



CULTIVATE

"HAVE THE ROOTS OF YOUR BEING
FIRMLY AND DEEPLY PLANTED IN HIM. . ."

COLOSSIANS 2:7

A SPIRITUAL LIFE DEVELOPMENT COURSE
OF THE USA EASTERN TERRITORY

FEBRUARY 2018-JANUARY 2019





Welcome to CULTIVATE

The mission of **CULTIVATE** is to facilitate deeper spiritual life development in the lives of officers and soldiers of The Salvation Army. Christ must continually be formed in us by:

- the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2)
- the work of the Holy Spirit (John 16)
- the role of spiritual disciplines (Romans 12:1)
- being part of Community (1 Corinthians 12)
- living out our faith for the sake of others (Matthew 28:18-20)

CULTIVATE is an 12-month online cohort which involves the officer/soldier in a reading schedule, online discussion, written reflection papers and retreats for the individual and in community.

CULTIVATE introduces or rejuvenates the officer/soldier to classic Christian writers and tried and true disciplines which stimulate growth and maturity and, with an openness to the Holy Spirit, gives rise to a lifetime of spiritual health.

God has designed us for holistic growth. . . physically, mentally, emotionally and most definitely spiritually. If you are hungering for more of what the Lord has to do in you and through you, **CULTIVATE** will help give focus to what is needed to “have the roots of your being firmly and deeply planted in Him. . .” Colossians 2:7

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Additional Information CULTIVATE

- Cultivate Modules include:
 - Spiritual disciplines
 - Personal Retreat
 - Devotional Classics
 - Community
 - Social Justice
 - Helps to Holiness
 - Cohort Retreat
 - Healthy Self
 - Christmas Reflections
 - Planning Forward

**See schedule for book list*

- Module Facilitators:
 - Lt. Colonel Patricia LaBossiere
 - Chris Stoker
 - Major Young Kim
 - Lt. Colonel Reneé Lance

- Delegates
 - Approximately 12-20 people in cohort
 - Balance of soldiers/officers, male/female, all ages

- Fees
 - Officers - \$400.00
 - Soldiers - \$100.00
 - Fees include 4-day retreat
 - Fees exclude cost of transportation
 - Fees exclude cost of 9 required books approximately \$150.00

(Officers may use the book plan and their fees can be official expense.)

This year we are suggesting that each participant select an accountability partner. This person's responsibilities will be to support you in prayer and to help you stay on track; to occasionally check in with you and remind you to complete your reading and to post. This is just a way to help you remain committed to the Cultivate journey. Your accountability partner could be an ARC or Corps Officer, a family member, a soldier, anyone that you feel would be capable of fulfilling this role. There is a line on the Cultivate Commitment form for your partner to sign.

Completed, approved applications should be sent to Mio Hernandez at:
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Modules CULTIVATE

| MODULE | DATES | SUBJECT | BOOK | FACILITATOR |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Feb. 5 – March 16 | Spiritual Disciplines | Celebration of Discipline by <i>Richard Foster</i> | Lt. Col. Pat & Chris Stoker |
| 2 | March 26 – April 6 | Personal Retreat | Wilderness Time by <i>Emilie Griffin</i> | Lt. Col. Pat |
| 3 | April 9 – May 18 | Devotional Classics | Devotional Classics by <i>Richard Foster</i> | Lt. Col. Pat |
| 4 | May 28 – June 29 | Community | Life Together by <i>Deitrick Bonhoeffer</i> | Chris |
| 5 | July 2 – July 27 | Social Justice | The God of Intimacy & Action by <i>Tony Campolo & Mary Albert Darling</i> | Lt. Col. Pat |
| 6 | Aug. 13 – Sept. 21 | Holiness | Helps to Holiness by <i>Samuel Logan Brengle</i> | Major Young |
| 7 | Oct. 11-14 | Community Retreat | Retreat will include community building, prayer & fasting, solitude & silence, Bible study, worship, reflection, rest & recreation | All |
| 8 | Oct. 15 – Nov. 9 | Healthy Self | The Life of the Body Physical Well-Being and Spiritual Formation by <i>Valerie E. Hess</i> | Lt. Col. Renee |
| 9 | Nov. 26 – Jan 12 | Christmas | Advent & Christmas by <i>Henri Nouwen</i> | Lt. Col. Pat |
| 10 | Jan. 16-19, 2019 | Planning Forward | Personal and Community Plans for Ongoing Spiritual Formation | Lt. Col. Pat |

My CULTIVATE Commitment

I have a deep desire to do whatever is necessary to mature in my walk with the Lord. I understand that as a student of the CULTIVATE Spiritual Life Development Course I am pledging my readiness to participate in areas of study that will challenge me spiritually, mentally, and relationally.

I understand the commitment of time and involvement in:

- Reading and study
- Participation in Blackboard through online class discussion
- Writing of reflection papers
- Practice of spiritual disciplines
- A promise of confidentiality to what may be shared by other CULTIVATE community members
- Participation in my own reflective retreat
- Participation in reflective retreat with the CULTIVATE community
- Being financially responsible for all books

I am open to the work of the Holy Spirit, committed to discerning His deeper will for my life and seeking in every way possible to conform to the image of Christ for the sake of others.

Signed _____ Date _____

Participant

As their Accountability Partner, I promise to:

- Support this participant in prayer throughout his/her CULTIVATE journey
- Regularly encourage him/her to keep up with the reading and posting assignments

Signed _____ Date _____

Accountability Partner