



Giving Hope Today

Brief of Appointment

Divisional Secretary for Spiritual Life Development

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

1. PREAMBLE

1.1 The Divisional Secretary for Spiritual Life Development (DSSLD) is a dedicated and loyal officer, committed to the mission of The Salvation Army. With a mature spiritual experience, this officer possesses an understanding of and a commitment to teaching on holiness in the Wesleyan tradition.

1.2 The DSSLD must be collaborative, able to network, build teams and strengthen relationships across the division. The DSSLD will practice mentoring and coaching skills.

1.3 The DSSLD has the sacred trust and responsibility to positively influence and challenge Salvationists to full-time service as officers. In doing so, the DSSLD must strive also, by witness and work, to provide an excellent example of joy and fulfillment in ministry.

2. PRIMARY FUNCTION

2.1 The DSSLD shall conduct all activities of the office with a view to accomplishing the Army's fundamental purpose of proclaiming Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, which purpose must find expression in both the message proclaimed and the ministry of service rendered. Fulfilling this principle function the DSSLD assists the Divisional Commander in his/her role in cultivating spiritual health.

2.2 The DSSLD is resourceful officer who functions as part of the divisional leadership team in working toward divisional, territorial and international mission priorities relating to the spiritual lives of Salvationists, employees, volunteers and the people we serve.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Encourage and support officers, executive directors, lay leaders and chaplains in developing a spiritual health plan/program, applicable in their respective ministry setting.

3.2 Provide ministry units with a variety of resources that will support spiritual health.

3.3 Contribute to the strategic visioning and planning initiatives of the Divisional Executive Board as it relates to ministry unit growth, with a focus on soldiership, discipleship, candidate recruitment and leadership development.

3.4 Create and oversee spiritual life initiatives that support divisional, territorial and international mission priorities. This may include (a) facilitating relevant learning opportunities through seminars and workshops, training in spiritual disciplines, spiritual formation and holiness (b) providing creative prayer initiatives and (c) creating an awareness of local, national and international issues of social justice within the context of faith.

3.5 Represent the division as part of the territorial spiritual life development team through the office of the Territorial Secretary for Spiritual Life Development.

4. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

4.1 The DSSLD will be a member of divisional Boards by the appointment and discretion of the Divisional Commander.

5. ACCOUNTABILITY

5.1 The Divisional Secretary of Spiritual Life Development is accountable to the Divisional Commander or his/her designated representative.

5.2 The role of the DSSLD in each of the nine Divisions will therefore be interpreted by the Divisional Commander according to the unique/distinctive realities of the Division.

5.3 In addition to this direct reporting relationship there does exist an advisory or indirect relationship between the Territorial Secretary for Spiritual Life Development and the Divisional Secretary for Spiritual Life Development.

6. SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY

6.1 The Divisional Secretary of Spiritual Life Development is a position of influence and works in partnership with all ministry units. As such, this position has no direct supervisory responsibilities within the divisional governance structure.