

OFFERTORY TEMPLATE

1. State purpose:
 - We have now come to the part of the service when we are invited to respond to God's generosity to us

2. Introduce story:
 - Here is an example of how your mission tithes are spreading the peace of Jesus Christ.
 - Today's story is from (Author), who is (title)

3. Read story (edit it, if necessary)

4. Local Update on 2nd Sunday of the month

5. Read Scripture and comment
 - End with: "Sharing our Mission Tithes equally between local and world ministries brings joy into our lives. Let us share in the prayer of blessing for our offering."

6. Offer prayer

NOTE: Entire offertory need not take more than about 3 minutes total.

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Example 1: Based on 02 SEP Offertory help

1. State purpose:

- We have now come to the part of the service when we are invited to respond to God's generosity to us

2. Introduce story:

- Here is an example of how your mission tithes are spreading the peace of Jesus Christ.
- Today's story is from Wallace B. Smith, former President of the church, who is now chair of the World Hunger Committee.

3. Read story (edited)

At the World Conference of the Community of Christ, earlier this year, it was announced that the World Hunger Fund had passed the \$10 million (US) mark in grants. Established in 1978, contributions began to accumulate almost immediately.

The amount disbursed to various hunger programs and organizations now exceeds \$500,000 (US) each year. Ten million dollars for hunger-related ministries represents a remarkable response for the Community of Christ – a wonderful way in which to practice radical hospitality throughout the world. President Smith says, “I am pleased to be part of such a dedicated and committed body – a people who, in a desperately needy world, are seeking to become agents of reconciliation and healing of the spirit. Thank you for responding faithfully by giving so very generously to World Hunger.”

4. Read Scripture and comment

From Hebrews 13:16 we read: “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have.” Caring ministry is made real in Community of Christ life through your contributions to World Hunger.

- End with: “Sharing our Mission Tithes equally between local and world ministries brings joy into our lives. Let us share in the prayer of blessing for our offering.”

5. Offer prayer

(NOTE: Preparation time = about 20 minutes)

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Example 2: Based on 09 SEP Offertory help

1. State purpose:

- We have now come to the part of the service when we are invited to respond to God's generosity to us

2. Introduce story:

- Here is an example of how your mission tithes are spreading the peace of Jesus Christ.
- Today's story is from the Presiding Bishopric

3. Read story (edited)

The new vision of Doctrine and Covenants 163 calls us to give according to our true capacity. As we have shared previously, fiscal year 2007 ended with contributions of \$10.54 Million, \$540,000 over budget. We anticipate that we would use the additional income to address the new ministry opportunities shared by President Veazey.

Thank you for your sustained support of all the ministries of the church—those already established and those anticipated.

4. Local update

(Get figures from Duey - report how we are doing against our annual operating budget, and our building contributions.)

5. Read Scripture and comment

From Doctrine and Covenants 156:11, we read: "Dear Saints, have courage for the task which is yours in bringing to pass the cause of Zion. Prepare yourselves through much study and earnest prayer. Then, as you go forth to witness of my love and my concern for all persons, you will know the joy which comes from devoting yourselves completely to the work of the kingdom. To this end will my Spirit be with you."

- End with: "Sharing our Mission Tithes equally between local and world ministries brings joy into our lives. Let us share in the prayer of blessing for our offering."

6. Offer prayer

(NOTE: Preparation time about 20 minutes)

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Example 3: Based on 16 SEP Offertory help

1. State purpose:

- We have now come to the part of the service when we are invited to respond to God's generosity to us

2. Introduce story:

- Here is an example of how your mission tithes are spreading the peace of Jesus Christ.
- Today's story is from Rick Maupin, Apostle for the Caribbean, Mexico and Texas, and Carlos Enrique Mejia, Apostle for Central and south America

3. Read story (edited)

This story is from the Southern Cone of South America Mission Center in Apostle Carlos Enrique Mejia's Central and South America Mission Field.

Your generous contributions to World Ministries Mission Tithes pay for field ministers such as Gustavo Vergara in South America, where having the ministry of a full-time planter/pastor has been a contributing factor to our church growth in Chile, the first six members of which were baptized just five short years ago. From that small beginning, dozens have made a commitment through baptism and become a part of the Community of Christ. Good news continues to multiply! Those new members have eagerly introduced their friends and neighbors to the gospel, and in turn many of those people are now participating as friends of the Community of Christ.

At the time of her baptism, our newest member of the church in Santiago, a young lady who is 16, began her life in the church with this testimony: "I feel the Community of Christ is like my family. It is a true community where we can receive and give the love of God and feel united in both joy and sadness. It is what my mother and I always sought to experience."

Thank you for responding faithfully by sharing so very generously.

4. Read Scripture and comment

From I Timothy 1:17 we read: "To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever."

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- End with: "Sharing our Mission Tithes equally between local and world ministries brings joy into our lives. Let us share in the prayer of blessing for our offering."

5. Offer prayer

(NOTE: preparation time = 25 minutes)