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# 10-Minute NEWS REPORT

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Dear Pastor:

February 2012

**Join in "Hearing Good News...Being Good News!" the Presidency's Sunday, April 15 address** to the worldwide church at 6:00 p.m. (CDT) during an inspirational worship at the Temple in Independence, Missouri. The event will be webcast live in English, French, and Spanish. President Steve Veazey will share testimony about the increasingly successful implementation of the mission initiatives. He will also share about the vision for church life and mission presented in Doctrine and Covenants 164 and what it truly means to be community through which Jesus Christ continues his mission in the world today. He will also share some personal perspective with nations preparing for national conferences in 2012 and 2013.

Presidents Schaal and Savage will also share "good news." Highlights will include the Young Adult Vision Project, church growth through membership confirmations, launch of the Leaders of Congregations in Mission project, and unveiling the "look" of the hymnal that will launch in 2013. Be part of "Hearing Good News...Being Good News!"—at the Temple or at [www.CofChrist.org/broadcast](http://www.CofChrist.org/broadcast).

**The new Pastors and Leaders Field Guide is online** at [www.CofChrist.org/leaders](http://www.CofChrist.org/leaders). The guide is designed to help pastors and congregational leaders "live into" shared practices of Christian discipleship that create a congregational culture shaped by the mission of Jesus Christ, engage the gifts of all ages in mission, and carry out the basic elements of organization and administration required for a well-functioning congregation. Arrangements are being made with mission center presidents to provide print copies for congregational leaders who do not have adequate Internet access. As you continue grounding your leadership in a relationship with Christ, this field guide will provide practical ways to give that leadership expression through the life of the congregation.

**Check out two new Jack & Jenn videos at [www.CofChrist.org/jackandjenn](http://www.CofChrist.org/jackandjenn)**, complete with lesson plans to use with children. In *Jack and Jenn Develop Disciples to Serve*, Jack and Jenn learn Jesus needs each of us to keep learning and growing so we can go into our neighborhoods and around the world to joyfully serve. In *Jack and Jenn Experience Congregations in Mission*, they learn the experience of church is bigger than a building. Visit the website for the entire series of videos and lessons developed to help teach the principles of A Disciple's Generous Response and explain mission initiatives.

**This month [www.CofChrist.org/generositystories](http://www.CofChrist.org/generositystories) debuts a new set of resources** to help you find up-to-date information for the Disciple's Generous Response portion of worship services for your congregation. Use the templates to help craft effective, inspiring offertories that support our mission, complete with links to tools, tips, stories, and more.

**A \$2,000 grant is offering relief to survivors of Typhoon Sendong in the Philippines** thanks to your generous contributions to the Abolish Poverty, End Suffering mission initiative. Aid was given through the Philippine Red Cross which is providing meals and first aid in evacuation centers. Learn more at [www.CofChrist.org/news/2012/jan/typhoonaid.asp](http://www.CofChrist.org/news/2012/jan/typhoonaid.asp).

**Andrew Bolton wrote about Acts for February's Herald commentary series** on signal communities. Get the series delivered free to your e-mail by subscribing at [www.CofChrist.org/subscribe.asp](http://www.CofChrist.org/subscribe.asp). To subscribe to the *Herald*, visit [www.HeraldHouse.org](http://www.HeraldHouse.org) or contact [subscriptions@HeraldHouse.org](mailto:subscriptions@HeraldHouse.org) or 1-800-767-8181.

**World Hunger emphasis day will be Sunday, March 4.** Please remind those planning offertory remarks to remember needs met through the Abolish Poverty, End Suffering mission initiative, which includes

World Hunger ministries and grants. Information and resources including the World Hunger Ministries meditation DVD, *Hunger No More* packets, and World Hunger brochures are at [www.CofChrist.org/hunger](http://www.CofChrist.org/hunger).

**How does your congregation support the mission initiatives?** How do you Invite People to Christ; Abolish Poverty, End Suffering; Pursue Peace on Earth; Develop Disciples to Serve; and Experience Congregations in Mission? All five are needed to be true to the whole mission of Jesus Christ. Please send photos and stories to [Herald@CofChrist.org](mailto:Herald@CofChrist.org). Share good news with sisters and brothers who may read your story in the *Herald* and be inspired.

**Join the Hymnal Team and volunteers for one or all of the Joyful Noise Workshops.** The first workshop is free and will be held February 11–12 at Community of Christ Temple, Independence, Missouri. Musicians, song leaders, instrumentalists, and worship leaders will explore the diverse musical styles, languages, guitar chords, and arrangements in the new hymnal that will debut in 2013. Familiarize yourself with theological content, scripture references, musical styles, worship-planning skills, topical indexes, and more! Simultaneous sessions will be offered, tailored to the skill sets of attendees. Learn more about the February event at [www.CofChrist.org/hymnal/workshops.asp](http://www.CofChrist.org/hymnal/workshops.asp) or contact Pam Robison: [probison@CofChrist.org](mailto:probison@CofChrist.org); ext. 2324.

Other workshops will be held May 5 in Greenwood Village, Colorado; June 2 in Southern California; July 21–22 in Onset, Massachusetts; and September 7–8 in Paisley, Florida. Get details on how to register for each of these events at [www.CofChrist.org/hymnal/workshops.asp](http://www.CofChrist.org/hymnal/workshops.asp).

**Community of Christ Health Ministries Association has a new health brief** following completion of the first month of the new year. Some of the changes we had hoped to make may not have been accomplished. “Good Intentions and Behaviors: Bridge the Gap” provides three tips to produce results and make changes physically, spiritually, and mentally to help achieve desired goals. Go to [www.CHM.CofChrist.org](http://www.CHM.CofChrist.org) to download the latest health brief and make copies for your congregation.

**Get the 10-Minute News Report electronically.** Pastors, seventy, and field specialists in Canada and the USA who currently receive this newsletter through postal mail and have an e-mail address listed in Shelby, will begin receiving it via e-mail in March. We help uphold the Sacredness of Creation by saving paper, printing, and postage. Anyone can get a free e-subscription to the *10-Minute News Report* by signing up at [www.CofChrist.org/subscribe.asp](http://www.CofChrist.org/subscribe.asp).

**Register now for MEADS (Ministerial Education and Discipleship Studies)!** Session August 6–10, 2012 courses are: *Mission and Evangelism* with Karin Peter 8:30 a.m.–noon and *Spiritual Formation* with Bruce Crockett 1:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. These courses are \$88 per class, or \$175 for both. Also offered is *Young Adult Ministries* with Erica Blevins-Nye 1:30–5:00 p.m. for \$25. This course is for Temple School credit and does not go toward MEADS Certification. For more information and the syllabi for these courses, go to [www.CofChrist.org/meads/schedule.asp](http://www.CofChrist.org/meads/schedule.asp). To register contact Michelle Booth: [mbooth@CofChrist.org](mailto:mbooth@CofChrist.org); ext. 1459.

**Are you involved in, or interested in being involved, in prison ministries?** A Community of Christ prison ministry group based in Kansas City, Missouri, wants to network with and assist others in prison ministry across the USA. Please send your name, address, e-mail, and the congregation you attend to [prisonministry@live.com](mailto:prisonministry@live.com). If you know an incarcerated person who might want Community of Christ contact, please send their information to [prisonministry@live.com](mailto:prisonministry@live.com).

## **Upcoming Events**

<b>February</b>	<b>6–10</b>	MEADS
<b>February</b>	<b>12</b>	Youth Ministries Day
<b>February</b>	<b>20</b>	International Headquarters offices closed—President’s Day (USA)
<b>February</b>	<b>22</b>	Ash Wednesday
<b>March</b>	<b>4</b>	World Hunger Emphasis
<b>April</b>	<b>1</b>	Palm/Passion Sunday
<b>April</b>	<b>5</b>	Maundy Thursday
<b>April</b>	<b>6</b>	Anniversary of the church’s 1830 organization and 1860 reorganization
<b>April</b>	<b>6</b>	International Headquarters offices closed—Good Friday
<b>April</b>	<b>8</b>	Easter
<b>April</b>	<b>15</b>	President’s Annual Address
<b>April</b>	<b>20–22</b>	Congregational Support Ministry Training
<b>April</b>	<b>26–29</b>	Order of Bishops

**Daily Prayer for Peace**—A brief worship service is held daily at 1:00 p.m. central time at the Temple. Join us in prayer from wherever you are. For details and the text of each day’s prayer, visit [www.CofChrist.org/prayerpeace/](http://www.CofChrist.org/prayerpeace/).

## **World Mission Tithes Contribution Update**

### **Expanding Our Capacity Will Expand Mission**

In December, contributors around the world gave an estimated **\$1,875,000** in World Mission Tithes. This total is 13 percent less than budgeted for the month, putting giving 2 percent below budget for the fiscal year. Still, the spirit of generosity is flowing through the church.

In 2010, World Church leaders were invited to lead us in generous response by increasing their contributions to support mission. Field staff around the world were among the first to respond, many from less-affluent settings. About one year ago, that invitation was extended to all priesthood and then all members. People were quick to respond. President Veazey’s call to us is the same today: “to discover what your true capacity is so you can lead the church in discovering what its true capacity is.”

Your giving helps:

- **Invite People to Christ:** missionary work is taking the good news of the gospel into the European country of Georgia where five new members were baptized and confirmed.
- **Abolish Poverty, End Suffering:** a \$2,000 grant is offering relief to survivors of Typhoon Sendong through the Philippine Red Cross, providing meals and first aid in evacuation centers.
- **Pursue Peace on Earth:** youth are being engaged in the pursuit of peace in the Netherlands through a magazine developed by local youth ministers.
- **Develop Disciples to Serve:** the new *Pastors and Leaders Field Guide* helps pastors and congregational leaders live shared practices of discipleship that create congregational culture shaped by Christ’s mission.
- **Experience Congregations in Mission:** a Young Peacemakers Club started by a small congregation in Wheeling, West Virginia—now going for nearly a decade—has led to growth and transformation for numerous lives.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your commitment to World Mission Tithes. Learn about the many ways you can support mission at [www.CofChrist.org/give](http://www.CofChrist.org/give).

Due to manual reporting by some jurisdictions, actual income may take several months to finalize.  
Numbers provided are estimates based on reports received.