

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

This year, you will have materials available to you at the beginning of the program and fiscal year. This is your chance to develop your strategy over time and tailor it to the interests of your congregation.

Our intent is to capture the spirit of our mission, described by Commissioner Railton. He penned the words:

*No home on earth have I,
No nation owns my soul,
My dwelling place is the Most High,
I'm under His control.
O'er all the earth alike,
My Father's grand domain,
Each land and sea with Him alike
O'er all He yet shall reign.*

This topic needs to transcend politics. We are faithful citizens of our country and want the best for all. Our focus in this program is on our privilege and responsibility to live as Citizens of the Kingdom.

Being a citizen of a country gives you certain rights, but it doesn't compare with all that is in store for you as a Citizen of the Kingdom. Remember, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him," (1 Corinthians 2:9 GW).

The User Guide has many observations about the materials included. Do you need additional ideas to help make this come alive for your people? Consider the following thoughts.

MISSION BUY-IN

Use posters and advanced planning with the corps council and all groups. Make sure the theme of "Citizens of the Kingdom" is shared with everyone. Set the ingathering date and make your financial target known.

CITIZENSHIP IDEAS

If you want to develop the citizenship theme or a passport theme with graphics, there are many posters and ideas on the internet. Simply enter "Citizens of the Kingdom" and then search for "images." The same goes for "Christian passport."

LOVE FEAST

As there is considerable importance placed on unity in Scripture, perhaps a sacred meal together could focus your people on the love we are to share. You can look up "Love Feast" for ideas.

DISPLAY SALVATION ARMY PICTURES

Do a quick internet search for photos by simply writing in your browser “The Salvation Army,” then a plus sign (+), a country name, and then click “Images.” You’ll see many useful photos. For example, showing our people in humble worship at Army centers around the world, will be instructive.

POST ACTION PHOTOS OF YOUR OWN “CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM”

As World Services material will now be available throughout the year, post photos online at regular intervals to tell the story of your year-round program. If you are working towards a goal, this consistent attention will help avoid a last-minute rush to secure funds. Celebrate each step.

PRAYER LIST

Take the opportunity to motivate your corps or center members when you share prayer concerns. Our Partners in Mission, officers serving out of the territory, and events in the worldwide Army deserve our prayers. Be practical; pray for evangelistic efforts, health and safety, food and water or education and family concerns.

MUSICAL MISSIONS FOCUS

Encourage your musical groups and soloists to consider the theme “Citizens of the Kingdom” when selecting music for worship.

WORLD SERVICES EDUCATION

Present the worldwide Army story when working with supporters such as advisory boards, councils, auxiliaries, and volunteer groups. Remember, our reach around the world is remarkable.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

Start a dialogue that challenges and encourages your people to answer the question, “How will I personally accomplish my mission to raise funding for World Services? The list of possibilities is endless, but each takes some planning, such as, a car wash, a hoagie sale or a pancake breakfast, to name just a few.