General leads Family Congress

It was a weekend of breakthroughs. God ordained moments that hold the promise of revival. So powerful were the messages, music and testimonies—so strong was the Spirit’s presence—you could almost see it on the horizon. There is immeasurably more God wants to do.

“This is going to be a victory congress,” proclaimed General Linda Bond as she greeted delegates. Her rapport with Centralites was instantaneous.

More than 3,600 Salvationists gathered in St. Louis for the Family Congress which explored the International Vision Statement, “One Army, One Mission, One Message.” They were joined for the weekend not only by the General but also by national leaders, Commissioners William A. and Nancy L. Roberts.

Delegates were ushered into the historic Peabody Opera House for the keynote session One Army with dynamic praise by the Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) Singers and the Michigan Youth Choir. Joined by the Chicago Staff Band (CSB), a united ARC choir and junior soldier Mackenzie DePue for “There’s Only One Flag for Me,” there was no doubt this was going to be a great weekend.

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New Lieutenants ready to proclaim

Sunday morning brought an impact-filled message from General Linda Bond in the commissioning and ordination service for the “Proclaimers of the Resurrection” session.

Preliminary music by the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) set a worshipful tone in the packed auditorium. A video presentation captured how session members had completed the statement, “My passion in fulfilling the Army’s mission is...” Among the phrases written on handheld chalkboards was “to be Jesus to others until they find Him.”

The 32 members of the Proclaimers of the Resurrection—almost half of whom are first-generation Salvationists—recited the Officer’s Covenant and took their place among the ranks of the Salvation Army's ministry leaders.
General Bond retires

Following a period of personal reflection and prayer, General Linda Bond decided that she should relinquish the Office of the General effective June 13, 2013. The General’s decision to step down came after 44 years of ministry.

As is required by The Salvation Army constitution, contained in the Salvation Army Act 1980, Chief of the Staff Commissioner André Cox will perform the functions of the General pending the election of a new General.

The Chief of the Staff has summoned members of the High Council to meet on July 29, 2013, for the purpose of electing the 20th General of The Salvation Army. All leaders who are commissioners on active service or who are territorial commanders or territorial presidents of women’s ministries qualify for membership of the High Council.

This High Council will be the largest in the history of The Salvation Army. There will be 118 members—64 women and 56 men—with an average age of 59. Fifty-four will be attending a High Council for the first time. Twenty-six have appointments in the Americas and Caribbean Zone and 24 in the Africa Zone. The South Pacific and East Asia Zone supplies 21 members, Europe 18 and South Asia 15. Fourteen International Headquarters commissioners complete the total of 118 members.

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duced through video highlights of
each division, showcasing the scope
of ministries that meet people at the
crossroads of hope and despair.
Leaders and representatives from the
divisions, College for Officer
Training and the ARC Command
were joined by the young adult
summer mission teams as a record
$8.1 million raised for World
Services was revealed amid a burst
of confetti.
“Isn’t that you proud to be a
Salvationist?” exclaimed
Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, terri-
torial commander. He then wel-
come his reinforcement person-
nel, dedicated the mission teams
and presented the Certificate in
Recognition of Exceptional Service
to Brev Herivel for her lifelong sup-
port of missions.
“I love the way you celebrate giv-
ing your money away,” the General
joked in her response, bringing down
the house. On a more serious note,
she explained how vital the funds are
to opening and sustaining the Army’s
work throughout the world. “The
rest of the Salvation Army world is
stronger because you give people and
resources,” she said.
Centering the audience again, an
exquisite rendition of ‘Amazing
Grace’ by vocalist Heidi Strand
and the CSB set the stage for the
message. The General extempora-
nously shared that her vision for
the Army dates back to childhood
though her sister’s
strict standards
seemed harsh, she
somehow got it wasn’t
about rules and regu-
lations but Jesus.
“I love The Salvation
Army because it’s
His,” the General said,
noting techniques and
programs won’t make
up for a deficit of
God’s Spirit. Relaying
the experience of a
Newfoundland corps,
she cited one of the
marketers of revival will be a huge hunger for
God and a soul-saving
love as we’ve never
experienced. Many
sought a personal
revival that night at the
altar.
Highlighting our One
Mission, the Saturday
morning meeting cele-
brated God’s transform-
ing love and work in
our lives, corps and ter-
ritory. “I’m grateful to be
a part of a pursuing mission,
to be a part of a church that’s not content to
say a quick prayer and give a glance to
those in need,” said Commissioner Carol
Seiler as she led the meeting.
After high energy praise led by The
Singing Company, the meeting featured the
enrollment of 160 senior soldiers by the
General, who spoke on the significance of
the flag under which they were being
enrolled. Literally filling the stage, they
stood in rapt attention as she charged
them to keep their covenant, testify
to Jesus, wear their uniforms, make
prayer central and be stewards of
their time and resources for the
cause of Christ.
Compelling stories of transforming
mission by Captain Brenda McCoy,
Jessica Lago, Jan Nowak, and
Kenneth Jones showed how God can
use ordinary individuals in His
redeeming work in the world.
Though their journeys of faith and
ministries are diverse, each has come
to a place where the cause of Christ
is consuming in their lives, which
gave delegates pause to consider
their own passion and priorities.
The General’s message was again
powerful and pointed, warning dele-
gates of the danger of leaving God
out of the equation, proclaiming we
are not a humanitarian organization
but the hands and feet of Christ.
“If we do not have the love of
Christ pressing us out into the world,
we are not The Salvation Army,” she
said. At the very heart of the shield
is the cross, she asserted, and we are
to demonstrate the saving power of
the gospel in word and deed.
Choked up, Commissioner Carol
Seiler asked Salvationists to stand if
they’d make a fuller commitment in
God’s Army. Not surprisingly, the
entire audience rose to their feet.
Saturday evening’s meeting, One
Message, included an adorable
massed singing company of nearly
200 children. Accompanied by the
CSB, they sang their hearts out while
marching and declaring they were
“Battle Ready.” Amid the thunderous
standing ovation, the territorial com-
mander referenced the territorial
singing company initiative, saying, “The investment of teaching children
to sing about Jesus is a good one,
don’t you think?” He then presented
the Certificate in Recognition of
Exceptional Service to Marian Smith
for her decades’ long ministry to
youth in the Wisconsin and Upper
Michigan Division.
William Booth’s essay ‘In Heaven
but not of Heaven’ found new life in
an original musical drama written by
Joe Caddy that showcased the talents
of the Bill Booth Theater Company
and the Metropolitan and Eastern
Michigan divisions. Featuring music,
interpretative dance and special
effects, the drama followed one mod-
ern-day Salvationist’s vision of heav-
en and the burning conviction he
needed to make his days count.
The General’s preaching was a
clear and unequivocal call to salva-
tion. She said while we live in a chal-
lenging world of pluralism, secular-
ism and humanism, Christ remains
the answer. We must tell people
about Jesus who can reconcile the
alienated, adopt the outsider, justify
the guilty, liberate those in bondage,
and bring light to the darkness.
Nothing else will do. The meeting
ended once again with many kneel-
ing at the mercy seat, claiming the
good news.
**New Lieutenants**

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Affirmation of Faith. Then the General, assisted by Training Principal Major Cherri Hobkins, addressed each cadet, sharing a Bible verse followed by the words of ordination as ministers and commissioning as officers.

In her prayer of dedication, Commissioner Carol Seiler, territorial president of women’s ministries, asked God for their continued strength and fruitfulness.

The General’s message began with an explanation of the admonition “peace to you” used by Christ with his disciples and Paul with believers. Culturally, the wishes of peace conveyed wholeness, healing and health. The General called it the best definition of holiness: God’s ability to make one whole.

This healing at a deeper level is the answer to relational discord within the body of Christ, she continued, grieving for broken, hurting Christians with doubts, insecurities and bitterness.

She said, “We’re not called to exist but to live life to the full. Christ said, ‘I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly.’”

In response to her message, hundreds of people filled the front, aisles and sides of the auditorium. Then near the end of the meeting, a call to officership brought almost 130 people onto the stage.

The Sunday afternoon Service of Appointments, where the newly commissioned lieutenants learned where and how they’ll first serve God as officers, was a rousing, blood-and-fire celebration fueled by the music of the CSB.

Major Cherri Hobkins presented the Proclaimers, introducing them as a mature group highly focused on the mission of the Army.

In her challenge to the new lieutenants, the General used the expression, “Stick to your knitting,” meaning stay with the simple facts of the resurrection. “Trust the story; it’s crucial to your ministry,” she continued.

Believing mediocrity is a sin, she encouraged the lieutenants to be their best, adding, “You’re only best when God’s power surges through your veins.”

Then Commissioner Paul Seiler had the pleasure of humorously interacting with the new lieutenants and their children as he presented their first appointments.

**Fun and fellowship abounds at Congress**

The Family Congress in St. Louis held non-stop opportunities for fun and fellowship for delegates of all ages.

After the keynote session, more than 500 teens and young adults flocked to the City Museum for a fun-packed afternoon. The museum offered 10 stories of amazing exhibits and experiences, such as high spiral slides, a crawl-through shark tank and human hamster wheel. Youth also enjoyed munching on brick-oven pizza and homemade cookies. Simultaneously at the Resource Connection exhibit hall, hundreds more delegates enjoyed an ice cream social and some late night shopping.

Saturday dawned with 10 breakfast programs from prayer fellowship to a National Seminar on Evangelism reunion and a Q&A with Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler. After the exhilarating morning meeting, Saturday afternoon stretched out leisurely with a variety of options for family activities. With delegates sporting bright blue polo shirts with the red shield, there was no doubt the Army had invaded the city.

Then many delegates chose to walk or drive around the city, enjoying the sights and sounds of the bustling downtown.

For the sports or missions minded, a 5K run/walk benefiting World Services/Self-Denial attracted more than 200 participants at the St. Louis University track. In addition to a box lunch, runners received t-shirts and treat bags containing a $5 coupon for Resource Connection’s new line of athletic wear. The event raised approximately $5,000.

For those delegates who preferred the great indoors there was the Resource Connection marketplace for lunch and shopping. Among the new products offered this year were gift items with a globe motif and bobblehead figurines of Army greats.

World missions held center court in the marketplace with an educational fundraising project to provide rain water collection tanks for corps in the Kenya East Territory, one of our partners in mission. Also on display were Sally Ann items from overseas.

A dozen vendors showcased musical instruments to recreational equipment, while the territorial social services department distributed information on the new Pathway of Hope initiative. The territorial historical museum mounted an eye-catching, educational display on the Midland Division and recent generals, along with a fun, interactive learning area for children.

After the meeting Saturday night, youth convened for a performance by “The Brilliance,” while dedicated shoppers took off for Resource Connection’s “late-night madness.”
The Shield of Hope

This year the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps is celebrating 125 years of service, and to commemorate the landmark it’s holding various outreach events, activities and promotions.

“We think this is a great opportunity to remind people in our community about The Salvation Army and our mission,” said Lt. Kristina Sjögren, who until recently was corps officer with her husband, Michael. “Our theme is ‘The Shield of Hope for 125 Years: Onward!’ Through it we’re reflecting on our past but more importantly looking to the future.”

The high point of the year so far has been the corps’ celebration weekend, which kicked off on a Saturday afternoon with a traditional praise meeting and devotional given by Major Evie Diaz, Heartland divisional commander.

In the evening there was a community concert given by the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) and Eastern Iowa Brass Band. More than 400 people attended including Mayor Ron Corbet. The Cedar Rapids Timbrel Brigade played with the massed bands, and Chief Secretary Colonel Merle Heatwole gave a heartwarming devotional.

“During the intermission a woman came up to me,” said Kristina. “She had tears running down her face, and she said, ‘I asked God into my heart during the last selection!’ She had been so moved by the staff band.”

On Sunday morning Cedar Rapids youth began the service with a drama set to the song ‘Set Me Free’ by Casting Crowns. While Colonel Dawn Heatwole, territorial secretary for women’s ministries, stood to give the message, she was amazed. “I love how the Holy Spirit works. I didn’t know what the kids were going to do this morning, but the Holy Spirit knew they would fit together.”

The morning service was also supported by the CSB.

This summer the corps is partnering with their local AAA minor league baseball team for an outreach and auction, and this fall the local history museum plans to host a Salvation Army exhibit.

The corps is now led by Majors Paul and Barbara Logan.

A sweet fellowship

by Major Curtiss Hartley

What do you get when you gather a bunch of missionaries and former missionaries in a room? There’s no punch line. It’s just not what you might expect.

Saturday morning at Congress, more than four dozen folks who are currently serving or have served in overseas appointments gathered for a fellowship breakfast. While bow-tied servers poured coffee and delivered quiche, the missionaries chatted.

Officers serving in places like Canada, Sweden, Japan and Papua New Guinea sat with others who had served in Russia, South America and Germany. There were curious questions about adjustments to cultural differences, but beneath the friendly chatter was a knowing sense of a shared experience. Some things didn’t have to be spoken because everyone understood the hardships of separation from family, challenges of diet and climate, and frustrations of living and working so far from home.

Conversations rarely delved into dramatic stories of exciting adventures. Instead, they revolved around responsibilities. Some things did share information about the needs abroad, and marveled at the generosity of those at home.

Above all was a sense of wonder at God’s mercy and grace that He would choose to send us to serve in faraway lands. I’ve learned “missionary” means many different things. It’s taking the gospel to people who may not have heard it. It’s providing education to poor children, and medicine and healthcare to those who can’t afford it. It’s showing someone how to manage a crop or collect rainfall so their family can bathe and cook. It’s also filing and paying bills and writing grants and proposals.

For those gathered for the Overseas Personnel and Alumni Breakfast, the idea was simply to respond to God’s call to serve, wherever and whenever.

World Services/Self-Denial Giving

For the first time ever, the territory has raised over $8 million for World Services/Self-Denial.

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Grand Total $8,144,652

The General has extended the service of Commissioners William A. and Nancy L. Roberts, national leaders, for one year. Their retirement from active service will now be October 31, 2014. They will continue to serve in their present positions until that time. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.


Cedar Rapids Mayor Ron Corbet and Lt. Michael Sjögren.
Pray for these new lieutenants as they take up their first appointments and share Jesus’ saving grace.

Lieutenants William & Taylor Brutto
Corps Officers—Michigan City, Ind.

Lieutenant Betsy Clark
Corps Officer—Hammond-Munster, Ind.

Lieutenants Jared & Tonia Collins
Corps Officers—Sedalia, Mo.

Lieutenants Enrique & Christine Coreano
Corps Officers—Dodge City, Kan.

Lieutenant Lennard Cossey
Corps Officer—Detroit Grandale, Mich.

Lieutenants Jeffery & Joyce Curran
Corps Officers—Garden City, Kan.

Lieutenant Jaclyn Davison
Associate Corps Officer—Minneapolis Central, Minn.

Lieutenant Stephen DeLacy
Corps Officer—Shelbyville, Ind.

Lieutenants Gregory & Holly Ehler
Corps Officers—Moline Heritage Temple, Ill.

Lieutenants Michael & Kelly Hanton
Corps Officers—Elgin, Ill.
Lieutenants Christopher & Brianne Karlin
Corps Officers—Big Rapids, Mich.

Lieutenant Brenna Logan
Assistant Corps Officer—Omaha North Side, Neb.

Lieutenant Corey Hughes
Corps Officer—Chicago Englewood, Ill.

Lieutenants Jeff & Terri-Sue Olson
Corps Officers—Manitowoc, Wis.

Lieutenant Shawn Mantyla DeBaaer
Corps Officer—Branson, Mo.

Lieutenants Norm & Denesia Polusca
Officer for Community Outreach; Officer for Youth Development—Chicago, Ill., Kroc Corps Community Center

Lieutenant Kenyon Sivels
Corps Officer—Watertown, S.D.

Lieutenant Christopher White
Assistant Corps Officer—Chicago Temple, Ill.

Lieutenants Sean & Christina Wise
Assistant Corps Officers—Noble Worship Center, Minn.

Lieutenant Antoine Zachery
Corps Officer—East St. Louis, Ill.
The retirement service of Major Mary Hammerly produced much laughter, and a few tears, as Mary, friends and family related tales from her life, appointments and too-brief 24 years of marriage to Major Timothy Hammerly, who was promoted to Glory in 1998.

Mary’s retirement ceremony was officiated by Colonels William and Susan Harfoot, national chief secretary and national secretary for women’s ministries. An especially touching moment came when Lt. Colonel Theodore Dalberg presented Mary with a special certificate recognizing her late husband’s service.

Tributes were made by Lt. Colonel Pamela Strickland, Major JoAnn Madrid, Major Butch Frost and Karen Young. Other highlights included a salute by Tim Hammerly to his parents and Mary’s recognition of Majors Charles and Florence Moffitt as her spiritual parents.

After Mary was commissioned in 1969, she spent the first seven years of her officership ministering at Booth homes and hospitals in Minnesota and Michigan. After marrying Timothy in 1974, they served together in two corps, three divisional appointments and at the College for Officer Training.

It was during their second year at the college that Tim was promoted to Glory. Mary continued to serve there for the next eight years until she was appointed in 2006 as the territorial multicultural ministries director, the position from which she retired.

Mary described her last appointment as an incredible journey of many blessings. “I’m thankful God included this appointment in my life.”
Sjögrens appointed ambassadors of holiness

Lt. Colonels Daniel and Rebecca Sjögren have been appointed as territorial ambassador and associate territorial ambassador for holiness, respectively, effective June 26. Lt. Colonel Rebecca Sjögren’s primary assignment will be assistant secretary for women’s ministries; she also will hold the positions of secretary for women’s auxiliaries and Fellowship of the Silver Star.

Pray for them as they take up these new responsibilities.

Long Service Awards

We salute the following officers on their service milestones.

30 Years
Major Mark Anderson
Major Deborah De La Verge
Major Nelson De La Verge
Major Jack Holloway
Major Nancy Holloway
Major John Klammer
Major Barbara Logan
Major Lonnie Richardson
Major Belinda Rigs
Major Thomas Rigs
Major Barbara Shields
Major Cindy Strickler
Major Betty Vogler
Major Charles Wright

35 Years
Commissioner Barry C. Swanson
Commissioner E. Sue Swanson
Lt. Colonel Richard Amick
Lt. Colonel Vicki Amick
Major Elizabeth Beardsley
Major James Beardsley
Major Jacelyn Bowers
Major Thomas Bowers
Major Robert Fay
Major Ruth Fay
Major Jonathan Fjellman
Major Linda Fjellman
Major Robert Gauthier
Major Wes Green
Major Debra Hansen
Major Ralph Hansen, Jr.
Major Margaret Hill
Major Daniel Hursh
Major Ruth Hursh
Major Donna Hutchings
Major Rose Mason
Major Andrew Miller, Jr.
Major Cheryl Miller
Major Mike Mills
Major Charles Smith
Major Sharon Smith
Major Douglas Stearns
Major Diann Tutewiler
Major Edward Tutewiler

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25 Years
Major Brian Burkett
Major Lee Ann Burkett
Major Michelle Heaven
Major Nathan Johnson
Major Debra Pascoe
Major Timothy Pascoe
Major Amel Ruppel
Major Tracy Ruston
Major Wayne Ruston
Major John Turner
Major Theresa Turner
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Major Marina Womack
Major Stephen Yoder

My Prayer List

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---Mustard Seeds---

DAD... WHAT ARE THE PSALMS?
DAVID WROTE 150 SONGS & POEMS THAT ARE COLLECTED IN THE PSALMS

SONGS OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE... SONGS FOR WEDDINGS AND SONGS THAT PLEAD FOR HELP.
DID DAVID WRITE ANY COUNTRY & WESTERN PSALMS?
I DON’T THINK SO...

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AROUND THE TERRITORY

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The kids had such a great time that they didn’t want to leave,” said Major Charlie Polesky, territorial assistant to the youth secretary. “Each child received a lot of personal attention and the CKE staff was excellent at being flexible and fun. Overall everyone—parents included—was very happy!”

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