

## Process for Reporting and Submitting Evangelist Blessings

The context for receiving an evangelist blessing has expanded through inspired counsel received in Doctrine and Covenants 165:5:

5 a. Spiritual growth and guidance enrich involvement in Christ's mission. The presiding evangelist and the Order of Evangelists, with their colleagues in ministry, should concentrate on spiritually forming communities of disciples and seekers that live deeply and generously in Christ's Spirit.

b. Offer the sacrament of evangelist blessing not only to individuals and congregations, but to families, households, and groups seeking spiritual guidance to more completely give themselves to Christ's mission. Nothing in this instruction should be construed to lessen the importance of the sacrament of evangelist blessing for individuals.

To standardize the reporting procedure for all evangelist blessing sacrament experiences, evangelists are asked to report and submit a copy of each evangelist blessing they offer to the Office of the Presiding Evangelist. **All types of evangelist blessings (individual, couple, family, household, congregation, and group) are to be reported.**

The preferred reporting method is through the church's website, Order of Evangelists web page. The blessing report form is located at: <https://www.cofchrist.org/evangelist-blessing-report-form>.

Notice that the evangelist number is no longer required in the report. Assigning evangelist numbers to newly ordained evangelists has been discontinued. It is acceptable for an evangelist to number the blessings they participate in, but it is not required. At the bottom of the form you will see that an electronic copy of the evangelist blessing should be attached to each online report. Blessings will be archived electronically by the recipient's last name.

If electronic submission is not possible, mail the completed blessing report form and paper copy of the evangelist blessing to:

The Office of the Presiding Evangelist  
The Temple  
1001 W Walnut  
Independence, MO 64050

Materials for providing printed copies of evangelist blessings to recipients include a word processing template of the Order of Evangelist letterhead to be used for the first page of the transcript of the blessing:

<http://www.cofchrist.org/common/cms/documents/Evangelist-Template-ENGLISH.dotx> Subsequent pages can be printed on regular white paper.

Additional materials are available through Herald House Customer and Member Services by phone, (800) 767-8181 or at <https://www.heraldhouse.org/collections/pastors-and-leaders/evangelists>. These include blue blessing cover paper, Order of Evangelist letterhead paper, and blessing jackets. Use 8 ½ x 11 paper (or similar size) to print the blessing. Use of legal size paper has been discontinued.

It is very important for the Office of the Presiding Evangelist to receive a copy of each evangelist blessing. If recipient(s) lose a blessing, or if an evangelist desires a copy of a blessing he or she has given, the Office of the Presiding Evangelist would like to provide a copy to the evangelist or the recipient(s). Requests for electronic copies are free, but a small fee will be charged for staff time and costs of reprinting and mailing the archived copy. Requests for copies of past prayers are quite frequent and we are committed to providing them. The ability to meet these requests rests on the faithful reporting by evangelists who offer the sacrament.

By reporting all evangelist blessings, a primary archive is created at International Headquarters. If evangelists choose to keep copies of evangelist blessings in their personal files (paper or electronic), confidentiality of the material must be ensured. Evangelists should plan for transfer of evangelist blessings to the Office of the Presiding Evangelist upon their death.

Questions about this process can be directed to the Office of the Presiding Evangelist at (816) 833-1000 ext. 3038.