

*Position Statement on*

# Marriage

The Salvation Army believes marriage is the covenanting together of one man and one woman for life in a union to the exclusion of all others. This union is established by an authorized ceremony.

Marriage is a unique reflection of God's faithful love for all humankind. The relationship of husband and wife reflects the covenant of self-giving love between Christ and His church, central to a Christian understanding of marriage.

The pledge of mutual faithfulness is not tentative or conditional. The permanent nature of the marriage bond gives security and promotes the development of a trusting relationship. The Christian community has a responsibility to care for, nurture and prayerfully support the marriage relationship.

The Salvation Army affirms that marriage is the basis of sound family life and foundational to a healthy society.



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