

Mission in Social Services

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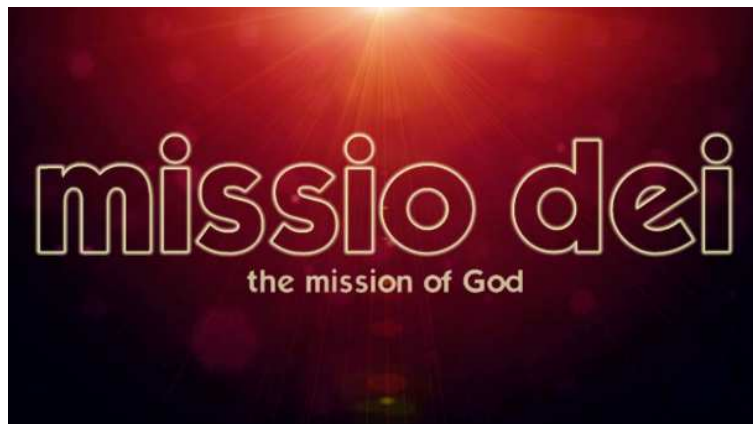
Mission

What we intend to do . . .

- ❖ To meet practical need
- ❖ To share the love of Jesus
- ❖ To be a transforming influence



We are on a mission from God



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“While there remains one dark soul without the light of God; I’ll fight”



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“The challenge is to make sure that everything we’re doing is about mission ... not just in a practical sense but keeping in view our spiritual priority to unashamedly preach the gospel, win souls and extend the kingdom.”



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“... what we do best—reaching out and helping to transform lives. And wherever we work, we need to be talking to people about Jesus, helping them have an encounter with him. That’s our main mission, what everything we do is aimed at.”



The question we have to answer in terms of Social Services ministry is ...
HOW?



CHAPLAINS



- The chaplain reaches out to others at their point of need, hears their story, listens and seeks to enter the experience to understand, and then participates in the hearing-telling of a new story.
- In such the Chaplain is a “carrier of mission”
 - Meeting practical need
 - Sharing the love of Jesus
 - Facilitating Transformation



- Salvation Army Chaplains should be...
- Trained to help persons identify, affirm, and use their beliefs, religious & human values, faith in community and faith in God to support, sustain and inform them in times of crisis, need and recovery.
- Able to provide pastoral care to structures as well as persons, that is they serve the institution as well as persons within the institution.

Burton (1992)



Salvation Army Chaplains



Giving Hope Today



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Mission Matters Most

- “We can have all of the finances in place, the best programs to meet people’s needs and the best buildings in the world, but if we don’t get to the kingdom issues of spiritually transformed lives, then we’ve missed the point. We were raised up to save souls. The gospel is at the heart of everything we do.”



Finances ~ Buildings ~ Programs,
Reports ~ Proposals

And Spiritual Care...



It all crosses your desk!



Social Services Accreditation

Chapter 4: Spiritual & Religious Care

- Spiritual & Religious Care will be organized as an integral part of the services provided by the ministry unit
- The provision of spiritual & religious care in each ministry unit is central to the mission of The Salvation Army.



Including the Integral at every Ministry Unit allows for:

Spiritual & religious care to be available for clients, staff, families, and volunteers

- *client-centred interaction and support*
- *spiritual assessment and care planning*
- *staff support*
- *pastoral counseling*
- *crisis support*
- *coordinating faith group involvement in spiritual & religious care*
- *provision for performance of religious rituals/ worship/ chapel*
- *provision and study of literature/ publications/sacred texts*
- *orientation of new staff to spiritual and religious care and the mission of The Salvation Army.*



Funding for Chaplains

is Funding for the Integral

“We are on a Mission for God”

- **Red Shield Funds ??? “yes”**

“Red Shield funds may not be used to fund congregational activities in a corps setting; however, they may be used in any social services centre to fund its holistic ministry to body, mind and soul.”

- **Budget Lines**

Please as the budgets begin to come across your desk and to divisional finance boards – please ask the question of where the funding is for Spiritual Care /Chaplaincy



Resources for Divisional Leaders and the Front Line

- LotusNotes
 - Manuals → Territorial → Social Services
→ Spiritual Care
 - a great resource to use and recommend
 - Helping you to be a better support to ED's and the Field.
- Consultants
 - Regional
 - Content Specific – Spiritual Care



Education & Training of Chaplains

- *Accreditation Standard 4.3.1*
 - *All chaplains must have clear lines of responsibility, meet the qualifications for the position, and possess the experience needed to perform their tasks. This includes:*
 - » *theological training*
 - » *spiritual care experience*
 - » *training with a recognized chaplaincy or spiritual care education body*



Salvation Army Chaplaincy

- **Education**

- Minimum →

- BUC, Certificate in Chaplaincy (2 years)
 - SA ethos – mission
 - Equipping to the uniqueness of SA

? Are all Chaplains or those responsible for Spiritual Care in Social Services ministry educated to the standard?

- **Training – SA specific**

- New Chaplain Training & Mentoring Program
 - Social Services Workshops

- If hiring a Chaplain***

- CPE (CASC)
 - Diploma / Master's
 - Give opportunity for Training & Mentoring as orientation to role and suggest BUC Certificate



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faith-based
non-governmental social service agency.



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Mission in Social Services

is rooted in the Army of today going into the world of the hurting, broken, lonely, dispossessed and lost, reaching them in love by all means, with the transforming message of Jesus, bringing freedom, hope and life.



