Salvationists called to a new level of faith and action

This summer, 1,450 delegates gathered in Milwaukee, Wis., for a commissioning weekend led by Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey that celebrated the transforming and equipping power of God and called Salvationists to a new level of faith and action. The event featured National Ambassadors for Holiness Dr. Bill and Diane Ury, explored the theme “An Army of Compassion” and unveiled the territory’s direction.

Inspiring program which gave a glimpse of how the Central Territory partners with territories worldwide to carry out the mission. The meeting featured the faith-deepening experiences of Captain Enrique Coroano and Flor Guzman-Cardenas, and included praise led by The Singing Company, selections by the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) and dramas by the Bill Booth Theater Company (BBTC). An update was given on the 20 New Corps initiative, and the World Services/Self-Denial Ingathering revealed an astounding $9.7 million was given.

Chris Shay, territorial director for world missions for 19 years who is retiring this summer, was taken by surprise with recognition by Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey which brought delegates to their feet. “You have been part of transforming this territory in vision and opportunities,” said the territorial commander. The final young adult summer mission teams for which Chris is responsible were dedicated in prayer by Commissioner Heidi Bailey, who urged them to serve with their eyes wide open and to work hard but pray even harder. “Come back changed,” she said.

The meeting’s culmination was a heart-felt message by a radiant Diane Ury. Drawing on scripture complemented by personal experience, she made a compelling case for nothing

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More people more like Jesus

More people, more like Jesus. That’s the essence of the territory’s Mission Imperative which debuted at the commissioning weekend.

The Mission Imperative emerged from a nine-month visioning and strategy process that involved more than 200 people and culminated with a Territorial Mission and Strategy Team (MAST) that was charged with evaluating data and formulating a coherent recommendation to Territorial Leadership regarding the Army’s focus, methods and investment of resources in the Midwest.

MAST concluded that in order for The Salvation Army to achieve its Christ-centered purpose in the Central Territory and to be relevant in the future, five critical areas must receive priority attention and every Salvationist must reaffirm his or her individual commitment and actively engage in helping “more people become more like Jesus.”

“The Mission Imperative must impact not only our methods, but also our motivations. It represents the purpose for our existence as The Salvation Army and challenges us to reconsider the ‘depth and breadth” of our commitment to save the lost, discipline the saved, serve ‘Others’ and form an alliance with and a sense of community amongst the lost and disenfranchised in the name of Jesus,” said Territorial Commander Commissioner Brad Bailey. “Our future depends on how we can inspire in ourselves and those around us a spirit of expectation regarding God’s desire to live in and show up through us in such an inclusively redemptive way that it will spark a season of phenomenal growth.”

The five distinct but cohesive priorities which form the Mission Imperative include: Spiritual Life, Youth, City Mission, Intercultural and Leadership (see pages 6 & 7). Together these five priorities provide the framework for moving the territory forward in faith, acknowledging reliance on God yet collectively and individually doing our part. Crafted with intentionality, the Mission Imperative provides the essential and interrelated priorities that must be fleshed out by each Salvation Army unit, officer, soldier, adherent and worshipper to increase mission potential, effective ministry and growth. It encourages ownership, flexibility and creativity (see page 2).

“The soldier base is especially critical,” said Commissioner Barry Swanson, who oversaw the first stage of the process with his wife, Commissioner Sue Swanson. “It’s very important that it touches them, that they feel empowered and mobilized to be bold and do something different in the expression of practical ministry.”

To support the Mission Imperative, changes in the Program Section at Territorial Headquarters already are taking place as seen in the restructuring and renaming of departments (see page 5). As well, the Mission Imperative has informed officer appointments throughout the territory which go into effect this summer. For instance, two new roles have been introduced at Territorial Headquarters. Given the preeminence of the focus on Spiritual Life, Major Lesa Davis has been appointed Territorial Secretary for Spiritual Life Development and will work directly with Territorial Leadership. To support the priority of City Mission, Captain Katherine Clasen has been appointed as the territory’s first Social Justice and Urban Mission Secretary.

Essential changes and exciting opportunities across the territory may be anticipated as well as Salvationists look with fresh eyes and seek with open hearts what God is calling them to do. What is He saying to you?
The freedom of coloring between the lines

by LT. Colonel Philip Maxwell
Territorial Secretary for Program

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turing into our kitchen and scanning the masterpieces of art that adorn our refrigerator is arguably as enthralling and consuming as a tour of the Louvre. From paintings of the family to carefully and lovingly constructed cards, each artistic exhibit draws a warm response from us. They are precious because they were made by our seven grandchildren.

As in any great gallery, early works are replaced when more current and refined pieces are secured. What is notable to the critical viewer is the transition over time from loose abstract patterns where outlines were considered “inconvenient intrusions” to a more classical approach where outlines are recognized as an element to be respected and honored. Whether in art or life, maturity often gives an increased appreciation for the outlines, or guidelines, which mark our lives.

Five priorities have emerged that will speak to the life of the territory.

We are in a season of change in this territory as we launch our Mission Imperative. More than 200 people have been involved in consultation on this journey over nine months to provide an outline that will give direction and definition to the territory. From this, five priorities have emerged that will speak to the life of the territory for the immediate future.

As an art teacher might provide the outline for a class assignment, the responsibility of Territorial Leadership, in consultation with others, is to provide the framework within which the territory moves. The responsibility for this great Army of individuals who make up the Central Territory is to creatively and constructively, with God’s leading, begin the process of coloring within the lines.

There is incredible freedom to give expression to each priority in the way that best reflects the local setting.

In its purest form, every corps and every center will be challenged to interpret the priorities of the Mission Imperative in their own local setting. This fresh emphasis for the future of the territory exists within an environment that is both liberating and defining. There is incredible freedom to give expression to each priority in the way that best reflects the local setting. With our values having been shared, it will help define where our energy and resources should be invested.

Exodus 33 contains a wonderful dialogue between Moses and God. Standing on the brink of the future God planned for the Israelites, Moses pleads for God’s presence and confirms his reluctance to move forward without God’s divine sealing. God responds, “I do respond to what you have said; I have gained My trust and blessing, and I know you by name.” (Exodus 33:17, The Voice)

May we sense the liberating and defining presence of God as we seek to unpack His will and purpose for the Central Territory.
anywhere, this particular tour brought us to two memorable locations. The remote cities of Chilliwack and Penticton in British Columbia would never be a tour destination for a visiting band. Those folks really appreciated our music and ministry, and we, in turn, were blessed by their genuine hospitality and kindness,” remarked Ken Romin.

Many of the concerts ended with the Mark Hayes’ vocal arrangement “Grace” as the benediction. Audiences were clearly touched as the full-throated band moved among them singing, “When we’ve been there ten thousand years…”

“Sometimes as we moved into the final portions of our programs, the Spirit was so heavy we felt the audience just wanted to remain in God’s presence. No one wanted to leave,” said Bandmaster Burgmayer.

The tour’s programs were crafted to engage the audience in each location, and customization resulted in an ambitious repertoire of 37 instrumental and vocal pieces. Programs ranged from traditional arrangements such as “The Invincible Army” and “Rock of Ages” to more recent crowd favorites like “Chicago 1967 (Can you dig it?),” “Western Fantasy” by Vancouver Cariboo Hill Temple Bandmaster David Mills (who also served as their tour guide in Canada), and the joyous and energetic “Jubilo, Jubilo.” Major works, including Kurios, The Dawning and Fearless, were enthusiastically received.

Several selections showcased CSB soloists, including Minwoo Kang playing “Glory to His Name,” “Thoughts of Love” by Brett Tolcher, A/Captain Paul Bowyer with “The Higher Plane” and “Love Notes” by CSB Bandmaster Dr. Harold Burgmayer with soloists Ben Kinzie, Lynnda Cooper, Major John Aren, Brett Tolcher and Josh Turner.

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*While it’s always enjoyable to share in band fellowship with Salvationists
A life of music, mission and ministry
Saluting Peggy Thomas, our territory's latest Order of the Founder (O.F.) recipient
by William Himes, O.F.

This year marks the 40th and final year of Peggy Thomas’ career as assistant territorial music and creative arts minister secretary. As the one who brought her onto the team and worked with her for most of that time, it’s not easy to sum up her contributions, but some contrasting descriptions come to mind: innovative and thoughtful; passionate and quiet; determined and humble.

Breaking Barriers
In 1976 Peggy created quite a stir when she auditioned and gained a chair in the solo cornet section of the Chicago Staff Band (CSB). She was the first woman in The Salvation Army admitted into a staff band. It might be hard to believe this was an issue in the latter part of the 20th century, but fortunately for women in all staff bands today, Peggy was determined to break this barrier.

When she was 12, after hearing the CSB at commissioning, she said to her father, Colonel John Paton, “I want to be in that band someday.” “But Peggy, there are no girls in the staff band,” he replied.

She hadn’t noticed. True to character, she asked, “Why not? If a woman can be General of The Salvation Army, then why can’t they play in a staff band?” She proceeded to announce one day she’d be a member of the CSB.

Following graduation with a performance degree from the Eastman School of Music, Peggy returned to Chicago to continue graduate studies at Northwestern University. Asking to apply for membership in the CSB, she was told, “You don’t apply; you are invited.”

Not seeing any invitations coming her way, she created her own application and submitted it to the band board. On March 1, 1976, after consultation that went all the way to the Chief of the Staff at International Headquarters, she was appointed to the band and soon became principal solo cornet.

Taking the Lead
In 1982 Peggy was appointed CSB deputy bandmaster and in 1984 was commissioned as bandmaster of the Norridge Citadel, Ill., Band which she led for 35 years.

Under her leadership, the Norridge band explored program innovations which today are routine, including reinforcing music with synchronized video, using secular music to cross over into a spiritual context, and adding full rhythm section (keyboard, guitar, bass, drum kit) to contemporary repertoire. She led the band in successful tours of the U.S., the United Kingdom and Canada and produced dozens of recordings, including the first CD produced in the territory.

Discovering her Destiny
Although Peggy trained to be a professional musician with the goal of playing in an orchestra trumpet section, God had other plans. In 1979 she joined the fledgling territorial music department as its third employee.

The job provided diverse opportunities including the production of OPUS, a monthly newsletter to the corps music leaders. Her summer schedules were filled teaching young people at divisional and territorial music camps. She proved to be a fine conductor who related to young people with an infectious balance of challenge and encouragement.

While she rarely shows emotion, when she reflected on the hundreds of young musicians in Central Music Institute’s Wonderland Band that she led for years, her eyes welled up and her voice trembled as she said, “From the first fearful reading of a difficult piece to its triumphant conclusion in the final program, it is always amazing to see how these kids rise to the challenge and give an inspired performance.”

Focusing on Intentional Worship
Peggy’s personal mission extends far beyond her musical leadership.

“When I started working in the music department, I soon realized that I had talents and gifts that fit my new job,” she recalled. “In those days our main focus was supporting our musical groups with resources, seminars and events, but over the years we evolved and expanded our focus to include a wide range of worship arts.”

After attending a worship arts conference sponsored by a megachurch, Peggy came away inspired by the innovative principles and ideas that could be adapted and used in corps Sunday worship. It was not about being trendy or entertaining but rather intentional and life-changing.

“Everything points to Sunday” became the department’s credo. Worship was the filter through which all efforts passed. How can our music groups be more effective in worship? How can our music better relate to our congregations? Are there new directions in songs and musical idioms that can help us be more relevant?

“As we challenged ourselves with these questions, the answers resulted in the creation of a variety of resources designed to encourage deeper worship including thematic worship series, devotional materials and, of course, music,” Peggy observed.

Singing a New Song
Since 1992 Peggy has served as the project manager for Hallelujah Choruses, a collection of congregational accompaniments featuring current praise and worship songs and choruses along with older hymns and songs that have been rejuvenated and arranged in a contemporary style.

Peggy is saluted for her service as Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps bandmaster for 35 years.

Hallelujah Choruses is published in a variety of formats which can be used with keyboard, and/or praise band rhythm section, and/or brass ensemble from five players to full band. With 280 arrangements and all songs including English and Spanish translations, this resource is now used every week in corps throughout the world.

Lifting a Concert of Prayer
In 1997 Peggy read Jim Cymbala’s book Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire, an inspiring chronicle of a dwindling congregation that grew exponentially in a gang-infested urban wasteland in Brooklyn, N.Y. She gave the book to Commissioner Harold Hinson, then territorial commander, who promptly put a copy in the hands of every officer.

But Peggy didn’t stop there. She crafted a nine-week worship series titled, “Concert of Prayer: How to Bring an Army to its Knees.” Published in notebook form, this resource included meeting outlines with suggested songs, scripture passages and other readings, drama vignettes and sermon outlines. The objective was to reduce research time for corps leaders while providing an abundance of inspiring content that could be adapted.

When it was released to every corps in 1998, the response was so positive it quickly began to be used in all North American territories and necessitated Peggy spending a greater portion of her time developing Advent/Lent materials and other thematic worship series annually.

“I am especially grateful to my corps for their willingness to be a lab over the years prior to releasing these series to the territory,” she said.

Having worked closely with Peggy for 36 years, I could be biased. But Lt. Colonel Philip Maxwell, territorial program secretary, shared this assessment, “By far the most appropriate label that can be attributed to Peggy Thomas is ‘Servant of God.’ Her life has been marked by obedience with grace, humility, consistency and a determination to offer her very best.”

Peggy Thomas and her family with Territorial Commander Commissioner Brad Bailey during the commissioning weekend this June when she was inducted into the Order of the Founder.
A celebration of Live Music in 2020

by Joe Caddy

Recognizing music is a vital and fundamental component in worship, the territorial music and creative arts ministries department embarked in 2012 on a journey to establish Live Music in Worship in Every Corps by 2020 (LM2020).

With the deadline for this ambitious goal on the horizon, the department is pleased to announce that the commissioning weekend next June will take the form of a music and creative arts festival dedicated to celebrate what God has done over the course of the LM2020 initiative.

The event will include performances by corps and divisional groups and feature the new Territorial Songsters led by Music and Creative Arts Ministries Secretary Harold Burgmyer.

In the months leading up to the event, the territorial music and creative arts ministries department will highlight new music programs that have sprouted and developing programs that have blossomed during the LM2020 initiative.

Each month the department’s webpage will feature stories from a division and how lives and communities have been changed. Watch for periodic features in Central Connection.

Be sure to check out samusiccentral.org for details and keep pushing toward the goal!
Introduction

In order for The Salvation Army to successfully achieve its Christ-centered purpose, relevant strategies and methods must be adopted to meet the varied needs of communities we are called to serve today. This requires a periodic review of current systems and practices, allowing for an evaluation to reveal where and when corrective steps are required.

This Mission Imperative, consisting of five integrated parts, is the result of such a process. It targets areas that require urgent remedial attention if we are to remain viable as a mission movement. By faith, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Central Territory is committing resources of time, people and finance toward strengthening our performance in these vital areas.

In fulfillment of the Soldier’s Covenant, every Salvationist is challenged to reaffirm their calling by actively helping “more people become more like Jesus.”

Spiritual Life

We seek to be a Salvation Army committed to and consumed with the spiritual life and development of God’s people. An Army marked by:

- Empowering Prayer
- Intentional Evangelism
- Compelling Discipleship
- Active Holiness
- Continuous Transformation

Youth

We seek to be a Salvation Army committed to and engaged with youth of all ages, intentionally seeking to capture their hearts, engage their passion and unlock their potential. An Army marked by:

- Open Communication
- Genuine Encouragement
- Mutual Respect
- Redemptive Trust
- Empowering Opportunity
City Mission

We seek to be a Salvation Army intimately woven into the fabric of our cities and responsive to their needs both practically and spiritually. An Army marked by:

- Incarnational Engagement
- Gospel Impact
- Impassioned Service
- Mission Integration
- Continuous Innovation
- Strategic Investment

Intercultural

We seek to be a Salvation Army fully engaged within our communities; celebrating the uniqueness and reflecting the diversity of our local neighborhoods — a visible testimony that all are “created in the image of God.” An Army marked by:

- Active Awareness
- Mutual Openness
- Consistent Grace
- Unconditional Love
- Practical Equity

Leadership

We seek to be a Salvation Army that recognizes the sacredness of all ministry and acknowledges the unique calling of individuals to serve as local officers and officers. Their calling is to fulfill the divine requirement of spiritual leadership. An Army marked by:

- Increased Engagement
- Inspired Creativity
- Sacrificial Service
- Lifelong Development
- Spirit Led
- Mutual Accountability

More People. More Like Jesus.

We would see Jesus... John 12:21
Pray for the new lieutenants as they take up their first appointments and share the life-changing message of the gospel.

Lieutenants Henry & Pamela Boateng
Corps Officers
Detroit Conner Creek, Mich.

Lieutenants Gregory & Elizabeth Bock
Corps Officers
Muscateine, Iowa

Lieutenant Abigail Hoag
Corps Officer
Porter County, Ind.*married Lt. Christopher Nicolai June 15

Lieutenant Joshua Hubbard
Corps Officer
Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind.

Lieutenant Jack Huffman
Corps Officer
St. Charles, Mo.

Lieutenant Shanell Johnson
Officer for Congregational Life, Chicago, Ill., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center

Lieutenant Karen Kumar
Corps Officer

Lieutenants David Meyers & Wendy Meyers-Bautista
Adult Rehabilitation Center Administrators for program and business, respectively
Omaha, Neb.

Lieutenants Nathan North & Katelyn Cole-North
Corps Officers
Mattoon, Ill.

Lieutenants Pablo & Nancy Rivera
Associate Corps Officers for Hispanic Ministries Chicago, Ill., Mayfair Community Church (Corps)

Lieutenants Scott & Dena Smith
Corps Officers
St. Charles Tri-City, Ill.

Lieutenant Justin Stockbauer
Assistant Corps Officer
Flint Citadel, Mich.
with responsibility for Owosso Citadel, Mich.

Lieutenant Justin Tracy
Assistant Corps Officer
Bloomington, Ill.
commissioning weekend 2019 began and ended in high notes of celebration as members of the "Messengers of Compassion" session were recognized, ordained and commissioned, then finally given their first appointments with the challenge to bring the gospel message to the world with compassionate hearts.

The weekend opened with a commencement and recognition service held at the Oak Creek Centennial, Wisconsin, Corps. Thirty-two officers, who completed bachelor’s and master’s degrees in the past year, were congratulated and recognized publically by Major Cheri Hobbs, territorial officer resource and development secretary. Commissioner Michael Hanton also was recognized for completing the Arrow Leadership program.

In his powerful commencement address Dr. Bill Ury, national ambassador for holiness, challenged the session to remain in constant communion with God and dependent on Him alone as they face the unknown, following the example of Abraham. "We don’t know the future, but God does," he said. "Put your hand in His hand and let Him lead you."

The second-year cadets then received their training certificates from the College for Officer Training (CFOT), many with highest honors. Awards given to individuals chosen by their peers as showing qualities of servant evangelism and mission and ministry were presented to Cadets Shanell Johnson and Karen Kumar, respectively. Valedictorian Cadet Dena Smith and salutatorian Cadet Joshua Hubbard also were congratulated.

Sunday brought moments of solemn reverence and uninhibited exuberance for the "Messengers of Compassion." The morning session held a worshipful tone as the meeting moved from recognition of officers promoted to glory to the commissioning and ordination of the session. In the sacred moments of affirmation surrounding the culmination of their training, each cadet was given a scripture passage chosen by the CFOT staff as they received their commission and ordination from Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey. In their first moments as lieutenants, they were surrounded by territorial leadership team members who offered prayers of dedication.

Cadet Joshua Hubbard gave a moving testimony of how God used The Salvation Army to change his life by providing him a safe place where he was always welcomed, loved and encouraged. "The people at The Salvation Army loved me into the arms of Jesus," he said. "It is because of the love and compassion they showed me that I am a ‘Messenger of Compassion’ today."

In his message Commissioner Brad Bailey addressed the "sacred moments of the mission occurred as Lt. Abigail Hoag presented the session flag. Accompanied by a simple yet beautiful acoustic rendition of ‘I’ll not turn back’ sung by Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey. In their first moments as lieutenants, they were surrounded by territorial leadership team members who offered prayers of dedication.

Major Miriam Gorton, the flag was marched through the auditorium and posted before being saluted by the session. There was a clear understanding of the session’s unwavering commitment to the call of God to "love and serve Him supremely" with no intention of turning back.

In contrast, the afternoon session allowed the new lieutenants to display their fun side. They danced their way onstage to flashing lights, thumping beats and a rap crafted by Lt. Justin Tracy, then pulled out banners and ribbons for an exciting finale to their entrance. The lieutenants and their families received their first appointments amid loud cheers and applause, and to everyone’s delight brand-new mom Lt. Karen Kumar received her appointment via projected FaceTime.

The meeting was filled with joy as former sessions remembered their commissionings and celebrated with the "Messengers of Compassion." The final living member of the “Liberty” session (1944), Major Wilma Velasquez, was honored and greeted with a standing ovation.

In a final charge to the lieutenants, Colonel Janice Howard encouraged them to see the potential in people. Speaking from the book of Daniel, she challenged them to make wise choices by following the Bible, use their God-given gifts and give God the glory.

"We are working, we are serving, we are living from a framework of compassion," he said. "As followers of Jesus, our compassion for others reflects His compassion for us."

The challenge to love as Jesus loves resonated with the audience, and the invitation to follow God’s call was enthusiastically received. As men and women who hope to become officers came forward, the new lieutenants, cadets and officers seated onstage made room for them to take their seats and prayed with them.

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Newly accepted candidates

Breanna L. James
Lansing South, Mich., Corps
Western Michigan/Northern Indiana Division

Education
Dorsey School of Business
Career/work
Intake receptionist/receptionist at the Lansing Corps
Salvation experience
I accepted Jesus at age 9 and recommitted myself to the Lord at age 30.

Turning point or milestone in your faith journey
I had been a believer and served locally, but when I became a Salvationist my life changed completely. I realized God had a bigger and better purpose for my life.

First Salvation Army encounter
I met The Salvation Army in 2011 through a Christmas program at the Detroit Temple, Mich., Corps. I loved the way they ministered to people and made them feel welcomed. They offered me a volunteer position, and I’ve been with the Army ever since.

Your calling
When Captain Aj Zimmerman spoke at the 73rd weekend in 2016 and said the harvest was plentiful but the laborers are few, I knew I could make a change not only in my own life but in the lives of others.

Interests and spiritual gifts
Servant leadership, administration, discernment; crafts, baking, gardening

Spiritual mentors
My grandmother, Elizabeth Scott; my mother, Breanna James; my friend, Chrisandra Taylor; Dalvius King, Harvey, Envoys Aree and Esther Lewis, and Major Frezza Morrison

Breanna’s corps officer is Lt. Jennifer Davidson.

Luke Hursch
Omaha Northside, Neb., Corps
Western Division
Education/training
Montana Wilderness School of the Bible, Specs Howard School of Media Arts

Career/work
A variety of positions at Salvation Army camps, corps and adult rehabilitation centers

Salvation experience
When I was about 8 years old, we were watching the “Left Behind” film series. I didn’t want to go to hell, so I accepted Christ.

Turning point or milestone in your faith journey
A missions trip to Ecuador

First Salvation Army encounter
My parents are officers, so I grew up in the Army.

Your calling
I felt called at youth councils but didn’t accept it until I was at college in Montana when my favorite Bible verse, Isaiah 6:8, spoke to me in a new way. I heard God saying, “I called you to be an officer.”

Interests and spiritual gifts
Teaching, leading worship and generosity

Little known fact about you
I attended a Congress with General André Cox in Chile, South America, in 2015. We had a good talk about the fire because I was the only other person who spoke English besides the translators.

Luke’s corps officers are Lts. Ken and Samantha Jones; his former COs were Majors Randall and Susan Summit

International College for Officers

The following officers have been selected to attend the International College for Officers in London, England, July 10 to August 19, 2019.

Major Geffery Crowell
Fort Wayne, Ind., Corps Officer

Major Cassandra DeJesus
Territorial Corps and Community Mission Secretary

Captain Katherine Clausell
Territorial Social Justice and Urban Mission Secretary

Major Jason Pollom

Long Service Awards

We salute the following officers on their service milestones.

40 Years
Lt. Colonel Patty Richardson
Major Gail Abo
Major Carole Caddy
Major Glen Caddy
Major Rebecca Bisarn

35 Years
Commissioner Dawn Heatwole
Commissioner Marie Heatwole
Lt. Colonel Debbie Maxwell
Lt. Colonel Philip Maxwell
Lt. Colonel Phonie Smith
Major Susan Anderson
Major Gary Cole
Major Gary Dalton
Major Beverly Gates
Major Mark Litherland
Major Barbara Logan
Major James McDowell
Major Valerie McDowell
Major Timothy Parker
Major Bethany Petrie
Major Keith Petrie
Major Belinda Riggis
Major Cindy Strobel
Major Carla Voeller
Major Alan Wurtz

30 Years
Major Claire Granger
Major Norman Granger
Major Charlotte Hall
Major Darlene Harvey
Major Nathan Johnson
Major Donna Leadom

25 Years
Lt. Colonel Philip Davidson
Lt. Colonel Sheila Davison
Lt. Colonel Dan Jennings
Major Michael McKee
Major Harold Poff
Major Lymata Poff
Major Debra Richardson
Major Jeffrey Richardson
Major Kris Wood
Major Mary Ann Wood
Major Steven Woodward

Building bridges at the College

by Major Karen Johnson

In his Christmas message of 1915, General Bramwell Booth is quoted as saying, “Every land is my fatherland, for all lands are my Father’s.” Indeed, when our desire is to serve God and follow His leading, barriers are broken down and bridges are built.

This past year at the College for Officer Training (CFOT) has been one of bridge building as the Training in Spanish initiative was introduced and we welcomed the first four cadets to participate in it. This approach has utilized a multi-faceted approach in providing support, education and resources in Spanish while helping cadets learn English so they will be prepared for their work as officers.

Classes such as Bible and doctrine have been taught in Spanish, while other classes have either been interpreted or provided with a facilitator who helps with comprehension. Seven bilingual officers on the CFOT staff have readily assisted these English-language learners both in the classroom and in more casual settings.

While the destination—commissioning as a bilingual officer—is clear, the process is flexible and customized to each cadet where they are on this journey. Every quarter, progress is reviewed, needs reevaluated and supports are adjusted as needed to ensure the individual cadet so that he or she is not overwhelmed but consistently moving toward self-sufficiency and established outcomes. Underwritten by International Headquarters, the award-winning Rosetta Stone language education software has been an invaluable resource.

“It has been a challenge in dealing with all the logistics that pertain to such a blessed endeavor,” said Captain Edwin Velez, one of the officers who has given assistance in the new Training in Spanish initiative. “But we, as a body of believers, have been supremely blessed to work with those who have been called by God.”

Indeed, their presence on campus has enriched the fellowship and created a cultural sensitivity in the other cadets which will serve them well in ministry. In spite of the language barrier or cultural complexities, the Spanish-speaking cadets have fully engaged in campus life. They often have demonstrated their love for God and passion to minister to others which is what brought them to the CFOT and what the CFOT can’t provide. While they are learning important skills they will need as officers, they are teaching the other cadets and staff alike about overcoming challenges in order to be used by God.
CSB and a lyrical solo cornet rendering of “Voice of Grace” by Peggy Thomas.

An undoubted highlight of the weekend occurred when Peggy Thomas was inducted into the Order of the Founder in recognition of her exemplary service and contribution to The Salvation Army, foremost as a champion of gender equality, advancing the inclusion of women through music, and as an inspiring and creative contributor to worship music that’s impacted the world.

“We have been celebrating, wrestling with, this weekend the idea of ‘being Jesus’ to people and the impact that can have. If we ever needed an example in the USA Central Territory... it’s you!” the territorial commander commended Peggy, who received a standing ovation.

“A Compassionate Commission” was delved into by Dr. Bill Ury, who passionately explored Luke 10 along with the Mission Imperative, which he characterized as a biblically infused outline and invitation to follow Jesus. He urged Salvationists to count the cost and radically obey Christ. In response, delegates laid their signed commitment cards on the altar.

A rousing evening session, Commissioning, My Territory, was replete with examples of God’s work changing lives as people walk through our doors, including Major Herbert Luhn, soldier and adult rehabilitation center (ARC) graduate Vince Cusak, Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Gehrig

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--- Mustard Seeds ---

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