



# BUILDING HEALTHY CORPS

## SECOND EDITION 2017

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.

Hope this helps!

Alastair and Vanessa

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### IDEAS ... Services, outreach, socials

To reach people in our communities, it's great to link in with things that they are interested in. Here are a few ideas on how to engage with people in your setting.

Have you thought about running a **Corps wide sermon and small group series**? This is a great way to get everyone exploring the same idea and encourage engagement with a series. Use the same material/topic in your kids church, Sunday services and small groups. Some of our top picks: the *Values* series available on the Intranet, *Daring Faith* by Saddleback, and *Transformed* by Rick Warren. *For more series ideas, email us!*

**Halloween** is a great way to connect with your community. Why not offer an alternative to Halloween event this year? This is an excellent way to connect families in, share positive messages and have a fun night. You could do the classic Light Party, theme it around a recent kids' movie, or join with another local church. *For more ideas, email the Territorial Children's Department!*

The **New Zealand General Election** is coming up in September—how could you encourage people to engage with this? You could have a prayer night or service segment about it. Check out the Social Policy and Parliamentary Unit Election brochures.

### FREE RESOURCES—Soldiership giftpacks

Don't forget that the Territory are gifting t-shirt and book giftpacks to each person that attends soldiership classes in 2017. We have already sent out 153 of these. For more info and to order, check out 'Soldiership Resources' on the Intranet.

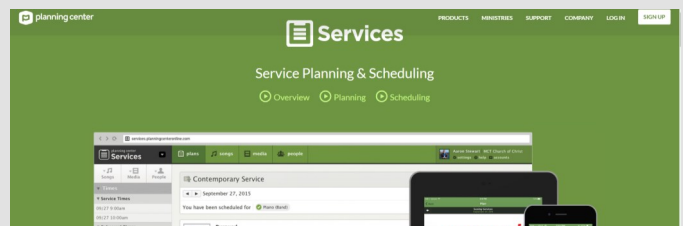
### RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Planning Center—organising tool

Rostering teams, communicating with volunteers and organising service runsheets can take up a lot of time! Planning Center is an online, church admin tool that streamlines all of that.

A few corps are using the 'Services' and 'People' apps. 'People' is a useful way to communicate with and roster volunteers, and 'Services' is a great tool to plan, roster and implement services. For a small fee it saves a lot of time /stress!

For more info, head to [www.planning.center](http://www.planning.center)

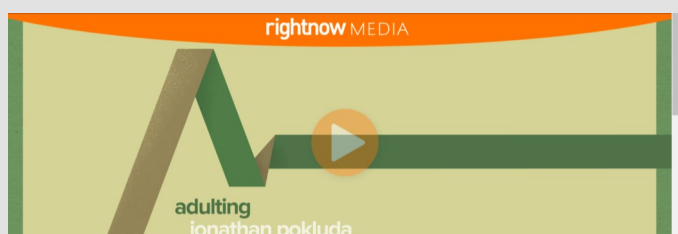


#### RightNow Media—top picks

Here are our current top picks from the RightNow Media:

- Adulthood - *Jonathan Pokluda*
- How to Read the Bible - *The Bible Project*
- I Have To - *Christy Fay*
- James - *Francis Chan*
- Simplify - *Bill Hybels*

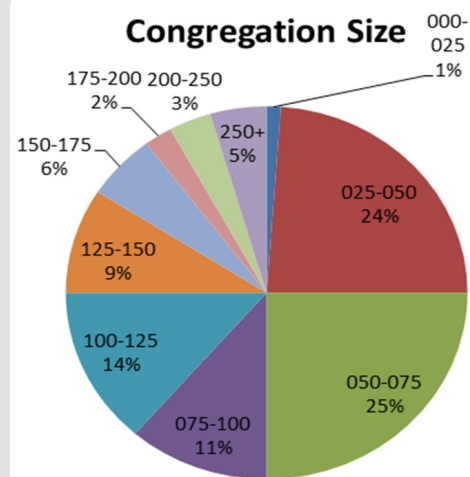
To access this fantastic library of Christian videos for free, head to <https://www.rightnow.org/Account/Invite/NZFIJTONGA>



## CORPS CENSUS

The recent Corps Census has provided us with a very helpful snapshot of the country. Here's some of the results:

- 8272 regular attenders
- 6043 average weekly attendance
- 88 worshipping communities (75 corps, 7 plants/fellowships, 6 recovery churches) plus 12 second congregations in corps (including 10 recovery churches)
- Average worshipping community attendance is 69 (6043/88)
- Average worshipping community congregation size is 94 (8272/88)
- We are 57.6% female (all divisions similar, but recovery churches 59% male)
- We are ageing with a median age approximately 47 (25% under 18; and 25% over 65)
- Northern has the most even age spread. Southern and Midland the oldest.



## >> RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

We are looking to update our resource recommendation repository and would love to hear what resources you have found helpful in your setting. From leadership and preaching, to personal development and small group resources—we want to know!

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

## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT <<

Fresh, actionable and inspiring leadership content from a world-class faculty at a convenient location near you. There are a range of public and private viewings (including Salvation Army events in Wellington and Auckland) across NZ over the next couple of months – you don't want to miss them!

Find an event near you and register your team today.

<http://willowcreek.org.nz/gls-2017/>



## KEY DATES:

*September*

- 2: Father's Day
- 11-17: Māori Language Week
- 23: General Election
- 30: School holidays start

*October*

- 15: School Term 4 starts
- 21-23: Labour Weekend
- 31: Halloween
- Various dates: Global Leadership Summit

## WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON:

*What have we been doing?*

- Lead2Grow conference for officers
- Covenant Renewal resource pack
- Corps Census results
- Quarterly Mission Plan focus video

*What are we working on?*

- New believers packs
- National planting and corps growth strategy
- Corps website template
- Global leadership summit
- Corps Management system (electronic rolls)
- Hubs resource

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