

This template offers a simple and compelling way to talk about generosity and discipleship through the framework of the church's mission initiatives and enduring principles. As always, please adapt as needed to fit your congregation or group's specific needs.

Disciples Generous Response

FOCUS: CONTRIBUTION UPDATE

GET THE UPDATE	Find the most recent World Mission Tithes Contribution Update at www.CofChrist.org/give/updates.asp . For the most recent update on contributions to your congregation, please talk to your Congregational Financial Officer.
CHOOSE AN INTRODUCTION	<p>1) <i>[Read aloud the beginning paragraphs of the monthly World Mission Tithes Contribution Update. This will inform people about whether or not we are meeting or exceeding the budget for worldwide ministries with a message that emphasizes our call to be generous disciples.]</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>2) <i>[Read the following general introduction that emphasizes the Grace and Generosity enduring principle and our call to pursue the whole mission of Jesus Christ through the mission initiatives.]</i></p> <p>God's grace is generous and unconditional. As the receivers of God's generous grace, we are called to respond by generously sharing our witness, sharing our ministry, and sharing our resources. Your individual generosity changes your life. It can change the life of your family, your friends, and our congregation. And because we are part of a worldwide church, our collective gratitude and generosity has the ability to impact our worldwide mission.</p> <p>It is the same mission that Christ proclaimed for himself. A mission based on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evangelism, • compassionate ministry, and • justice and peacemaking. <p>We have opportunities to witness firsthand and be part of what our time, talent, and financial contributions accomplish here in our congregation. I want to share some examples of how your prayers and money given to the worldwide ministries of the church are making Christ's mission real all over the world.</p>
SHARE THE UPDATE	You are helping <i>[Read the bulleted items for each mission initiative that are included with the contribution update.]</i>
CLOSING	<i>[Read aloud]</i> You help do all this and more. You are invited to share your financial contributions equally between the local and worldwide ministries of the church, because your giving makes Christ's mission real in your life and in the lives of people around the world.
PRAYER	<i>Give a blessing over the gifts offered today.</i>