



# BUILDING HEALTHY CORPS

FIRST EDITION 2018

Every day you get a lot of information – good ideas, new resources, important dates, what you need to know about ... It can all get a bit overwhelming, so we thought it might be helpful to combine what we can into one place – this newsletter.

Check out some great ideas and keep up to date with what's happening over the next couple of months.

We hope your year is off to a great start!

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## IDEAS ... Services, outreach, socials

There are some great opportunities over the coming months to celebrate together, connect with new people and share the gospel. Here are our tips:

24-25 March is **Neighbour's Day Aotearoa**. The idea is to encourage people to get out and connect with their neighbours. This is a great time to host an event as a corps or encourage individuals to host their own! The NDA website has ideas and resources to get you started—from BBQs, to street parties, to baking cookies. Check out [www.neighboursdayaotearoa.org](http://www.neighboursdayaotearoa.org)

**Easter** is an extremely popular time for people to visit church. Plan a special Easter celebration weekend. This could include really meaningful services for Friday and Sunday, partnering with local churches for a larger event, hosting a family friendly Easter activity, or a new spin on the classic sunrise service. See the next page for more ideas on how to make it the best yet.

Another significant date in the calendar is **ANZAC Day**. This is a really special opportunity to get involved with commemorations happening in your community, or serve at your local RSA on the day, or honour the anniversary in your Sunday service that week.

## YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER—2018

Year of the Volunteer is a territory-wide campaign for 2018 to make time to honour, develop and invest in our volunteers serving within youth and children's ministries. There are many ways to celebrate and value volunteers—what could you do?

Visit [www.yearofthevolunteer.co.nz](http://www.yearofthevolunteer.co.nz) for more info.

## RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

### Discipleship Guides - FREE

Wanting to encourage mentoring and discipleship in your setting? Three new discipleship guides have just been released.

The new One-2-one Discipleship, and Spiritual Partners guides include how to start discipling relationships, practical tools for your meetings. The Outreach Accountability resource is a simple approach to increasing the outreach temperature of your corps.

For more info, head to [www.sarmy.net.nz](http://www.sarmy.net.nz) > Mission Resources



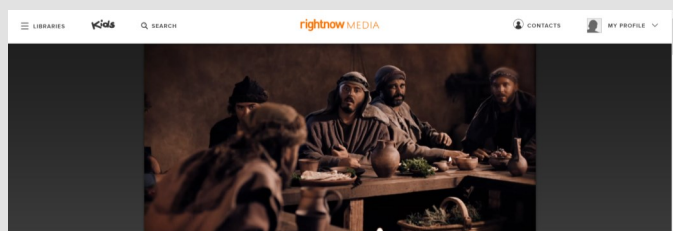
### The Easter Experience - RightNow Media

Looking for a great Easter small group resource? *The Easter Experience* brings the passion, and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching.

The video series is available free, study guides cost - but come up with your own questions or search online!

For more information, and to view:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1276?episode=1>



## MAKE THIS YOUR BEST EASTER YET...

Easter is one of the most popular times for people to visit church. Here are some of our top tips for making it as impacting as possible:

- **PLAN:** What would work best to connect with people in your area? Consider a family fun day (like a café or Easter egg hunt), a service with more creative elements, a modern stations of the cross event, or a 'sunrise' service with a BBQ of fish and bread at the beach.
- **CAST VISION:** One of the keys to a successful weekend is getting your congregation on board. Cast vision early for your Easter weekend and convince people of the 'why'—why are you doing this and why you need their help.
- **BRANDING:** Give people the tools to invite people. There are a range of free Easter graphics online to make your branding professional/engaging. Remember to utilise tools like Facebook and Eventbrite, and give people flyers/posters to distribute.
- Check out our list of free graphics: [goo.gl/iffwSz](http://goo.gl/iffwSz)
- **ON THE DAY:** Think about visitors in all you do—what they need to know to be comfortable, how your room looks, and the language you use. Walk through your venue before with 'visitor eyes' and tidy, let visitors know how long your service/event is and where facilities are, and remember their experience begins in the car park!
- **FOLLOW UP:** Without follow-up, a great service or event might be a one-off for people. Figure out a strategy for follow-up—how will you gather details from visitors to allow you to follow up? What is your next 'thing' you will invite them to?



### >> CAREY NIEUWHOF IN NEW ZEALAND

Registration is now open for the Carey Nieuwhof NZ tour (Connexus Church, Canada). Earlybird ends 20th April!

Carey is speaking in three locations:

Hamilton: 14th May 2018

Wellington: 16th May 2018

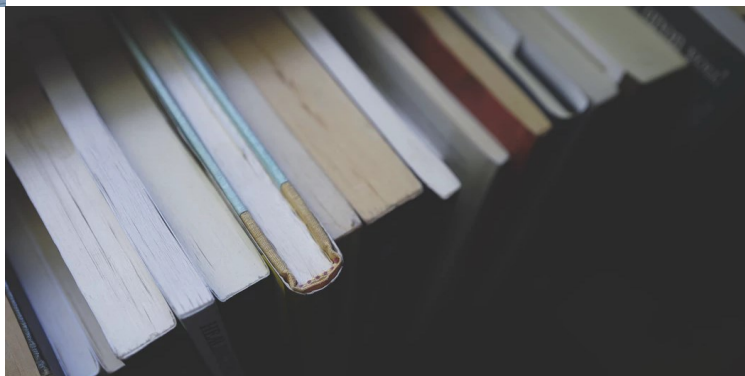
Christchurch: 17th May 2018

For more info and to register: [www.leadershipworx.org.nz/](http://www.leadershipworx.org.nz/)

### RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS <<

The new territorial website is set to go live in a few months! We are updating our resource recommendation repository for this and would love to hear what resources you have found helpful. From leadership and preaching, to service planning and small groups... we want to know!

If you have any resource recommendations, please email: [missionteam@nzf.salvationarmy.org](mailto:missionteam@nzf.salvationarmy.org)



### KEY DATES:

#### March

4: Children's Day

11: Territorial Welcome to Cadets

23-25: Whole World Mobilising: Youth and Children's Weekend

24-25: Neighbour's Day Aotearoa

25: Palm Sunday

30: Good Friday / Passover

#### April

2: Easter Sunday

25: ANZAC Day

### WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON:

#### What have we been doing?

- Doing mission together group templates
- Optional survey for church congregations
- Outreach accountability exercise for corps teams
- One-to-one discipleship templates
- Amplify creative arts camp

#### What are we working on?

- Church management system and electronic rolls for corps (*Connected replacement*)
- New believers packs
- National corps growth strategy
- Inspiring Worship resources