



Media Release

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The Salvation Army participation in the National Day of Prayer and Fasting

The Salvation Army (Australia Eastern Territory) will participate, along with other churches, in the 2015 National Day of Prayer and Fasting (NDPF) to be held in Canberra, Sunday 15th February.

The Salvation Army will be represented by Commissioner James Condon, Territorial Commander, Australia Eastern Territory. Commissioner Condon will lead the prayer session from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm. This session will focus on repentance for abuse of children who were in the care of churches.

Whilst the pain and hurt of the past cannot be undone, The Salvation Army is participating in the NDFP to pray for all those who have been hurt and affected by The Salvation Army, in particular, survivors of child sexual abuse.

The Salvation Army accepts responsibility for the hurt it has caused survivors of child abuse. The Salvation Army is sorry for the harm it has caused survivors and their families and is committed to ensuring its response to survivors of abuse represents a fair, transparent and timely process to ensure that whilst the past cannot be undone, a just outcome can be achieved for those individuals.

Commissioner James Condon, leader of The Salvation Army said, "The Salvation Army openly admits to serious past failures, accepts responsibility for these failures and apologises to all who were harmed including the families of survivors."

"We want to pray for those we have hurt. As an organisation, The Salvation Army is committed to ensuring no harm ever occurs again and has absolutely no tolerance for abuse of any kind. We understand that in the past we have breached the trust placed in us and we must seek to rebuild that broken trust," said Commissioner Condon.

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