



# BUILDING HEALTHY CORPS

## THIRD 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:

The **school holidays** are a great way to connect with young people and families in your area! It's the perfect time to run a movie day or night, corps social, day-time youth event or full-scale holiday programme. What could you do during the upcoming break to support families and young people?

**New Zeal** will be a significant time for our territory - how are you encouraging your people to engage with this in your local setting? Why not create a personal invite card with details that you could give to people to encourage buy-in and build anticipation? Check out the New Zeal site for more details—  
[www.salvationarmy.org.nz/newzeal](http://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/newzeal)

**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!*

### NEW BELIEVERS PACKS

The Mission Resources team have been creating packs for new believers. These will include a Bible, devotional guide and info on first steps as a new Christian, and will be available as **kids, youth or adult packs**. Packs will be available for purchase at cost —keep an eye out for more info in the next few weeks!

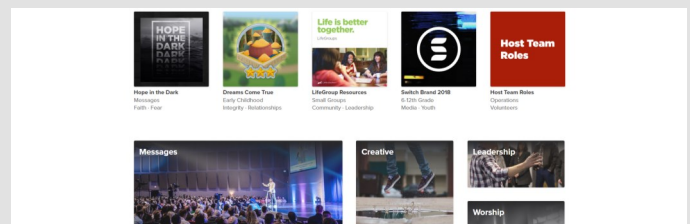
### RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Life.Church Open Network - FREE

Whether you're looking for a sermon series, lifegroup material, kids' resources, church graphics or resources on worship—the Life.Church Open Network has it all.

Sign up for a free account and gain access to a wide range of high quality resources. Resources are categorised, as well as searchable, which makes it easy to find anything you're after!

For more info, head to <https://open.life.church/resources>



#### Corps Rolls - Mission Resources - FREE

Are you working hard to bring people through your front door, only for them to leave through the back? The Salvation Army has in place excellent processes based around Corps Rolls to help. Check out our latest resource that explains the various rolls and how to use them.

Find this on the new Territorial website Church Resources section:  
<https://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/resource/corps-rolls>



## THE 'FOR' STRATEGY...

So often churches are known for what they're against, imagine the impact we would have if we were known for what we were *for* instead. Jeff Henderson, author and lead pastor at Gwinnett Church, Atlanta, USA, has adopted the idea of the 'For' strategy. It's all about being for your neighbours, knowing that God is for us and wanting to share that with others. *How could you show your community you are for them?*

- Ask yourself, your staff/leadership/congregation—what are we known for? What do we want to be known for?
- Learn about your community. What are the demographics? What are the needs? What businesses, schools, other community groups are there? How could you show you are for them?
- Cast the vision around being for your neighbours. Repeat the vision, like Jeff says 'leaders are repeaters'.
- How do your facilities and services show you are for your neighbours? Cut out 'insider' language and 'wow' people through how you serve them ('wow, they remembered my name', 'wow, they care about my child')
- Often our social media is all about things we're doing, highlight other celebrations and events happening in your community too.
- Equip your people to engage in conversation and answer why your corps/centre is for the community.

For more info about the For Community, check out: <http://forthecomunity.net/>

To hear Jeff Henderson's heart behind the strategy, check out an interview here: <http://orangeblogs.org/thinkorangepodcast/episode13/>



## >> 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.

<https://gls.org.nz/gls2018/>

## CHURCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM <<

We've been looking for a system for corps to use to track people and manage our rolls electronically. We have a couple of solutions, but before we can make a decision, we need to involve our Australian colleagues. Unfortunately, they're in the middle of combining their two territories, and being able to do things like pay people is of higher priority.

We're hopeful of a decision before the end of the year.



## KEY DATES:

### September

29: School holidays start

### October

15: School Term 4 starts

21: New Zeal

22: Labour Day

31: Halloween

### November

5: Guy Fawkes

7-30: NCEA school exams (Various dates: GLS events)

## WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON:

*What are we working on?*

- Management Reporting processes and templates
- Global leadership summit planning
- New believers packs
- Territorial update video
- Church management system and electronic rolls for corps (Connected replacement)
- National corps growth strategy
- Inspiring Worship resources