



## WHAT A GENEROUS DISCIPLE CAN DO TO HELP

- Give an additional \$28/month (\$1/day) to World Ministries Mission Tithes
- Evaluate your “true capacity” on an ongoing basis
- Add the World Church, Mission Center and your congregation to your estate/legacy plan by contacting a Mission Funding Specialist
- Use Pre-Authorized Transfer (PAT) to consistently and sustainably give to the World Church, Mission Center, your congregation, and your campground
- Designate your World Church giving to any or all of the Mission Initiatives listed on the envelope or simply to “Where Needed Most”
- Share equally with the World Church and with your congregation (and the Mission Center, too!)
- Use Disciples’ Generous Responses during worship (offertories) as a way to help connect money and mission
- Embrace the Disciples’ Generous Response principles:
  - Be Generous—God gifts each person with boundless grace and unending love. Our response to that love and grace is to serve others and let generosity become part of our nature.
  - Be Dependable—God’s unconditional love for each of us is expressed through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. When we faithfully respond to that ministry, we become accountable to one another, God, and ourselves.
  - Manage Your Money—Managing the money we have, no matter the amount, expresses our desire to love and help God, neighbors, ourselves, and the world. When we focus our giving on God’s purposes, our hearts become more aligned with God’s heart.
  - Share Joyfully—Tithing is a gift of thanksgiving to God in response to God’s generous gifts to us. When we share our tithes, the church can spread joy, hope, love, and peace around the world so others can experience God’s generosity, too.
  - Save Wisely—Saving is a way to prepare for the future. It gives us the chance to extend our love and create a better tomorrow for our families, friends, the church’s mission, and the world.
  - Spend Carefully—Responsibly spending is a commitment to live a healthy, happy life together with God and others. The teachings of Jesus challenge us to make lifestyle choices that are often countercultural.
- Budget your money
- Eliminate your debt
- Use the GoodSense and Financial Peace University resources
- Engage in spiritual practices that help open your heart to God’s blessings
- Do the DGR Weekly Reflection—Dwelling in the Word found in the NewsBrief
- Engage in mission locally
- Support mission worldwide
- Keep current on World Church and Mission Center information and share it with your congregation
- Invite others to become faithful, generous disciples of Jesus Christ
- What else can a generous disciple do to help?



## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR FUNDING GPNW MC PRESIDENT POSITION

Though not everything is known yet regarding the impact of the Community of Christ International Headquarters financial situation on the Greater Pacific Northwest USA Mission Center (GPNW), the following assumptions represent our best understanding at this time, if the GPNW Special Mission Center Conference on June 28, 2015, chooses to fund the Mission Center President position:

- The current Mission Center President (MCP), Kathy Sharp, will retire and complete her service in that role on June 30, 2015.
- On July 1, 2015, Apostle Ron Harmon will begin serving as the Interim MCP, supported by a designated team of GPNW leaders.
- The successful MCP candidate will be hired and in-place prior to the fall Mission Center Conference.
- Community of Christ International Headquarters funding for the MCP position will continue until December 31, 2015.
- Funding for the MCP position will be included in the GPNW budget beginning January 1, 2016, and will continue for at least three years.
- Other GPNW staff positions will be reconfigured to create additional efficiency and cost-savings.
- Additional self-sustaining ministers may be needed to support the ongoing missional ministries of the GPNW.
- A sustainable GPNW budget is anticipated for 2016 and beyond, with limited additional draws from GPNW reserves.
- The 2016 GPNW budget, including compensation for the MCP, is estimated to be \$460,000. (The 2015 budget is \$431,900.)
- No increase in total congregational allocations for 2016 is anticipated; however, individual congregational allocations may increase or decrease when the formula is applied.
- Some increase in voluntary individual contributions/generosity to the Mission Center will be requested for 2016 (about \$5,000).
- An increase of \$5,000 will be requested in voluntary congregational contributions/generosity to the Mission Center for 2016.
- The net balance of the Operating Investment Fund used to support the annual GPNW budget will be less than last year's balance due to reduced earnings last year and the additional use of the fund to support other designated funds (Bold Moves, Discipleship Now, and Alaska Travel).
- A modest additional draw on our Operating Investment Fund to achieve a balanced GPNW budget will be made. We estimate that cost to be less than \$12,000, or an increase from our standard 6% draw to 6.3%.
- Additional assets will become available from the sale of property.
- With staff retirements, there will be a net reduction in the number of staff full-time equivalents (FTEs).
- Any net savings during the 2015 budget year will be split between 2016 and 2017 to supplement those budgets.
- As always, the proposed 2016 GPNW budget will be distributed to the Mission Center well in advance of the fall Mission Center Conference.