



# Evangelist Blessing: Did you know?

## WHO can receive an Evangelist blessing?

An **Evangelist blessing** is offered to anyone who desires a closer walk with God and is willing to prepare for the blessing:

- ❖ Church members over the age of eight
- ❖ Friends of the church (non-members who attend or participate)
- ❖ Friends of church members (on a spiritual journey but not connected with Community of Christ)
- ❖ Families/households
- ❖ Congregations
- ❖ Dwellings (homes, apartments, boats, etc., where people live)

## WHAT is an Evangelist blessing?

A very personal blessing from God - it will be different for each person, but may *include*:

- ❖ New awareness of relationship to God's purposes
- ❖ Experiencing God's grace and total acceptance
- ❖ Assurance of Divine love awakening to new life
- ❖ Understanding of how they (you) are uniquely called to address the concerns and passion - ministry - of Christ in tangible ways
- ❖ Affirmation of connectedness to God, one another, and creation

## WHEN should you consider asking for a blessing?

In times of transition, for example:

- ❖ Graduation/retirement
- ❖ Marriage/divorce
- ❖ Job transfer/career change
- ❖ Serious illness
- ❖ Feeling a nudge from the Holy Spirit

## WHY should you consider asking for a blessing?

To strengthen your life journey, increase your faith, courage, spiritual strength.

## HOW?

You may ask **any Evangelist** to conversationally share more about the sacrament of Evangelist blessing. When you are ready to receive your blessing, choose an Evangelist you will be able to share freely with, as you will meet in preparation several times.

To find an Evangelist, you may check with Mission Center Membership Services Administrator Jill Brunette at [jbrunette@cofchrist-gpnw.org](mailto:jbrunette@cofchrist-gpnw.org) or 425-207-8712 to get a list of Evangelists in your area.

Additional resources with more information:

[www.cofchrist.org/evangelist](http://www.cofchrist.org/evangelist)

<https://www.facebook.com/communityofchristblessing>

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