

# **HISTORY OF AND GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO THE CATHERINE PROGRAMME**

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## **Background**

The Salvation Army is an organisation that is one in its kind. It is a movement that is a church *and* an organisation for social work. It has members and people that are employed by it. It is worldwide, working in more than 130 countries with all kinds of differences and yet one strong identity and culture with a long-standing tradition since 1865.

For those who recently have taken up or are preparing to take up the position as an officer and for those who work as an employee on a key-position, it is necessary to know about this background of The Salvation Army. It helps to do one's work more inspired and more in line with what is in the heart of the organisation: the love of Jesus Christ, and the care for those who are in need.

In many mainland European countries officers, cadets and employees receive or have received their training and education at external (theological) colleges or universities. These colleges and universities offer excellent education, but, naturally, they do not provide teaching relating to specific Salvation Army topics and culture.

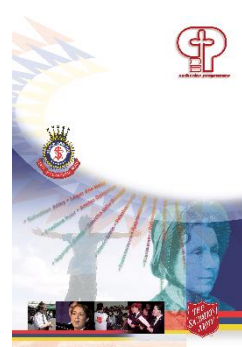
The Catherine Programme will provide in this gap and organises a Summer School in which participants are offered lectures with an introduction in history, doctrine, and social work of The Salvation Army. These lectures are offered in an international atmosphere in which the meeting of one another, and the 'learning together' are important. In all Summer Schools the spiritual vocation of the participant, be it as an officer or as an employee is brought to the front.

## **Organisational history**

The Catherine Programme was established by the European Training Leaders on proposal by major Hervé Cachelin, by then training leader in Switzerland and major Jeanne van Hall, by then training leader in The Netherlands, with a draft by rev. Hans Blom, by then staff person in the Dutch training and education department.

The first study week was held in February 2007, as a 'try-out'. An official "go" was given at the European Zonal Conference, Rome, April 2007.

The first couple of years this study week was called the 'Catherine Programme' (CP). Later the name changed into 'Catherine Programme Summer School' (CPSS). Catherine Programme became an umbrella name under which several activities can be placed. Besides the Summer School this is at the moment the Emma Programme. See below.



The Catherine Programme is named after 'the Army mother' Catherine Booth who emphasised the importance of studying.

The Emma Programme is named after Emma Booth, daughter of William and Catherine Booth, who was at the age of 21 already leader of the officer training school for women in London.

### **Mission Statement of the Catherine Programme**

The Catherine Programme provides grounding in The Salvation Army identity, spirituality and mission for officers (in training), Salvationists and employees in leading positions.

### **The aim of the Catherine Programme Summer School (CPSS)**

The Catherine Programme Summer School fulfils the Catherine Programme mission statement by teaching Salvation Army subjects as history, theology and practical ministry, within an European Salvation Army setting and inviting them to embrace The Salvation Army spirituality.

### **Participants in the Catherine Programme Summer School**

Possible participants are:

- candidates and cadets,
- people in short-term full-time ministry, such as Envoys and Auxiliary Captains,
- employees who are in a leadership role or key position within The Salvation Army or preparing to take up such a responsibility,
- officers who wish to refresh their knowledge of the subjects offered.

Participants come from all territories in the Europe Zone. Some guests from other Zones can be welcomed as well.

The selection of delegates for the Catherine Programme is the responsibility of the Territorial Leadership and Training Leaders. Therefore, applications that has been send in by delegates need to be confirmed by Leadership of the Training Leader of the respective territory.

### **Basic Course and Advanced Course**

The CPSS includes a Basic Course and an Advanced Course. Only participants who have previously attended the Basic Course can participate in the Advanced Course.

The subjects of the lectures in the Basic Course are:

(TSA = The Salvation Army)

- My relationship with TSA
- Aspects from the history of TSA: General overview, How TSA became international, Symbols and rituals, Women in TSA and Latest development in TSA today
- Introduction into the doctrines of TSA
- Key elements of the theology of Social Work
- Visit to TSA social institutions in Amsterdam outside the city centre
- Pioneering Fresh Expressions of Church and my faith
- Dealing with ethical questions

The subjects of the lectures in the Advanced Course are:

- Cultural changes in today's society
- Language of the (he)art
- Ecclesiology and TSA in the Body of Christ
- Form & Essence
- Social Justice and Modern Slavery
- Visit to TSA social institutions in the city centre of Amsterdam
- Salvationist Expression of Spirituality
- Dealing with ethical questions
- Visionaries of TSA

Participants of the Basic and Advanced follow together the following lectures:

- Opening meeting with Key-note address
- Morning praise at the start of every day
- Guest lecture on Spiritual Leadership with TSA context
- Sharing Outreach initiatives
- Bible Study
- Praise & worship evening
- Closing meeting

### **Preparation and completion of the Summer School**

Delegates are invited to read some books in advance to prepare themselves for this Summer School.

Afterwards delegates have the possibility to write a reflection report before 15 November. The Committee let this be a free choice. But Training Leaders can decide to make this obligatory for their own cadets and possibly other participants.

### **CP-Online**

During the year that people participate in the Catherine Programme they have access to CP-Online in which they can find all information, the hand-outs of the lectures, downloadable books, and other reading materials.

## Training of officers and employees

Besides lectures, discussion, and reflection on important Salvation Army topics, in the programme much emphasis is paid to everyone's calling within The Salvation Army. Special quality of the Sumer School is that officers (in training), soldiers and non-Salvationist employees are learning together. For many of them this is very inspirational and deepens the understanding of everyone's calling. This helps for a better 'grounding' into the movement. The programme is a study programme and thus knowledge based. At the same time much emphasis is put on spiritual life.

CPSS is not an obligatory programme, but a possibility offered to Territories to deepen The Salvation Army understanding of participants. 6 out of 13 territories in Europe has chosen to send their cadets, and in some cases their candidates, as part of their officers training to the Basic and Advanced Course of the Catherine Programme Summer School. These territories and commands are:

- Finland and Estonia territory
- France and Belgium territory
- Germany, Lithuania, and Poland territory
- Italy and Greece territory
- The Netherlands, Czech Republic, and Slovakia territory
- Switzerland, Austria, and Hungary territory

## Some figures

Year	Delegates	Total	Keynote Address and Guest Lecture
Feb 2007	19 all lectures + 12 some lectures	31	-
Jun 2008	47 all lectures	47	-
Jun 2009	36 BC + 17 AC	53	Comm. Barry Pobjie, IS for the Europe Zone
Aug 2010	39 BC + 10 AC	49	Comm. Dick Krommenhoek, TC Finland
Aug 2011	43 BC + 26 AC	69	Comm. Hans van Vliet, TC Netherlands
Aug 2012	44 BC + 31 AC	75	Comm. Clive Adams, TC Norway
Aug 2013	53 BC + 33 AC	86	Comm. Brigitte Brekke, IS for the Europe Zone
Aug 2014	51 BC + 28 AC	79	Colonel David Hinton, CS United Kingdom
Aug 2015	47 BC + 33 AC	80	Colonel Hannelise Tvedt, TC Denmark
Aug 2016	58 BC + 23 AC	81	Comm. Brian Peddle, Chief of Staff
Aug 2017	54 BC + 34 AC	88	Comm. Marie Willermark, TC Germany
Aug 2018	58 BC + 22 AC	80	Major David Kinsey, IS for the Europe Zone
Aug 2019	46 BC + 30 AC	76	Lieut.-Colonel Massimo Tursi, OC Italy
Aug 2020	Cancelled		
Aug 2021 <sup>1</sup>	63 BC + 21 AC	84	Colonel Donna Evans, CS Netherlands
Aug 2022	61 BC + 19 AC	80	Lieut.-Colonel Daniël Imboden, CS Switzerland
Aug 2023	63 BC + 22 AC	97	Comm. Bente Gundersen, TC Netherlands

<sup>1</sup> Catherine Programme Online Summer Event

For the opening of the Catherine Programme Summer School the Catherine Programme invites one of the leaders The Salvation Army in Europe, to speak a keynote address during the opening meeting and give a guest lecture on Spiritual Leadership within The Salvation Army context.

The invitees of previous years are mentioned above with the rank and location of their appointment at the time of the keynote address and lecture.

### **Venue**

From 2007 until 2011 the CP Summer School was held in The Salvation Army Training Centre ('Bildungszentrum') in Basel, Switzerland.

From 2012 on, the CP Summer School is held in The Salvation Army 50|50 hotel and conference centre Belmont in the Netherlands.

### **Finance**

Territories, and regions pay a fee per participant. As a form of solidarity, Eastern European regions and Southern European territories pay less and territories with more financial possibilities like Switzerland, Germany and The Netherlands pay more than the regular fee.

The Salvation Army in the Netherlands supports the Catherine Programme Committee by secretarial and ICT support, doing the bookkeeping and saving of the CP budget, free of charge, and by making it possible to stay low budget in Belmont.

### **CP on the web**

The website of the Catherine Programme Committee can be found at: [www.catherine-programme.eu](http://www.catherine-programme.eu). Through this website applications can be done, CP-Online can be reached, the latest brochure can be found and a small public library with downloadable books can be reached.

### **Emma Programme**

Somme territories would like to let more Salvationists and employees be exposed to knowledge and experience presented at the Catherine Programme Summer School. But for financial reasons, lack of time and the fact that a Catherine Programme Summer School cannot host too many delegates from one country, it was asked if a shortened version of the Catherine Programme could be given within the territory itself. So the Emma Programme was born. This is a 2 to 3 days programme, with a selection of lectures given on a location within a certain territory.

One territory provides for the organisation and for hosting of the delegates. The Catherine Programme Committee provides for lecturers. Apart from the organisation and hosting of the participants, the organising territory only pays for the travel costs and board and lodging of the lecturers.

The Emma Programme can be tailor made, but in the first four editions the content was as follows:

- The Salvation Army and me
- Once upon a time in East London – Some aspects of history
- Salvation and Holiness as heart of TSA Some aspects of doctrine
- Symbols of TSA and their spiritual meaning
- Theology of Social Work
- Leadership within The Salvation Army
- Bible study about notions of chaplaincy and integrated mission

The Emma Programme was so far held in:

Date	Country	Estimated number of participants
November 2016	Czech Republic	70
October 2017	Moldova	50
October 2018	Moldova	40
May 2019	Portugal	20

**«Эмма» программа, Молдова, 20 – 22 октября 2017 /  
Programul "EMMA", Moldova, 20-22 Octombrie 2017**

**День 1 Пятница 20 октября/ Ziua 1 Vineri 20 Octombrie**

Приезд делегатов в «Одиссей» начиная с 14.00/Sosirea delegațiilor la "ODISEU" începând cu orele 14.00  
**16.30 -17.15** – Собрание открытия программы «Эмма»/Întâlnirea de deschidere a programului EMMA  
**17.15** – Лекция 1 - Армия Спасения и я/Sesiunea 1 – Armata Salvării și EU  
**18.00** – Ужин/Cina  
**19.30** – Лекция 2 - Когда-то в Восточном Лондоне/Sesiunea 2 A fost o dată ca niciodată în Estul Londrei  
**21.00** – кофе брейк/Pauză de cafea/ceai

## Catherine Programme Committee

### Present Members

The Catherine Programme Committee consists of officers, soldiers and employees. Their respective territories have granted them the possibility to take part in this committee. The present members of the Catherine Programme Committee can be found on the Catherine Programme website: [www.catherine.progrtamme.eu](http://www.catherine.progrtamme.eu)

### Previous CPC members:

- Lieut.-Col. Hervé Cachelin (2007 – 2014), by then Training Principal and DC in Switzerland; chairperson CPC till 2014.
- Major Jeanne van Hal (2007 – 2017), by then Training Principal in The Netherlands and later retired.
- Lieut.-Col. Anne-Florence Tursi (2009 – 2020), chairperson since 2014, by then CSWM Italy and Greece Command, TSWM Switzerland, Austria and Hungary territory; CPWM and responsible for Training & Education Italy and Greece Command; and Assistant Chief Secretary for Personnel at IHQ.
- Lieut.-Col. Andrew Morgan (2012 – 2014), by then Regional Commander in Hungary.
- Major Mattias Nordenberg (2014 – 2015), by then Training Principal in Sweden.
- Major Enny van Triest (2017 – 2019), by the project officer THQ in The Netherlands
- Captain Anita Kamperman (2021 – 2023), by then Field Secretary in The Netherlands