



**New day dawning
in Vancouver**

Church Army USA becomes an Affiliated Ministry of the Anglican Church in North America

On June 24, 2015 the delegates to the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA), meeting at the Provincial Council in Vancouver, British Columbia, unanimously voted to receive Church Army as an Affiliated Ministry of the ACNA.

This opens a new page in Church Army's history. Church Army is self-consciously desirous of identifying and working with the Anglican church, which is committed to the purity of the gospel. This will better position us to be able to assist the church in reaching the least, the last and the lost with the good news of Jesus Christ.

From its inception, Church Army's has been an Anglican organization whose focus has been to work with and train the church to bring souls to Christ. It was not designed to be a ministry isolated from the church. It has sought to be a partner with the church, providing encouragement and training to the church, and assisting the church in reaching people outside its doors who need to hear the saving message of Jesus Christ. For that reason, our affiliation with the ACNA is of great import.

Church Army looks forward to partnering with ACNA parishes nationwide to help them reach outside the walls of the church to reach those in need in their communities.

Examples of the ministry taking place can be found on the subsequent pages.

Mission Updates

Though there are new beginnings taking place within Church Army, there are also existing CA ministries that have been active for years. The following pages will provide you with updated information about some of those ministries.

Aliquippa Ministries

Our most well-developed ministry center is in Aliquippa, PA. This formerly thriving and vibrant steel town has become a place of poverty and need. As a result,

Church Army has a Café Ministry, a community garden, a Celebrate Recovery program, a jail ministry, Church in the Margins, and a developing women's ministry. Updates about the Aliquippa ministries can be found in the newsletter linked to the Uncommon Grounds café website at <http://www.uncommongroundscafe.org/>

New Collaboration with Trinity School of Ministry

Trinity School of Ministry (TSM) is only 5 minutes from our Aliquippa Ministry Center. As a result we are working on plans to provide Trinity students with an opportunity, not only learn about evangelism, but practice evangelism while earning credits toward their degrees. This collaborative effort will likely be launched in January 2016. Stay tuned for more information about this program.

In addition, TSM is going to provide training for those interested in becoming Church Army Officers. This collaboration should enhance the ministry of both

organizations, which will also result in the church being more effective in expanding the kingdom of heaven.

Summer Mission Trips

Throughout the summer church mission teams from across the country come to Aliquippa to be engaged and trained in ministry designed to reach the community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Working on local residents' homes, providing free food, and eyeglass care, are means that are used to share the love of God and bring the gospel to people outside the church.

To arrange a summer missions trip for your church or youth group contact Captain Scott Branderhorst at scott.branderhorst@gmail.com.

Evangelism Training

Most churches need help and guidance with regard to evangelism. If you are unable to get to Aliquippa for hands-on evangelism training, Church Army provides classroom training to encourage and equip your

church to get outside the walls of your church to reach the lost people around you.

To schedule training in your church contact Captain Herb Bailey at hbaicy@churcharmyusa.org.

Spring Street Garden and Apiary

Captain Nancy O'Leary is the Director of the Spring Street Farm and Apiary effort. The farm is located on a property where the aging town homes were destroyed by a fire and where two children had died in the fire. The property is located down the hill from



Students from a Christian school clean up and add soil to the garden beds

the aging trailer park where the poorest of the city reside. At the beginning of the development of the farm, the land was a debilitated area and a reminder of the destruction, poverty, and sadness.

Like a flower blooming in the desert, the farm is beginning to thrive with vegetables beds, a developing community garden, and flower beds. There will be a new berry patch, a new larger apiary, a new rock garden, and wildflower walk to serve the butterflies and bees. Also, there is a prayer labyrinth where people can come and find God's presence and a place for reflection which heals both body and soul.

The farm is a prophetic work, like the phoenix that rises from the ashes, taking the community from a place of destruction, sorrow and ugliness and changing it into a place of God's provision, beauty, solace and community. Soon picnic tables will provide a place where the community and families can gather. The farm has changed

the face of this community and is a subversive act of restoration.

God's hand is evident in this work.

Church Army in West Hartford Connecticut

Our Church Army Outpost in West Hartford Connecticut has seen a lot of growth in recent months. The Rev. Captain Bryan Bywater and Candidate Dorathy Smolkis have been experiencing rapid growth in their ministries to the elderly and to the homeless.

Senior Care facilities are increasingly desirous of providing spiritual nurture for their residents. Bryan and Dorathy visit several such facilities weekly to hold Bible studies and celebrate communion with those who are unable to get to church and are often abandoned by their families. Recently, they were privileged to lead a Jewish woman to faith in Jesus Christ as Messiah

through their ministry efforts.

Bryan and Dorathy also minister weekly to the homeless in West Hartford by providing food, clothing, and the word of God at a local park. One of the most important articles of clothing needed by the homeless is underwear so Bryan and Dorathy are partnering with several church who recognize "Undie Sundays", Sundays on which underwear is collected for the homeless.



The homeless in West Hartford receiving food & clothing

In both of these ministries Bryan and Dorathy have engaged the local church, which has been a blessing to all concerned.

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