



The Free Churches Group

functions as a group within CTE but has a separate legal identity and membership. It enables member organisations to meet their calling in the public square. www.freechurches.org.uk

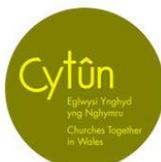
The national ecumenical instruments for Scotland, Wales and Ireland function in a similar way to CTE, although not at an intermediate (regional) level.

Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS)

seeks to enable its member churches in their common life. The Secretary for Scotland represents The Salvation Army and the Assistant to the Secretary for Scotland is a trustee of ACTS.



www.acts-scotland.org



Churches Together in Wales (Cytun)

supports its member churches in their ecumenical pilgrimage. The Divisional Commander for South & Mid Wales in a Cytun trustee.

www.cytun.org.uk

The Irish Council of Churches (ICC)

is the national body through



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which member churches formally engage, dialogue and act on a wide variety of issues. The Divisional Commander for Ireland is a member of the ICC Executive Committee.

www.irishchurches.org

The Salvation Army is also a member of the **Evangelical Alliance**, which is the oldest (existing since 1846) and largest body serving evangelical Christians in the UK. Its membership includes denominations, individual churches, organisations and individuals. In addition, The Salvation Army is a member of the **Council of Christians and Jews**, the **Inter Faith Network for the UK** and the **Conference of European Churches**.

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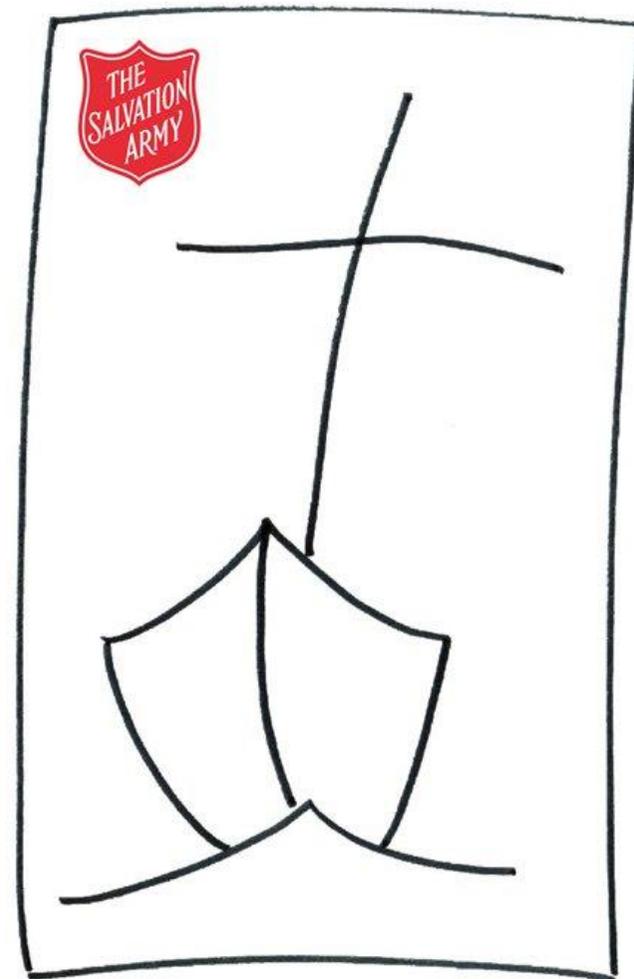
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and in Scotland SC037691
Republic of Ireland: Registered Charity No. CHY6399

Introducing...



The Territorial Ecumenical Office

Background

From its inception, The Salvation Army has identified itself as a part of the Church. The Army's international mission statement describes us as 'an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.' Consequently, from the beginning, Salvationists have valued their relationships with Christians in other churches and welcomed the opportunity to worship, work and witness together.

The Salvation Army was a founder member of the World Council of Churches and cherishes its membership in the national ecumenical networks. Today, at a local, divisional, territorial and global level, the Army is active in ecumenical partnerships and networks, recognising that Christ himself called his people to a unity of faith and fellowship, evangelism and service.

The Ecumenical Office

The Ecumenical Office is headed by the Territorial Ecumenical Officer (TEO), Major David Evans and is part of the Communications Service at Territorial Headquarters. The TEO is assisted by two part-time Ecumenical Support Officers, Major Samuel Edgar and Major Alan Dixon.

Performing a key role as The Salvation Army's representative, the TEO actively

supports the ecumenical and interfaith networks in their task of furthering the unity of the Church and engaging with people of other faiths. The TEO helps foster, encourage and develop the Army's multilateral and bilateral relationships with the other churches, including those churches and church networks that are not represented in the ecumenical networks.

With practical guidance and advice, the TEO encourages and assists Salvationists within the territory as they share in worship, fellowship, evangelism and service ecumenically.

'We rightly prize our independence as a movement within the Church but some of the greatest opportunities as well as some of the biggest questions arise when we pray, talk and act in partnership with other Christians.'

TERRITORIAL ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

The TEO chairs the Territorial Ecumenical Council (TEcC), which has three main purposes:

- ✚ To encourage, support and resource The Salvation Army's ecumenical and interfaith engagement locally, divisionally and nationally.
- ✚ To advise territorial leadership on ecumenical and interfaith issues.
- ✚ On behalf of territorial leadership to be a channel of communication with other churches and interfaith groups.

Ecumenical Networks

The main ecumenical bodies are known as 'ecumenical instruments', which indicates that they exist to facilitate and support churches as they work together.

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**Churches
Together in
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provides information and guidance to bridge understanding of issues in today's society and develops publications and free resources to offer reflection, prayer and study materials to celebrate key Christian events. CTBI works with the four national ecumenical instruments listed below. The Territorial Ecumenical Officer is a director/trustee of CTBI.

www.ctbi.org.uk

Churches Together in England (CTE)

The Salvation Army is one of 44 member churches of CTE.



The Territorial Ecumenical Officer is a member of the CTE Enabling Group. CTE functions on a national, intermediate (regional) and local level. Divisional Commanders either attend the intermediate level meetings or appoint a Denominational Ecumenical Officer in their place. Most corps are members of their local Churches Together group.

www.cte.org.uk