

Endorsements for The War College:



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The War College has made and continues to make a significant impact on the lives of young adults, imprinting them with a true spirit of Salvationism -- zeal for the LORD, the Word, worship and the lost, love for the poor, commitment to simplicity and sacrificial living, This well-planned incarnational year (and more) in Vancouver's downtown east-side is marking a generation of young Salvation Army leaders that is blessing the world and often resulting in commitment to lifelong service as Salvation Army soldiers and officers. I believe it to be one of the most significant evidences of intentionality in true disciple-making in The Salvation Army today.

Richard Munn, Col. – Principal, International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development

At a time when seminarians across denominations are increasingly being educated and trained in the context of a local community of faith, this same movement is taking place in The Salvation Army with the War College. However, there is one extra and dynamic dimension: the terrain is tough, the training is formidable and the teachers are courageous. The end result is a vibrant community of young adults demonstrating evangelistic and incarnational vigour for the Kingdom of God.

In a world increasingly bored by excess, ease and entertainment the War College offers a robust antidote, living for others right where the need is greatest.



William Francis, Commissioner – Chair, Doctrine Council, Former Territorial Commander CAN & Bermuda

I have been privileged to witness first hand the dynamic, transformational curriculum of The War College in Vancouver, British Columbia. This incarnational mission training school demonstrates a passionate zeal for Jesus Christ to be lived out in radical obedience to loving and nurturing the marginalized. The Salvation Army is privileged to pioneer this intense form of discipleship and training to fulfill the Army's mission of "saving souls, growing saints and serving suffering humanity." The results are a dynamic expression of Salvationism in the lives of those attending The War College who engage in the Salvation War marked by commitment, holiness, and love.

James Pedlar –PhD. candidate – Young Adult Attrition Researcher Canada and Bermuda Territory

When I completed the Territorial Young Adult Research Project in 2009, I concluded that young Salvationists in Canada and Bermuda were crying out for authentic discipleship. As I traveled across the Territory, The War College was one of the few ministries I encountered that was intentionally focused on making authentic disciples. Their radical, incarnational approach to disciple-making, including their commitment to live and serve among the people of the DTES, represents a vital re-casting of the early Salvationist vision for mission.

James Knaggs, Commissioner - Territorial Commander USW

The War College is approved by its fruit. Its influence is not limited to my range of service, though War College graduates have advanced in each of those territories through officer training into notable vocational Christian leadership. I've not met a graduate that wasn't on fire by the Holy Spirit with a compassionate, aggressive witness and a hope filled heart. It is accurate to affirm that The War College in its people, its philosophy, and its example is influencing the whole Salvation Army world.

Wesley Harris, Commissioner – Former Territorial Commander, Canada and Bermuda Territory

The War College is one of the best of Salvation Army innovations. I spent weeks observing the prayer, study and street ministry of young people in down town Vancouver that would be deserving of a corporate award of the Order of the Founder (if such a thing existed!) The programme of incarnational ministry is challenging and not for the fainthearted. But it is God-glorifying and an example of what can be done by young people with both passion and purpose.

A few years ago I spent three weeks at 614 Vancouver and it was a wonderfully challenging experience. The passion of the young people involved communicated wonderfully and was akin to that which possessed the early Salvationists. They had not been parachuted into the area and then withdrawn but lived there and could address many locals by name. They were fearless as they entered local 'dives' and engaged in open-air activity. I hope I made some contribution to the mission. Certainly, the spirit of



the young people blessed me immeasurably and caused me say, "This IS the Army!" My recommendation may now be dated but if the situation is as I saw it I would feel that there could be few projects more worth of support.

Stephen Court, Major – Corps Officer, Edmonton Crossroads

The War College is training up warriors to win the world for Jesus. Fully half of all graduates are on an officer track and training colleges in eight territories have been enriched by War College presence. The impact spreads through our territories, those territories, and others as graduates apply the lessons they learn on their local fronts, discipling intentionally, living simply, praying extraordinarily, evangelising aggressively, loving authentically, fighting covenantally.

Danielle Strickland, Major – Corps Officer, Edmonton Crossroads

Discipleship, mission-focused living, charismatic-flavoured heroism fueled by dependance on the Holy Spirit, is not only a radical departure from lifestyles of consumer-market driven appetites, but the establishing of God's Kingdom come on the earth as it is in heaven! The War College is exactly this - the most intense, formative year of any Jesus lover's life. If I could - I would go myself! In the meantime I believe that the more people who will embrace this War College life will be central to the advance of the gospel in a consumer-drained world. I can't recommend the people, the students, the teachers, the community of The War College more!

Eva Burrows, General (R)

I have been happy to be connected with The War College for many years, even visiting on several occasions. I have witnessed that The War College offers training in Bible-based, urban mission, gives opportunities to engage in down-to-earth, street ministry, spurs you to challenge social injustice and to live incarnationally as servants of Jesus. It's for the daring, not the faint-hearted. It will transform your life.

Paul Rader, General (R) and Kay F. Rader, Comm.

The War Colleges springing up around The Salvation Army world are a sharp stimulus toward innovative action in immersion evangelism and all-out engagement in the struggle for redemptive justice. Vancouver's program is in the vanguard of this emergent strategy for advancing the great Salvation War. We commend it to the prayerful support and encouragement of God's people.

Joe Noland, Commissioner

The War College weds mission innovation and incarnational authenticity with kingdom culmination and structural creativity that is influencing significant portions of the wider Salvation Army world.



Earl Robinson, Col. – Former Chair of The Salvation Army Doctrine Council, founding president of Booth University College

It was a privilege for me to be associated with The War College in Vancouver in its first years of operation by teaching two courses, one entitled “Warfare Doctrine & Operations: Past, Present & Future” and the other entitled “Extreme Holiness”. I sensed that the students of the college had a desire to learn more about the basics of The Salvation Army and how the war against sin and Satan in the beginnings of our Movement could be recaptured in the new millennium. I was especially moved in my own heart and soul to be able to join them in a prayer-walk occasionally on East Hastings Street in downtown Vancouver and see the ways in which they were inter-acting with the destitute because of being recognized by them as caring friends. I am pleased to commend The War College as a place of new beginnings for new students who are being called by God to become part of the college and its adventures in Christian Mission.

Don Cople, Col. – Former Chief Secretary, Canada and Bermuda Territory, Founding Divisional Commander of The War College

The Vancouver War College provides a unique opportunity to experience incarnational living while learning and engaging in urban Spiritual Warfare.

Winn and Bill Blackman, Majors – Divisional Family Tracing Services Director and former Divisional Commander in British Columbia

The Salvation Army War College located on the Down Town East Side of Vancouver comprised of faculty and students acts as a symbol of hope to the poorest postal code in North America. Students come from various parts of the SA world to live incarnationally acting as salt and light in the community to which God has called them. The students are thoroughly equipped and disciplined by intense training in Wesleyan Theology, our doctrines and practical disciplines of the Christian faith. Their ministry on the DTES is well respected and their influence extensive as they disciple new converts in some of the worst Hotels in Canada, in their homes and the Command Center. Many of the students from TWC have gone on to be cadets, officers and Christian workers throughout the Army world and other Churches.

I was honored and humbled to have the privilege of teaching Spiritual Disciplines and Christology for five years at TWC, also to be their liaison officer for the Division. I continue to pray for this vital ministry not only to the DTES but also the Salvation Army worldwide. I believe that God has allowed TWC to grow and prosper because of the strong emphases on teaching the word, their partnership with the 614 Corps and the 24/7 prayer.



As a previously Divisional Commander of the British Columbia Division Bill Joins me in strongly endorsing this ministry and pray that it will continue to grow and prosper under God and The Salvation Army.

Jamie Braund, Major – Training Principal, CFOT Canada and Bermuda Territory

I was first introduced to the War College community when I served as the Corps Officer at Cariboo Hill Temple in Burnaby, British Columbia. War College students were frequent attenders at the Corps and it was a great blessing to meet young Salvationists who had travelled from around the world to engage in urban mission. I was later asked to teach preaching classes at the War College and was able to do that for four years before moving to Ontario.

The War College presence continues to be transforming in Vancouver's downtown eastside – both for the students and those who live and work in that neighbourhood. Their connection to the Vancouver 614 Corps allows an even greater impact on the community and the division. Many opportunities are given for students and young adults to participate in short term training with the War College.

I believe that War College students are engaged in practical leadership development and discipleship training. Of course, now that my own son is a student, I can see even more the positive impact the War College has on young Salvationists. I would pray that we would continue to seek God's guidance for the days ahead.

Susan Van Duinen, Lt. Col (Dr.) – Divisional Commander Ontario Central, former Divisional Commander British Columbia

The War College offers one of the many unique opportunities for individuals to explore service on the front lines, living out one's faith in the trenches of life. Focused on incarnational ministry, combined with Biblical teaching, the War College reflects the concepts of the early day Salvation Army. The War College is extreme in its essence and is not for the faint of heart.

Michael Collins, Associate Pastor Cariboo Hill Temple and Director Cross Culture Corps

I've been with The Salvation Army and been involved with ministry in the downtown eastside of Vancouver for 20 years. The War College is a beacon of light on the dark streets of the downtown eastside and is yeast through the entire batch of the Body of Christ. As is well known, War College alumni have moved into training to become officers in many territories of the Army world as well as filling many lay positions locally and internationally. War College alumni are the bulk of the 614 Vancouver leadership as well as faithful employees in Belkin House, Harbour Light, Grace Mansion and local Salvation Army shelters. The training and equipping they receive in The War College prepares them in heart and in gifting to assist and run Army ministries.



At Cariboo Hill I lead the night meeting, which is a congregation of approximately 100 people. We are blessed to have in our leadership seven graduates of The War College who help this vibrant ministry to grow and to maintain momentum.

At the Cross Culture corps, which is growing very quickly and diversifying into many meaningful ministries, we also have seven (different) War College alumni in leadership and practical service.

I also volunteer time at Belkin House, Harbour Light and Grace Mansion in addition to my other duties and responsibilities, and declare whole-heartedly that I couldn't quite imagine what our local continuum of service would look like without The War College alumni who operate at the backbone of many of these ministries.

That's the alumni. The actual students are also a tremendous help, specifically to 614 and Vancouver's downtown eastside. Our friends on the downtown eastside – the homeless, drug-addicted, destitute, prostituted, and those who live in single-room occupancies – regularly sing the praises of the relentless, loving warriors of The War College. In many ways they are The Salvation Army's expression of love and light in dark alleys and dark hearts. I regularly see them in action on the streets and in the alleys, and have heard reports that glorify the Lord about their love from those whom they serve.

Students and alumni of The War College help lead many to Christ and assist in their discipleship. This is a life-giving, integral ministry to the local Army as well as other parts of our territory and our international movement.

The War College is critical to our fight.

David Ivany, Major – Spiritual Director/Pastoral Services, THQ Canada and Bermuda, former TYS

It is my privilege to express words of support for the War College from the perspective of a former Territorial Youth Secretary, a parent of former War College Students, husband of a former Territorial Secretary for Candidates, and as one currently engaged in Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Care.

The War College was part of a world-wide movement serving the world's poor, a movement which was spawned independently, by the Spirit of God, and yet sharing a commonality with various Christian denominations and expressions around the world.

Focusing on the incarnational, radically devotional, communal, missional, and marginal (working on the fringe, and listening to the marginalized of society), the War College was part of a prophetic movement, which resonated with Salvationist young people, challenged SA leadership, and connected with those beyond our movement as well.

As a TYS, I saw the War College providing learning opportunities for mission, be it conferences, or gap year programs. As a parent, I saw my grown youth mature and connect with the realities of urban mission, and the broader potential for engaging their faith as Salvationists. As an officer and husband of the Secretary for Candidates I have seen participants in the War College become cadets in the Canada and Bermuda territory, and beyond.



Finally as one presently involved in Spiritual Formation and pastoral care, I have seen War College students grounded in spiritual disciplines, spiritual warfare, both heart and head religion.

While some gap years have come and gone, dependent sometimes on personality, and international students, the War College has continued to appeal primarily to a local context while also drawing from Canadian, and international sources.

It has brought service to the marginalized back into focus for the Army. I recognize that the prophetic sometimes outpaces and sometimes alienates from the mainstream, but I have noticed a maturing, a humility, a perseverance, and a sacrificial commitment to service which is not only refreshing, but humbling and inspiring.

The War College, along with the 614 Movement, continues to evolve, and consolidate in keeping with the organization, while maintaining its spirit – a challenging combination. That consolidation can be implemented without diminishing its mission effectiveness. My wife and I have both taught at the War College, and would commend its ministry

Mark Hall, Cpt. – Former Territorial Youth Secretary, Canada and Bermuda Territory

Preface: The Lord will rescue His people!

When the LORD noticed that justice had disappeared, He became very displeased. It disgusted Him even more to learn that no one would do a thing about it. So with His own powerful arm, He won victories for truth. Justice was the LORD's armour; saving power was His helmet; anger and revenge were His clothes.

Isaiah 59:15b-17

It has been said before about the Salvation Army's War College: "Study with us and you'll end up on the street". What a true statement! The War College is a self-proclaimed "postmodern incarnational training community to equip and enlist warriors to win the world for Jesus with love" - fantastic!

I love how the leaders and students believe this. They believe in a big God, and I wish there could be more training of this kind. Training for a life where we could believe in Him for things that are large to us - but small for Him.

During my visit to the War College, it was clear that this was a very intense expression of the Salvation Army - closer to our true destiny, closer to the battle to which God calls us. It's not radical – it's in our DNA.

"The War College breaks hearts"

This heart-breaking college takes students from around the world. Some arrive with hearts of stone, but they soon turn to hearts of flesh. Their testimonies state this. Many of the students say their eyes were opened and they started to see the world as Christ sees it - and they are broken. It's been said *"Join the Army - see the world"*. Other warriors from the college say "during this most painful year, the training changed me and brought healing to my own life".



The War College that has been created to train this generation is not for everyone. But if this warrior-creating, heart-breaking, eye-opening institution did not exist - we would be sitting through many meetings discussing how to create it.

The leadership of the War College is disciplined, strong on theology and is loyal to the Mission. They have a no-nonsense approach to training, which is imperative to such a program.

In conclusion, scripture tells us "*by your fruit you shall be known*" (Psalm 1:3). The statistics of the War College are remarkable. It is by "the Lords powerful arm" that many War College graduates have continued on to full time service within the ranks of the Salvation Army. Amen.

Craig Greenfield, International Coordinator, Servants to Asia's Urban Poor

The presence of the War College is a huge blessing in the Downtown Eastside. Jonathan and Carla lead it with integrity and commitment and we are proud to work together in partnership with them for the transformation of this impoverished neighbourhood.

Rick Gilbert, Major – Clinical Director, Harbour Light Vancouver

Since coming to Harbour Light I have observed the War College, their students, the program and activities.

The College is a fit for the Down Town East Side. The program and activities are tailored to allow students the chance to grow spiritually as well as develop an appreciation and understanding of ministry with people who struggle so desperately with addiction and mental health issues.

Students learn how to effectively reach out to those who are marginalized and forgotten by society.

This is an essential spiritual resource the Salvation Army has cultivated.

Les Burrows, Major – Corps Officer, Cariboo Hill Temple

I am pleased to write this letter of endorsement for The Vancouver War College. I have to admit that before my first connection with The War College I was not sure what to expect. However, Jonathan and Carla gave me the opportunity to teach a class and my whole perspective changed.

I found the students to be committed, caring and had a real desire to serve the Lord. Listening to them share their stories of transformation and growth was truly encouraging. I also found that they appreciated the little things that God was providing, and did not have the ME mentality that many young people have today.

These same young people came and served on Sundays at our Evening Service here at Cariboo Hill Temple. They took on the task of teaching [D.O.G.'s] Disciples of God to the kids that attend our evening service. This has been such a valued ministry that they provide week in and week out.



Jim Coggles, Captain – Executive Director, Belkin House

The partnership between Belkin House and the Vancouver War College continues to strengthen. The War College Students are offered training opportunities in Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, Boundaries and Personal Safety through the Belkin House Employee Training program. In recent years, a number of War College student graduates have joined Belkin House as Employees in a number of key areas of our ministry, pursuing the Mission with us, in serving the less fortunate and marginalized. We thank God for His goodness to us through this positive partnership.