

# WELCOME

to REVELATIONS 31

► Ni sa bula vinaka, Welcome, Malo e leilei, Mālo le soifua, Kia ora.

Welcome to a very special issue of the newsletter! We are celebrating two events this time – a Reunion celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Heritage Centre & Archives, and later this month “Together” Congress 2025.

Highlighted are the anniversary celebration of the first meeting of the (Archives) Historical Trust – we feature a Timeline of the Archives, and photographs of the former staff and volunteers over the last 50 years.

The second focus is this year’s Congress in Hamilton/ Kirikiriroa which is centred around the theme of Together. We have included artifacts and photographs of previous Congresses that spotlight the idea of “togetherness” that a Congress may engender.

We trust you will enjoy this newsletter as our contribution to the theme of “Together!”

Manaaki te Atua

Gregory Jennings | Territorial Archivist ◀



1965 Centenary Congress Stamps

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# REVELATIONS

NEWSLETTER OF THE SALVATION ARMY HERITAGE CENTRE & ARCHIVES IN NEW ZEALAND

## 1965 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

NZ & Australian Delegates to Centenary Congress in London

## 1983 NZ CENTENARY CONGRESS

In Dunedin & Wellington

## 1997 HIGHER GROUND CONGRESS

In Christchurch

## 2008 FREEDOM CONGRESS

In Dunedin

## ARCHIVES TIMELINE

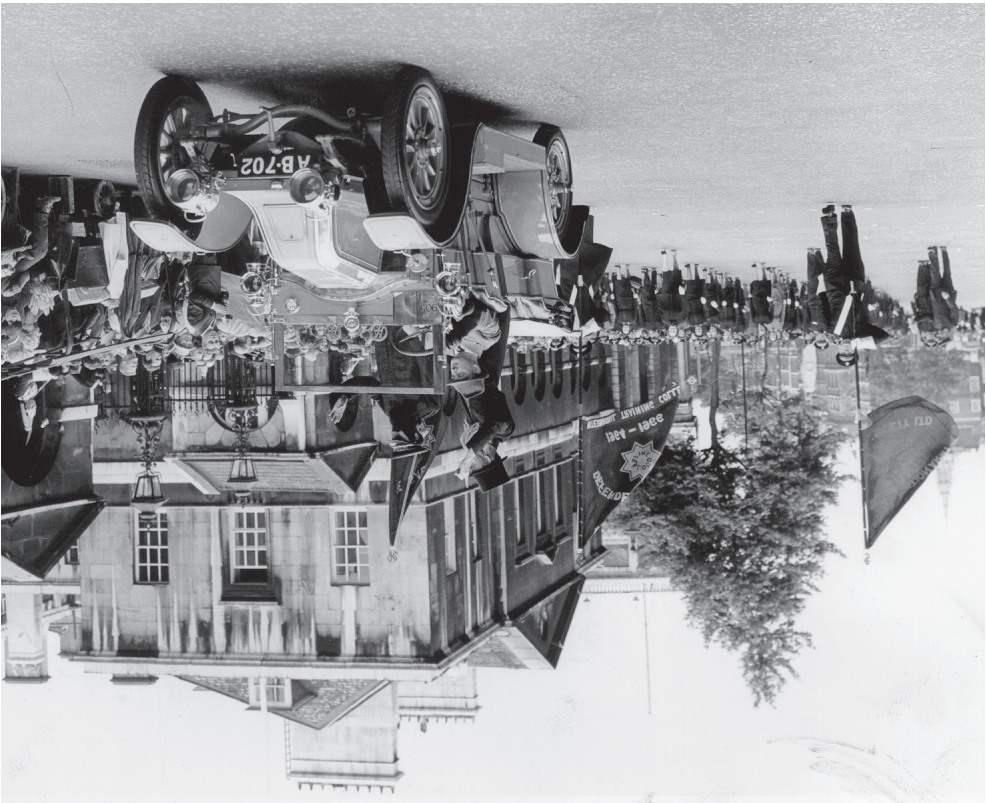
Celebrating 50 years 1975 - 2025

for a special Centenary Congress service of thanksgiving, during which General Frederick Coutts unveiled a bust of General William Booth.  
In a 1905 Renault, “William Booth” and “Commissioner John Lawley” rode along Whitehall to an open-air rally held in the historic Trafalgar Square. The International Staff Band, joined by others, played at Buckingham Palace. ▶

NZ & Australian Delegates on the deck of Orcades at Tilbury Dock, London



▶ Two World Wars had come and gone, their after-effects lingering after fighting ceased. At last the time was right for another International Congress.  
Though greeted warmly by previous monarchs, Salvationists were honored for the first time at the opening meeting by the presence of Queen Elizabeth II. Representatives of 25 countries made a ceremonial entry into Westminster Abbey



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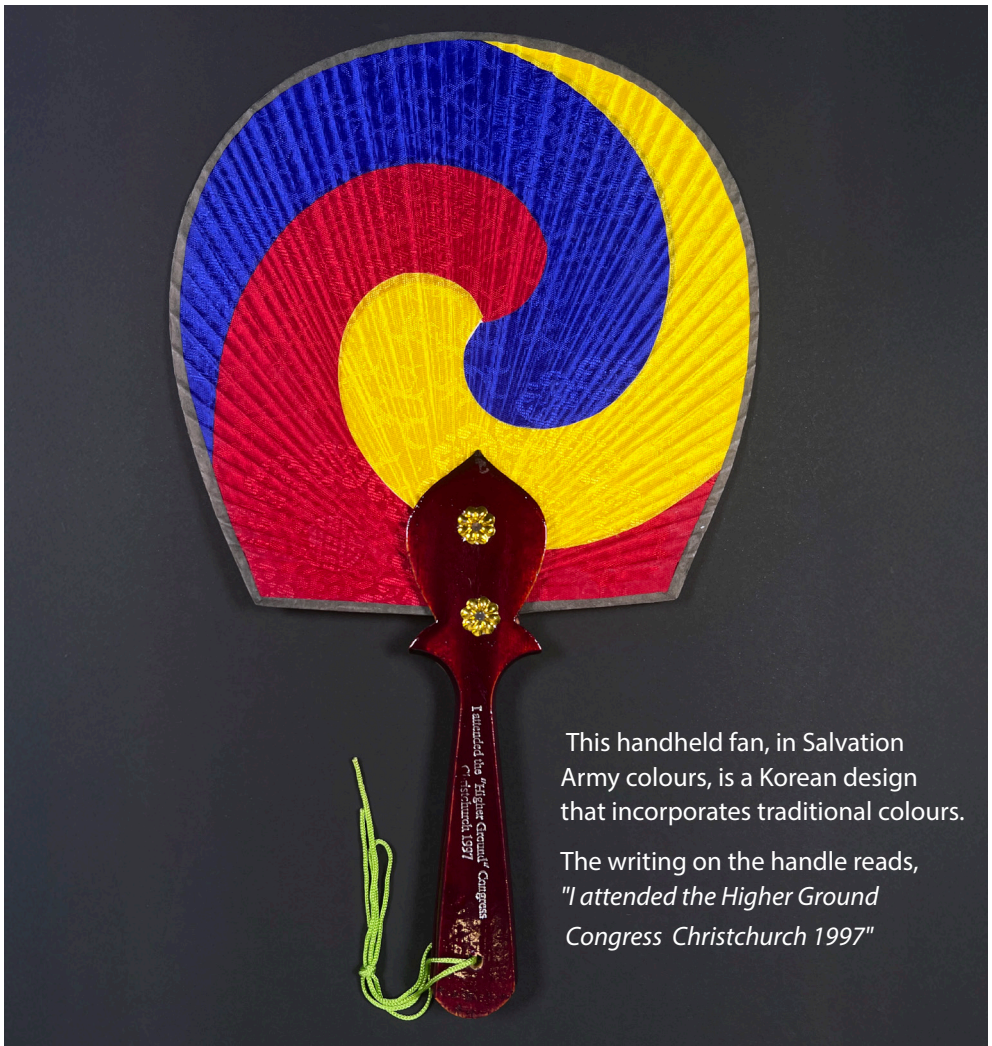


# 1983 NZ CENTENARY CONGRESS

In Dunedin & Wellington



1. Port Chalmers. Re-enactment arrival of Pollard & Wright, Dunedin  
2. Michael Fowler Centre, Wellington  
3-4. Marching to Parliament, Wellington



This handheld fan, in Salvation Army colours, is a Korean design that incorporates traditional colours.  
The writing on the handle reads, "I attended the Higher Ground Congress Christchurch 1997"

# 2008 FREEDOM CONGRESS

In Dunedin



Marching to the Octagon

Spirit Song

Band playing at the Octagon

Open-Air, Captain Lyndon Buckingham

Concert

National Youth Band

## ARCHIVES TIMELINE

Celebrating 50 years 1975 - 2025

**1975**  
February  
Meeting called to inaugurate a Salvation Army *Historical Trust*, held at the Training College, Aro St

**1981**  
July  
Constitution of the *Historical Trust* formalised and officially signed by Commissioner Dean Goffin

**1985**  
November  
Minute issued to all officers setting out guidelines for *The Preservation of TSA Documents and Other Records*



**1990**  
April  
Territorial Archives established at the rebuilt headquarters in Cuba St and the first Territorial Archivist, Major Laurence Hay appointed



**1993**  
July  
Cyril Bradwell awarded *Order of the Founder*

**1995**  
January  
Start of micro-filming *The War Cry*



**2005**  
Receipt of over 600 file boxes from Homes for the Elderly



**2015-2018**  
WW1 project: writing and publishing *Under two Flags*

**2025**  
August  
50th Anniversary celebrations held at BCM

**April**  
*The War Cry*  
Open letter from the Territorial Commander Commissioner Ernie Elliot announcing the recently constituted Salvation Army *Historical Trust*  
The *Historical Trust* is allocated the use of several small rooms in the basement of Bethany Hospital in Kensington St, Wellington

**1983**  
September  
Following an agreement with the newly opened Booth College of Mission (BCM) in Trentham, the mezzanine floor in the library was used by the Trust to house a historical display, and a flat was allocated for storage



**1987- 1988**  
With discussions proceeding for a new THQ building a submission was made by the *Historical Trust* to incorporate the Archives department in the proposed new building



**1991**  
June  
An *Archives Acquisitions Policy* drafted by Major Laurence Hay



**1994**  
25 July  
Official meeting to dis-establish TSA *Historical Trust*



**2001**  
First Tri-Territorial Archives conference held

**1998**  
March  
First issue of *Salvationist Heritage* newsletter & start of indexing *The War Cry*

**2014**  
Archives road trip to the south Island to collect artifacts from Dunedin, Oamaru, Timaru & Christchurch

**2010**  
December  
Official farewell to the Archives Department THQ and opening of the Plowman Resource Centre, Library, Heritage Centre and Archive at BCM

**2018-2019**  
March 2018  
The first issue of *Revelations* Newsletter  
March 2019  
The first publication of the *Heritage Series*

