

## Evangelists—Members of the Ministerial Team Evangelist Ministry Assignment

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### Purpose

As Ministers of Blessing, evangelists serve with spiritual vigor, a deep faith in God, and unreserved love for all people. Evangelists companion individuals and congregations into a greater awareness of the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives and the life of the community. Evangelists are called to help and support congregations as they seek to become sacred communities of healing, wholeness, acceptance, and respect for all people. As part of this call, each evangelist is encouraged to develop a ministry plan that empowers individuals and congregations in becoming people and places of invitation, restoration and spiritual wholeness. The evangelist also may be called upon to offer ministry, combined in a team framework with the ministry of the apostle, seventy and the high priest, to empower congregations in creating signal communities of invitation, generosity, justice, and peace.

### Process:

1. In dialogue with the mission center president, develop an assignment that aligns with and supports the mission center ministry strategy.
2. Complete the attached form, describing the missional focus, location, and purpose of ministries to be offered.
3. Develop and list **ministry goals** (choose from following list of examples **or develop your own**).
4. Discern and list appropriate **Equipping for Ministry Commitments** to help in the continual development of your ministry and further edification of the body.

5. Establish an assessment process with the mission center president (measurement of participation, skill-development progress, review period) to evaluate goals and commitments.
6. Identify mentoring relationships. (a) Identify person you will mentor in ministry/discipleship, (b) select an individual to serve as your mentor for additional ministry development.

**Ministry Goals:** *Generously share the invitation, ministries, and sacraments through which people can encounter the Living Christ who heals and reconciles through redemptive relationships in sacred community... You are called to create pathways in the world for peace in Christ to be relationally and culturally incarnate. The hope of Zion is realized when the vision of Christ is embodied in communities of generosity, justice, and peacefulness.—Doctrine and Covenants 163:2b–3a.*

Select from the following list, or develop additional ministry goals.

- Actively encourage and invite others to Community of Christ events, programs, activities, opportunities, congregations, or church plants.
- Facilitate congregational invitation through preparation and participation in congregational Evangelists Blessing.
- Become familiar with, and develop competency in using, Community of Christ invitational resources in ways that bring about wholeness and build relationships.
- Provide preaching ministry that is focused on Community of Christ identity, message, mission, and beliefs.
- Educate congregations and individuals in the appropriateness and availability of Evangelists Blessings for members and friends in varied life circumstances.
- Nurture young adults in spiritual growth and discipleship. Teach a group of young adults about the sacrament of the Evangelist blessing.
- Participate in invitational ministries with African-Americans, Hispanics, immigrant or other non-dominant populations.
- Actively participate in children or youth ministries that share the peace of Jesus Christ.
- Help congregations to become more centered on families and young adults.
- Empower and encourage individuals and congregations in the development

- Lead a congregation in a discernment process regarding what matters most for that congregation
- Volunteer to be the prayer support for a particular outreach ministry that is scheduled.
- Partner with an Aaronic teacher for reconciling ministry to those on the fringe of congregational life.
- Lead/participate in community peace-building ministries.
- Serve as requested by the mission center president as part of an Invitational Ministries Team.
- Facilitate listening circles.

### **Equipping for Ministry Commitments**

**Leadership Development:** *The expectation for priesthood to continually magnify their callings through spiritual growth, study, exemplary generosity, ethical choices, and fully accountable ministry is always present.—D. and C. 163:6c*

- Continue lifelong development of ministerial giftedness.
- Magnify calling through scripture study.
- Improve public-ministry skills, worship, preaching, teaching.
- Learn about and train others in appropriate use of Community of Christ discipleship and invitational ministry resources that foster spiritual wholeness.
- Increase understanding of current church faith and beliefs.
- Participate in local and World Church educational and ministerial training opportunities.
- Participate in ecumenical activities.
- Support the mission center in helping people process their feelings about unfolding findings regarding restoration history.

**Generous Discipleship:** *Faithful disciples respond to an increasing awareness of the abundant generosity of God by sharing according to the desires of their hearts; not by commandment or constraint. Break free of the shackles of conventional culture that mainly promote self-serving interests. Give generously according to your true capacity.—D. and C. 163:9*

- Share equally to local congregation and world tithes.
- Articulate and model generosity in congregational and individual ministry.
- Model six principles of Disciples Generous Response:
  - Practice generosity as a spiritual discipline in response to God’s grace and love.
  - Share in faithful response to Christ’s ministry.
  - Share financial response as expression of one’s love of God, neighbor, creation, and oneself.
  - Share generously through tithing so others experience God’s generosity.
  - Save wisely to create a better tomorrow for self, family, the church’s mission, and the world.
  - Spend responsibly as a commitment to live in health and harmony with God and the world.
- Teach people about the Community of Christ belief that everything, including money, is spiritual. Help people develop a spiritual approach to family budgets.
- Teach a class on reconciling with the earth.

**Spiritual Wholeness:** *Transformative encounters with the Eternal Creator and Reconciler await those who follow [the Temple’s] spiritual pathways of healing, reconciliation, peace, strengthening of faith, and knowledge.—D. and C. 163:8a*

- Practice spiritual formation discipline: meditation, daily prayer/scripture reading, journaling.
- Plan and facilitate spiritual-growth retreats as requested by mission center leadership.
- Serve as a spiritual companion.
- Provide pastoral care and pray for and with pastors.
- Empower congregational renewal and revival through preaching and teaching ministries.
- Guide a congregation in developing a deeper understanding of generosity as a spiritual discipline.

**Faith Community Participation:** *Collectively and individually, you are loved with an everlasting love that delights in each faithful step taken. God yearns to draw you close so that wounds may be healed, emptiness filled, and hope strengthened.—D. and C. 163:10a*

- Participate in Community of Christ congregational life.
- Attend and support mission center activities, events, conferences.
- Participate in mission center/field/ and special gatherings, events and training activities that promote discipleship, invitation, and spiritual wholeness.
- Invite and partner with a young adult in leadership-development events/activities.
- Encourage participation of new members, friends, and community in local and jurisdictional worship and fellowship events.

**Mentoring:** *Priesthood is a sacred covenant involving the highest form of stewardship of body, mind, spirit, and relationships. The priesthood shall be composed of people of humility and integrity who are willing to extend themselves in service for others and for the well being of the faith community.—D. and C. 163:6a*

A) Be a Mentor:

- Identify, encourage, and partner with an individual in spiritual formation practices.
- Encourage and support a young adult in faith-community participation and spiritual wholeness.
- Identify and support at least one specific individual in the use of invitational-ministry resources that foster spiritual formation.
- Mentor individuals in using invitational resources in ways that bring about restoration, invitation, and blessing.

B) Have a Mentor:

- Enlist another evangelist, high priest or bishop as a mentor for specific ministry development.
- Request to be mentored by a young adult for cultural awareness and relevant ministry development. Share your faith stories and listening to their story, hopes, and dreams.
- Ask a seventy to serve as a mentor for specific invitational-ministry skill development or invitational-ministry resource facilitation.

# Community of Christ

## Evangelist Invitational Ministry Assignment

Assignment period:

Name:

Mailing Address:	Location of Assignment:
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Assignment description:

How does this ministry support the invitational ministries plan of the mission center?

Evangelist Invitational Ministry Goals	Assessment Process
1.	
2.	
3.	

Equipping for Ministry	Commitment
Leadership Development	
Generous Discipleship	
Spiritual Wholeness	
Faith Community Participation	

A. I am Mentoring:	B. My Mentor(s):
Name of person(s) you mentor:	Name of mentor(s):
Ministry focus:	Ministry focus:

Evangelist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mission Center President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_