

*Providing a solution focused on the needs of
The Salvation Army and researchers worldwide*

THE SALVATION ARMY ARCHIVES CANADA AND BERMUDA TERRITORY CASE STUDY WITH DIRECTOR JOHN E. CAREW

The Salvation Army (www.salvationarmy.ca) has been in Toronto, Canada since 1882 and is part of the Salvation Army movement which is a branch of the evangelical Christian church.

Its message is based on the Bible; its ministry is motivated by love for God and a practical concern for the needs of humanity.

The Salvation Army Archives Canada and Bermuda Territory is committed to the proclamation of The Salvation Army's message and to the fulfillment of its mission.



CHALLENGE

The Salvation Army Archives (www.salvationist.ca/archives-and-museum) are the official repository of all of the publications (mainly The War Cry) of The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory.

The Archives include printed, written, pictorial, audio-visual and other formatted records. The Archives staff liaises with Salvation Army heritage facilities in other territories as well as with outside archives and museums in regard to acquiring artifacts and archival records relating to the history of The Salvation Army in the Canada and Bermuda Territory.

Over two decades ago, parts of the archive were made available through software that was no longer working for the Salvation Army and researchers.

SOLUTION

A new solution was needed to make the full text of archival content available on the Web. Soutron Global created a customized trial for The Salvation Army to demonstrate how it could replace the outdated system already in use.

Based on the trial and excellent customer service, The Salvation Army made the decision to go with Soutron Global.

Soutron Global customized a solution that would provide the tools for uploading scanned and born-digital publications for researchers worldwide to access archival content in a user-friendly manner.

The first collection digitized and made available online is The War Cry which began publication November 1, 1884. There is other content which in time will be added to the web site for public searching and viewing.

RESULTS

Soutron Global provided a solution that was focused on the needs of The Salvation Army and researchers worldwide who depend on Web access to the archives (www.salvationist.ca/archives-and-museum/war-cry-salvationist-archive) and the ease of searching and finding content.

Site visitors can easily search for Salvation Army Canada content taking a walk back in time or view current issues to read about news, events and information in pdf or online format.

Searching can be done in a simple Google-like search box or with an advanced search interface for keyword, subject, date ranges or exact date.

Future plans include adding other Salvation Army periodicals and archival materials to Soutron Global to improve access for research purposes.

To find out more about the Salvation Army in Canada visit: www.salvationist.ca

To find out how you can migrate to a fast, cloud based and flexible archive management system to support your organisation, start a conversation with Soutron today:

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