamness Scarborough Citadel Band
	Fire a Volley! Prayers of Praise by Cadets and New Lieutenants	
Congregational Songs	Same God I Will Follow	Scarborough Citadel Worship Team
Offering		Craneel Mcwan Piano
Band Selection	Glorious Day	Scarborough Citadel Band
	Recognition of Silver Star Recipients Commissioner Debbie Graves Territorial President of Women's Ministries Major Teresa Decker Territorial Women's Ministries Secretary	
Congregational Song	Facing a Task Unfinished	Major Mark Hall Corps Officer, Scarborough Citadel Piano
	Words of Commission Commissioner Lee Graves Territorial Commander	



THREE STEPS IN THE COMMISSIONING OF SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS

1. The Officer Covenant—Before becoming an officer, each cadet/ auxiliary-captain signs a sacred covenant with God, promising to serve Him fully through The Salvation Army. This personal commitment is made during a special service at the training college, witnessed by territorial leadership, training college staff and others, but made solely between the individual and God.



2. Ordination and Commissioning—These are sacred and special moments as the cadets/auxiliary-captains are officially ordained and commissioned as ministers of the gospel. Surrounded by prayer and support, their calling, their commitment to Christ and their dedication to serve others are in line with the mission and values of The Salvation Army.

3. Appointing—With celebration and fanfare, each new officer is formally entrusted with their first appointment, where they will serve and lead. This moment confirms their calling and sends them out as leaders in mission, ready to serve others in Christ's name and help people grow in faith. It marks the beginning of their active ministry as spiritual leaders and mission partners in the work of God through The Salvation Army.



THE SALVATION ARMY

WILLIAM AND CATHERINE BOOTH, FOUNDERS CANADA AND BERMUDA TERRITORY

COLLEGE FOR OFFICER TRAINING TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS



to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as an officer of The Salvation Army

I BIND MYSELE TO HIM IN THIS SOLEMN COVENANT

- To Love and serve Him supremely all my days;
- To Live to win souls and make their salvation the first purpose of my life;
- To Care for the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love the unloved and befriend those who have no friends;
- To Maintain the doctrines and principles of The Salvation Army and by God's grace to prove myself a worthy officer;
- **Done** in the strength of my Lord and Saviour and in the presence of the territorial commander, training college officers and fellow cadets.

CHAMPIONS OF THE MISSION COVENANT DAY – JUNE 19, 2025

Territorial Commander

When an officer is commissioned, a covenant is signed-a solemn promise to love and serve God, and to faithfully carry out the duties and responsibilities as an officer in The Salvation Army.

When Salvation Army officers sign this covenant they commit to loving God supremely all their days and to making people's salvation their first priority. The covenant lists some ways in which they do that.



Armée du Salut

WILLIAM ET CATHERINE BOOTH, FONDATEURS TERRITOIRE DU CANADA ET DES BERMUDES

COLLÈGE DE FORMATION D'OFFICIERS QUARTIER GÉNÉRAL TERRITORIAL

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AYANT ÉTÉ APPELÉ PAR DIEU pour proclamer l'Évangile de notre Seigneur et Sauveur Jésus-Christ,

en qualité d'officier de l'Armée du Salut,

PAR CETTE ALLIANCE SOLENNELLE, JE PROMETS À DIEU

- de L'aimer et de Le servir chaque jour de toute mon âme;
- de consacrer ma vie à gagner des âmes en Son Nom et de faire de leur salut mon but premier;
- de prendre soin des pauvres, d'aimer les mal-aimés, de nourrir ceux qui ont faim, de vêtir ceux qui ont froid et de tendre la main à ceux qui n'ont pas d'amis;
- d'observer les articles de foi et les principes de l'Armée du Salut et, par la grâce de Dieu, de me montrer digne de mon statut d'officier.
- Par la puissance de mon Sauveur et Seigneur bien-aimé, j'ai signé la présente alliance en présence du chef de territoire, du personnel officier du collège et de mes collègues cadets.

Champions de la mission Journée de l'alliance – 19 juin 2025

Directeur de la formation

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As declared

The cadets (standing) will say: In the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and in the presence of the officers, soldiers and friends of The Salvation Army here assembled, we declare that:

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.

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.

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.

Nous croyons qu'il y a dans ce Dieu unique trois personnes réellement distinctes, mais égales en puissance et en gloire : le Père, le Fils et le Saint-Esprit.

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.

We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocency, but by their disobedience they lost their purity and happiness, and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally deprayed, and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God.

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.

We believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation.

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.

We believe that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ.

Nous croyons que la possession permanente du salut dépend de la foi constante en Christ et de l'obéissance à sa parole

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.

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.

The Chief Secretary will say:

Do you promise faithfully to maintain and proclaim these truths? **The cadets will reply:**

We do!

The Chief Secretary will say:

Do you regard it as your duty to bear this witness everywhere, to strive to lead all persons to their only Saviour, and for His sake to care for the poor, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love the unloved, and befriend those who have no friends?

The cadets will reply:

We do!

The Chief Secretary will say:

Do you promise by holy living, boundless charity and adherence to the principles and discipline of the Army to show yourselves at all times to be faithful officers of The Salvation Army?

The cadets will reply:

We do!

The Chief Secretary will say:

In the name of God I accept the declarations and promises you have made this day. We will now proceed to your ordination and commissioning.

Certificate of Salvation Army Officer Training

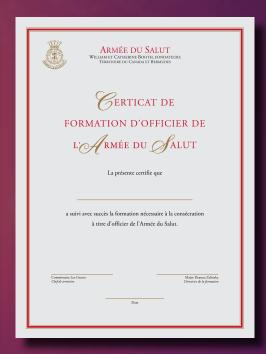
The Certificate of Salvation Army Officer Training is not an academic certificate but an acknowledgment that all aspects of officership training—character and spiritual life development, educational attainments and practical skills—have been completed.

The certificate acknowledges that by whatever training pathway the cadet has completed, they have met the requirements for ordination and commissioning.

Certificates and Degrees

The College for Officer Training partners with Booth University College to offer cadets university-level courses that count toward a Bachelor's degree in Biblical and Theological Studies. Cadets earn credits in areas such as theology, administration, and field practicum. Degrees from Booth University College are widely recognized by post-secondary institutions in Canada, the United States and internationally, and can be applied toward further education.







Bobbi Oyerinde Joshua Edwards Chesney Edwards Wilder Jean-Charles Josette Joseph

Alicia McLeod John Arndt Hannah Chaulk Peter Chaulk

CHAMPIONS OF THE MISSION



Cadets Hannah and Peter Chaulk with Gracie, Lorelai

Out of: Crossroads Community Church, Clarenville, N.L., Atlantic Division **Training corps:** Scarborough Citadel, Toronto, Ontario Division

Cadet Hannah Chaulk

But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

– 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

Cadet Peter Chaulk

I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.

— Psalm 34:4 (NIV)



Cadets Josette Joseph and Wilder Jean-Charles with Josbely

Out of: Light of Hope Family Church, Montreal, Atlantic Division

Training corps: Église Communautaire Nouveaux départs de l'Armée du Salut, Montreal, Atlantic Division

Cadet Josette Joseph

Car je connais les projets que j'ai formés sur vous, dit l'Éternel, projets de paix et non de malheur, afin de vous donner un avenir et de l'espérance.

– Jérémie 29:11 (LSG)

Cadet Wilder Jean-Charles

Mais je me souviendrai de mon alliance avec toi au temps de ta jeunesse, et j'établirai avec toi une alliance éternelle.

– Ezechiel 16:60 (NRSV)



Cadet Bobbi Oyerinde with Oyetayo, Abayomi, Ebun, Imisioluwa

Out of: Lloydminster Corps, Alta., Prairies and Northern Territories Division Training corps: Agincourt Temple Community Church, Toronto, Ontario Division

Cadet Bobbi Oyerinde

I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

- Philippians 4:12-13 (NLT)



Cadets Chesney and Joshua Edwards

Out of: Kingston Citadel, Ontario Division

Training corps: Acton Community Church; Etobicoke Temple, Toronto, Ontario Division

Cadet Chesney Edwards

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

Cadet Joshua Edwards

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
– Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)



Cadet John Arndt

Out of: Foothills Church and Community Ministries, High River, Alta., Prairies and Northern Territories Division **Training corps:** North Toronto Community Church, Ontario Division

Cadet John Arndt

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all.

- Philippians 4:4-5 (NIV)



Cadet Alicia McLeod

Out of: Lloydminster Corps, Alta., Prairies and Northern Territories Division Training corps: Richmond Hill Community Church, Ontario Division

Cadet Alicia McLeod

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

- Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

KEEPERS OF THE COVENANT



Cadet Alberto Theola

Out of: Scarborough Citadel, Toronto, Ontario Division Training corps: Montreal Citadel, Atlantic Division



Cadet Mariciel Nuyda

Out of: Weetamah Corps, Winnipeg, Prairies and Northern Territories Division Training corps: Weetamah Corps, Winnipeg, Prairies and Northern Territories Division



Cadets Jun Ho Chang and Yu Gyeong Park

Out of: Yorkwoods Community Church, Toronto, Ontario Division Training corps: London Citadel, Ontario Division

AUXILIARY-CAPTAINS

Auxiliary-captains are a valued part of the CFOT community.

They are non-commissioned officers with full-time appointments in The Salvation Army.

Auxiliary-captains engage in distance training studies under the direction of CFOT and are commissioned once they complete the criteria for officer training.



Auxiliary-Captain Arthur Heathcote

Out of: Weetamah Corps, Winnipeg, Prairies and Northern Territories Division Serving as: Corps Officer, Fort Frances, Ont., Prairies and Northern Territories Division



Auxiliary-Captains Florence and Steve Yau

Out of: Richmond Corps, British Columbia Division Serving as: Corps Officers, Richmond Corps, British Columbia Division

CFOT TRAINING OFFICERS



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Major Margaret McLeod Assistant Training Principal, Mission and Ministry Coordinator



Colonel Eleanor Shepherd
Quebec-Based Training Officer



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Expressions of Appreciation

The College for Officer Training would like to express their appreciation to ministry units across the Canada and Bermuda Territory who have welcomed cadets and allowed training and development of the Champions of the Mission and Keepers of the Covenant to occur in the 2023-2025 training years.

* Field Training Corps

· Atlantic Division:

Montreal-Église Communautaire Nouveaux départs de l'Armée du Salut, Montreal Citadel

· Ontario Division:

Acton Community Church (CC); Mountain Citadel, Hamilton; London Citadel; Richmond Hill CC; Toronto-Agincourt Temple CC, Bloor Central Corps, Etobicoke Temple, Toronto Korean Corps, North Toronto CC, Scarborough Citadel, Yorkwoods CC

Prairies and Northern Territories Division:
 Winnipeg–Southlands CC, Weetamah Corps

* Social Mission Ministry Units

· Atlantic Division:

Montreal-L'Abri Women's Shelter, Montreal Booth Centre

· Ontario Division:

Cuthbert House–Correctional and Justice Services, Brampton;
Ottawa Social Services; Toronto–Broadview Village,
Correctional and Justice Services, Evangeline Residence,
Florence Booth House, Harbour Light–Addictions
and Newcomers, Islington Seniors' Shelter,
Meighen Health Centre

Prairies and Northern Territories Division:
 Winnipeg—Correctional and Justice Services,
 Sarah's Place, Winnipeg Centre of Hope

* Territorial and Divisional Participation

Celebration of Culture, Explore Your Call, Design for Life, regional candidates' gatherings, men's camp, women's camp/retreat

* Specialling Engagements

· Atlantic Division:

Bridgetown CC, N.S.; Channel-Port aux Basques Corps, N.L.; Corner Brook CC, N.L.; Fredericton CC; Gander Citadel, N.L.; Glace Bay Corps, N.S.; Glovertown/Charlottetown Circuit, N.L.; Happy Valley-Goose Bay Corps, N.L.; Light of Hope Family Church, Montreal; Saint John Hope CC, N.B.

British Columbia Division: Alberni Valley Corps, Port Alberni; Trail Corps; Williams Lake Corps

· Ontario Division:

Hope Church, Ajax; Belleville Citadel; Brampton Citadel; Burlington CC; Suncoast Citadel, Goderich; Khi CC, Milton; Oakville CC; New Hope CC, Orangeville; Orillia Citadel; Barrhaven Church, Ottawa; Toronto–Cedarbrae CC, Lakeshore CC, North York Temple

Prairies and Northern Territories Division: Lloydminster Corps, Alta.; Moose Jaw Corps, Sask.; Red Deer Church, Alta.; Winnipeg-Heritage Park Temple, Living Hope CC, Southlands CC, Weetamah Corps

Thank You!

CFOT is grateful for the partnership between the College for Officer Training and Booth University College.

This collaboration allows cadets in training and auxiliary-captains to engage in higher education, with accredited courses applied toward a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies.

We deeply value this partnership, which enriches their academic and spiritual development.

CFOT Behind The Scenes



























The Salvation Army College for Officer Training Canada and Bermuda Territory

Save the Date

Welcome Meeting for Proclaimers of Transformation September 7, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.