

Community of Christ

Mission Initiatives

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

—Doctrine and Covenants 164:9

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 favor.

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 pro-

phetic 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 fulfill God's ultimate vision for the church.

—Doctrine & Covenants 164:9a

Mission Made Real

Christ's mission is our mission. From this point forward, all ministries, personnel, and resources of the World Church will be focused on the whole mission of Jesus Christ through five, life-changing, church-changing, and world-changing mission initiatives.



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

Invite People to Christ

We are poised to share the peace of Jesus Christ with those who are waiting to hear the redeeming words of the gospel.

We fulfill God's ultimate vision as we...

- Baptize/Confirm Many New Members
- Open New Congregations
- Launch the Church in New Nations



Abolish Poverty, End Suffering

We are poised 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.

We fulfill God's ultimate vision as we...

- Help Those Who Hurt
- Feed the Hungry
- Support Compassionate Ministries
- Respond in Times of Crisis



Pursue Peace on Earth

We are poised 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 fulfill God's ultimate vision as we...

- Establish the Temple as a Center to Promote Peacemaking throughout the World
- Engage Children in Peacemaking around the World
- Seek Justice, Create Peacemakers around the World
- Unite with Others to Make Peace around the World



Develop Disciples to Serve

We are poised 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 fulfill 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



Experience Congregations in Mission

We are poised to become congregations that are the 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 fulfill 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



Christ's Mission—Our Mission—YOUR Mission

In response to God's Spirit we are moving from being a church defined to a great extent by organizational 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!

Giving to Christ's Mission

Our World Mission Tithes will go to fulfill these five mission initiatives. You can support any or all of the mission initiatives in a variety of ways.

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

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April 10, 2011

Offering Envelopes

Weekly offering envelopes used in congregations for adults and children.

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Pre-Authorized Monthly Checking Account Transfer
Available only for U.S. congregations

1 CHECK ONE:
NEW Contribution Set-up
complete form—send electronically or print and mail
CHANGE Contribution Amount
include name, changed information, authorization
CANCEL Contribution Transfer
include name, account information, authorization, and cancellation date

4 Authorization to automatically withdraw funds for local and/or world contributions from my personal checking account.
ABA Routing Number

Pre-Authorized Monthly Checking Account Transfer

Electronic transfer directly from your checking account each month.



Power of 10

Automatic debit/credit card contributions at www.GiveYour10.org.

For a complete list of giving options, visit www.CofChrist.org/give.



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