



BUILDING HEALTHY CORPS

SECOND 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.

Let us know if there is anything we can ever help you with!

Alastair and Vanessa

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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:

July is **NZ Bible Month** and it's all about encouraging people to get into the Bible. NZ Bible Society has a range of resources including guides, videos and reading challenges. The Bible Project also has great video series that could be useful (see RightNow Media or Youtube). During July you could include a segment in each service, encourage small groups to do a Bible-based study or base your main teaching around getting into the Bible.

Winter also provides some unique opportunities for connecting. There are rugby games or the Football World Cup that you could make an event of, you could host a mid-winter Christmas event, or have winter themed treats or drinks (think fancy hot choccies and warm baking) at your programmes and services.

Self Denial is also coming up from 22 July to 26 August. How could you take Self Denial to the next level in your setting? You could create a display in your foyer or main building, you could utilise the youth and kids material in your programmes, or have people share testimonies about serving overseas or what giving to the appeal means for them.

NEW TERRITORIAL WEBSITE

The territory is launching a new territorial website in July!

There is a new **Mission Resources section** with a range of free downloads, suggested resources and ideas. This is where you will find our catalogue of resources from the last few years.

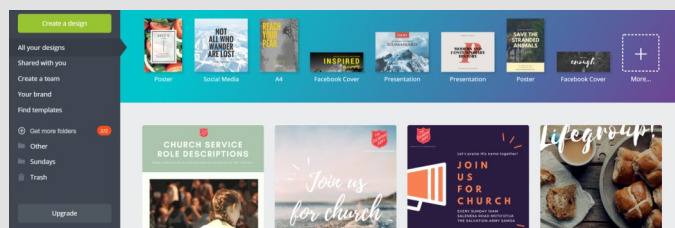
Make sure to check it out when it goes live next month.

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Canva—online design tool - FREE

Looking for an easy way to create professional looking social media graphics, promo posters and presentations? Canva is a FREE, easy to use online design tool that provides you with 1,000s of templates to get you started. Canva includes a drag and drop feature, ready made designs and options to add your own images/text. Take your posters, presentations and social media pages to the next level!

For more info and to sign up, head to www.canva.com



The Art of Better Preaching - Carey Nieuwhof

Want to take your sermons to the next level? Pastor and author, Carey Nieuwhof, has shared three great video resources about crafting and delivering a great sermon. Each video also comes up an incredibly helpful Preaching cheat sheet that will help give you a framework when crafting your messages.

To check out the video and download the resources, head to: <https://theartofbetterpreaching.com/video-1>



INSPIRING WORSHIP...

The Mission Resources and Creative Ministries Departments want to better support and resource corps/centres in making our worship services more effective in presenting the gospel and creating space for people to encounter Christ. A survey was sent out as part of the research process and 44 corps have responded so far. Here are some of the findings from this research.

- Corps between the size of 100-150 and 150+ indicated training for musicians as the most helpful resource/support.
- Corps with less than 50 or between 50-100 indicated equipment purchase support as the most helpful form of support, while this was one of the lowest indicators for 150+ corps.
- Overall, other resources that were voted highly were tech help, preaching resources, team night model resource and visual/branding help.
- Overall, streaming and pre-recorded service material was voted the least helpful resource, with three out of four congregation size categories indicating this as the least helpful (the 50-100 indicated this as its second least helpful).
- Some of the common biggest struggles corps mentioned are around lack of musicians, tech and gear support, and bridging the gap between different generations' preferences.

The next steps in this area will be based on the feedback from this survey and input from divisions. Keep an eye out over the next several months for new resources and support. If you have any insight or ideas, we would love to hear from you: missionteam@nzf.salvationarmy.org



>> COVENANT RENEWAL RESOURCES

This year's Covenant Renewal and Founder's Day resources are now available! The pack includes a sermon outline, service ideas, social media image and suggest songs.

There is also a great kid's resource pack available which includes a kids' church curriculum, a kids' message and Family Time resource.

For more info and to download: www.intranet.sarmy.net.nz

MISSION PLAN RESOURCES <<

How are you encouraging the current Mission Plan in your setting? Why not introduce a Value of the month in your setting and work through the Team Devotions together, or you could organise a Doing Mission Together gathering in your area.

For more info and to download: www.intranet.sarmy.net.nz

For print resources, email missionteam@nzf.salvationarmy.org



KEY DATES:

July

- 1-31: New Zealand Bible Month
- 1: Covenant Renewal / Founders Day
- 22: Self Denial starts
- 20-22: Within Your Reach: Youth & Kids' Ministries Conference

August

- 4: Official opening of Samoa Region
- 17-19: Delve
- 26: Self Denial Altar Sunday

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON:

What have we been doing?

- Covenant Renewal
- Inspiring Worship
- Rolls Good Practice
- Setting up Church Resource section on Territorial website

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
- Management Reporting templates