

**THE SALVATION ARMY  
BOOTH COLLEGE OF MISSION  
UPPER HUTT**

**Annual Report for NZATS AGM – 2009**

This report covers the 12 months since the last NZATS AGM in 2008.

1. No changes have been made to academic staffing at Booth College of Mission (BCM) this year.
2. In 2009, the School for Officer Training (SFOT) has 30 officer cadets in training - 22 in their first year and 8 in their second.
  - Eight, from throughout New Zealand and Fiji, are completing their second year of training and it is expected they will be commissioned as Salvation Army officers in December.
  - Eighteen, from throughout New Zealand and Fiji, entered their first year of officer training in February this year.
  - Two cadets have joined us from Indonesia for a cross-cultural/English immersion experience to augment their training. It is expected they will be commissioned and return to Indonesia in December.
  - The remaining two cadets are not resident at BCM but have individualised training programmes, while fulfilling Salvation Army ministry appointments in Auckland.
3. NZQA has approved:
  - a Category 2 Change in the Certificate of Salvation Army Officer Training (level 6). This has been reconstituted and more tightly defined as comprising the Diploma of Biblical Studies (DipBS, delivered under a partnership agreement with Laidlaw College) in Year 1, Diploma of Salvation Army Mission and Ministry (see below) in Year 2 and a Discipleship Formation component running through both years.
  - The DipSMMM (Level 6) is the “denominational formation” component of Salvation Army officer training. It is comprised of eight modules of fifteen credits each. Each module is constructed as inquiry guided learning, with an Individual Task, a Group Task, and a Required Learning component. There are six weeks of Field Experience spaced through the year. This year is the first year of full implementation after a pilot version was run in Semester 2 of 2008.
4. The Centre for Leadership Development (CLD) saw significant growth in 2008 with over 900 people attending workshops, courses and conferences, at BCM and in locations throughout New Zealand, up from around 550 in 2007. Notable new features of the CLD programme this year have been the very successful pilots of the Community Ministries and Chaplaincy training programmes. CLD went ‘on the road’ with a number of courses, a series of vision communication workshops in the Midland division and our ongoing partnership with the “Leadership Jesus Way” team. CLD welcomed overseas guests, Commissioners Barry and Raemor Pobjie (International Secretaries for the South Pacific East Asia Zone) as speakers at its Brengle Holiness Institute. CLD also sent people overseas with a study tour led by Lt Col Wilfred Arnold through Greece and Turkey, in the footsteps of St Paul, as part of the 20-Year Officer Review. It was also a special pleasure to share with colleagues from Fiji and Tonga at a number of CLD events this year.

CLD supports approximately 100 people in tertiary study through the Further Education for Officers and Unleashing Fund scholarship programmes.

5. The School of Bible and Mission (SBM) currently has five part-time students enrolled in courses which build towards the DipBS. This number is down significantly on previous years due to the high intake of officer cadets.
6. BCM held a combined commissioning and graduation weekend in December 2008. Ten officer-cadets were commissioned as Salvation Army Officers and were also awarded the DipBS. Five of these were also awarded the DipSAMB. Three students of SBM were also awarded the DipBS, the culmination of a number of years of part-time study.

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