

# Community of Christ

# Contributor Guide

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The mission of Jesus Christ is what matters most for the journey ahead.

—*Doctrine and Covenants 164:9f*

**In response to God's Spirit**, we are moving from being a church defined to a great extent by organisational needs to **being a church driven by Spirit-led mission**. You are invited to put your heart and soul into mission: the divine mission of evangelism, compassionate ministries, and justice and peacemaking for which Jesus Christ lived and gave his life!

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Christ's      Our      YOUR  
Mission...Mission...Mission!

# God's Vision Made Real in Christ

In Luke 4:18–19, in response to the Spirit's guidance, Jesus proclaims his mission when he reads from the Isaiah scroll:



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.*

Jesus is anointed for a divine mission:

**Evangelism**—sent to proclaim good news and invite others to join him in mission

**Compassionate ministries**—reaching the brokenhearted, the suffering, and those who need hope and Christ's peace

**Justice and peacemaking**—release those held captive by unjust systems and the circumstances of life that devalue the worth of any person

The kingdom was present in Jesus' ministry and his disciples' actions as described in Acts. Those first Christians continued Christ's mission by proclaiming the Living Christ, inviting all people into fellowship, valuing the worth of each person, generously and compassionately meeting their needs, and pursuing justice and peace for everyone.

Our call is to reclaim the same vision and passion for the full mission of Jesus Christ today! It's time for us to be a prophetic people characterized by uncommon devotion to the compassion and peace of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

*Beloved children of the Restoration, your continuing faith adventure with God has been divinely led, eventful, challenging, and sometimes surprising to you. By the grace of God, you are poised to fulfil God's ultimate vision for the church.*

—Doctrine and Covenants 164:9a

# Mission Made Real

We pursue our mission to “proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love, and peace” through five life-changing, church-changing, and world-changing Mission Initiatives. All ministries, personnel, and resources of the World Church are aligned with these Mission Initiatives, keeping us focused on the whole mission of Jesus Christ.

## ✝ Invite People to Christ

—*Christ's mission of evangelism*

## ♥ Abolish Poverty, End Suffering

—*Christ's mission of compassion*

## ✎ Pursue Peace on Earth

—*Christ's mission of justice and peace*

## ⚓ Develop Disciples to Serve

—*Equip individuals for Christ's mission*

## 🌀 Experience Congregations in Mission

—*Equip congregations for Christ's mission*



To learn more visit [www.CofChrist.org/mission](http://www.CofChrist.org/mission).

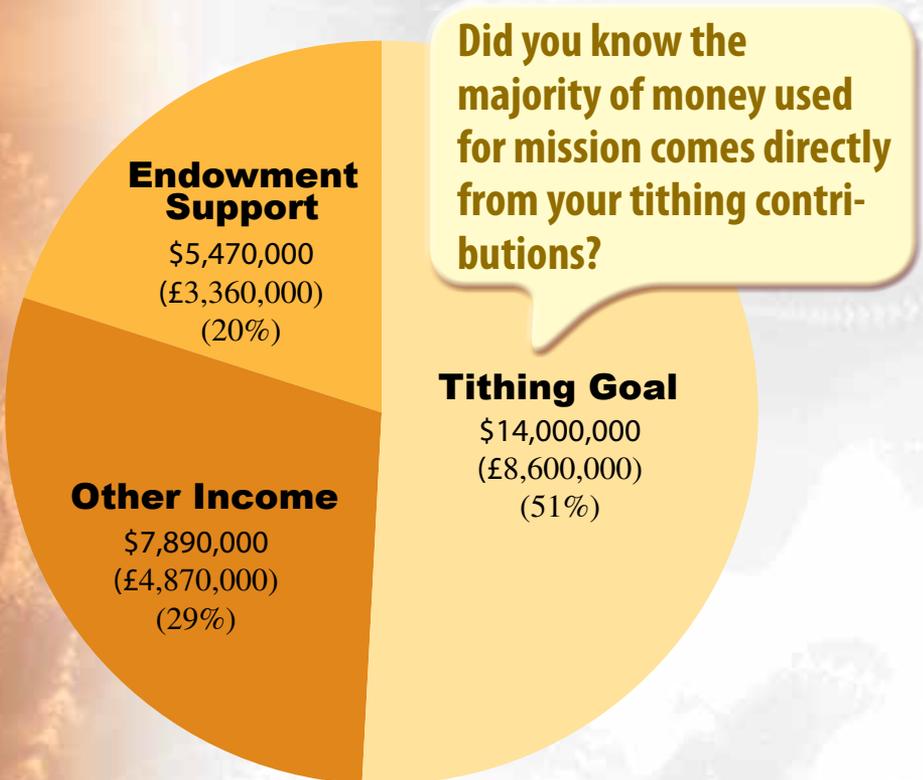
# How Your Giving Makes Mission Real

## Tithing Goals

Every contribution to a Mission Initiative will be used to provide or expand the ministries of that particular Mission Initiative. We believe you will generously respond so that all Mission Initiatives will meet or exceed tithing goals. Tithing goals for each Mission Initiative are based on a proportional share of the overall tithing goal of \$14 million (£8.6 million). If a Mission Initiative tithing goal is not reached then we will attempt to balance the budget for each initiative with "Use Where Needed Most" contributions, endowments, and other revenue.

## MISSION INITIATIVES INCOME

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## Your Giving Helps... Support the Whole Mission of Jesus Christ



# Use Where Needed Most

You can align your giving with mission by contributing to one or more of the Mission Initiatives. If you prefer for some or all of your contribution to go to ministries with the greatest need for funding, then give to “Use Where Needed Most.”

“Use Where Needed Most” contributions support our pursuit as a world-wide church of the whole mission of Jesus Christ through all the Mission Initiatives.

Your World Mission Tithes are a response to God’s grace. Each time you give—through regular weekly or monthly methods or special gifts—your generosity changes lives and moves Christ’s mission forward.



## Your Giving Helps...

# ✝ Invite People to Christ

**Tithing Goal**

**\$2,610,000**  
**(£1,600,000)**

### **We are called to...**

share our witness of Jesus Christ with those who are waiting to hear the redeeming words of the gospel.

As they become new in Christ, many will join us on a life-changing faith journey. In community, we encourage and help them deepen their discipleship and develop their gifts and talents for Christ's mission. With us they are sent into their neighbourhoods to share Christ's peace through their witness, compassion, and justice, and peacemaking.

### **We fulfil God's ultimate vision as we...**

- Baptise/confirm many new members
- Open new congregations
- Launch the church in new nations



# ♥ Abolish Poverty, End Suffering

**Tithing Goal**

**\$1,965,000  
(£1,210,000)**

## **We are called to...**

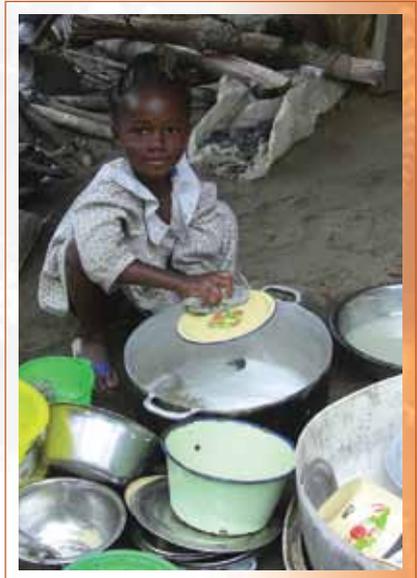
be Christ's hands and feet, reaching out through compassionate ministries that serve the poor and hungry and stop conditions that diminish the worth of persons and cause suffering.

## **We fulfil God's ultimate vision as we...**

- Help those who hurt
- Feed the hungry
- Support compassionate ministries
- Respond in times of crisis

## **What about Oblation and World Hunger?**

Generous support of Oblation and World Hunger Funds has provided grants to people throughout the world in desperate need. Your contributions to the Abolish Poverty, End Suffering Mission Initiative will continue to support these ministries.



## Your Giving Helps...



# Pursue Peace on Earth

**Tithing Goal**

**\$1,065,000  
(£655,000)**

### **We are called to...**

restore Christ's covenant of peace, even the Zion of our hopes. The hope of Zion will become reality when we live Christ's peace and generously share his peace with others.

### **We fulfil God's ultimate vision as we...**

- Establish the Temple as a centre to promote peacemaking throughout the world
- Engage children in peace-making throughout the world
- Seek justice, create peace-makers throughout the world
- Unite with others to make peace throughout the world





# Develop Disciples to Serve

**Tithing Goal**

**\$5,400,000  
(£3,315,000)**

## **We are called to...**

equip men, women, and children to be true and living expressions of the life, ministry, and continuing presence of Christ in the world.

## **We fulfil God's ultimate vision as we...**

- Help all ages deepen their discipleship
- Empower priesthood for mission
- Grow pastors and leaders for mission
- Train and send ministers for mission throughout the world



## Your Giving Helps...

# Experience Congregations in Mission

**Tithing Goal**

**\$2,960,000**  
**(£1,820,000)**

### **We are called to...**

become congregations that are true and living expressions of Jesus Christ, woven together by the Spirit, and sent into the world as evangelistic witnesses, compassionate ministers, and justice and peacemakers.

### **We fulfil God's ultimate vision as we...**

- Nurture congregations of Christ's love and peace
- Experience God's presence through worship
- Become a people of peace, reconciliation, and healing of the spirit



# Giving to Christ's Mission...

## Adult & Children's Envelopes



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### MISSION TITHES

| Local & Mission Center Ministries   | Worldwide Ministries   |
|---|--|
| Congregation Ministries ..... \$ _____<br><small>(Including Budget)</small> | Use where needed most ..... \$ _____   |
| Building Fund ..... \$ _____  | Invite People to Christ ..... \$ _____   |
| _____ \$ _____  | Abolish Poverty, End Suffering ..... \$ _____<br><small>(Includes Christian, World Hunger)</small> |
| _____ \$ _____  | Pursue Peace on Earth ..... \$ _____   |
| _____ \$ _____  | Develop Disciples to Serve ..... \$ _____  |
| _____ \$ _____  | Experience Congregations in Mission ..... \$ _____   |

Mark this box and place the envelope in the offering if you contribute in some other way or at some other time.



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### MY MISSION TITHES

| My Church at Home                      | My Church in the World                             |
|--|--|
| CONGREGATION MINISTRIES ..... \$ _____ | USE WHERE NEEDED MOST ..... \$ _____               |
| _____ \$ _____                         | INVITE PEOPLE TO CHRIST ..... \$ _____             |
| _____ \$ _____                         | ABOLISH POVERTY, END SUFFERING ..... \$ _____      |
| _____ \$ _____                         | PURSUPE PEACE ON EARTH ..... \$ _____              |
| _____ \$ _____                         | DEVELOP DISCIPLES TO SERVE ..... \$ _____          |
| _____ \$ _____                         | EXPERIENCE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION ..... \$ _____ |

# Giving to Christ's Mission...

## Use Standing Orders:

- Automatically transfers funds from your bank account for Congregation, Mission Centre, and World Mission Tithes
- For more information contact Andrew Fox, Mission Centre Financial Officer

### ANALYSIS OF MONTHLY STANDING ORDER PAYMENT

—JANUARY 2012 ONWARDS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF FIRST PAYMENT \_\_\_\_\_

| CONGREGATION                        | £     | £     |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| CONGREGATION MINISTRIES             | _____ |       |
| BUILDING FUND                       | _____ |       |
|                                     | _____ |       |
| CONGREGATION TOTAL                  |       | _____ |
| MISSION CENTRE                      |       |       |
| MISSION CENTRE MINISTRIES           | _____ |       |
| FIELD MINISTER SUPPORT              | _____ |       |
| CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMPS            | _____ |       |
| PEACEMOBILE                         | _____ |       |
| DUNFIELD                            | _____ |       |
|                                     | _____ |       |
| MISSION CENTRE TOTAL                |       | _____ |
| OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL              |       | _____ |
| WORLD MISSION TITHES                |       |       |
| USE WHERE NEEDED MOST               | _____ |       |
| INVITE PEOPLE TO CHRIST             | _____ |       |
| ABOLISH POVERTY, END SUFFERING      | _____ |       |
| PURSUE PEACE ON EARTH               | _____ |       |
| DEVELOP DISCIPLES TO SERVE          | _____ |       |
| EXPERIENCE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION | _____ |       |
|                                     | _____ |       |
| WORLD MISSION TITHES TOTAL          |       | _____ |
| TOTAL PER STANDING ORDER            |       | _____ |

# POWER OF 10

**Did you know it only takes \$10 (approximately £6) a week to become a sustaining contributor to mission?**

The Power of 10 is an inspirational new way to align how we live out and give to Christ's mission. That can sound impossible to achieve in a world where life's tragedies seem overwhelming. But, Christ's mission is our mission and together we can do this! When you apply the Power of 10 concept to pursuing mission, you begin to see how the gifts of one person can directly impact the lives of many. Maybe it's inviting 10 friends to a church activity or helping 10 people become baptised and welcomed into our church community. The Power of 10 starts with you.

## Mobile Giving

Share your stories and stay tuned to find information that will connect you with the financial and emotional value of your efforts.

Visit [www.GiveYour10.org](http://www.GiveYour10.org).

The payoff will be exponential!



# Giving to Christ's Mission...

**Use Adult & Children's Envelopes**

**Set up a Standing Order**

**Use Internet Banking**

**Send a Cheque to:**

Mission Centre Office (address below)

Make cheques to "Community of Christ"

**Make a Bequest**

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# Thank you!

Giving directly to Mission Initiatives will make changes possible on a scale larger than you have ever considered. In many places. In many lives. Your gift of abundant generosity will have abundant results, and through your generosity we're moving to greater action. We are grateful for those who have already responded, and thank each one of you for the generosity of your lives. Thank you for helping move Christ's mission forward.

*The challenges and opportunities are momentous. Will you remain hesitant in the shadows of your fears, insecurities, and competing loyalties? Or will you move forward in the light of your divinely instilled call and vision? The mission of Jesus Christ is what matters most for the journey ahead.*

—Doctrine and Covenants 164:9e–f

## Our Commitment to Contributors

We are committed to the highest level of integrity with all donations and we want you to know that we are grateful for your continued generosity. To learn more about our pledge to all contributors, visit [www.CofChrist.org/give/pledge.asp](http://www.CofChrist.org/give/pledge.asp).

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