

In Action- Holiness

The office of Spiritual Life Development and role of the Territorial Secretary for Spiritual Life Development is still relatively new in our Territory. This position was first held by Commissioner Rosalie Peddle, followed by Lt. Col. Ann Braund who was appointed to this leadership role in September 2014. This office is supported by Assistant Secretary for Spiritual Life Development, Major Linda Budgell. Both of these positions are part-time and held in addition to other roles.

The Territorial Spiritual Life Development office intentionally works in partnership with the International Center for Spiritual Life Development, the Territorial Corps Ministries Department and the Territorial Pastoral Care Department to support and foster spiritual health in Salvationists, employees, volunteers and the people we serve.

Spiritual health can be measured by our connection to God. “A soul is healthy to the extent that it experiences a strong connection and receptivity to God. The soul is most alive when it is most receptive to divine breathings, divine promptings, divine power in the face of joy or pain or opposition” (Soul Care website, Mindy Caliguire). Spiritual health is also measured by our conformity to the will and purposes of God. God wants to make us holy (2 Thessalonians 2:13). Holiness has been described as nothing more or less than perfect love; love for God and for mankind. Jesus was asked, “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?” He replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.” Love, therefore is a way of measuring spiritual health and Holiness.

Love creates a desire to draw near. We draw near to the Holy One, God, through the practice of spiritual disciplines; prayer, Bible study, worship, celebration, service, spiritual conversations and more. One of the responsibilities of the Spiritual Life Development Office is to share resources which assist people in ‘drawing near’ to God and the community of believers. Resources are currently being made available through websites, teleconferences, retreats, the editorial department and teaching and training sessions across the Territory.

It is the goal of the Territory to have a Secretary for Spiritual Life Development in every Division, elevating the priority of spiritual health and well-being. The Divisional Secretary for Spiritual Life Development will encourage and support Corps Officers and Social Service Leaders in identifying spiritual objectives in every ministry unit. They will create and oversee spiritual life initiatives that support divisional, territorial and international mission priorities.



A scriptural promise states, “draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” That is our goal. We want to know the nearness of God. The following websites offer resources for Spiritual Life Development - drawing near to God and neighbor.

Salvationist <http://salvationist.ca/>

Salvation Army Centre for Spiritual Life Development <http://www.salvationarmy.org/csld/>

Salvation Army Canada & Bermuda Territory Ministry Resources
<http://www.saministryresources.ca/>

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